

The important bits within  
**Kingsdown clicks!**  
**School to Home communication**

Your 3 min update

Term 3 – February 2020





Mrs Leigh-Bennett and all the Kingsdown Team

It can be hard to know how to talk to your child about online safety. From setting up parental controls to advice on sexting, online games and video apps, we can help you to understand the risks and keep your child safe.

## Sexting and sending nudes

Advice if you're worried about a child sending, sharing or receiving nude images.

[Learn more](#)

## Talking to your child about online safety

Tips on how to start the conversation with your child.

[Learn more](#)

## Inappropriate or explicit content

Advice on how to support your child if they've seen something online that's upset them.

[Learn more](#)

## Online games

Learn about the risks of online games and how to protect your child.

[Learn more](#)

## Livestreaming and online video apps

Advice to help you understand the risks and and keep your child safe.

[Learn more](#)

## Online porn

How to support your child if you're worried they're watching porn online.

[Learn more](#)

## Internet connected devices

Advice on how to make internet connected toys and devices safe for your child.

[Learn more](#)

## Parental controls

How setting up parental controls can help keep your child safe online.

[Learn more](#)

## Net Aware

Your guide to the latest social apps, networks and games.

[Learn more](#)

Please take a look at the NSPCC website for online safety. There are some really valuable resources on there which may help you to keep your child safe online. Just click on the link below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

## Worried about a child?

If you're worried about something a child or young person may have experienced online, you can contact the NSPCC helpline for free support and advice. Call us on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000) or [contact us online](#).

Children can contact [Childline](#) any time to get support themselves.

[Get support](#)

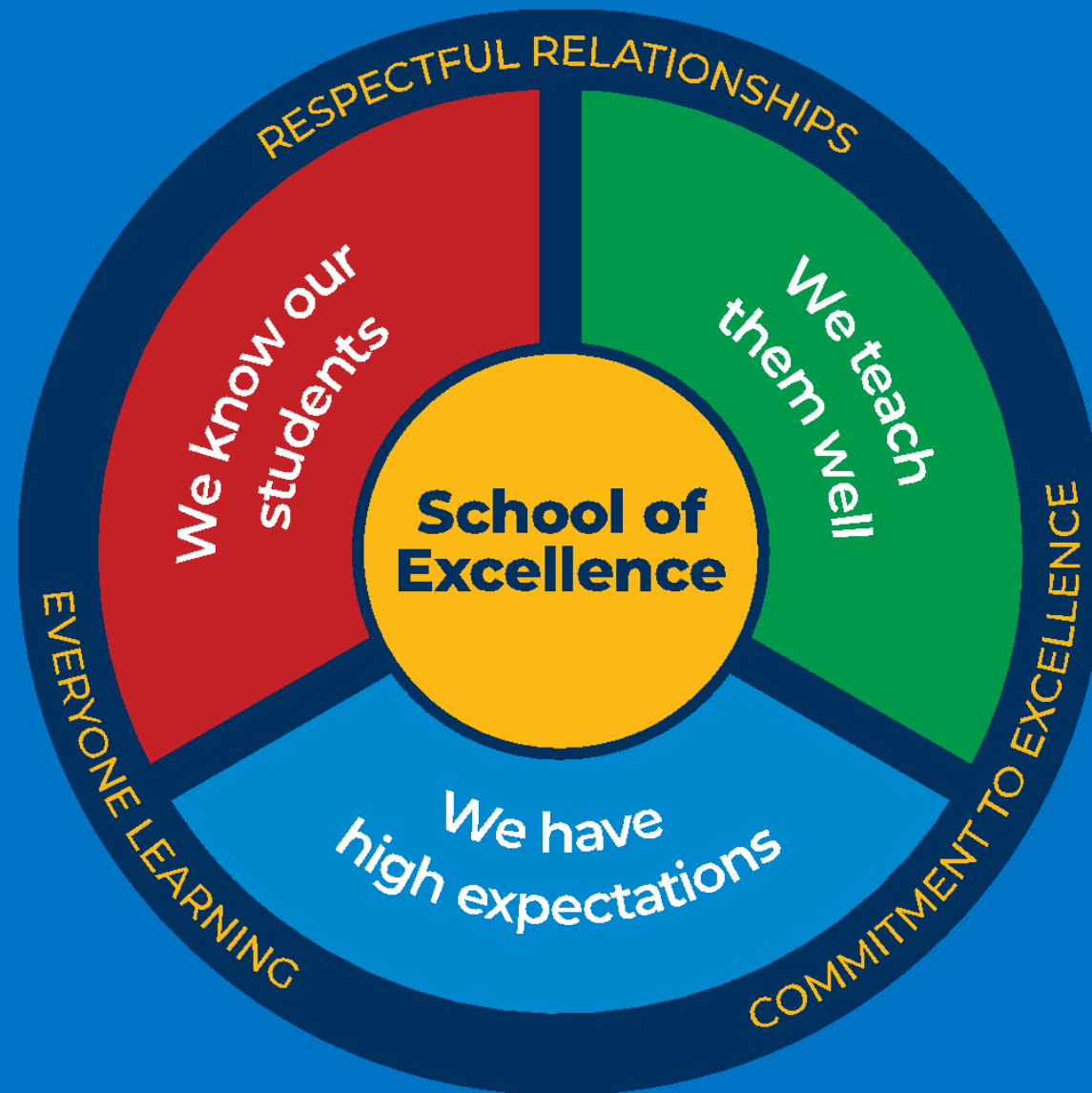


# Contact Details

From time to time, staff at school need to contact parents/carers to discuss a medical issue, concern or incident that has taken place. Being able to reach you promptly via telephone is vital.

Please can you ensure that your details are up to date and that an approved alternative contact number is on our system. Should you need to make an update, please contact us and we will be happy to amend your details.

At Kingsdown  
our vision is to  
become “*a school  
of excellence,  
bursting with  
pride and ambition*”.







# Behaviour Updates

At Kingsdown, we have high expectations in all that we do. Please use the half term to ensure your child has a full and correct uniform.

Please be reminded that students are only permitted to wear one set of studs in the lower lobe.

Acrylic nails, false nails and nail varnish are also not permitted.

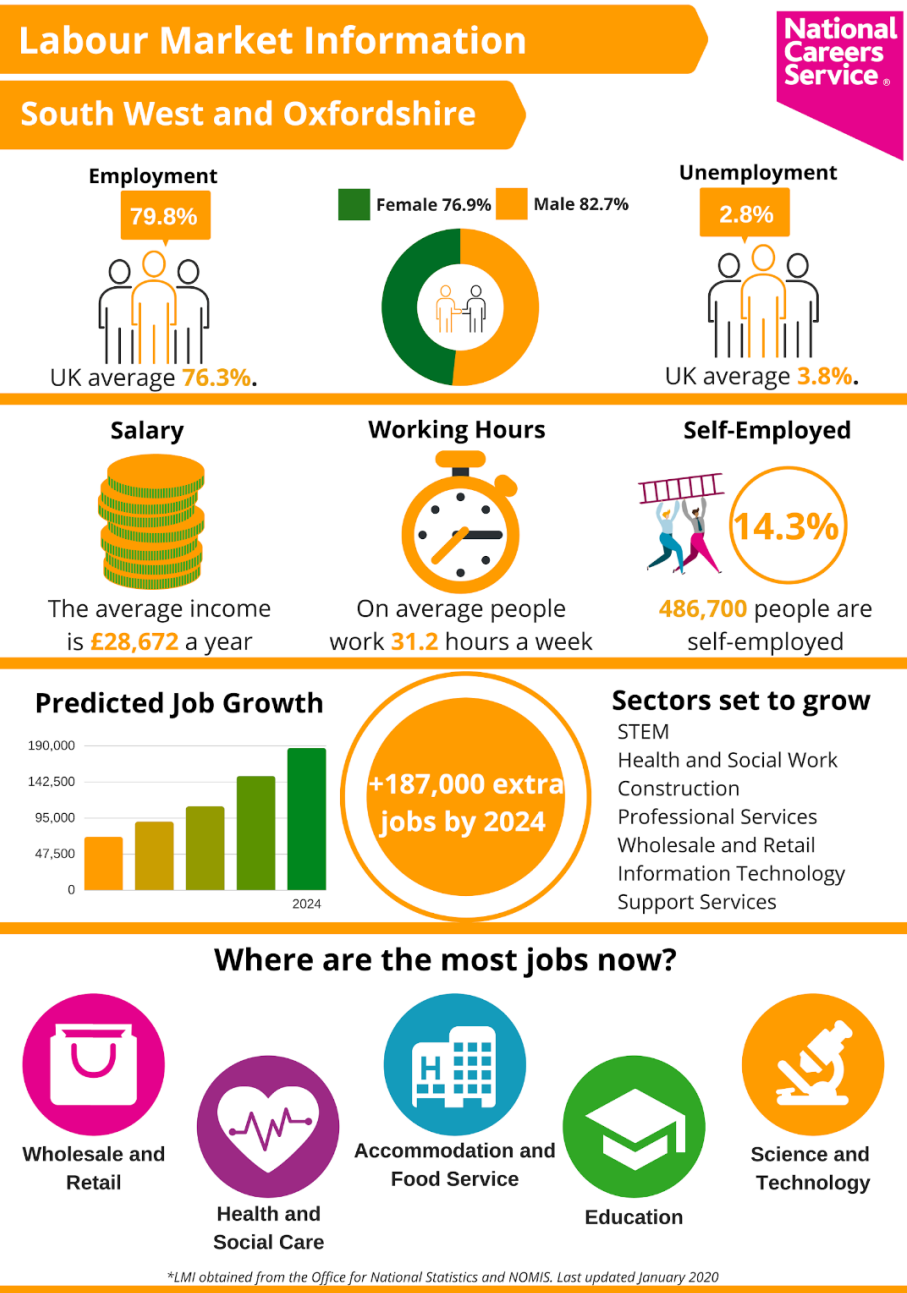
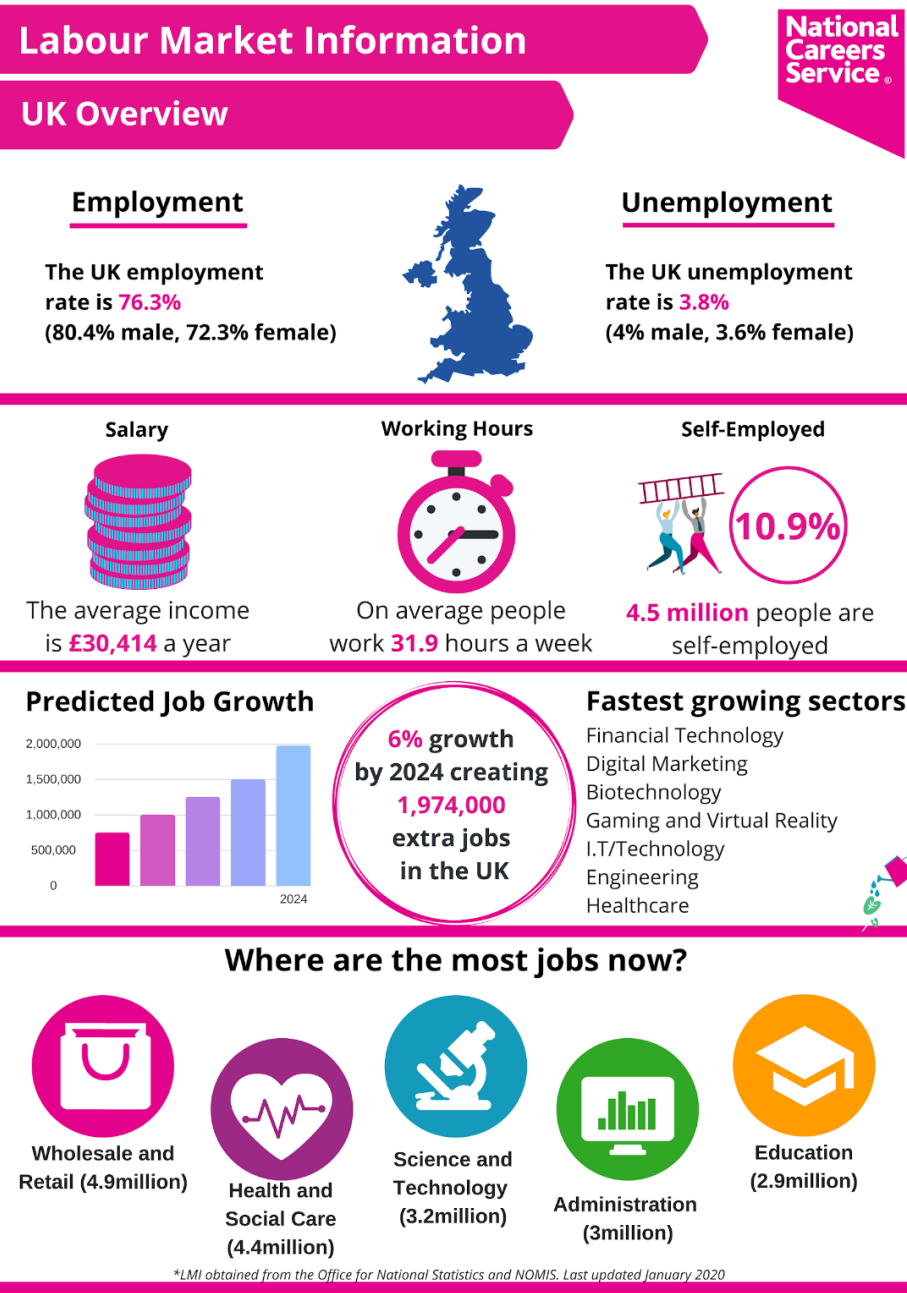
Students will be starting term 4 with Beat Time. during this time, there will be a full uniform and equipment check. A full list of required items can be found in the student planner.



# Year 11 - Cohort 2020

- Please be reminded that the second mock exam period begins on Monday 24th February with formal exams for English, Maths and Science.
- Non-Core subjects will be running mock exams during lesson time.
- Parents Evening for Year 11 will be on 18th March 2020 where we will share a full breakdown of the recent mock results.
- Coursework/Controlled Assessment Final deadline has been extended to Wednesday 1st April.

# For Information – Careers update





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## Sport Update

### Term 3 success

With over 70 different students attending school football training every Wednesday this term, we have been able to pick two year 7 teams, two year 8 teams, a year 9 team and a year 10/11 team.

**British Basketball finals trip** – Students were a credit on the school trip Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January watching the BBL finals. Well done to all students

### English Schools' football week success

We raised £77.40 from our penalty shootout competition. Thanks to Oliver Dean and Sam Stickley for facing 387 between them.

The money is going to Swindon Mayor's charity: Swindon and North Wilts Deaf Society.



One winner pictured:  
Lucas

### Cross Country

A number of our students were picked to run for Swindon Schools in Wiltshire cross country. Well done to them.

All match reports can be found on the school PE blog



### Boys football:

#### *Upcoming Fixtures:*

Year 7As V Swindon Academy 26<sup>th</sup> February

Year 8As V Bradon Forest Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Year 9s V Lawn Manor Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

### Girls

*U14 football tournament Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February on the astro*

### Clubs

*Badminton Club – Sportshall every Tuesday 3.10-4.10pm*



### Congratulations Katie

Katie N competed at the Tri-counties cross country in December and qualified to compete for Wiltshire at the Southwest inter counties, coming 5<sup>th</sup> for the county. She found out that she has been selected for Wiltshire to compete at the National finals in March at Loughborough.

Mr Shepherd



# How to help your child succeed in their GCSE's:

- Where possible, ensure that your child works in a quiet space without their phone to minimise distractions.
- Offer to test your child using their flashcards to help them revise.
- Ensure that your child is ready for their weekly tests and mock exams by reminding them of key dates.
- Encourage your child to put their flashcards up round the house e.g. on the fridge or mirrors.
- Using the tasks on Show My Homework, go through the practice questions with your child, checking they have used sentence stems where provided as they need to know these off by heart for their exams.
- Where relevant, ensure that your child has breaks so they are not overloaded by information.
- Encourage and support your child to stick to a revision timetable: two hours per day in 20 minute chunks, including their homework is appropriate at this stage. Homework is mostly revision/practice questions now and nothing beyond what is set is compulsory, but it is vital that they stay on top of their homework.
- Encourage your child to attend interventions to help them with their work and to go to their prom.

Well done



## Grease is the word

Last week saw a magical set of 3 performances from our amazingly talented Grease cast Year 7-11. Singing, dancing, acting and just having a great time. The cast were supported by an awesome backstage crew of students and teachers. Particularly thanks to Tia Surridge Year 10 for her choreography. Shianne Briggs for being a super Deputy Stage Manager and to Mia Pike and Charlee Rossiter Year 10 for there 'mad make-up skills'. What a team! From all of TEAM PACE...thank you and can't wait until next year...what will it be?

**Mrs Norris**

# Congratulations



On the 16<sup>th</sup> January 4 students from year 7 and 8 (Freddie, Zack, Ella and Sienna) represented Kingsdown at the Explore Learning Mathematicians' Award competition.

The students competed against 3 other secondary schools and had a range of tasks to complete as a team. At the end they had to present their ideas, methodology and answers to the Explore Learning team.

The teams were rewarded points for their presentation as well as how well they worked together as a group.

Unfortunately, Kingsdown wasn't one of 10 teams chosen in the country to progress to the next round but the staff at Explore Learning did send us this message congratulating the students for the work they did.

*We would like to say a big well done to you all for persevering through a very challenging problem.*

Congratulations to all the students who took part, you did Kingsdown proud.

**Miss Morkot**



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On the 21<sup>st</sup> January we welcomed 6 other secondary schools to Kingsdown to compete in the first round of the Swindon Maths League.

Each team had 4 students in, from either year 7 and 8, and they completed a range of mathematical problems to earn points. Out of the 13 teams that took part in the competition I am very proud to say Kingsdown came third, with just 1 point separating 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7 points separation the top 3 teams.

In addition to our success on the day I was also delighted to see our students working exceptionally well as a team, so much so colleagues from other schools kept commenting on how resilient and respectful our students were.

The next round of the competition will be held in term 4 at Dorcan Academy and I am looking forward to us building on the success from the first round.



Miss Morkot



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