

IN TOUCH



HEADTEACHER'S LETTER No 2

13TH DECEMBER 2006

KINGSDOWN SCHOOL
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Dear Parents

As usual this has been a busy Autumn term for all at Kingsdown. At the end of October we said goodbye to David Williams who had been headteacher for 17 years, and we welcome Wendy Taylor who will join us as Kingsdown's new headteacher after the February half term break.

Thank you to all the parents who came into school on Academic Tutoring Day to discuss your child's progress with their tutor - we had an excellent turnout and it was a productive day. As the Christmas festivities get underway in preparation for the end of term, I would also like to thank those parents who come along to support the concerts and other events which enrich your children's education.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Mrs Barton, Acting Headteacher



PRESENTATION EVENING

Yet again, this evening proved to be a great success. Our sincere thanks are expressed to Mr John Marshall our guest speaker and a former student of Kingsdown School who spoke so eloquently.

Congratulations also to all of the students whose many achievements were celebrated on this prestigious occasion.

Year Prizes for Outstanding Academic Progress:

Year 7	.....	Gemma Turner
Year 8	.....	Gemma Allen
Year 9	.....	Rozanna Walecki
Year 10	.....	Zoe Bucko
Year 11	.....	Clare Phelps

Best Results in Y9 Key Stage 3 Tests:

English	.....	Jodi Walsh
Maths	.....	Jodi Walsh
Science	.....	Jodi Walsh

Outstanding GCSE Achievements:

Emily Duncan
Stuart Ford
Roselyn Taylor

Outstanding Attendance Award:

David Harmer
Jonathan Harmer

Commendation Awards for Various Aspects of School Life:

Emily Duncan	Luke Clarke
Samantha Field	Emily Duncan
Emily Duncan	Craig Taylor
Jamie Hobbs	Christopher Proctor
Sean Flack	Stuart Ford
Jemima Palfreyman	Gareth Sharma
Michaela Johnson	Victoria Mulcock
Chris Tagg	

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS

These take place from Monday 8th January to Friday 12th January. All students will have a personalised timetable for the week and parent's are advised that students should only be in school for scheduled

LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS

REMINDER

Any student who wishes to go home for lunch must get a pass from their Year Leader. Students should not leave the school site at lunchtime unless they have a current

YEAR 10 SCIENCE EXAM

A reminder of key dates for Year 10:

- *Thursday 14th December 2006 Science Mock Exam*
Students will be given feedback on their performance and set changes will be made where necessary. Parents will be informed where set changes occur.
- *Tuesday 16th January 2007 Science GCSE Exam*
Worth 33.3% of grade, students must bring the following equipment with them:
 - An electronic calculator
 - A ruler
 - A pencil

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENT	DATE
Term 3 (Spring term) begins	Monday 8th January
KS4 Options Evening (parents of current Y9 students should attend)	Wednesday 17th January
Year 7 Parents Evening	Tuesday 23rd January
Year 9 Parents Evening	Wednesday 31st January
End of Term 3 (Half Term)	Friday 16th February
Term 4 begins	Monday 26th February

CYCLE SAFETY

Some students have been seen riding their bikes without lights on, this is extremely dangerous especially when it is foggy and when the light is poor during the day.

Cyclists riding in the dark without adequate lights and reflectors are at greater risk of being involved in a road accident. Therefore please can you ensure that any student riding a bike to school has sufficient lights in order to be seen.



EXTENDED SCHOOLS

Thank you to all parents who completed the Extended Schools questionnaires which were distributed recently. Your answers are being analysed and will be used to help us plan any Extended Schools services to be developed over the coming school terms.

One area of Extended Schools services that will take place during the Spring Term is our collaboration with Swindon Borough Council's Youth Service. This new collaboration will help us to provide a range of new activities for the 70 Kingsdown students who are working towards achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Awards at both bronze and silver level. In addition, the Youth Centre building based on the Kingsdown School site, will be opening 3 lunchtimes a week and providing an exciting range of "taster" activities for students to try

SWINDON LEARNING PARTNERSHIP ARE OFFERING

LIBRARY SOKs CLUB

STRATTON

MONDAY 4.30pm to 6.30pm

SOKs is a family learning club which is free. A chance to come along together and work on homework projects, general interests, hobbies and topics.

A support tutor is available to help out at all times with free internet access, free colour printing and free photocopying.

TD DAYS

Friday 20th April 07

Monday 14th May 07

STAFF CHANGES

NEW STARTERS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2006

Mrs Carter	PA to Headteacher	Mr Marner	Classroom Supervisor
Mr Cullingford	Temporary Caretaker	Miss Morel	Foreign Language Assistant
Ms Curtis	SPLD	Mrs Pearce	MDSA
Miss Dehler	Foreign Language Assistant	Mr Read	ICT Technician
Mrs Dill	TA Learning Support	Mr Reardon	TA Learning Support
Miss Fox	Classroom Supervisor	Mrs Whitehead	MDSA

We wish everyone good luck in their new job at Kingsdown School

MEMBERS OF STAFF LEAVING THIS TERM

Mrs Easton	ASD Teacher	Mr Williams	Headteacher
Mrs Parks	Drop-In Centre Coordinator	Mrs Williams	PA to Headteacher
Miss Simpson	Year Leader of Yr8	Mr Wright	ASD Teaching Assistant
Mrs Suppiah	MDSA	Miss Wynter	Administrative Officer
Mrs Thielen	Teacher of Geography		

We wish them well in the future and thank them for all they have done for us at Kingsdown.

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TUTOR BY TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2006.

I have received Headteacher's Letter no 2 dated 13th December 2006.

Child's Name: Tutor Group :

Signed :

