

Parent Newsletter - 12th June 2026

### **Year 6 Welcome Evening**

On Thursday we welcomed our parents and carers for our rising Year 7's - cohort 2032. It was a super evening and we are very much looking forward to our Year 6's joining us for their transition events and then stepping up for Year 7.

95% of families had chosen Kingsdown as their first choice. We are absolutely delighted.



### **Safeguarding Audit**

Thank you so much for taking the time out for us to complete our safeguarding audit – it was a real pleasure coming into Kingsdown. We were made to feel really welcome by your team, staff and students during our visit.

It was particularly lovely to witness how engaging the students were with staff and how polite they were to us as visitors.

Please pass on our thanks and share with Emma. Look forward to seeing you soon  
Best wishes

Tanya Westall  
Lead Safeguarding Adviser  
Swindon Borough Council

### **Safety on our roads - in and around the school**

Can we ask all parents and carers to remind their children of the importance of being really attentive when walking to and from school. Thank you for reminding your children to be phone free at his time as well as earphone free.



## School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) Report

We are delighted to share the SCITTs Ofsted report - which is attached to the email. ITT providers have 5 judgment areas, and the SCITT achieved Exceptional in all of them.

"We work closely with our local Initial Teaching Training Provider, OTT SCITT, which is also part of RLT and serves schools across Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Wiltshire. We are delighted to share their Ofsted report which recognises the high quality training delivered by the SCITT and partner schools."

## Careers - June Events for Year 10

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Careers Talk Workshops (All Day)

Year 10 students will attend career workshops throughout the day, students have selected their workshop choices via a Google Form. Room locations and final choices will be confirmed before the event.

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Unifrog Virtual Work Experience (WEX)

Year 10 students will be given the opportunity to register for Virtual Work Experience, students will be sent a Google Form on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. There are limited spaces available and sessions will be held in the Annexe. Daily focus areas:

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June (Sodexo - Hospitality) - Students will get into the role of a Head Chef. They will tackle three catering briefs, including planning a royal menu for Ascot, adapting a corporate menu for sustainability and analysing street food concepts using costing formulas.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June (NHS - Healthcare) : Students will experience three community-based clinical roles: district nurse, psychological wellbeing practitioner, and primary care pharmacist to build observation, caring and resilience skills.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July (ASDA - Retail) : Students will take on the roles of retail buyer, retail manager and fashion designer to solve real-world retail challenges focused on accessibility and inclusivity.

## Celebration Assemblies

This week our Heads of Houses have delivered celebration assemblies. Congratulations to all students who were nominated and achieved certificates and BEAT badges.

## Year 11

Next Tuesday we say a fond farewell to our Year 11's and we are looking forward to meeting them at 6.30am at McDonalds, Greenbridge and then walking to school for their shirt signing, farewell assembly and then their final departure through the Kingsdown guard of honour. Our Year 11's have been exceptional in their commitment and dedication over the exam period.



## Future events and important dates

- 15.06.26 - Fresh Air Art Trip
- 16.06.26 - Year 11 Leavers Day
- 17.06.26 - Year 5 Open Morning
- 17.06.26 - New College Open Evening - Queens Drive
- 18.06.26 - Year 9/10 Athletics Competition
- 19.06.26 - Cyber Taster Day
- 19.06.26 - Year 5 Open Morning
- 20.06.26 - Year 6 Uniform Pop Up Shop  
(Appointment only 9.30am - 3.30pm)
- 22.06.26 - Year 5 Open Morning
- 22.06.26 - Year 10 Speaking Exams (2 days)
- 23.06.26 - New College North Start Open Evening
- 23.06.26 - Recital Evening 6.30pm
- 25.06.26 - Cirencester College Open Evening
- 25.06.26 - Year 7/8 Athletics Competition

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.

**Mrs Leigh-Bennett**  
Headteacher



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