



King's High School



**FESTIVAL OF  
IDEAS**

**NEW BEGINNINGS**

MONDAY 11 – FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2019

A week of inspirational events designed to make you think, question and enjoy learning from leaders in their fields.

## Monday 11 November

9.00am – 1.00pm

### Roman workshop with Portals to the Past – Year 8

Time-travelling historians with a passion for the past will take Year 8 on an immersive, engaging and motivating journey to study life in Britain under the Pax Romana, the long period of relative peacefulness experienced by the Roman Empire.

1.05pm – 2.05pm

### Poetry Workshop with Dr Gregory Leadbetter 12 places – Innovation Space

Gregory Leadbetter is the King's Poet in Residence. He will be holding a small, interactive workshop looking at "Poetry and the Powers of Renewal".

2.15pm – 3.05pm

### Years 10 & 11 and open to Sixth Form Main Hall

3.10pm – 4.00pm

Years 7, 8 & 9 – Main Hall

### Poetry talk with Dr Gregory Leadbetter

Gregory Leadbetter is the King's Poet in Residence. He will be talking about how reading poetry makes our experience of the world new – and therefore, how the making of poetry becomes itself an origin and a new source in our reality.



Dr Gregory Leadbetter is a poet and literary critic, with an interest in the English Romantic movement. He has published widely as both an academic and a poet, and currently directs the Institute of Critical and Creative Writing at Birmingham City School of English. He is the Poet in Residence at King's High this year, which involves working with students to produce an anthology of work to celebrate our first year in our wonderful new school.

## Tuesday 12 November

9.00am – 11.00am

### Careers Hot Seating event with King's Parents Year 9 – Main Hall

An opportunity for girls to talk to parents working in a wide range of career areas and get an honest insight in to their worlds of work.

2.15pm – 3.05pm

### Criminology Lecture with Ian McKim Year 10 and open to Sixth Form – Main Hall "Why are we so fascinated by crime?"

We only have to look at the news on any given day to see that crime is a big social problem; knife crime on the rise, drug gangs moving across county borders, the list goes on. At the same time the media, such as Netflix, can't seem to produce enough crime drama and documentaries to satisfy our insatiable appetite for this topic. Similarly, books telling the story of serial killers fly off the shelves. It seems that crime does pay. However, this media portrayal of crime distorts the reality on the ground. Ian McKim will discuss this disparity and the implications of this as well as talking a little about the types of careers that criminologists can enter.

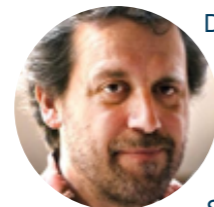


Ian McKim is the Head of Criminology at the University of South Wales. His research interests include Direct Action & Protest, Media and Crime as well as Youth Culture

3.10pm – 4.00pm

### "Globe to Globe" Talk with Dominic Dromgoole Year 11 and open to 6th Form – Main Hall "Globe to Globe: Taking Hamlet to Every Country in the World"

A former Artistic Director of The Globe Theatre, Dominic Dromgoole will talk about the extraordinary journey of taking Shakespeare's play Hamlet around 300 countries over the course of two years. From encounters with Barack Obama to a mid-performance sandstorm in a Zataari refugee camp, Mr Dromgoole will share personal stories as dramatic and fascinating as the age-old story of Hamlet itself.

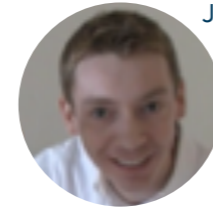


Dominic Dromgoole is a theatre and film director who was previously Artistic Director at the Globe. He has directed flagship productions of all the major plays, and has engaged thousands of people around the world with the work of Shakespeare.

## Wednesday 13 November

### All day – Enigma Coding Workshops with James Grime – Year 7 Period 1 – all Year 7 – Main Hall Periods 2-6 – rota of forms in workshops – Innovation Space

James will present his "Enigma Project", with follow-up workshops, on the fascinating history and mathematics of codes and code breaking. Spies, secrets, and espionage, it will even include a demonstration of an original Enigma Machine!



James is a mathematician with a personal passion for maths communication and the promotion of mathematics in schools and to the general public. He can be mostly found doing exactly that, either touring the world giving public talks, or on YouTube.

James has a PhD in mathematics and his academic interests include group theory (the mathematics of symmetry) and combinatorics (the mathematics of networks and solving problems with diagrams and pictures). James also has a keen interest in cryptography (the mathematics of codes and secret messages), probability (games, gambling and predicting the future) and number theory (the properties of numbers).

2.15pm – 4.00pm

### Celebration of Achievement with Rachel Findler Year 12 pupils and Parents – Main Hall

Whilst also celebrating the achievements of our Year 12 girls in this summer's GCSE examinations, Rachel Findler will be sharing her story of how she became ranked 3rd in the world on the Free Skiing World Tour. While she shares her amazing stories of travelling to mountains around the world she also focuses on the hard work and determination it took to become a professional extreme skier. Rachel has gripping stories of being out in the mountains, being stalked by a mountain lion, sleeping in the snow in -20 degrees, dodging an avalanche by split seconds and having to keep her cool when being rescued after an injury when skiing miles from anywhere.



Educated at St George's School, Ascot, Rachel now runs her own company in London advising businesses how to implement the athlete mentality into their work place to help employees become healthier and motivated thus increasing productivity and efficiency. Rachel spent her school years day-dreaming about becoming a professional skier and finally achieved her goal when she took the leap of faith of moving to Whistler, Canada in 2004. Rachel knew she wanted to be a professional skier but she had no idea this would lead to her jumping out of helicopters and skiing off 30 foot cliffs.

## Thursday 14 November

11.20am – 12.10pm

### Introduction to Russian Workshop with Alexandra Kulikova – 25 places

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Alexandra will be leading two workshops in which girls will have the opportunity to experience an introduction to the Russian language.

Alexandra Kulikova graduated

from Saint-Petersburg (Russia) Teachers' Training University with a degree in Philology, Teaching of Russian Language and Literature with a major in "Linguistics and Literary Criticism". Following experience in book editing, translation and proofreading (during which time she had five books published), Alexandra is now a Russian Teaching Fellow at the University of Warwick.

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### Introduction to Japanese Workshop with Rui Lee – 25 places

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### Introduction to Japanese Workshop with Rui Lee – 25 places

Rui will be leading two workshops in which girls will have the opportunity to experience an introduction to Japanese.



Rui Lee was born in Osaka and has lived in various countries including the US and Singapore. She completed her undergraduate degree in Japanese Linguistics with a focus on teaching Japanese as a foreign language and is now a Japanese Languages tutor at the University of Warwick



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