

Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!

Dates for Diaries!

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Tues 1 Feb	Year 8	Fairlands Parent Information Evening
Tues 1 Feb	Year 13	DT Practical Day
Wed 2 Feb	Year 8	Hugh Sexey Parent Information Evening
Wed 2 Feb	Sixth Form	Theatre Trip - Nutcracker
Fri 4 Feb	Year 12	Data collection 2 published on-line

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

Somerset Schools Cross Country Championships

Over 300 young athletes took part in the Cross Country Championships on a very testing, undulating and muddy course at Barcroft Hall. Well done to all the students who took part.



U14 Boys Football

The U14 Boys’ Football Team began their Somerset Cup campaign with an impressive 6-0 victory against Huish Episcopi. Well done to all the boys! Goal scorers were Reuben with three goals, Michal and Archie. Player of the match was Reuben.

U15 Boys Football

The U15s bow out of the Somerst Cup against a strong opposition in



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:

Future

Word of the week:

Opportunity

Current Job Vacancies

Teacher of Maths

Teacher of Media

Subject Leader of Technology

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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 1pm - 2pm)

Wellsway School. Kings knew they had to score early against this side. Harry did just that with an early volley off a corner. Unfortunately, Wellsway replied within minutes. Kings showed tremendous heart and determination to try and create opportunities but, unfortunately, this is the end of the road for our U15 boys.

U16 Girls Hockey

Despite the loss to Sidcot, the Under 16 girls played exceptionally well. The team was enthusiastic but with four players down due to Covid we had several players making their debut outing for the team. Well done to Avril and Sophie W who was player of the match.



U16 Boys Football

An outstanding win against Millfield from our Under 16 boys with a win of 11-1. Goals were scored by Ben with three goals, Oscar with three goals, Jacob, Tom, Charlie, Oscar and Ollie. Congratulations.



U14 Boys Rugby

There are so many positives to take from the Year 9s first 7s games at Kings. Kings drew one game but unfortunately lost the second. Well done for their fantastic efforts. Scorers were Will, Reuben, Tom and Ollie. Player of the day goes to Reuben.



U16 Boys Rugby

The Year 11s built on their performance from last week with two comprehensive victories against Kings Taunton. Congratulations on your two match victory. Scorers were Will, Tom, Luc, Henry, Pierre, Matt. Player of the match goes to Will.



U18s Girls Rugby

Three games were played in the Rugby Triangular event. Kings won the first game 32 -10 against Kings College, drew in the second game against Wellington School 10 – 10 and drew again the third game 15 – 15 against Kings College. Congratulations to the girls' team who remain unbeaten. Tries were scored by Polly x four, Rosa x four, Philippa x three. Player of the day was Rosa.



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.

Face Coverings

The Department for Education last week announced changes to the guidance regarding the use of face coverings in classrooms for students of secondary age and staff members. The Government also stated that face coverings would no longer be required in communal areas from Thursday 27 January 2022.

After carefully monitoring the number of infections, we are pleased to see that the number of cases of Covid-19, at Kings, remain low. There will no longer, therefore, be the need to wear a face covering in lessons or communal areas. Students may continue to use a face covering if they wish.

Public Transport

Students travelling on public transport or dedicated school transport are no longer required to wear face coverings. Although the current government guidance suggests that face coverings should continue to be worn in crowded and enclosed spaces where you may come into contact with people you do not normally meet. This means those travelling on public transport with members of the public should consider continuing to wear a face covering.

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.

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 have 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@kovessex.co.uk

COVID Vaccination walk in Clinics

On Saturday 29 January there is a COVID Vaccination walk in clinic for children aged 12+. This will take place in The Radio Wing, McCrae Road, Locking Parklands, Weston Super Mare, BS24 7LZ from 9:30 – 16:30. No appointments are necessary for this clinic. However, if an appointment is preferred, they are available to book on the NHS website.

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
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 & HPV Vaccinations – Week Commencing Monday 7 February 2022

From 1st February all children aged 12-15 years old will be offered the chance to receive their 1st or 2nd COVID Vaccination in their school. You may have previously consented for your child to receive their 1st COVID vaccination in school but, unfortunately, this consent form is no longer valid and further consent will be required.

Please complete the consent form using the following link [here](#). This link will close 24 hours prior to the session date. If you are unable to access the online consent form for any reason, please contact Somerset SAINT for assistance. If there are any changes to your child's medical health within 48 hours of them due to receive the vaccination please email SomersetSaint@somersetft.nhs.uk.

If your child is in either Year 9 or 10 and you have given consent for your child to receive both the HPV and COVID vaccinations, please note these will be co-administered by an experienced Immunisation Nurse during the same school based vaccination session.

Each vaccine is consented **separately** so that families can consent for one, both or neither vaccine independently.

We will spend time with each child on the day to make sure they are comfortable whilst receiving the vaccination (which will be given in the arm). If receiving the HPV vaccine, this will be given directly before or after the COVID vaccination.

Please complete the consent form even if you do not consent to the vaccination.

There is an expectation that the immunisation team will only visit your child's school once during this program.

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
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.