



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
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

Well done to all the fabulous students who took part in Big Pitch last Sunday. It was an honour and a privilege to see you all in your element, selling your wares with energy and charisma. I was very impressed with the entrepreneurial thought, planning and presentation that had gone into all the stalls and all the students were a real credit to Kings Academy. It was equally lovely to see so many parents and carers at the event, along with colleagues from school, all of us united in supporting our young people.

This week we invited Cheddar First School into Kings Academy to perform their Christmas Play. Our students welcomed the younger pupils with kindness and compassion and were wishing them well in their performance. It is always wonderful to welcome our future students into Kings - we hope they enjoyed the festivities.

Thank you to all of you who helped our young people attend school this week. There is something exciting and rewarding happening every day from now until the end of term and we don't want students to miss out. Well done to all students who attended the music quiz in the hall today - a small introduction to the chaos that will be Charities Week next week.

Enjoy the weekend.

Charities Week – Monday 8 December – Friday 12 December 2025

Our 'famous' annual Charities Week starts on **Monday** 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.

Day of the Week	Break	Lunch
Monday	Christmas Karaoke - Hall	Reindeer Run - Astro
Tuesday	Clash Royale Tournament - Hall	The Traitors - Hall
Wednesday		Staff Christmas Panto - Hall
Thursday	Film Quiz - Hall	House Fair- Courts
Friday		A Night at Kings - Lights, Camera, Charity

Non Uniform Day/Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 12 December

As part of Charities Week, we are inviting students to wear non uniform and a Christmas Jumper on Friday 12 December 2025. A reminder that **non-uniform must be appropriate for school and the normal jewellery rules** still apply. Donations can be made via MCAS, under store and Charities Week.

Class of 26 Sweatshirts

Year 11 students can now order their Class of 26 Sweatshirts. Please click [here](#) for more information.



Where our values give us pride to believe and succeed

Theme of the Week

Media

Word of the Week

Value

Current Vacancies

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](#)



Celebration Morning

Congratulations to all students who celebrated completing Aim Higher English or Maths Revision Session. It was lovely to see you all there to share a Hot Chocolate and Cookie. Please keep up the good work.

Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all those who attended the Parent Information Evening last night on Teams. The presentation will be placed on the website in due course. For anyone who was unable to attend, as Parents/Carers you are all encouraged to visit the Academy Website to look at both the Attendance Information and Employability section.



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.



Christmas Church Services

During the week commencing Monday 15 December 2025 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 19 December 2025. For those students who use school transport, buses will be here at 12.30pm.

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](#).

The 12 Employability Skills of Christmas Competition!

Want to win a £20 Amazon voucher? It's easy! Students are invited to log their **employability skills** on Unifrog this December. To enter the prize draw, make sure you log **at least 12 skills** during the month.

Every skill you log counts as a step towards boosting your CV and showing off all the amazing things you can do!

Competition runs: 1–31 December

Prize draw: Early 2026

Don't miss out – start logging your skills today and get in with a chance to win!

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](#).



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.

