

**Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!**

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
18 December		Tyrone Power Chef Visit
19 December	All	Kings Academy and Fairlands Middle School Music Concert – 6.00pm
20 December	All	Last Day of Term - Academy Closes at 12.30pm
23 December – 6 January	All	Christmas Holidays
6 January	All	Inset Day
7 January	All	All Students return to the Academy.



**Christmas Jumper Day**

Thank you to everyone who donated to Christmas Jumper Day. We raised £330 for Save the Children.

**Christmas Music Concert**

We are delighted to invite all parents/carers and students to the Kings Academy and Fairlands Middle School Christmas Concert. This will be held at Kings Academy on Thursday 19 December at 6.00pm. Tickets are available from the Kings Shop [here](#).



**Christmas Church Services**

During the week commencing Monday 16 December 2024 each House will attend a Christmas Church Service at St Andrew’s Church led by Ruth our Chaplain.



**Last Day of Term**

The Academy will close to students at 12.30pm on Friday 20 December 2024. For those students who use school transport, buses will be here at 12.30pm.

**Literacy Parent Information Evening – Online**

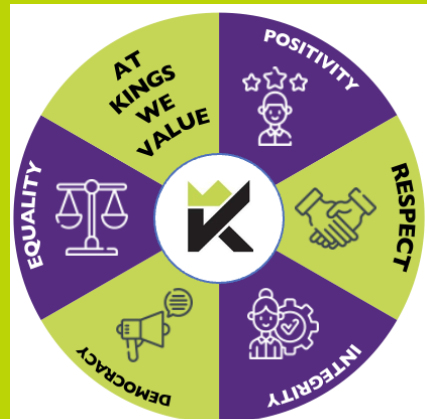
There will be a Literacy Parent Information Evening, being held on **Wednesday 15 January 2025 at 6.00pm** which will be on Microsoft Teams. The Teams link will be emailed out to parents/carers in due course.

**Jolabokafloð**

Kings is running the Jolabokafloð again this year from Monday 16 December to Friday 20 December. Students can choose a wrapped book to enjoy over Christmas and then return in the New Year. Jolabokafloð (pronounced yo la bok a flot) also known as the Christmas book flood, is an Icelandic tradition of gifting a new book to a loved one on Christmas Eve to be read that night while enjoying a hot chocolate.

**Christmas Present Inspiration**

Out of ideas for Christmas presents? Have a look at our ‘Wider Reading Recommendations’ and gift a recommended book for Christmas. You can find the full list, organised by subject and year group, here: [Wider Reading All Subjects](#).



**KINGS CORE VALUES**

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

**Theme of the Week**

Goal

**Word of the Week**

Utopia

**Current Vacancies**

Teacher of Mathematics (Maternity Cover)

Teacher of English (Maternity Cover)

Caretaker

Exam Invigilator

For more information please [click here](#)

The Term Dates for 2024/25 can be found by clicking [here](#)

Term Dates for 2025/2026 can be found by click [here](#)

Our Parent Calendar can be found by clicking [here](#)



## Wessex Learning Trust Admission Arrangements for Somerset Schools (2026/27) Consultation

The Wessex Learning Trust is consulting on their 2026/2027 admission arrangements, as it is statutory to consult every seven years or when a change is made. To view and comment on the arrangements, please click [here](#). **Please note that the link went live on Monday 2 December 2024.** The consultation will start on Monday 2 December 2024 and end on Monday 20 January 2025 and the final determined arrangements will be published on the Trust and our School website by Saturday 15 March 2025.

## Helping Students Be Safe

As we approach the holidays, we know that our students may be given new devices as presents. Our learners access online apps for many reasons – chatting to friends, playing games or to keep up to date with latest trends and music. Unfortunately, it also opens an online world of potential safeguarding risks. If you would like to learn more about how to help your child to be safe using the internet, please click on the following resources:

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

[What is Social Media? NSPCC](#)

[Get Advice](#)

## Enrichment

We have launched our new Enrichment programme with students at the start of this term. If you would like to view the activities we have on offer, please click [here](#).

## Can you help expand our wider reading library?

We would love to expand our wider reading library, so that students have access to books recommended by teachers for each subject. If you can help by donating a book, please follow this [link](#) to our wider reading wishlist, and select the book you would like to donate. When selecting a delivery address, please choose the gift registry address (Natasha Ashurst, CHEDDAR). Thank you for any kind donations you are able to make.

## Dates for your Diary – 2024/2025

GCSE Summer Exams Start – Thursday 8 May 2025

A Level Summer Exams Start – Monday 12 May 2025

Year 11 Prom – Thursday 3 July 2025 at 6.30pm

## Community

### Cheddar Foodbank

The Cheddar Valley Foodbank is available to help families who may need extra support. Please click [here](#) for more information. If you would like foodbank vouchers, please contact Ruth Motion at [RMotion@kowessex.co.uk](mailto:RMotion@kowessex.co.uk) or by phone on 01934 742608.



## 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](#).