



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
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

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 **Monday 5 January 2026**.



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 2025 delivered an incredible array of entertaining events in support of our two chosen Charities. Students witnessed a Staff Panto, Traitors, Reindeer Run, Christmas Markets and Kings has got Talent. The longstanding tradition, running since the 1990s, continues to unite the school community in charitable giving – so far this year raising over £2700 for the charities. Thank you to everyone who was involved and for supporting this wonderful week.



Year 11 Revision Timetable

Year 11 Revision Timetable is now available to view 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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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.



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

Peace

Word of the Week

Goodwill

Current Vacancies

Data and Exams Assistant
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 is now available on the website [here](#).

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

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

Attendance

A thank you to all Parents and Carers for your 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@kowsessex.co.uk on each day of absence. Further information can be found on the website under Parents and then Attendance.

Employability Bulletin

To view our Employability Matters Bulletin please click [here](#)

Community

Family Support over Christmas

To support all families over the Christmas Break, please click [here](#) for information regarding where they can get free or cheap meals or emergency access to food banks, free or inexpensive activity days out, top tips for parents and free ideas for Parents/Carers to entertain the kids; together with emergency contact details to Somerset Children in Social care services for families if needed.

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@kowsessex.co.uk or by phone on 01934 742608.

