



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
30 November	Year 9	Big Pitch
5 December	Year 12	Trip to Hampton Court
8 December to 12 December	All	Charities Week
11 December	Year 11	Parents' Evening
19 December	All	Last Day of Term
5 January	All	All students to return

Weekly Update from Mrs Cowper

As we meet the middle week of the term, and as examinations draw to a close it is clear that students are working hard to be resilient and attend school. I see the impact of absence every day as I walk the school, where students feel out of the loop of their learning, or have missed important enrichment moments to share with their friends. We understand there are germs around at this time of year but I would urge you to have robust conversations with your child about the importance of attending school each day on time as we, in partnership, prepare them for the world beyond education.

We have an exciting set of events planned in the lead up to Christmas, with Charities Week fast approaching and a whole week of reward activities in the final week of term. Students were entertained by the Charities Week launch video today. My sincere thanks to the Year 13 students and colleagues who helped to create the content in their own time. Our wonderful catering team have decorated the Kings cafe and have launched their range of Christmas hot drinks and mince pies and I look forward to welcoming lots of students to a Music Quiz in the Hall on Friday.

As always, lots going on to ensure our students feel valued. Have a lovely weekend. Best of luck to all students involved in The Big Pitch!

Charities Week – Monday 8 December – Friday 12 December 2025

Our 'famous' annual Charities Week is just around the corner and has been a Kings' tradition that has run every year since the early 1990s! It's a week jam-packed full of events and activities to raise money for our selected charities, which this year, are South Western Ambulance Charity and In Charley's Memory. There will be events running during break and lunchtimes. We have sent communication to Parents/Carers today with information regarding Wrist Bands and Donation Cards. **Wrist Bands will go on sale on My Child At School app, under Trips on Saturday 29 November 2025 at 8.00am. Please remember that they are first come first served, as there are only 300 bands available!**



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 are now available on My Child At School under Store and Christmas.



Where our values give us pride to believe and succeed

Theme of the Week

Provisions

Word of the Week

Security

Current Vacancies

Assistant Head of House

HR Officer/PA to Headteacher

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](#)



Kings Journal

To view our latest Kings Journal, please click [here](#)

Parent Information Evening – Attendance and Getting Ready for Work

We would like to invite all Parents/Carers to an Attendance and Getting Ready for Work, online Teams Meeting on Thursday 4 December 2025 at 6.00pm. To join the meeting please use the link below

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 339 730 547 536 30

Passcode: Jt7Dy7Rx

Parliament Week

During Parliament Week this year, the students took part in a mock election, where they were being educated and informed about the right to vote, why it is important to vote, and what each of the main political parties stand for. We were also happy to welcome our local MP, Tessa Munt, for a visit, to talk more about Parliament and how it functions with some of our Sixth Form students.

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](#).

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 is now available on the website [here](#).

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.

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.

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.

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](#).

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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.

