

Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!

Dates for Diaries!

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
19 Dec – 3 Jan 23		Christmas Holidays
4 Jan 23	All	Students to Return after Holidays
5 Jan 23	Year 11	Earn your Privileges Assembly
11 Jan 23	Year 13	Parents' Evening

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We would like to wish all our Parents, Carers and Students a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at the Academy. We look forward to welcoming all our students back on Wednesday 4 January 2023.



Charities Week Grand Total

We raised an incredible **£3100** for our three chosen charities, The British Red Cross, The Grand Appeal and Alzheimer's Society. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Office Email

Please be aware that during the Christmas holidays, the office email is only checked intermittently. Therefore, please do not send anything urgent.

New Term Dates

The term dates for Academic Year 2023/2024 have been sent to all parents/carers today. For more information, please follow the link [here](#)

Year 13 Parents' Evening

Year 13 Parents' Evening will be face-to-face on Wednesday 11 January 2023. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Year 10 Work Experience

The deadline to return your completed work experience paperwork is Monday 6 January 2023.

Scarlet Fever and Strep A

We have been notified of a positive case of Scarlet Fever and Strep A at the Academy and have reported these to Public Health England. If you would like any more information about the two diseases please follow the link [here](#).

COVID-19

It is no longer a requirement to test for Covid-19. However, if a student does test positive for Covid-19 they are still required to isolate for three days from the day of the test. Students can return to the Academy after three days even if they are still testing positive.

Year 8 Parents

If you are a parent of a Year 8 student and have not yet applied for a place at Kings in September please follow the link [here](#).

WLT Newsletter

To view the Wessex Learning Trust Newsletter please follow the link [here](#).



Our values

'Kings' Principles of PRIDE'

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

Theme of the Week

Peace

Word of the Week

Goodwill

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!*

Current Job Vacancies

Exam Invigilators

We are seeking to appoint Examination Invigilators to provide efficient and effective invigilation, supporting the work of the Examinations Department by supervising candidates in both internal and external examinations. To apply for this position, please follow the link [here](#)

Term Dates 2022/23

Term dates for 2022/23 can be found [here](#)

Term Dates for 2023/24 can be found [here](#)

Parent Calendar

can be found [here](#)



Year 9 Flu and HPV Vaccinations

The Somerset Immunisation Team is visiting Kings on Tuesday 17 January 2023 to administer Flu Vaccinations. Please follow the link [here](#) to the letter from the Immunisation Team which includes the e-consent form link. On Thursday 30 March 2023 the Somerset Immunisation Team is visiting Kings to administer HPV Vaccinations. Please follow the link [here](#) to the letter from the Immunisation Team which includes the e-consent form link.

Lego Challenge

The Design and Technology Department is recruiting a team of pupils from Years 9 and 10 to compete in the FIRST LEGO League Challenge. FIRST® LEGO® League introduces Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths to grow students critical thinking, coding, and design skills through hands-on STEM learning and robotics. The selected team will prepare for the regional tournament which will take place in March 2023, when the final test of their work comes at the Robot Game table, where they race against the clock for a personal best score and the chance to advance to a local championship. Some teams earn an invitation to FIRST Championship, where teams from all over the world meet and compete. For more information, please go to DT4 on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes.



Kings Academy Production - Annie Junior

Our school Production this year is Annie JR. Performances will take place on Monday 6 February, Tuesday 7 February and Wednesday 8 February 2023, starting at 7.00pm. Tickets are now available to purchase through our Shop on Parentpay. Please follow the link [here](#).

We look forward to seeing you all there!

GCSE, A Level and BTEC Exams Summer 2023

The public exams for students in Years 11, 12 and 13 will take place between Tuesday 9 May 2023 and Wednesday 28 June 2023. The final date of 28 June 2023 has been designated as a contingency day and all candidates need to remain available until this date should an exam board need to invoke its contingency plan.

Sixth Form Applications

Application to Kings' Sixth opened on Monday 17 October 2022. Applications can be completed 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.



Parental Consent – Response Required

A letter has been sent to all Parents/Carers regarding social media and imagery consent. Thank you to all Parents/Carers who have returned their completed consent forms. For those Parents/Carers who have not yet returned the form, we issued a hard copy to your students on Monday 14 November. If you have not completed the consent form, please can you return them to the main school office as soon as possible.

Signposting for Support

If any parents, carers or students need additional support over the holidays with their mental health and emotional wellbeing there is a PowerPoint available on our website called Signposting for Support. The information includes contact details for groups, local charities and national charities including Kooth, Childline, The Space, Young Minds and Charley's Memory. You can contact these groups and charities by texting, emailing or phoning. Please find the link to the PowerPoint [here](#).

Community News

Cheddar Valley Foodbank

The Cheddar Valley Foodbank is available to help families who may need extra support. Their location, email address, opening hours and further information can be located [here](#). If you would like foodbank vouchers please contact Ruth Motion on rmotion@kowessex.co.uk or by phone 01934 742608.



Somerset County Council - Household Support and 16-19 Bursary Fund

Somerset **Household Support Fund** is designed to provide short-term urgent financial help to Somerset residents who are struggling to afford household essentials, such as buying food, paying for energy and water bills and other essential household items such as beds and white goods. For further information please click on the link [here](#)
The **16-19 Bursary Fund** is a scheme to provide financial support with educational-related costs for students facing financial hardship.