



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
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

Message from our Headteacher

It was delightful to see all students back in the Academy this week, refreshed after the Christmas break and looking forward to their learning. Thank you to all of you who supported over the break by replenishing stationery supplies and uniform where needed to ensure all our students are ready to learn. Students looked very smart in their 'Welcome Back' assemblies on Monday. In this assembly I reflected with the students on the theme of togetherness promoted through the New Year's Eve London firework display. In a time when our society can seem polarised regarding protected characteristics such as race, gender, religion and disability, my message was clear: at Kings Academy, we think before we speak and we think before we post with the overarching aim of being kind with our language choices. Our ambition to have an inclusive sense of belonging for all members of the Kings community is never more important and I would appreciate you reiterating these key messages at home.

Year 11 and Year 13 have busy schedules ahead as we begin the countdown to exams. The team at Kings is ready to help all students to 'Believe and Succeed'. I cannot emphasise enough that at this stage, every lesson is crucial and so ensuring your child attends every day will reduce those learning gaps in the future. If you feel you need support with your child's attendance to school, please get in touch and we will help.

Enjoy the weekend.

Year 10 Ski Trip 2026

We would like to invite Parents, Carers and Students who are attending this year's Ski Trip to Austria, to an Information Evening on Tuesday 20 January 2026 at 5.30pm in the Academy Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.



Year 8 Options Evening

Students choose their option subjects prior to entry into Year 9 and, therefore, we will be holding a Year 8 Choices Evening on Tuesday 3 February 2026 in the main hall, from 5.00pm. You will have the chance to visit each option subject and our subject specialists will be delighted to answer any questions you may have. For more information please click here.



Years 10 and 12 Work Experience

Year 12 Work Experience takes place the week commencing 29 June 2026 and Year 10 week commencing 6 July 2026. Please upload your placements on Unifrog as a priority.



Prom Dress and Suit Donations

We are looking for donations of Prom Dresses and Suits to make available to students who are looking to attend the Year 11 Prom in July. If you have any donations, please bring them to the main reception by Friday 6 February 2026.



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and succeed*

Theme of the Week

Education

Word of the Week

Integrity

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](#)



Year 11 Revision Timetable

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

Year 13 Reports

Year 13 Reports will be issued to Parents/Carers next week.

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.

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](#).



Breakfast Club and After-School Study Space

Launching on Monday 12 January: Breakfast Club & After-School Study Space

We are launching two new supportive community spaces for young people and families in Cheddar, delivered in partnership with Coffee@The Hub, conveniently located near Kings Academy and Fairlands Middle School.

Designed to respond to growing pressures on families, these sessions provide warmth, food, supervision and support before and after the school day.



Breakfast Club



7:30am – 8:30am | Monday and Wednesday

Start your day with:

- Low-cost breakfast
- Warm drinks
- A calm, friendly space
- People who are happy to listen (or just let you sit quietly)



After School Space



3:30pm – 5.00pm | Monday and Wednesday

Come along to:

- Get homework done (with help if you want it)
- Wi-Fi
- Hang out and chat
- Wait safely for a lift or bus
- Grab a snack and relax



Please scan the QR Code to book – Yellow QR code is Breakfast Club and Pink QR Code is After School

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.

