



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
19 December	All	Last Day of Term
5 January	All	All students to return
6 January	Year 11	RPE Pre PPE
13 January	Year 12	New York Parent Information Evening 5.30pm - Hall
20 January	Year 10	Ski Trip Parent Information Evening 5.30pm - Hall
20 January to 22 January	Year 12	Year 12 Criminology NEA Exams
21 January	Year 11	Poetry Live Trip
22 January	Year 13	Parents' Evening

Weekly Update from Mrs Cowper

What a fantastic week we have had at Kings Academy. Charities Week organised almost entirely by the Sixth Form Senior Students (with a helping hand from the Sixth Form Team) has created a wonderfully warm sense of belonging, joy and celebration in the school. What a pleasure to see colleagues and students working side by side to raise money for important charities. This week we have seen everything from the staff panto to Kings very own version of The Traitors. Students have also been busy creating their stalls and selling their wares. Sometimes it is difficult to describe the culture of a school, but this week has defined what Kings promotes. My thanks to every member of staff and all the students for going above and beyond to make this week a roaring success.

I also had the pleasure of attending the Somerset Music Concert at Wells Cathedral on Monday. The choir from Kings sang beautifully and students played in the orchestra with real precision. It was a wonderful evening! My thanks to Mr Wassall and his team for their support of the students.

As we head into the final week of term, we have a rewards event every day to celebrate students. There are also surprise events happening across the week for students to get involved in. Next week, Kings is the place to be!

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.

Class of 26 Sweatshirts

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

Year 11 Revision Timetable

Year 11 Revision Timetable is now available to via on the website. Please click [here](#) for more information.

All Parents/Carers Unifrog - Sign Up

You can create your own account to see key details about your child's Unifrog journey and access the tools in the same way that students do. Scan the QR code or www.unifrog.org/parent using your email address to get started.

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Flu Vaccinations – Community Clinics

Somerset SAINTS are running Community Flu Vaccinations. Please click [here](#) to view the clinic details.



Where our values give us pride to believe and succeed

Theme of the Week

Celebration

Word of the Week

Heroes

Current Vacancies

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](#)



Attendance and Getting Ready for Work

Please be advised that the presentation from the Online Teams Meeting is now available on the website. Please click [here](#) to view

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.



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](#).

Wessex Learning Trust Admission Arrangements for Somerset Schools (2027/28) Consultation

The Wessex Learning Trust are consulting on their 2027/28 admission arrangements. It is statutory to consult every 7 years or when a change is made. To view and comment on the arrangements please click [here](#). Our consultation will start on 1 December 2025 and end on 19 January 2026 and the final determined arrangements will be published on the Trust and our School website by 15 March 2026.

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.

