

DofE Bronze Expedition

Our Year 9 Bronze award participants took part in their practice expedition last weekend around North Newnton in Wiltshire. The weekend involved camping overnight, walking pre planned routes for two days and camp cooking. Our students were brilliant and showed all our BEATs.

Well done to everyone involved.



Hot weather - reminder of the process

A reminder that when temperatures reach 25 degrees and over, we will send communication home to let you know that we will be moving to the summer uniform. Students will have the option to wear their PE uniform or their school uniform without their blazers or tie. We will be using the Met Office website as our source and communicate with you by 3.00pm of the day before.

Thank you for ensuring that your child brings a bottle of water to school which can be filled up at the water stations around site.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones and smart devices (including tablets and watches) are not allowed to be seen or heard on the school site. This is to support our students being engaged and not distracted. If a student wishes to bring a phone to school, the phone should be kept switched off and stored in their bags so they do not cause any disruption to the school day by 8.15am.

This means we live by our motto of "not seen / not heard". If mobile phones or smart devices are seen or heard by a member of staff, then they will be confiscated.

Students will be able to collect their device at the end of the school day. On the third occasion of using mobile devices, the device will be confiscated and parents / carers asked to visit the school to collect. Thank you for your support in keeping our students fully engaged whilst in school.



Fresh Air Art Trip

On Monday, 22 Year 10 art students visited the Fresh Air Sculpture show in Quenington. They experienced drawing in the open air whilst viewing the wonderful sculptures made from a wide variety of materials. The students also created small sculptures made from clay and pipe cleaners which link to their current project theme of Surrealism. It was an extremely productive and enjoyable day.



Going for Gold at Kingsdown

At the end of term 5 our Year 7 & 8 students celebrated their outstanding achievements at our Hot Choc Social. 151 students achieved a place in the randomiser draw to be in with a chance of receiving one of the 'Going for Gold' tickets.

Well done to everyone for showing such fantastic pride and ambition - this was an opportunity to celebrate your wonderful hard work and exemplary attitude.

#KingsdownSchool #SchoolOfExcellence
#GoingForGold #Year7 #Year8
#PrideAndAmbition #hotchocsocial



Year 11

On Tuesday we said farewell to our Year 11 Cohort 2026. In true Kingsdown tradition, we all met at McDonalds ready for the final walk back to school. We had our leavers' assembly which was filled with many happy memories and our students were able to share their thanks to staff and especially Mrs Case. We had shirt signing and photos on the back field and it was a truly beautiful morning. Our students then left through our Guard of Honor and all staff were filled with so much pride watching them walk off of Kingsdown site into the world. We cannot wait to celebrate Prom with them and of course their GCSE results in August. Thank you for all your support and championing.



Attendance

A huge congratulations to Kingsdown School for being ranked 2nd by the DfE for their attendance against 21 similar schools. We are 2nd for overall attendance and 2nd for our persistently absent (PA) students. It goes unsaid that this would not be possible without all of your support.

Future events and important dates

- 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
- 24.06.26 - Recital Evening 6.30pm
- 25.06.26 - Cirencester College Open Evening
- 25.06.26 - Year 7/8 Athletics Competition
- 27.06.26 - DofE Bronze Qualifying (2 days)
- 01.07.26 - Transition Day (2 days)
- 02.07.26 - Young Green Briton Challenge final
- 03.07.26 - Staff Development Day
(students not in school)
- 03.07.26 - Year 11 Prom

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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Headteacher



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