



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
24 November to 25 November	Years 9 -11	Flu Vaccinations
25 November	Year 9	Bronze D of E Parent Information Evening 5.30pm
30 November	Year 9	Big Pitch
8 December to 12 December	All	Charities Week
11 December	Year 11	Parents' Evening
19 December	All	Last Day of Term

Weekly Update from Mrs Cowper

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children In Need on Monday and over the weekend. In total we raised £590 which is fantastic, and leads us nicely into the countdown to Charities Week. The Sixth Form Team is being highly secretive as their planning reaches fever pitch, but I can promise this year will be bigger and brighter than ever.

It was a pleasure to be invited to the Opening of the Strawberry Line that has now been linked with a lovely new bridge behind Kings Academy towards the Leisure Centre. What a fabulous addition this will be for the community and I am delighted to share that artwork from our very talented students will be presented along the route. Congratulations to all the students who worked with Mrs Garge and Alice Cunningham, the residential artist, to complete this project. Our thanks extend to Johnnie Latimer and his team for inviting us to support the community project. What a legacy.

Well done to the Sixth Form Physics students who went to take part in the Physics Challenge and came away as a team with a prize! Well done to all involved.

The colder weather this week prompts me to remind all Parents and Carers to ensure your child has a coat. The temperature drop this week has taken some students by surprise, and although school is warm, the journey to and from may not be. Finally, well done to all Year 13 students for completing the first week of their PPEs this week. Keep going.

Children in Need 2025

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need. We raised £590. There is still time to make a donation by clicking [here](#).



Christmas Concert – Wednesday 17 December 2025

We would like to invite all Parents/Carers and Students to our Christmas Music Concert in the Main Hall on Wednesday 17 December at 6.00pm until 8.00pm. Tickets are £5 and will be available on My Child At School under Store and Christmas at 8.00am on Monday 24 November 2025.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

We have sent a letter to Parents/Carers with information regarding Year 11 Parents' Evening. For more information, please click [here](#).

Flu Vaccinations

We have sent a letter to all Parents/Carers of students in Years 9, 10 and 11 with regards to Flu Vaccinations. Please see below link for further information please [click here](#).



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Theme of the Week

Judgement

Word of the Week

Action

Current Vacancies

Assistant Head of House

Exam Invigilator

For more information, please click [here](#)

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

Term Dates for 2026/2027 can be found by clicking [here](#)

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



Summer 2026 Exams

Please be advised any student sitting an examination in Summer 2026 will need to remain available up to and including Wednesday 24 June 2026 should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan. The designation of a 'contingency day' within the common examination timetable is in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the United Kingdom. It is part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for examinations. The timetable for Summer 2026 will be available on the Academy website from next week.

My Child At School App

All communication to Parents/Carers is sent via Bromcom. This will either be an email or appear under the message section on the My Child At School App.

If your child was enrolled on a trip in the last academic year and previous payments were on ParentPay, this will be listed under Trips and Enrolled with any outstanding payments as per the original payment schedule. All new trips will appear once they open under Trips and Enrolled.

If you top up dinner money on the App, please be aware this takes 24 hours to appear on your child's balance.

available to view on MyChildAtSchool and the Student Portal on Bromcom.

Big Pitch Christmas Market

We are looking forward to this year's Big Pitch Christmas Market which is taking place on Sunday 30 November at Kings Fitness and Leisure Centre. This year we have ninety Year 9 students running enterprise stalls at the market. The event runs from 9.00am until 1.00pm and we would love to see lots of parent support to ensure that our teams sell their products. Please note that this is a cash only event.

Employability Survey

Please take a couple of minutes to fill out a quick questionnaire about careers and employability at school.

We want to make sure the support we are offering is useful and relevant to your child – and your feedback will really help us improve things going forward.

[Employability & Careers Survey](#)

Attendance

A thank you to all Parents and Carers for their support in ensuring students have the best possible attendance. We believe that excellent attendance is essential for academic achievement, personal growth, and preparation for life beyond school. Parents and carers play a vital role in supporting this. A reminder if your child is unwell and unable to attend, then it must be reported to the Academy via the My Child at School parent app, or by emailing absence@kowessex.co.uk on each day of absence. Further information can be found on the website under Parents and then Attendance.

Dates for your Diary – 2025/2026

Christmas Holiday - Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January 2026

Inset Day - Friday 13 February 2026

GCSE Summer Exams Start - Tuesday 5 May 2026

A Level Summer Exams Start - Monday 11 May 2026

Year 11 Prom - Thursday 2 July 2026 at 6.30pm

Community

The Space

The Space Project supports local young people aged between 4-17 living or being educated in the Cheddar Valley area who are experiencing low mental health and emotional resilience and are often in crisis e.g. depression, anxiety etc. Please get in touch if you think your child or young person may need some help, or indeed, if you are self-referring, by clicking [here](#).



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.

