

National School Attendance Award

Kingsdown School Awarded Top 25% Nationally for Attendance.

We are delighted to share that Kingsdown School has once again been recognised by the Fisher Family Trust (FFT) for outstanding student attendance. Thanks to the support of our families and the commitment of our students, our attendance placed us in the top 25% of all schools nationally for the entire academic year. Thank you for working with us to make every school day count.

**Swindon Parent Power**

Study Higher's collaboration with The Brilliant Club to run the Swindon Parent Power chapter is continuing.

Our next free virtual event, which is open to families with young people in Years 6 - 13 or equivalent is on Tuesday 20th October 6.00 - 7.30pm on line, please either scan the QR code or contact Vikki on 07946 560058 or email parentpowerswindon@thebrilliantclub.org to sign up.

We warmly invite you to our next Swindon Parent Power Meeting - LEARN... about school, college and university from experts.

**Stretch & Challenge Home Learning Launch**

After half term we will be launching our KS3 Stretch and Challenge Home Learning tasks. Twice a term, a different subject will set a piece of work for each year group which all students will have the opportunity and will be encouraged to complete. These tasks will be designed to engage students further and develop skills to help them become greater experts in that subject. Tasks will be set in the Stretch and Challenge Google Classroom and students will receive rewards for completion of each task.

The first tasks will be set on Monday 2nd November by Music.

Safeguarding over the holiday

Safeguarding Support Over the Holidays: A member of our Safeguarding Team will be on duty throughout the break. If you have any concerns, please email CP@kingsdownschool.co.uk. In an emergency, please call Contact Swindon directly on 01973 464646. Students can also continue to report concerns anonymously via SHARPS.



Year 7 Halloween Quiz

Year 7 students are invited to the Halloween quiz on Tuesday 20th October.

Y11 - first Golden Ticket to the Prom

We celebrated our first 'Golden ticket to Prom' in our assembly on Friday. All teachers have rated students efforts on their summer homelearning tasks, any student that had all greens for this rating were put into a wheel.

Congratulations to Poppy L who received the first 'Golden ticket to Prom', we can't wait to celebrate more students and hand out more, watch this space.

Attitude to Learning (AtL)

Next week we will publish AtL reports for Term 1 on MCAS. Please take time to go through the report with your child and celebrate the successes where students are receiving 1's and 2's. If they are scoring any 3's or 4's, please take time to listen about what the barrier is and don't hesitate to contact subject teachers or tutors as a first point of contact for support.

GCSE Art

KDS Pride and Ambition. GCSE Art students working on their final outcomes.



Start of Term 2

We look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 2nd November. Please note that this will be a week 1. Students need to attend roll call at 8:15 in their full correct school uniform. Thank you for ensuring that your child's chromebooks are charged and they have everything they need for their day.

A reminder that if students wear skorts with their PE uniform, they must not be a jersey material, they must be the same material as the shorts - shiny football style.



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Our kids are facing a whole new level of complexity as they grow up in a turbulent digital world.

*Care for the family event at
DoubleTree by Hilton Swindon
Wednesday 21 October • 7:30 PM - 10 PM*

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/tourevents/>

Reflection on Term 1

Thank you all for your continued support over the last seven weeks. We have had a really productive term with attendance being the highest it has been over the last five years. There has been a clear and real commitment from our students to embed our Kingsdown BEATs, respect the Kingsdown Standards and work hard in all their lessons. The attitudes to learning data has been really impressive. Wishing you and your families a peaceful half term break.

We look forward to seeing all our students return on Monday 2nd November at 8.15am.

Future events and important dates

20.10.26 - Year 7 Halloween Quiz 3.45pm - 4.45pm

20.10.26 - Prize Evening 5.30pm

21.10.26 - Flu Jabs - Whole School Session 2

22.10.26 - Half Term

02.11.26 - Start of Term 8.15am

04.11.26 - Year 11 Art Mock

09.11.26 - Year 11 Mocks (all week)

11.11.26 - Remembrance Day

13.11.26 - Children in Need - non school uniform

Students need to wear comfortable, casual clothing appropriate and suitable for our school environment



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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