

**Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!**

**Dates for Diaries!**

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Mon 10 Jan	Year 11	iMedia Exam
	Year 11	Sports Science Exam
Wed 12 Jan	Year 13	Parents' Evening - Virtual
Fri 21 Jan	Year 11	PPE Results Day
Tues 1 Feb	Year 8	Parents' Information Evening

**Year 13 Parents' Evening**

Year 13 Virtual Parents' evening will take place on Wednesday 12 January 2022.

**Year 11 PPEs**

Year 11 students who missed a PPE in December have been sent an individual timetable to their school email address showing rescheduled assessments for the week commencing Monday 10 January 2022.

**Year 11 Art and Textiles Practical Days**

Year 11 Art and Textiles practical days will take place from 12-14 January as follows:

- 12 January - 11C/Textile students – 5 hours of supervised time in A3
- 13 January – 11A/Art students– 5 hours of supervised time in A2
- 14 January – 11D/Art students – 5 hours of supervised time in A2

**Year 11 Food Practical Assessments**

Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students complete their technical skills of their NEA practical assessment as follows:

- 11 January - 11C with Mrs Schutte
- 13 January - 11A with Mrs Blower

**Kings Academy Production – Beauty and the Beast**

Beauty and the Beast tickets are now available to purchase [here](#). Performances will take place on Monday 14 February, Tuesday 15 February and Wednesday 16 February, starting at 7.00 pm. Tickets will be required to be shown at the door. We look forward to seeing you all there!



**Sixth Form**

Application to Kings' Sixth is still open and can be made online by following the link [here](#). If you would like a copy of our Prospectus, please contact the main office or, alternatively, it can be viewed on our website.



**Our values**

**'Kings' Principles of PRIDE'**

*'Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe'*  
(John 20:24-29 ESV)

**PRIDE**

**Positivity and Perseverance,  
Respect and Reconciliation,  
Integrity and Innovation,  
Democracy and Diplomacy,  
Equality and Empathy.**

*Where our values give us pride to believe and succeed!*

**Theme of the week:**

Creativity

**Word of the week:**

Innovation

**Current Job Vacancies**

Cleaner

Teacher of Media

The Kings of Wessex Academy  
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**Term Dates 2021/22**

Term dates for 2021/22 can be found [here](#)

**Term Dates 2022/23**

Term dates for 2022/22 can be found [here](#)

**Parent Calendar**

can be found [here](#)

**Help to keep the school buses running**

Make sure your child has a face covering to wear on school transport to help protect the driver and other children from catching covid.



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**Deane and Sons Opening Hours**

Please see below revised opening hours:

- Monday – Thursday: 9am-5pm (closed 1pm – 2 pm)
- Saturday: 9am-4pm (closed 1pm-2pm)

## Lateral Flow Testing

We would ask that all students continue to take a Lateral Flow Test twice weekly. The Department for Education recommends testing three to four days apart. The guidance has recently changed for someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days. They are now strongly encouraged to take part in LFD testing onsite through ATS or at home once they have completed their isolation period for their prior infection. Lateral Flow Tests can be collected from the main office.

To check the location of Lateral Flow Test and collection sites near you, or to order home tests kits click [here](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact our dedicated COVID email address – [covidqueries@kovessex.co.uk](mailto:covidqueries@kovessex.co.uk) if you have any queries.

## Face coverings

Students are now required to wear a face covering in all areas, including classrooms and communal areas, unless exempt. Students are not required to wear face coverings when participating in PE or when outside.

Please may we ask you to ensure your child attends school with a suitable, comfortable face covering and they understand the importance of wearing one. The Government is due to review the wearing of face coverings in classrooms on 26 January 2022.

## Public Transport

Students travelling on public transport or dedicated school transport should continue to wear their face covering for the duration of the journey to and from school.

## Isolation Period

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to seven days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason. Individuals may now take a Lateral Flow Test from day six and day seven of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day six of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and your child does not have a high temperature, they can end self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school. If day six and seven Lateral Flow Tests are taken early in the morning prior to the start of the school day, students may return to school on day seven. If it is taken later in the day on day six and seven, they should return on day eight or after day eight once they have completed two negative Lateral Flow Tests or the 10 days isolation period has ended.

Anyone who is unable to take a Lateral Flow Test will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

## COVID-19 Symptoms

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell), they must self-isolate and a PCR test must be booked. If your child tests positive after a Lateral Flow Test, they should also self-isolate. From Tuesday 11 January confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device will be temporarily suspended. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

If your child is a contact of a positive case, either inside or outside school, they are not required to self-isolate. Instead, they are required to take a Lateral Flow Test every day up to seven days after the contact.

If your child is absent due to COVID-19, then it must be reported to the Academy by telephoning the Absence Hotline before 9.00 am on 01934 745304 or by emailing [absence@kovessex.co.uk](mailto:absence@kovessex.co.uk)

## Vaccinations

Young people aged 12 to 15 in England are now being offered a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at a minimum of 12 weeks after the first dose.

Parents can book vaccinations for their child, if aged 12 or over, through the [NHS booking system](#). Vaccinations for this group will also continue to be carried out by the school age immunisation service (SAIS). As soon as we have dates, of when they will be visiting Kings, we will communicate this to parents.