



Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
23 December – 6 January	All	Christmas Holidays
6 January	All	Inset Day
7 January	All	All Students return to the Academy.
7 – 10 January	11,12,13	BTEC Exams

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We would like to wish all our Parents, Carers and Students a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at the Academy. We look forward to welcoming all our students back on **Tuesday 7 January 2025**.



Office Email

Please be aware that during the Christmas holidays, the office email will only be checked periodically, therefore, please do not send anything urgent.



Charities Week

Kings' annual Charities Week 2024 delivered an incredible array of entertaining events in support of Avon and Somerset Search and Rescue, Teenage Cancer Trust, and WaterAid. Students witnessed thrilling competitions including a Staff vs Students football match, an epic cake-eating contest, and a hilarious 'Would I Lie To You?' challenge. The longstanding tradition, running since the 1990s, continues to unite the school community in charitable giving – so far this year raising over £3000 for the charities.

Christmas Food Bank

A huge thank you to all the Tutors who supported and encouraged our students to donate to the food bank, and the Sixth Form Team for their hampers. Cheddar Food Bank asked us to pass on their thanks also for the huge donation. In total we donated **240kg**. A special mention and thanks to Tintagel Team for donating the most items with 324, and Lyonesse who donated the second most with 244. A special mention also to 10T2, Miss Thorpe's Tutor Group who donated the most, at 91kg.

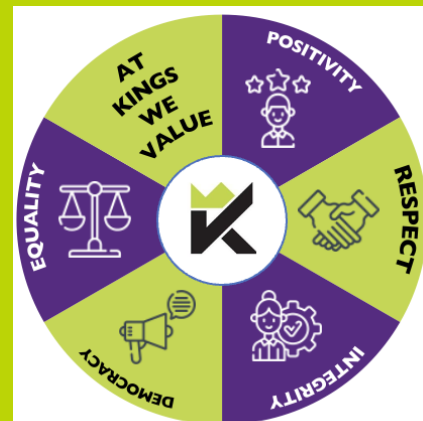


S.A.L.T. Christmas Hamper Donations

Our wonderful Kings' Sixth Form students enjoyed a day at S.A.L.T (St Andrews at Lunch Time) this week, delivering special Christmas hampers filled with festive goodies. The visit was such a success that our students have already asked to return. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Tyrone Power Chef Visit

We were thrilled to welcome back the incredible Tyrone Power (The West Country Cook) who treated our students to an unforgettable culinary masterclass this week. Usually found working on the world's most luxurious superyachts, he joined us for the second year running and inspired our students to explore the world through food with a hands-on demonstration.



KINGS CORE VALUES

Where our values give us pride to believe and succeed

Theme of the Week

Creativity

Word of the Week

Innovation

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](#)





External Vocational Exams

Year 11, 12 and 13 Vocational external exams take place from Tuesday 7 January 2025. Please refer to your personal timetables that have been emailed to you for your timings.

Year 10 and 12 Work Experience

Year 12 Work Experience takes place the week commencing 30 June 2025 and Year 10 week commencing 7 July 2025. Please upload your placements on Unifrog as a priority. If you have yet to secure a work experience placement, Christmas is a great time to use your contacts and get this valuable opportunity confirmed.



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.

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.

Student Support

We understand that Christmas time is not always a happy time for some and, therefore, if you are in a crisis and need to talk to someone immediately, you can find a long list of mental health helplines on our website. Please follow this link and select 'Signposting for Support Guide' [Kings Academy \(kowessex.co.uk\)](#).



Helping Students Be Safe

As we approach the holidays, we know that our students will 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](#) and [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](#).

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 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](#).

