



Headteacher's Update

No 244 23rd February 2024

IF ANY OF YOU LACKS WISDOM, LET HIM ASK OF GOD, WHO GIVES TO ALL LIBERALLY AND WITHOUT REPROACH, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO HIM.

JAMES 1:5

Theme of the week: Wisdom or Folly

Thursday 29th February	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Monday 4th March	Year 11 Photos
Wednesday 6th March	Operating Theatre Live Event
Thursday 7th March	Year 11 Food NEA 9am—2pm
Friday 8th March	PE NEA Marks Issued to Students

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been a busy but productive week back. I hope your children all had a good rest over the half term. The half term break gives us a good opportunity to pause and look back over the last 6 weeks in school since Christmas. It has been great to reflect on some of the things that makes King's special. The production was fantastic. The arts are an important part of what we do and we value them for their own sake, but we also realise how much they can give to students. The commitment to being brave and taking part, the responsibility of people relying on you and the joy and focus of being part of something bigger than you are all experiences that develop wisdom in students. We are lucky to have a talented and dedicated arts team here in school and I am always grateful for the time they commit to giving students experiences like these. It was also fantastic to see our first ski trip take place since the pandemic. It's a great opportunity for students to experience overseas travel, the joys of living in community for a week (!) and to develop a new skill that for some may turn into a lifelong passion. Once again, my thanks go to the dedicated and talented staff team who arranged and ran this huge undertaking and who gave up their half term to make this happen.

My final reflection from the term is how lucky we are to have a hard working and talented staff team in every area of the school. I know we aren't perfect, and we do make mistakes, but every person in the building is talented and committed to providing the very best experience for the students that is possible. This is always a difficult task, even more so in these financially constrained times, but one they faithfully take on. I am grateful for their hard work, and I would like to thank them for all they do.

I hope you can enjoy a good weekend,

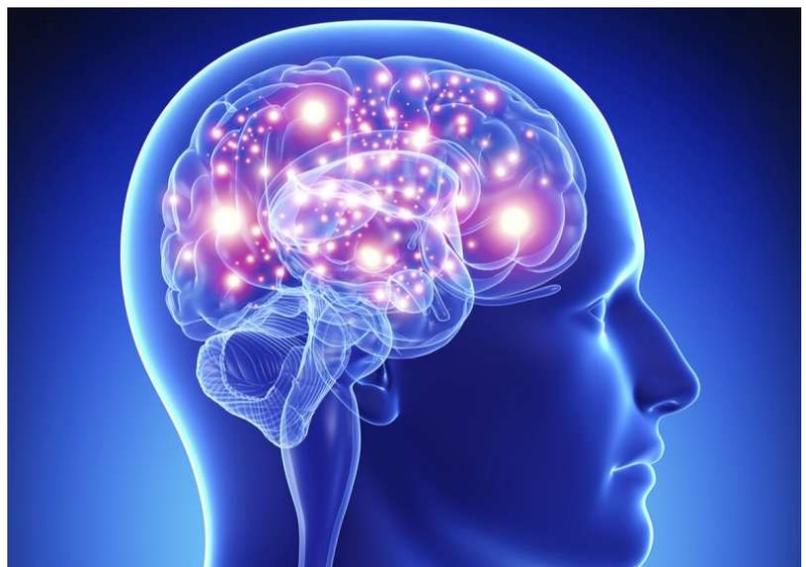
Mr Stevenson

Student of the Week

Year 7	Summer T for excellent work in English.
Year 8	Felix J for his hard work in English and for his excellent insights into The Tempest.
Year 9	Molly S for embodying the school values in Music.
Year 10	Sofia B for excellent learning and work in English and for superb resilience around school.
Year 11	Riley N who was nominated by catering staff for always being polite, respectful and kind.

Theme of the Week

This term we are looking through the book of Proverbs and discussing the extensive range of wisdom it offers. We started the first week back by looking at the difference between wisdom and folly, getting a better understanding of folly and how that looks at school. We also discussed what wisdom is and what it can look like to be wise – an idea we will explore further throughout the term.



Elyana and Gordon

One of our Year 7 students Elyana, along with her wonderful hearing dog Gordon, are finalists for the 2024 Crufts Hero Dog Award!

Elyana's parents first noticed that she was profoundly deaf when she was two and a half years old. The cause of this is still unknown. Due to her hearing loss, Elyana was suffering with high anxiety, struggling with friendships with her peers. Gordon, her hearing dog, has transformed Elyana's outlook on life, and his support has made her more confident and comfortable in her daily routines. Elyana describes Gordon as her best friend, and the companionship they have is something we should all celebrate. We are incredibly proud that Elyana is a student at King's and that we are able to share her story. We are asking if you would like to support Elyana, please vote for her and Gordon to win the award. You can do so via the link below, the deadline for votes is Sunday 10th March 2024.

[The Kennel Club Hero Dog Award at Crufts | Crufts 2024](#)



Sixth Form

Applications are now open for a September 2024 start in year 12 at King's.

Key Dates for 2024 Entry:

- February 2024 – Internal and external students attend progression meetings to discuss their course options and their specific needs during their Post 16 studies;
- March 2024 – Provisional offers sent out via email.

Please [visit our website](#) for more information.

[Video for Parents 1: Choosing your sixth form courses | Resources | Net Sixth Form](#)

For any Year 11 student that is struggling with what subjects to study post 16, please see this helpful video to help you make your decisions. If you need further help in school, please do contact Mrs Coles at sixth-form@kingsschoolhove.org.uk who will be more than happy to have a conversation about options across the city and at our sixth form.

There is also a useful resource to help you decide your options across the city if you are struggling to decide where to go [Best Next Steps - Colleges and FE application portals \(padlet.com\)](#)

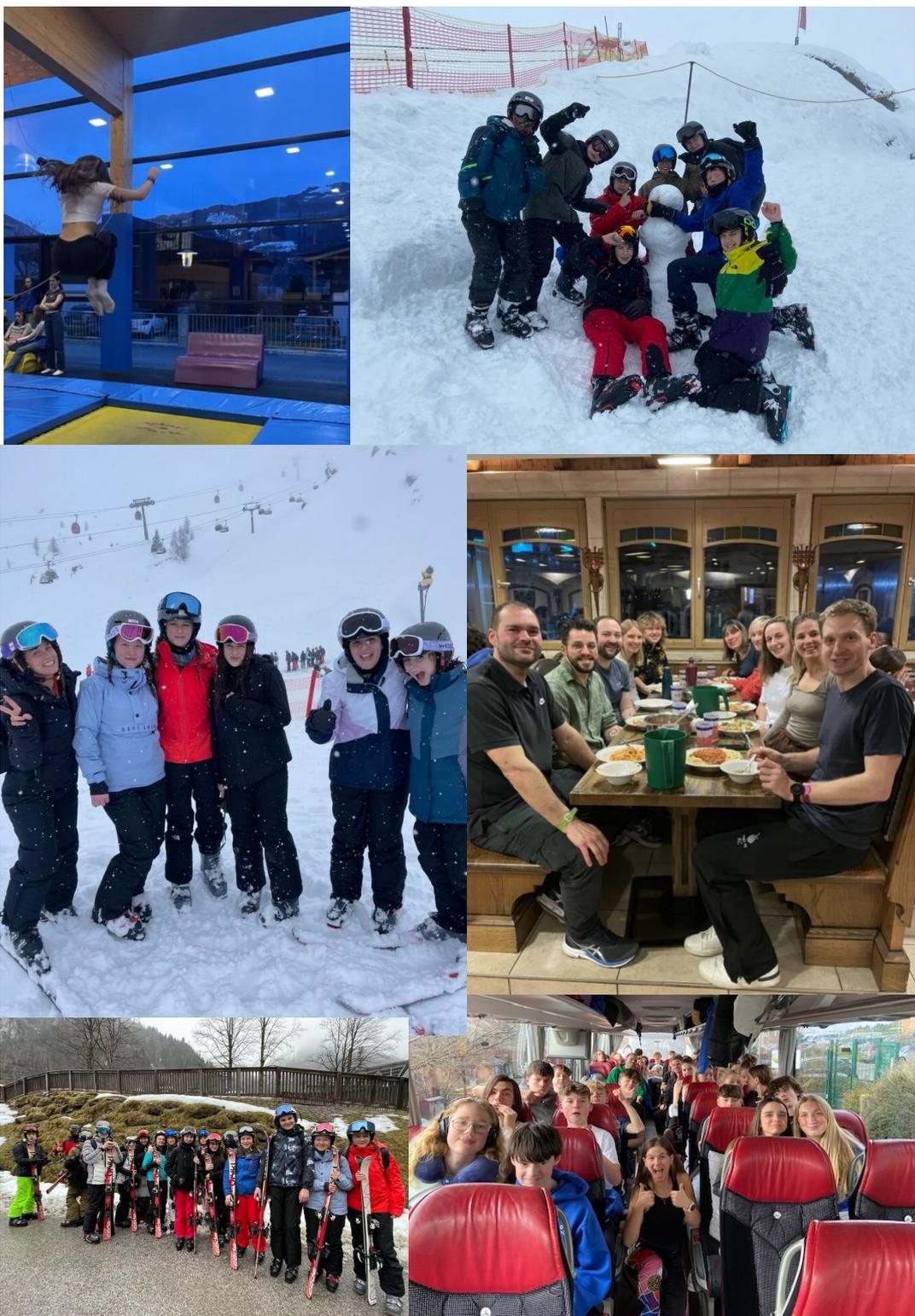
Chewing Gum

I wanted to write to ask for your help with a growing problem! Every term we spend a lot of time and money cleaning chewing gum off carpets, floors, desks etc. Chewing gum is not permitted at King's and has always been on the [banned items list](#). Whenever we encounter pupils chewing gum we do put consequences in place but it is an issue that can be quite difficult to police. Please can you speak to your child and dissuade them from bringing chewing gum to school in their bags and pockets. Your support with this is much appreciated.



Ski Trip

Over half term 10 members of staff took 80 students to Zell am See in the Austrian Alps. We had around 60 beginner skiers and it was brilliant to watch them learn to ski over the 6 days. They showed real resilience and perseverance through a variety of ski conditions from heavy snowfall and low visibility to bright blue skies and -10C temperatures! The intermediate and advanced skiers and snowboarders also had a great week skiing a range of challenging runs and jumps. In the evenings students also enjoyed lots of activities: trampolining, football, beach volleyball, pizza and bowling, a talent show/disco/teachers performing adapted Macbeth (written by year 11 students!), high ropes and an ice hockey match attended by over a 1,000 British school children!! The students and staff had a brilliant time away and it was lovely to see new friendships form, current friendships bond through new experiences, and all students to experience a week away in the mountains together!



LGBT+ History Month

Dr Cecil Belfield Clarke—Physician

At a time of endemic discrimination, Cecil Belfield Clarke was a black, gay doctor who thrived in mid-century Britain.

Born in Barbados in 1894, Dr Clarke studied at Combermere School where he succeeded in obtaining a scholarship in natural science which secured him a place to study medicine at St Catharine's College, Cambridge.

In 1914, at 20-years-old, Cecil made an increasingly perilous journey across the Atlantic, landing in England just weeks following the outbreak of the First World War.

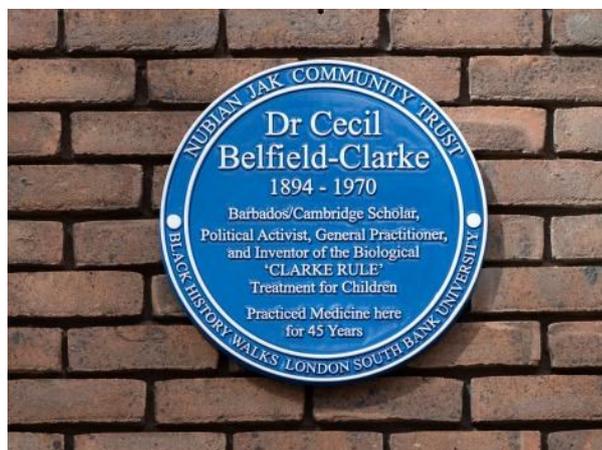
After completing his medical training at Cambridge and at University College Hospital, London, Dr Clarke opened his own medical practice in Elephant and Castle, south London, which he subsequently ran for almost 50 years.

Dr Clarke was a committed pan-Africanist and a prominent advocate for the UK civil rights movement.

Together with Jamaica-born physician Harold Moody, the two doctors founded the League of Coloured Peoples in 1931, with Dr Clarke cultivating international links with other black civil rights activists, while also investing much of his personal income as a doctor towards funding the league's campaigns.

Dr Clarke is now known to have been a gay man living with his long-term partner Edward Walter, at a time when homosexuality was a criminal offence punishable by imprisonment.

Dr Clarke died in 1970.



Thirdspace Theatre

Thirdspace theatre would like to invite you to audition to be part of their 'Winter Show: Let It Be A Tale' at Brighton Dome. This is a family show with stories from The Middle East, Africa, Ukraine and Sudan. We would particularly welcome people with heritage from these parts of the world but everyone is welcome.

To sign up for the audition, please fill in this form [here](#). Make sure to sign up soon as audition places are limited!

Auditions- Friday the 23rd of February (5-8pm) Please note that auditions are only open to those aged 13-25.

The audition will be run as a group workshop

Let them know if you have any questions: info@thirdspacetheatre.co.uk

Grimm Tales

Several items are still missing from our costume hire for the production. If any cast members have items at home that are not theirs, they MUST return these as we will incur a charge. The items are two green t shirts and one pair brown trousers.

British Biology Olympiad

During the last week of last half-term, some of our Year 12 biologists entered the British Biology Olympiad. This competition, open to students aged 16-17 across the country, challenges A-Level students to think outside the box and to solve tricky, unfamiliar problems. The results came in during half-term and we are delighted to share them with you. Our students did fantastically well, with all those entering receiving recognition for their efforts. Huge congratulations to the following students:

Lily M – Silver

Freya M – Highly Commended

Jasmine G – Commended

Later in the year we will be running the British Biology Challenge for students in Years 9 and 10, so keep an eye out for this!



Attendance

Our whole school attendance has increased this week following the half-term break. Well done to all year groups and we hope to see another increase next week!

Interview with Miriyam M—St John’s Inspire Programme

Firstly, well done on gaining a place on the inspire programme at St John’s College Oxford.

What did you need to do to gain the place?

I had to write a maximum 300-word essay on why this program would be a great opportunity for me and how it will help me in the future. Also, in order to get a place, I had to make sure my predicted grades were quite high so it reflects how deeply passionate you are about the subject.

What are you hoping to gain from the programme?

I hope I can be open to more opportunities and be exposed to how vast and interesting maths truly is. Furthermore, I hope it will broaden my understanding and knowledge in this subject, so it allows me aim high. Overall, I am immensely grateful that I got in as I hope it will help me succeed in my future goals and aspirations.



The Inspire Programme is a free, two-year course designed to inspire, encourage, and support Year 12 and 13 pupils during their final years of study before university. Our flexible programme offers pupils the opportunity to explore their favourite subjects in greater depth, receive up-to-date information about applying to university, and take part in opportunities that can be used in personal statements, interviews, and CVs!

St John’s inspire programme



THE INSPIRE YEAR 12 & 13 PROGRAMME COMBINES:

- Online academic taster sessions and skills sessions
- Opportunities to attend subject-focused study days at St John’s College
- Virtual and residential summer schools.
- Inspire research project
- And more!

Departmental Competitions



King's School Hove



Departmental competitions in February are:

Maths – Y9,10 & 11 – UKMT

RP – Y11 Homework Projects

Science – International Day
of Women and Girls in Science

Speak to your subject teacher about how to enter!

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Wednesday 13 March, 4:30-7pm



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During the fair, we're also running an exciting competition where **the most engaged, interactive student will win a prize** that could get them one step closer to their dream university course!

This virtual fair is suitable for students in Years 10 to 12, and is free to attend. Teachers, advisors, parents, and caregivers are all welcome!

> [Get your students to sign up now](#) (13 Mar, 4:30-7pm)

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PARKING

Please note there is limited parking available in the school car park. Please see the map for parking. There is some on street pay & display parking available too.

The school is near the Old Shoreham Road and The Drive bus routes.

Date: Wednesday, 13th March 2024

Time: 6 pm - 7.30 pm – presentation at 6pm

Venue: Cardinal Newman Sixth Form College

The Upper Drive,

Hove BN3 6ND

Parking



Sixth form centre – City Wide Parents' Evening

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