



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
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

As the mornings grow lighter, the focus at Kings Academy has shifted as students in exam year groups begin to knuckle down to revision timetable, past papers and completing Non-Examined Assessment content. It is always a proud moment to see students looking ahead with determination and resilience, keen to present their best selves in every lesson. This shift in focus resonates across the school as the other year groups watch and learn from their peers. I will reiterate the key message from last week; every lesson and everyday counts. We will be running several attendance initiatives over the next few months to increase student attendance as we know this has the most significant impact on outcomes and we want the very best for each and everyone of our young people.

I met with Year 11 this week to talk about the importance of owning your learning and demonstrating work ethic and I am pleased to report they were very receptive to this message. I cautioned against some of the message we sometimes hear from colleges who make promises to students who may not reach the grades they aspire to. Whilst there is a space for everyone at Kings Sixth, we will tell you that all your grades matter.

We will be working on a programme of support events for parents and carers over the next few months in order that you can feel empowered to help at home, should that be useful.

In the meantime, have a wonderful weekend.

Parent Survey – School Food Provision

We would like to invite parents and carers to complete a short survey about food provision at school. The purpose of this questionnaire is to help us understand what matters most to you regarding food at your child's school and how satisfied you are with the current service. Your feedback is valuable and will help inform future decisions to ensure our catering provision best meets the needs of our students and school community. Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

The survey is live from Friday 16 January and will close on Friday 30 January 2026. Please either use the QR code shown on the flyer [here](#) or follow the link below.
[Wessex Learning Trust - Parent survey](#)

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.



*Where our values give us pride to believe
and succeed*

Theme of the Week

Movement

Word of the Week

Freedom

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](#)



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.

Year 11 Communication and 15-1 Revision Resources

We have communicated today with Parents/Carers, information regarding exams and the 15 to 1 document to support with revision. To view the 15 to 1 document, please click [here](#).

Homework Club Reminder

Parents and carers are reminded that our Homework Club runs from Monday - Thursday **3.15pm to 4.00pm** in LIT. The club provides a quiet, supportive environment where students can complete homework, revise, and receive help from staff if needed. All students are welcome to attend, and no booking is required.

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.



Year 11 Revision Timetable

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

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.

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



Breakfast Club and After-School Study Space

Launched on Monday 12 January: Breakfast Club and After-School Study Space

We have launched 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