

**Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!**

**Dates for Diaries!**



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
11 – 14 December	All	Church Christmas Services
15 December	All	Christmas Jumper Day Break up for Christmas holidays School Finishes at 12.30pm
16 December	All	Giles Hicks – Drum Jam – 6.30pm
2 January	All	Inset Day
3 January	All	Inset Day
4 January	All	All Students to return to the Academy
10 January	Year 10	Design Museum Trip

**Christmas Church Services**

During the week commencing Monday 11 December 2023 each House will attend a Christmas Church Service at St Andrew’s Church led by Ruth our Chaplain. The students have been learning to sign ‘Joy to the World’ which they will perform during these services.

**Christmas Jumper Day**



We are inviting students to wear a Christmas jumper under their blazer on the last day of term – **Friday 15 December 2023**. Students will be required to wear their normal school uniform including their blazer. Please note that no donation is required.

**Last Day of Term**

The Academy will close to students at 12.30pm on Friday 15 December 2023. For those students who use school transport, buses will be here at 12.30pm.

**PYTCH**

Huge shoutout to PYTCH; an event production and creative media company who were generous enough to lend us their AV equipment, free of charge, to use throughout our Charities Week! If you’re interested in using PYTCH to deliver an event, please contact [Ryan.andrews@pytch.co.uk](mailto:Ryan.andrews@pytch.co.uk).



**Year 8 Parents / Carers**

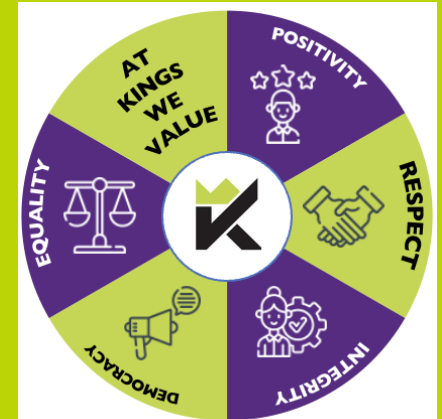
If you are a parent of a Year 8 student, please apply for school admission into 2024/2025 by following this link [here](#).

**Year 11 Grade Reviews**

These have been emailed out and are available to view on Firefly.

**Christmas Food Bank**

Cheddar Food Bank is very low on supplies this year, and they would be truly grateful for any donations from the school to support those in need, especially at this time of year. Please deliver any food items to BS3 by Monday 11 December (collection day).



**KINGS CORE VALUES**

*Where our values give us pride to believe and succeed*

**Theme of the Week**

Community

**Word of the Week**

Case Study

**Current Vacancies**

- Teacher of Computer Science and Digital Media
- Teacher of Mathematics
- Exam Invigilator
- Governor

For more information please [click here](#)

**Term Dates for 2023/24 can be**

**found here:** [Kings Academy \(kowessex.co.uk\)](http://Kings Academy (kowessex.co.uk))

**Parent Calendar**

can be found [here](#)



## ClassCharts

ClassCharts is our online system and available to download as an APP. We encourage parents to use this, as it is a very valuable tool that we use to communicate students' progress, behaviour, and homework tasks, so that you are always updated. If your child is **absent**, it must be reported to the Academy via ClassCharts, or by emailing [absence@kowessex.co.uk](mailto:absence@kowessex.co.uk).



## Community News

### Drum Jam 6

**Saturday 16 December 2023 – 6.30pm at The Kings Academy.**

Doors open from 6pm – Adults: £12 and Children: £6. **Tickets to be purchased on the door only.** Up to 100 drummers on stage as well as special guest performers! Come along and enjoy a vibrant, festive drumming performance!



### Santa Family Fun Run – Saturday 16 December 2023

A family fun run/walk with a festive twist – If you would like to take part and raise money for a worthy cause, please register by clicking [here](#). All entrants aged 14 and over will receive a complimentary Santa suit, and for those aged 13 and under, there will be a best Elf / Santa Fancy Dress Competition. Each entrant will receive a medal, a drink and mince pie for completing the run.



### Festive Foodbank Appeal – Kings Fitness and Leisure

Kings Fitness and Leisure will be giving away a FREE 7-day unlimited pass as a thank you to anyone who makes a food donation to the Festive Foodbank Appeal. This promotion is running from Friday 1 December and ends on Wednesday 20 December 2023. Please bring food items into Kings Fitness and Leisure reception – follow the link [here](#) to see acceptable items to donate:

Please note that your pass will expire on Wednesday 31 January 2024.

### Deane & Sons – New opening hours

Monday – Thursday: 9am-5pm (closed between 1pm-2pm)

Fridays: Closed

Saturday: 9am-1pm

Sunday: Closed



### 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](#).