

Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!
Dates for Diaries!

| Date | Who | Detail, Timing and Venue |
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| Tues 1 Feb | Year 8 | Fairlands Parent Information Evening |
| Wed 2 Feb | Year 8 | Hugh Sexey Parent Information Evening |

Year 8 Options Evenings

For those parents who have a Year 8 student transitioning to Kings in September 2022 we will be holding face-to-face Key Stage 4 Option Evenings. Parents from Fairlands are invited to attend on Tuesday 1 February 2022 and parents from Hugh Sexey's on Wednesday 2 February 2022. There will be two presentations each evening at 5.00pm and 6.00pm in the main hall. Students with surnames A to H are invited to attend at 5.00pm and students with surnames I to Z at 6.00pm.

Please follow the link [here](#) for the letter with further information which has been sent to you electronically from the Middle Schools. We look forward to welcoming our Year 8 parents to Kings.

Kings Academy Production – Beauty and the Beast

Beauty and the Beast tickets are now available to purchase [here](#). Tickets are still available for the performances on Monday 14 February and Tuesday 15 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

Rugby

The U18 Girls' Rugby Team travelled to Millfield and played amazingly! Tries were scored by Mary, Philippa, two for Mel and three for Rosa and five conversions from Philippa. Congratulations to Philippa for player of the match. The final result was Millfield 34 – Kings 45. Well done girls!



The U16 boys put all their efforts and energy into a tough game against Millfield. Tries were scored by Ben, Joe and Ben T, player of the match was Will. The boys were well organised in defence and played a very good game! Final result was KOW 31 – Millfield 38.



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:

History

Word of the week:

Pragmatism

Current Job Vacancies

Cleaner

Teacher of Maths

Teacher of Media

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Term Dates 2021/22

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

Term Dates 2022/23

Term dates for 2022/23 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)

U16 Mixed Hockey Team

The team travelled to Clevedon to compete in The North Somerset Schools' Mixed Hockey Tournament. Following two tough matches we made it through to the semi-final where we faced Gordano winning 3 – 0. We then had to face Sidcot in the Final ending 1 – 1 with Millie getting player of the match. Kings had won 3 short corners which made Kings the Champions! Every team member made an important contribution! Phoebe Captained the squad superbly, with Ciara as a fantastic Umpire. Congratulations to Mille, Reuben, Phoebe, Trinity, Ronnie, Ben, Gus, Will, Annabelle, Oliver, Sky, Laura, Tom, Philippa and Sam.



U16 Girls' Hockey Team

The girls travelled to Bridgwater to compete in the first round triangular of the County Hockey Championships. Kings had to play Castle School drawing 2 – 2 followed by Chilton Trinity winning 8- 0. Not only did the girls play amazing hockey they showed great spirit and determination!



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.

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 if you have any queries.

Face Coverings

Following the most recent Government announcement from Thursday 20 January, face covering are no longer required in classrooms and teaching spaces, but students must continue to wear a face covering in communal areas until Thursday 27 January. Students are not required to wear face coverings when participating in PE or when outside.

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

People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 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 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. If your child tests positive after a Lateral Flow Test, they should also self-isolate. Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device has been 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@kowessex.co.uk

FLU Vaccinations

We are aware that some parents/carers may have received a text message from the NHS stating that their school-aged child is eligible for a flu vaccination. If your child has already received their flu vaccination in school, please disregard this message. If your child has not received their flu vaccination and you would like to arrange this please see details of the walk-in clinics (no appointment needed) below.

The dates below are the final flu vaccination community sessions being held by Somerset SAINT for this academic year.

| Date | Time | Location |
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| 22 nd January 2022 | 09:30am until 11:30am | Burnham Community Centre (Next to the swimming pool) 5 The Hall, Berrow Road, Burnham on Sea TA8 2ET |
| 22 nd January 2022 | 1:30pm until 3:30pm | Salvation Army Moorland Road Bridgwater TA6 4JS |
| 5 th February 2022 | 09:30am until 11:30am | West Mendip Community Hospital (Outpatients) Old Wells Road Glastonbury BA6 8JD |
| 5 th February 2022 | 1:30pm until 3:30pm | Westlands Entertainment Venue Westbourne Close Yeovil BA20 2DD |
| 6 th February 2022 | 09:00am until 12:00pm | Community Families Hub (old Hospital) Level 2, East Reach House East Reach Taunton TA1 3EN |

COVID Vaccinations

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

1st doses for all eligible cohorts

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

Boosters for all eligible cohorts

Wedmore Village Hall will be open Tuesdays (8.30am – 4.30 pm) and Wednesdays (8.30am – 3.00pm) for either booked appointments or walk ins:

12–15-year-olds – 1st or 2nd Jabs

16–18-year-olds, and adults – 1st, 2nd and booster jabs (8 weeks after their 2nd jab)

There will also be a clinic on Sunday 30 January and Monday 31 January.

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.

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

Axbridge - Cheddar Cycleway Closure Notice – Monday 31 January – Thursday 3 February 2022

The Cheddar Cycleway from Axbridge to Holwell Lane will be closed for four days to allow for resurfacing and widening. This will take place from Monday 31 January until Thursday 3 February 2022.

Suggested diversion – use the reservoir access from/to Cheddar Road, Axbridge, Sharpham Road, Cheddar.