

Parent Newsletter - 26th June 2026

Theatre Trip to Hercules

Last week we were lucky enough to take 48 students to the Theatre Royal Drury Lane to see Hercules the musical.

Students very much enjoyed the experience of going to London to see a professional theatre and it was a fantastic evening had by all.



Staff Development Day

A reminder that Friday 3rd July is our Staff Development Day, therefore the school is closed to students.

Year 9 & 10 Swindon School Athletics Competition

On Thursday 18th June we took 27 of our students to compete in the School Athletics competition.

Some standout performances from the day were:

Percy - 1st in Javelin (with an impressive 38.7m throw)

Freya - 1st in Hurdles, 2nd in High Jump

Millie - 2nd in Hurdles

Izzie - 2nd in Javelin, 2nd in 800m

Jacob - 1st in 1500m

Kaitlan - 2nd in Long Jump, 3rd in 300m

Evie - 3rd in 800m

Teniola - 3rd in 200m

Oliver - 2nd in 1500 m

A special mention goes to our Year 10 girls team, who finished an incredible 2nd overall out of the 13 schools in the competition.

Well done to everyone who took part - you did Kingsdown proud!



Future cyber experts in the making!

Last Friday, our Computer Science students headed to UWE Bristol for the 'Unlock Cyber' day. They got hands-on with real-world security challenges and networked directly with top industry professionals. A massive thank you to @UnlockCyber, @UWEBristol, and the tech community for inspiring our future digital defenders!



Year 5 tours

On Monday we concluded our final Year 5 tour.

Thank you to all of the families that took the time to visit on one of our open mornings. We hope that you enjoyed seeing lessons live and in action.

Well done to our senior students who were a credit to the school.

#pride #responsibility



Wellbeing and Mental Health

At our school, we believe that emotional wellbeing is the foundation of academic and personal success. We are committed to providing a safe, supportive environment where every student feels heard and valued.

We have a section on the website that offers resources, guidance, and support for our students, parents and carers. Whether you are looking for proactive wellness tips or need direct assistance, we are here to help you navigate your journey with confidence and care.

Your wellbeing matters. Together, we thrive.



Careers update - July Events

Thursday, 2nd July – New College Taster Day (All Day)

- All Year 10 students are required to attend. Students need to make their own way to and from the college
- Information regarding specific campus locations and course selections will be provided by New College and shared with tutors the week prior

Monday, 6th July – Cirencester College Taster Day

- Year 10 students who have expressed an interest in attending Cirencester College, will have been sent a booking link to attend Cirencester Taster Day
- Availability: Limited to 45 places - full
- Invited students will receive further details regarding specific timings via email. attending school at the normal time of 08:15 arriving back at the slightly later time of 3:30pm (approx)

Monday, 13th July – Mock Interviews (All Day)

- Location: Drama Block
- Year 10 Students will be allocated individual appointment slots, which will be shared with them ahead of the day

Tuesday, 14th July – Post-16 Further Education (FE) Fair

- Location: The Annexe
- Specific timings for Year 10 student attendance will be shared closer to the date

Future events and important dates

- 01& 02.07.26 - Transition Day (2 days)
- 01.07.26 - Recital Evening 6.30pm
- 02.07.26 - Young Green Briton Challenge final
- 02.07.26 - New College visit
- 03.07.26 - Staff Development Day
(students not in school)
- 03.07.26 - Year 11 Prom
- 06.07.26 - Normandy Trip (all week)
- 06.07.26 - Cirencester College Taster Day
- 07.07.26 - Wimbledon Trip
- 09.07.26 - Big Business Day
- 13.07.26 - Mock Interviews
- 14.07.26 - Post 16 Further Education Careers Fair
- 15.07.26 - AI Brilliant Club Graduation
- 17.07.26 - Sports Day

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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