

Parent Newsletter - 10th July 2026

Headteacher message

Thank you for all your support throughout this year which has been a great one. We had a very successful RLT Peer Review, further embedded our Teaching & Learning framework and we were delighted to see that nearly 95% of our rising Year 7 parents have chosen Kingsdown as their school of choice. We are looking forward to receiving our GCSE results in August and sharing the success with students and parents.

We say farewell to three teachers and thank them for their dedication and service to the school - Mrs Hill, Mr Darko and Mr Newman. We will miss them all and wish them well.

In September we will welcome Mrs Victor - Head of MFL, Miss Thompson - Geography Teacher and Miss Marshall - Science Teacher as well as Mrs Johnson-Jones who joins the Leadership Team in RS.



Timetable

We are fully staffed for September and the timetable has been written. The student timetables will be printed and available for students on Wednesday 3rd September. We reopen in September with extended tutor time for tutors to share the very few timetable changes with their tutees.

Wimbledon

On Tuesday 7th July, we took 8 students to experience Day 9 of Wimbledon. We spent the day on Court 2, watching some fantastic high-stakes tennis as the tournament moved into its crucial second week. We were treated to a brilliant lineup of quarter-finals and semi-final doubles matches. Watching the drama of these knockout stages unfold in person was an unforgettable experience. The students represented the school brilliantly throughout the day, bringing plenty of enthusiasm to the stands.



Year 11 Prom

Year 11 had a beautiful evening for their prom of Friday 3rd July. This took place at Blunsdon House Hotel, we saw a variety of modes of transport including mobility scooters this year! They were up on the dance floor from the get go which was lovely to see, we shared awards for 'the most likely' where students had previously voted and they danced the night away doing the conga.

We hope you all had the best evening, you really have deserved it after all of the hard work you have put in.



DT - Food containers

The DT Food Department have a lot of plastic containers left over from students who have not collected them. Please can these be collected before the end of term. Any containers not collected will be put in for recycling. Many thanks.

World Cup Fever #Food Technology

Our Food Department has been buzzing with World Cup fever this week! Ahead of England's massive game this Saturday, our talented students have been celebrating global cultures through the medium of cake! We've seen a brilliant array of countries represented through vibrant icing, creative sprinkles, and custom-made flags. From meticulous flag designs to colorful team-inspired toppings, our kitchens have never looked so festive.

Take a look at some of these incredible creations! Best of luck to England this weekend! Let's bring it home!



KS3 Reports

Later today, Year 7, 8 and 9 parents and carers will be able to access Term 6 reports from MCAS. Some parents have communicated that they do not get notifications about report updates, so we will always put something in the newsletter, but you may need to check your notification settings in MCAS.

Big Business Day Swindon - 9th July

Year 10 Business Students took part in the Platform Project Big Business Day! 🚀 Students stepped up to the challenge in an exciting inter-school Dragons' Den Competition 🌱🔥 and heard some incredibly inspiring talks from local entrepreneurs.

☀️ One of our amazing guest speakers was Tony Roberts, CEO of the Imagine Cruising Group, who shared his phenomenal career journey so far! 🚢🌊

👏 A truly inspiring day for our students—and a huge thank you to everyone involved! 🎓✨
#BusinessLeaders #Inspiration #Swindon #Ambition #platformproject



Celebrating an incredible achievement

Over the past year, 11 of our **Year 8 students** have been hard at work participating in The Scholars Programme. Guided by lecturer Lilliana Soto from the University of Leeds, they've been diving deep into the fascinating world of Philosophy of Science, exploring the big question: "Why are we here?"

The journey culminated in a fantastic graduation ceremony at the **University of Bath!** Our students had the chance to tour the campus, explore the university's facilities, and get a real taste of student life. It was a day filled with inspiration, helping them look ahead and start dreaming about their own future paths.

So proud of our scholars for their hard work, curiosity, and dedication!

#ScholarsProgramme #FutureLeaders #Year8
#UniversityOfBath #PhilosophyOfScience
#StudentLife #ProudMoment



Future events and important dates

13.07.26 - Mock Interviews

14.07.26 - Post 16 Further Education Careers Fair

15.07.26 - AI Brilliant Club Graduation

17.07.26 - Sports Day

20.07.26 - Reward Trips

21.07.26 - End of Academic Year

Students finish at 12.15pm

01.09.26 - Teacher Training Day (students not in school)

02.09.26 - Teacher Training Day (students not in school)

03.09.26 - School reopens for students



With our continued thanks. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any further information. Please be reminded that we have a 5 day response time.

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Headteacher



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