

The King's Chronicles



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National Apprenticeship Week (8-12 February)

Next week, 8th-12th February, is National Apprenticeship Week, designed to raise awareness of the range of apprenticeships available and how to access them. Many of us associate apprenticeships with the trades, but the current story is very different, with apprenticeships available for a wide variety of careers, from accountancy to nursing, from hairdressing to engineering. The list is ever widening – watch this short video to find out more: <https://vimeo.com/499561236>. Apprenticeships are also available at a variety of levels- including as a post A level option, leading to a degree.

There is a range of activities available; and information will be shared to each year group's Careers Class on Teams. You will also find more information on the school careers page, <https://www.thekingsacademy.org.uk/students/careers/> including a parent pack on apprenticeships. In addition, Year 8 and above can log onto www.unifrog.org and use the Apprenticeships tool to search for possibilities.

Ms Gibson - Careers Lead

Cook with King's

Hello everyone from the Hospitality and Catering department! We hope you are all cooking up a storm in the kitchen at the moment.

As we are unable to run practicals at the moment we have launched 'Cook with King's' on each year group's Teams page. So if you have been busy in the kitchen we'd love to see what you've made. Simply send in a picture to the 'Cook with King's' assignment for a fortnightly shout-out. As Shrove Tuesday is this month we'd love to see your pancake creations– and to a crucial question: what's your favorite topping?! We look forward to seeing your Master Chef Skills.

Mrs Jones - Head of Food Technology

Apprenticeship Events

'Apprentice Talk Sessions' for Y10 – 13 on Monday 8 February 3pm - 5pm, (so can be accessed after school), where 12 different apprentices highlight their career journeys. Please register here: <https://www.research.net/r/NAW2021>

On Tuesday 9 February, 10am-4pm, UCAS will be hosting a **Virtual Apprenticeships Event** to help students, parents and teachers discover apprenticeships <https://www.ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships/discover-apprenticeships>

Coming Soon!

As we face the many challenges this pandemic has had on our daily lives this term, we want to try and restore some hope and light in these uncertain times. We have found the perfect solution to bring us all together in these tiresome days to spread some much-needed joy...



If you haven't watched the current Saturday evening ITV show: it sees 'celebrities' sing their heart out whilst in disguise. Viewers then have to guess who these 'celebrities' are!

The staff here at The King's Academy are currently rehearsing their final performances for tutors to upload on their Tutor Teams account. Students can then participate in identifying each singer. A 'sneak peek' is already available for students to promote the final event. We hope this to be an uplifting and positive end to a difficult half term for students and staff!

Mrs Dodsworth - Assistant Principal KS4

Introducing:



On my daily journeys to and from positions at Conyers, Stockton Sixth Form College & St Peter's Catholic College over the past decade, I would pass The King's Academy and look upon the fantastic building and growing facilities with envy.

Being appointed as Head of History, Politics & Sociology, starting last term, has led to a great opportunity to shape the lives of young people: from inducting them into an interest in History, to supporting the maturity of young scholars preparing to explore our subjects at university.

The genuine warmth and collegiality of the staff and the evident willingness to learn of the students, truly mark The King's Academy as a Teesside school apart from others.

Support from Outside Agencies

Below is a list of some of the services that we signpost families to when they need specialist support. You can also access help through your GP. The main message to take away is that if you or your family are struggling there are avenues of support that can potentially help.

Mrs Manthy - Director of Safeguarding

Area	Support available from (among others...)
Mental Health and Wellbeing	www.youngminds.org.uk (refer your child to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service here) www.themix.org.uk www.kooth.com
Relationships and Domestic Abuse	www.relate.org.uk www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk
Bereavement	www.crusenortheast.org.uk www.griefencounter.org.uk
Eating Disorders	www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk www.childline.org.uk
Just Need To Talk?	Tel: 0800 1111 www.samaritans.org Tel: 116 123

Keep catering on

In contrast with many other schools, students working on site continue to benefit from a great choice of freshly prepared meals every lunchtime in "Still Waters", our downstairs restaurant.

We have worked hard to put additional measures in place to ensure that operations are Covid-secure. A hot lunch helps to set students up for afternoon lessons and is proving a real boost for everyone in these perishingly cold winter days.

My team and I are missing the buzz of a normal lunchtime service, but we've been able to use this time to experiment with some different recipes. These have proven popular and we are pleased to be able to provide an essential service which is greatly valued in these testing times.

Mrs Jones - Catering Manager



A view of the meals available

Additional Notices

If your child is unable to remember their password:

- This link will guide you in the steps to take: [Remote Learning | The King's Academy](#)
- Email: Studentsupport@thekingsacademy.org.uk
- Use your full name.
- Use the email address your child gave the school as a contact.
- Use your child's full name and their form group.

The page linked above also includes an FAQ document called 'Helping Students on Teams'.