



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
9 March – 17 March	Year 13	PPE Exams
10 March	Year 11	Vaccination Catch Up Session
13 March	Year 11	Drama Component Practical Exam
17 March	Year 12	DT Ikea Trip
19 March	Year 12	Mock interviews

Message from our Headteacher

I am sure students have enjoyed the staffs' World Book Day costumes as much as we enjoyed dressing up. Promoting reading among young people is incredibly important, particularly in an age when screens often provide a more instant level of gratification. Research consistently shows that students who read for pleasure on a regular basis make stronger academic progress than those who do not. Perhaps even more importantly, reading helps young people to develop empathy and a broader understanding of the world around them. As a school, we remain committed to increasing opportunities for students to read to support both their academic success and their personal development.

While on the subject of screens, I would like to reiterate the importance of ensuring that students are using their devices appropriately and safely. I refer again to the guidance I shared earlier this week regarding the current TikTok trend known as "Red vs Blue". Since sending that message, we have received further communication from Somerset Council and the Police, advising schools to remain vigilant while also reassuring us that they are not currently investigating any cases specifically within this area. It remains vital that we continue to educate our community about responsible device use, how to engage with social media in a healthy way, and how to keep themselves safe online.

Thank you to all parents and carers of Year 9 students who joined us for Parents' Evening yesterday. Your feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we greatly appreciate your continued support. Well done also to our Year 11 students for a very successful PPE season. It is clear that students' confidence is growing as they recognise just how far they have progressed in their studies. Good luck to Year 13 who are up next.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and that the sunshine is here to stay!

Easter Holiday Revision Sessions

Communication has been sent to parents regarding the Easter and May Revision sessions for Year 11 and Year 13, details of which can be found [here](#). Bookings will open at 9am on Saturday 14 March via your My Child at School Parent account. There is a small charge towards the costs of these sessions to cover the cost of resources. This charge will be £5 per half day. Payment will need to be made at the time of booking.

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](#).

Author Visit – Rachel Delahaye

We are welcoming author, Rachel Delahaye, into the Academy on Tuesday 10 March 2026 to talk to students about creative writing and future worlds. For more information, please click [here](#).



Where our values give us pride to believe and succeed

Theme of the Week

Words

Word of the Week

Wisdom

Current Vacancies

Caretaker

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](#)



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World Book Day

It was World Book Day yesterday and some of our Kings staff were very creative with their costumes to make it a fun day. You can access the digital book token [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.

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.

Free parent webinar: Supporting success in secondary exams

Educake are offering a free webinar to parents on Tuesday 10th March 2026, 3:30pm-4:30pm. It aims to give parents practical, easy-to-use strategies to support learning at home. It is completely free to join and if families are unable to attend, you are still able to register and will automatically receive the full recording, to watch at a time more convenient. For more information please click [here](#).



Parent/Carer Session Around Online Grooming & Exploitation held by Avon and Somerset Police

Avon and Somerset Police are running a free online session designed to support families in understanding the risks of online grooming and exploitation. The session will enable families to learn how to keep children safe online and recognize the signs of grooming and exploitation. It will provide valuable insights and practical tips to help navigate the digital world with children and young people. Dates - 18 March – [Book Here](#) and 30 March – [Book Here](#)

Parents/Carers can access this FREE online session to

- Learn about different types of exploitation.
- Understand the signs that a child may be at risk or being groomed.
- Discover how offenders groom and exploit children, both on and offline
- Know how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns!

Led by Prevention Officer Andri Nicolaou from the dedicated child exploitation team.

Families are often the first to notice their child is being exploited.

Scan me to book for the 18th March

Scan me to book for the 30th March

Avon & Somerset Constabulary

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.

