KINGSDOWN SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter - 13th Nov 2026

Attendance Data

Last week the Department for Education published schools' annual attendance data. All schools' attendance rates get ranked against 21 similar schools.

We were absolutely delighted to see and hear that Kingsdown was ranked 1st. We were ranked top for the best attendance when compared to similar schools.

Thank you all for your continued support to be in school each and every day.

Department for Education

By way of recognising our students' commitment to be 1% better every week and term with their attendance there will be a non-uniform day on Friday 27th November.

Thank you for all your ongoing support. Attendance really does matter and makes such a difference.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett, Mrs Agambar and the Attendance Team

Feeding Little Bellies Campaign

'Feeding Little Bellies' Campaign is through the Swindon Food Collective. The first campaign we did was the Summer campaign where we gave out 33 food bags and the recent Autumn campaign we were able to give out 52.

These have helped out a lot of our families and most are young carers. Thank you for all your support with this great initiative.





Visibility

As the mornings and evenings are now darker, we kindly ask for your support in keeping our students safe and visible on their journeys to and from school.

Whether walking, cycling, or waiting at bus stops, students are much harder for drivers to see during twilight and dark hours. Please encourage your child to wear bright or reflective clothing or accessories, high-visibility strips on their coats and backpacks.

If your child rides a bike or scooter, please ensure their lights are fully charged and working, and that they wear a helmet. Thank you for partnering with us to keep our school community safe.

U16 Netball Team

This week our U16 netballers competed in the Swindon School Netball Finals against Bradon and LPA, finishing in a fantastic 2nd place.

One of our students - Lily - also received the U16 player of the tournament.



Reading at home

At Kingsdown, reading is prioritised as a foundational skill: not only does it affect academic success but it also has a significant impact on wellbeing. In your child's planner, there is space for a reading goal to be set each week. Please support them to spend at least 10 minutes each day reading and to complete their quizzes on Accelerated Reader. If they need to change their library book, the library is open every break and lunchtime as well as before and after school. Thank you for championing your child with this vital activity.

Start of Year 11 Mocks

Our year 11's have completed their first week of mock exams and they have done incredibly well. We have one more week of mocks to go, after this teachers will mark their papers and create 'personal learning checklists' which can then be used to improve their grades further.

We have our mock celebration assembly on the 9th December before our year 11 Parents and Carers evening on Thursday 10th December, we look forward to seeing you all then.

Future events and important dates

16.11.26 - Year 11 Mocks (all week)
25.11.26 - Recital Evening
30.11.26 - TD Day (school closed)
03.12.26 - Year 7 Christmas Disco
10.12.26 - Year 11 Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm
14.12.26 - Christmas Concert
18.12.26 - Christmas Jumper/Non School Uniform
18.12.26 - End of Term students finish at 12.15pm



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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