

Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!

Dates for Diaries!

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
16 May	All	Online Literacy Evening – 6.00pm
18 May	Years 9 and 13	Ascension Day
25 May		Lion King Trip – Bristol Hippodrome – Eve Performance
29 May to 2 June	All	Spring Half Term

Years 11 and 13 School Photos

A polite reminder that the closing date for school photos to be returned free to school is **Wednesday 17 May 2023**. Please order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk



If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, please contact Tempest on 01736 751555 option 3.

Online Literacy Evening

We are holding an Online Literacy Evening on Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 6.00pm. The evening is relevant to all year groups but may be particularly useful for Year 10 in light of their upcoming work experience and Spoken Language assessment in English in the summer term. If you would like to attend please use the link [here](#).

Year 11 Exam Timetable and Provisions

We have sent a letter to all Parents/Carers of Year 11 students with information regarding the GCSE Exam Timetable and PEP schedule. The letter and timetable can be found [here](#).

Sixth Form 2023

A letter has been sent to those Year 11 students who have applied to Kings Sixth for September 2023, detailing their subject choices for Sixth Form. Please could you remind your son/daughter to return the acceptance slip to the main office by Friday 19 May 2023.



Applications can still 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.

Year 13 Prom

The Year 13 Prom will be held at The Batch Country House on Monday 3 July 2023. For further information please follow the link [here](#). Tickets are still available to purchase through ParentPay.



Year 11 Prom

We have sent a letter to Parents/Carers today with information about the Year 11 Prom. It will be held at The Batch Country House on Wednesday 5 July 2023. Tickets will be £40 each. For more information 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
Standards
Word of the Week
Society

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
PA to the Headteacher**

Teacher of Performing Arts

Learning Supervisor/Pastoral Assistant

Exam Invigilators

To apply for these 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](#)



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Star Readers Volunteers

We have an opportunity for Star Reader Volunteers here at the Academy. The role is to help and support our students with their reading. It would involve two 20-minute sessions per week from 8.45am - 9.05am. If you are interested in supporting our students, please email the office on office@kowessex.co.uk



Exam Information Guide – Summer 2023

We have sent an Exam Information Guide to all Parents/Carers of students in Years 10 – 13. Please follow the link [here](#) for an electronic copy.

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 Wednesday 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.

Years 10 and 12 Work Experience

Thank you to those students in Years 10 and 12 who have secured their work experience placements and returned their paperwork to school. If your child is in Year 12 and has not yet secured a placement, please encourage them to continue to contact employers and return their completed work experience paperwork to the school office.

For Year 10 Students, the deadline has now passed. If you would like any support, please contact Sally Devlin on SDevlin@kowessex.co.uk.

Absence

If your child has an absence, it must be reported to the Academy by telephoning the Absence Line before 9.30am on 01934 745304, by emailing absence@kowessex.co.uk or via ClassCharts through the parent app. The absence must be reported on each day, explaining the reason for absence. The Department for Education recently published new and updated guidance for schools on attendance. Please follow the link [here](#) for further information.

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](#).

Kings 16-19 Bursary Fund

The **16-19 Bursary Fund** is a scheme to provide financial support with educational-related costs for students facing financial hardship. For more information please click [here](#).

Cheddar Individuality Project

We had an opportunity to take part in Cheddar Individuality Project here at the Academy. Students and Staff signed up to the workshop to create their own individual statue which will be located around the village. In total, the project has made over 1000 little statues, and these will be brought together on Sunday 21 May 2023 between 11.00am and 4.00pm at Cheddar Catholic Hall.

