

C Block Refurbishment

While our students were enjoying a well-deserved Easter break, our site team was busy overseeing a significant refurbishment to the front of C Block. We are thrilled to unveil the building's new look, which features a modernised facade.

These upgrades are part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring our facilities are as inspiring and professional as the learning happening inside them. We hope the students enjoy the refreshed surroundings as they head into the busy summer term.



1% Challenge : 3 - 2 - 1

This week we were so pleased to see all our students return with high levels of engagement. Our virtue for this term is that of gratitude. Our students have been set a challenge to reflect upon all those things that they are appreciative and grateful for. Thank you for discussing with your children.

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Notice **3** small things that you are glad exist

2

Tell **2** people why you are glad they are in your life

1

Tell **1** person specially why you appreciate them

Visit from local artist Laurie Plant with Year 10 Art students

Laurie's artwork is centred around people and the human body, places and architecture. He is currently exhibiting at The Bingham Hall in Cirencester. In addition to the many other educational roles, Laurie has held posts with the Universities of Bath and Wales.

Working with our students he focused on large scale drawings of organic forms to explore form and texture. Students will further develop their drawings from the workshop to develop a final painted outcome focusing on pattern and colour. This will support their GCSE portfolio. Students will join Laurie again at The Fresh Air Sculpture show in the Summer term should they wish to take part in the trip.



Year 7 Cakes with the Head

It was a pleasure to host eight of our Year 7 students this week for a special session of "Cakes with the Head."

These informal gatherings are a wonderful way for our newest students to be rewarded for modelling our Kingsdown BEATs each and every day. From discussing their favorite new subjects to sharing ideas for upcoming school clubs, the students spoke with impressive confidence and enthusiasm. It is always a highlight to hear directly from our students.



Reports

Reports for Y7-9 and Y11 were published on MCAS at the end of last term. Y10 reports will be published on 29th April ahead of the Y10 Parents' and Carers' Evening on 30th April. Thank you for downloading and discussing with you child.

Year 11 Easter School

Well done to Year 11 students who attended Easter intervention sessions. We had 152 students who attended sessions across 11 subjects with teachers commenting on how focussed students were. This comes after some improved mock results in term 4 for many students so we are feeling positive about the Summer exam season which begins in a few weeks.

SHARPS

SHARPS is our online Student Help Advice Reporting Pathway System. Students can anonymously or leave their name to voice their concerns or report incidents which are causing them concern. Please do discuss this with your child.



SHARP
Confidential
Incident
Reporting

Cohort 2031 - KDS - School of Choice:

218 students (93.2%) first choice

14 students (6%) second choice

2 students (0.9%) third choice

Adult Community Learning Courses

Swindon Borough Council are running Adult Community Learning courses for parents to support with attendance, anxiety, sleep and exam stress.

<https://www.webenrol.com/swindon/>

Future events and important dates

- 21.04.26 - Y11 GCSE Art Exam (3 days)
- 25.04.26 - DofE Training Walk - Badbury
- 28.04.26 - Y11 Photography GCSE Exam (3 days)
- 28.04.26 - Y11 French Speaking Exam (3 days)
- 30.04.26 - Y10 Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.30pm
- 03.05.26 - Pencelli Trip (6 days)
- 04.05.26 - May Bank Holiday (School closed)
- 08.05.26 - Year 11 GCSE Exams begin
- 14.05.26 - Y8 Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.30pm
- 15.05.26 - DofE Silver Practice (3 days)
- 22.05.26 - School finishes normal time for half term



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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