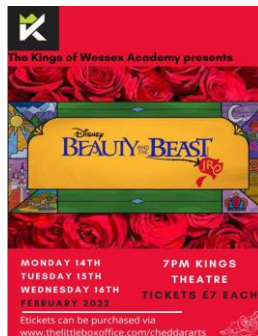


**Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!**  
**Dates for Diaries!**

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Fri 21 Jan	Year 11	PPE Results Day
Tues 1 Feb	Year 8	Fairlands Parent Information Evening
Wed 2 Feb	Year 8	Hugh Sexey Parent Information Evening

## 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!



## Sports Achievement

The Mendip Cross Country Championships took place at Millfield on Wednesday 12 January. We had some excellent individual performances including a 5<sup>th</sup> for Lily in the Junior Girls and 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> for Henry and Tristan, respectively, over the longer 5.6km course. There was also a plethora of athletes qualifying for the next stages of the competition to represent Mendip Schools at the Somerset Country Championships. Well done to everyone who competed.



Congratulations to the U14 Girls' Football team for their win against Crispin 7-1. Well done to Ella who was player of the match and to the goalscorers Ella, Carys, Izzie and Sophie.

## 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:

Solution

#### Word of the week:

Translucent

## Current Job Vacancies

Cleaner

The Kings of Wessex Academy  
Station Road, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3AQ  
**Main Office:** 01934 742608  
**Email:** [office@kowessex.co.uk](mailto:office@kowessex.co.uk)

## 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.



#DoItForSomerset

## 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 Lateral Flow Tests 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 – Changes to the Self-Isolation period for those who test positive for COVID – 19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after five full days. This can be achieved if they test negative with a Lateral Flow Test on both day five and day six and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day five and the morning of day six, they can return to school immediately on day six.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day five of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two Lateral Flow Tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take Lateral Flow Tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

## 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 Lateral Flow 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.

The mass vaccination team are offering COVID pop up sessions.

Clinics are being held at **The Grange, Clarks Village, every Sunday in January from 10am until 4pm** .

1<sup>st</sup> doses for all eligible cohorts

2<sup>nd</sup> doses for all eligible cohorts (for under 18s there must be 12 weeks between doses)

Boosters for all eligible cohorts

Updated guidance for under 18s means there must be a 12 week gap between positive COVID infection and their COVID vaccine.

## Music Club Activities

Music Club Activities are taking place as shown below. Film Club is new, two lunchtimes a week showing the A Level and GCSE set work films including Batman Returns, Stars Wars (the original, episode IV) and Psycho.

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	Choir	Show Rehearsal All cast as required <b>Kings Theatre</b>	Show Rehearsal Ensemble as required <b>Kings Theatre</b>	Film Club  <b>Kings Theatre</b>	Film Club  <b>Kings Theatre</b>
<b>3.15- 4.15 pm</b>	School Production <b>Kings Theatre</b>	Big Band  <b>Corrick Theatre</b>	Year 11 Revision  <b>Corrick Theatre</b>	School Production <b>Kings Theatre</b>	Orchestra  <b>Corrick Theatre</b>