

Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!

Dates for Diaries!

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Mon 7 – Fri 11 Feb	Year 11	Food & Nutrition Practical exams
Mon 7 – Wed 9 Feb	Year 9, 10 & 11	Vaccinations, Gym
Mon 7 Feb	Year 11	Revision Sessions commence
Tues 8 Feb		5.30 pm PTA Meeting
Sat 12 Feb		Dress rehearsal for school production

COVID and HPV Vaccinations – Week Commencing Monday 7 February 2022

We have the Somerset SAINT team in school from Monday 7 until Wednesday 9 February 2022. Students aged 12-15 years old will be offered the chance to receive their 1st or 2nd COVID Vaccination. You may have previously consented for your child to receive their 1st COVID vaccination in school, unfortunately this consent form is no longer valid and further consent will be required.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 you have previously completed a consent form for your child to receive their **HPV vaccinations** and they have received their 1st dose with Somerset SAINT, the existing consent form will remain valid for the 2nd dose. **Please do not complete another consent form.**

If your child has not yet received their 1st HPV vaccination, they can still have this done at school. Please complete a consent form by using the link below.

<https://saint.somersetft.nhs.uk/hpv/2021/west>

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 vaccination session.

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

Time will be spent 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 then this will be given directly before or after the COVID vaccination.



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

Exam Invigilators

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

Term Dates 2021/22

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

Term Dates 2022/23

Term dates for 2022/23 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)

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

Please ensure your child wears either a short sleeve shirt or they can easily access their arm. Girls may wish to wear a vest top under their shirts.

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

Year 9 students will have their vaccinations on Monday 7 February

Year 10 students will have their vaccinations on Tuesday 8 February

Year 11 students will have their vaccinations on Wednesday 9 February.

If time allows, students who miss their vaccinations on Monday or Tuesday will be able to have them on Wednesday 9 February.

If you have any queries regarding the vaccinations please contact SomersetSaint@somersetft.nhs.uk

Sixth Form Charities Week

Historically, Kings Sixth Form arrange an annual Charities Week where donations are collected through the week for dedicated charities. This year we have decided to split the event between two weeks. The first of those weeks will be week commencing 7 February. On Tuesday lunchtime there will be a student versus staff Football match and Wednesday lunchtime there will be student versus staff Netball match where students will be able to spectate for a small donation. Friday will be a Mufti Day where students are invited to wear Mufti for a small donation of £2. During lunch time on Friday 11 February there will be a Tutor Fest where tutor groups will either be selling a variety of items or offering various activities. Students will be informed via their tutor of the event or activity their Tutor group will be doing. The second week of Charities Week will be week commencing Monday 4 April 2022.

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!



Cheddar Valley Foodbank

The Cheddar Valley Foodbank is available to help any parents that may need extra support. Their location, email address, opening hours and further information can be located [here](#). If parents would like foodbank vouchers please can they contact the school by email office@kowessex.co.uk or by phone 01934 742608.

Sports Achievement

U16 Girls' Hockey – Somerset County Champions

The team played an exceptional game in the finals against Bruton Sexey. Sophie (Year 9) represented the Year 11 squad in goal and made some great saves. Sky and Phoebe were very strong in defence. The team stayed strong resulting in Kings being crowned Somerset County Champions. Congratulations to the team and the goal scorers La, Millie, Phil and Mary. Player of the match went to Phoebe for her inspirational leadership.



Year 9 Netball

The Year 9 Netball team secured a very impressive win 27-14 against Churchill. The girls worked exceptionally well as a team and this score is a credit to their hard work in training. Congratulations to Lily for player of the match. Extra congratulations to Lauren, Lily and Faith who are in the Somerset Squad after their recent trials.



U14 Girls' Somerset Cup Quarter Final

Well done to Team Kings for an exceptional 5-1 win against Preston and a special mention to how they defended in this game. Well done to the Goalscorers - Sophie with a hat trick and Amelia for two goals. Player of the match was 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.

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

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

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