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It's hard to believe that we have come to the end of term 2 and 2021. Our thanks for your continued support. Term 2 has been a challenging and also exceptionally rewarding one - to say the least. In particular we have:

- **Celebrated** - Victories in our sports' teams and seeing our students learn many new skills from our Enrichment Wednesday
- **Supported** - Several charities, one another, our local primary schools in our Enrichment activities
- **Shared** - and developed our digital strategy and good practice.

Thank you for taking the time to read this last edition of Six Clixs. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school from 5th Jan. Thank you for reading the reopening timings carefully. You will see that mass testing forms a key part of our reopening plans - again.

For now wishing you and your family a peaceful and relaxing break. Our Safeguarding team will be available via SHARPs over the holiday.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett & the Kingsdown Team

End of Term 2 arrangements



Kingsdown school will close to all at the end of Period 3-12pm on Friday 17th December.

Our students are invited to wear Christmas Jumper on our last day. A £1 donation from each student will go towards the 'Save the Children' charity. Thank you for supporting one of our school's charities.



Swindon Food Collective

This year we are running a **KingsAid** appeal to collect supplies for our more vulnerable families within our community. Any contributions will be taken to Swindon Food Aid on the 16th December.

Please ask your child to take your contributions to their Progress Leader. Thank you for your kindness.

SHOPPING LIST

Please note we are unable to include fresh or chilled foods in our parcels. We welcome tinned and dried foods. The list below is a guideline:

- Cereal
- Soup (can / packet)
- Beans / spaghetti in sauce
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned meats - pies, corned beef, ham, etc
- Tinned fish - tuna, salmon, sardines, etc
- Tinned vegetables / pulses
- Tinned and packet potatoes, eg: Smash
- Pasta / rice / noodles
- Pasta sauces - meat and veg
- Steam puddings and custard
- Tinned fruit, evaorated milk / cream
- Rice pudding
- Biscuits
- Preserves, eg: jam, choc / peanut spread
- Tea / coffee
- Sugar
- Milk - UHT and powder
- Squash / juice
- Treats, eg: chocolate
- Snacks, eg: crisps
- Basic toiletries
- Toothpaste
- Sanitary products, eg: tampons / towels
- Wash powder / washing up liquid
- Toilet roll
- Nappies / wipes



ATL & Progress data



By Wednesday 15th December:

- **Y7 and Y8** will be receiving their attitude to learning report for term 2 by **Wednesday 15th December**. Here is a short video to support your understanding of the report. <https://youtu.be/DpOkHKdM0h0>
- **Y9** will be receiving their ATL and Progress report. Here is a short video to guide you through the **2 different** reports. <https://youtu.be/XxPa3KhecFY>
- **Y10** will be receiving their ATL and Progress report. Here is the video. <https://youtu.be/lqFJvpJj9f0>

Reporting in Term 3:

- **Y7** progress data will be sent home on **Monday 24th January** in advance of the parents' evening on the **Thursday 27th January**.
- **Y8 ATL and progress data** will be sent home **w/c Monday 14th February**.
- **Y9-11** ATL reports will be sent home **w/c 14th February**

Calendar / Events for T3 - each year group



Date	Event	Year group
04.01.22	TD Day - school closed 5th & 6th Mass Testing, please refer to the school website	All year groups
19.01.22	Kew Gardens Trip	Year 10
20.01.22	Parents' Evening & Options Information	Year 9
26.01.22	Parents' Evening	Year 7
01.02.22	University Visits	Years 10 & 11
02.02.22	School Production - Aladdin	All Years

Timetable changes



We are delighted that our student numbers are growing and in particular, in Year 9.

As a result, we are expanding our **Year 9** from **6** tutor groups to **7**.

This means that we have been busy developing a new timetable for January 2022.

- Every student in the school will receive a new timetable.
- Most students will remain with their current teachers.
- Timetables will be distributed to students during BEAT time in January.

Reopening plans



Please find the video for the reopening and testing timetable below. If you have any questions, please contact your child's Progress Leader.



Road Safety / Personal Safety - Yr 7 Event



Alert Today- Alive Tomorrow

This week Year 7 had Wednesday off timetable to take part in a personal safety day. The event focussed on 4 key areas- online safety, the Emergency services, Anti bullying and Road safety. The BBC joined us for the take and are looking forward to working with us as we continue to profile this.



Safeguarding message



Christmas is a wonderful time for us to have a rest and catch up with family and friends. There are times when you may feel that you need to speak to someone either about mental health, well being or safeguarding.

Here are some useful links for support over the Christmas period:

- **Who to speak to if you are worried about domestic abuse:**
[Swindon Womens Aid](#)
- **Support with addiction:**
[U turn](#)
- **Mental health support, if your child is experiencing low mood.**
5-19year olds- [Trailblazers](#)
14-19 year olds- [Ontrak](#)
- **Who to contact if your child is having suicidal thoughts:**
[CALM](#)
- **Who you can speak to if you are worried about sexual behaviours:**
[NSPCC](#)
- **Who to speak with if you have a safeguarding worry:**
Swindon [Multi- Agency Safeguarding Hub](#)

Term 3 preparation and reminders



A reminder to use the break to ensure that pencil cases are restocked and uniform is in line with our policy.

Please check the uniform policy [here](#). Examples can be found [here](#).



Equipment List

Essential Equipment:

All students are required to have the following essential equipment with them at all times

1. A sturdy bag for carrying books and equipment
2. Student Planner (this will be ordered by school)
3. A pencil case (named) containing -

2 black or blue pens
a pen of a different colour
(for underlining, etc.)
green pen
eraser
colouring pencils
calculator (we recommend Sharp ELS31 GH)

2 pencils
pencil sharpener
ruler
protractor
a pair of compasses
pocket dictionary

Desirable Equipment:

scissors
glue stick
small note pad/rough book to record personal notes
plastic wallet/folder for storing loose worksheets, library books, etc.

Farewell to Mrs Magenty



Some of our parents and students have known and been supported by Mrs Magenty - our DSL - Designated Safeguarding Lead - and seen first hand her commitment, dedication and expertise. She has given 3 years of service to Kingsdown and our community.

In November she was promoted to a Deputy Head post in the River Learning Trust. We all wish her well.

She will be hugely missed by us all.

I know you will join me in congratulating her.

Karen Agambar has been appointed as our new DSL. If you need her at anytime please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Message from our new DSL - Safeguarding Lead



For many of you that already know me as the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead at Kingsdown School, I am really pleased to take up the post of the Designated Lead. I will continue to build upon the great work that Mrs Magenty and myself have secured at Kingsdown. Please do not hesitate to contact me at kagambar@kingsdownschool.co.uk.

I look forward to continuing to work with you.
Mrs Agambar