



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
30 March to 2 April	All	Easter Church Services All Week
31 March	Years 11 and 13	Student Photos
1 April	All	Focus Day 2
2 April	Years 12 and 13	Exam Briefing at 8.45am
2 April	All	Last day of Term
3 April	Year 10	Ski Trip Departs
3 April to 17 April	All	Easter Holidays
20 April	All	Return to the Academy

### Message from our Headteacher

It has been another productive week at Kings Academy. We have welcomed back the boys who attended a trip to Rosslyn Park as well as welcoming Sixth Form students from other local areas into our Academy for a conference around Higher Education. It is always fantastic to watch our students engage with others either in the Academy or on trips to see how they use their valuable life skills to present themselves. That was especially true for some of our Year 12 students this week who were invited to be part of the panel in interviewing the candidates for the Chief Executive Officer of the Trust. Aoife, Daniel, Flynn and Isabelle conducted themselves with composure and assurance under a very different set of circumstances. Well done to them.

In addition to the letter sent to all parents and carers about our response to racist incidents in our school, I am looking for individuals from the Kings community to form a working party where we can review our next steps regarding a community action plan. If you think you would be able to support this work in any way I would be grateful for some of your time and would ask you to email the school office at [office@kowessex.co.uk](mailto:office@kowessex.co.uk). We will meet just after Easter at a mutually agreeable time to begin this valuable discussion.

Due to a few unforeseeable staffing issues, we have been creative with our timetabling this week and have put classes together in larger spaces to deliver some valuable teaching in core subjects. Please be assured that these sessions are carefully managed by the leadership team and the content is designed by Heads of Faculty to maximise learning time. We are confident this will be resolved by Easter.

Enjoy the weekend.

### Year 11 and Year 13 School Photos

On Tuesday 31 March, Tempest Photography will be visiting the Academy to take individual portrait photos of Year 11 students and year group photos of Year 11 and Year 13 students. All Year 11 students must wear correct school uniform, a blazer, house tie and black socks. Class of 26 jumpers cannot be worn.



### Year 11 Prom 2026 - Tickets Now on Sale

We are delighted to invite Year 11 students to the Prom on Thursday 2 July 2026 at The Batch Country House, for a Hog Roast, Chocolate Fountain, Disco and a Photobooth. Always a night to remember, tickets are available to purchase via My Child at School App.

### Year 11 Grade Reviews

Year 11 Grade Review reports have been published today and can be viewed on your parent Bromcom portal. Please navigate to the reports section where you will find the latest grade review for your child.



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#### **Theme of the Week**

Nourishment

#### **Word of the Week**

Flourishing

#### **Current Vacancies**

Lead Teacher of Design Technology – 0.8  
Exam Invigilator

For more information, please click [here](#)

Term Dates for 2025/2026 can be found by clicking [here](#)

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Our Parent Calendar can be found by clicking [here](#)



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## Year 10 Parents' Evening Thursday 30 April 2026

A letter has been sent to all Year 10 Parents/Carers with information regarding Year 10 Parents' Evening. For more information, please click [here](#).



## School Meal Vouchers

The Household Support Scheme, which is the scheme Somerset Council funded for Free School Meal vouchers during school holidays, is ending on 31 March 2026. Help is still available to households who receive free school meals and are worried about covering the cost of food during the Easter holiday.

Somerset Council is working with Citizens Advice (CA) to deliver vouchers from selected supermarkets to eligible families. The Easter Holiday Family Support service is available online now. Full details can be found here: [EHFS Form - Citizens Advice Somerset](#). Other help is also available during the Easter holiday such as the Happy Healthy Holidays (HHH) programme. Families with children eligible for free school meals can register for access to holiday clubs and camps. This Easter package also includes meals. The next HHH programme, organised through Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership (SASP), runs from 3 April - 19 April 2026. Families can also find support here: -

- [The Council's #Help4All scheme](#)
- [Community Hubs network](#)
- [Healthy Start – NHS – healthy food and milk](#)
- [The Local Pantry Network in Somerset](#)
- [Cost of living support for Somerset residents](#)

## Dates for your diary

Friday 24 April to Friday 1 May - GCSE French Speaking Exams  
Monday 27 April to Wednesday 6 May – Year 12 PPEs  
Monday 27 April to Friday 1 May - GCSE Art/Textiles Exams  
Monday 4 May - Bank Holiday  
Tuesday 5 May - GCSE Exams start  
Monday 11 May – A Level Exams start  
Thursday 14 May - Years 9 and 13 Ascension Day  
Tuesday 19 May to Thursday 21 May - Year 10 Geography Field Trips  
Tuesday 20 May and Wednesday 21 May - Year 9 Meningitis Vaccinations



## Easter Revision Sessions

We would like to remind students that there are still places available on the Year 11 and Sixth Form Holiday Revision Programme. Details can be found on the website [here](#). If your son/daughter is interested in any of these sessions, then you will need to book them through the Store (School Shop) in your My Child at School (MCAS) parent account. Places are limited and some subjects are now full. The remaining sessions will be available to book until Sunday 29 March 2026. Information regarding Maths revision sessions will be communicated after the Easter break.

## 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](#).

## Meningitis

We understand that recent news reports about the meningitis outbreak in Kent may be concerning for Parents, Carers and students. Please see information below.

Routine Prevention – Meningitis

Recognise the signs and symptoms [www.meningitis.org/about-meningitis/symptoms](http://www.meningitis.org/about-meningitis/symptoms).

If a suspected case of meningitis was ever identified in your setting, the Health Protection Team would advise you directly on immediate steps, communication, and any required risk assessment. Further information on meningococcal disease is available from: -

The NHS - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/>

The Meningitis Research Foundation - [www.meningitis.org](http://www.meningitis.org) 0808 800 3344 (24 hours)

Meningitis Now - [www.meningitisnow.org](http://www.meningitisnow.org) 0808 80 10 388 (9am – 8pm)

UKHSA Blog - <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2025/10/31/what-is-meningitis-symptoms-risks-and-how-to-protect-yourself/>

## **Prom Donations**

At Kings Academy, we recognise that attending The Prom can be a financial burden on families, especially with the cost-of-living crisis. We want to support where we can and, therefore, we are thrilled to announce that our Preloved Prom Wear Shop will be open after Easter. We are completely overwhelmed by the generosity of our community, and we thank everyone who has contributed to the success of the Kings Prom Shop so far. We would be delighted to receive any donations of dresses, suits and accessories. We want to make sure all our students can create lasting memories in a sustainable and affordable way. Donations can be dropped at the main school reception by Thursday 2 April 2026.

## **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](mailto:RMotion@kowessex.co.uk) or by phone on 01934 742608.

