

Welcome back to Term 6

It was wonderful to see all our students return safely on Monday 1st June.

Thank you for all your support in checking that your child had and has all the equipment they needed for their learning.

Term 6 is 7 weeks long and we are looking forward to the many very exciting events over the coming weeks.



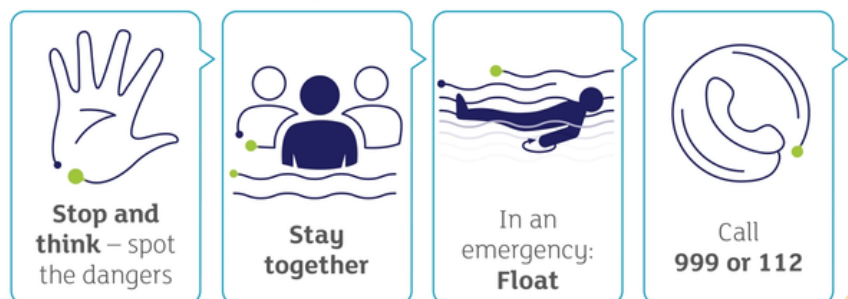
Water Safety Information

Spending time near water can be fun, especially in warm weather, but open water can be dangerous even if you are a strong swimmer. Rivers, lakes, canals, quarries and reservoirs can be much colder than they look, with hidden hazards and strong currents.

- Do not jump, dive or swim in open water unless it is a supervised, designated place.
- Never go near water alone - stay with friends and make sure someone knows where you are.
- Be aware that cold water shock can affect anyone, even strong swimmers, and can make it hard to breathe or move.
- Rivers, canals and lakes may have hidden dangers under the surface such as rocks, rubbish, weeds, fishing line or sudden drops.
- Do not take risks to impress others, including dares, bridge jumps or entering the water for social media content.
- If you fall in, try to stay calm, float on your back, keep your airway clear and control your breathing.
- If you see someone in trouble, call 999 or 112, shout for help, and throw something that floats. Do not go in after them.
- If possible, choose supervised swimming venues or pools instead of unsupervised open water.

Remember: Enjoy the good weather, look out for your mates, and stay safe around water.

Water Safety Code



Careers Update

Year 10 New College Experience Day – Thursday 2nd July. We are looking forward to our Year 10 Experience Day at New College on Thursday 2nd July. Ahead of the event, students will receive details about the specific sessions they have successfully booked, confirming whether they are visiting the Queens Drive or North Star campus and the timings of the day.

This is a compulsory event, and all Year 10 students are expected to attend, making their own way directly to and from their chosen college campus. Staff members from Kingsdown School will be present on-site at both campuses throughout the day to support students if needed. Finally, if your child is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and will require a packed lunch to be provided for the day, please let us know by completing the request form using the link provided:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1U4RX4nnLdlTmmqx4yYAZs7J5eEu8oNkCZq7EpnXqo-l/edit>

An Update on Teaching and Learning: Our TEMPO Framework

At Kingsdown School, we are committed to championing every student through TEMPO, our whole-school teaching and learning framework (Task Design, Explanation, Modelling, Practice, and Oracy). Recently, our staff focused on embedding Modelling (M) by using visualisers to demonstrate "live thinking." This "I do, We do, You do" approach has proven highly effective in lesson observations, helping students clearly grasp essential steps before diving into their own work.

This term, we are excited to launch our focus on Practice (P), giving students vital opportunities to apply their skills independently. Your child will experience more high-value, distraction-free tasks - such as our "silent solo" periods - which are intentionally designed to be highly accessible yet deeply challenging. We are incredibly proud of our students' hard work in the classroom and look forward to seeing their continued progress.

Year 11 Examinations

We are extremely pleased with the mature approach that our Year 11 students are maintaining as they move into the final half of their exams. This week we have celebrated with Leavers Hoodies and fancy dress photos, but the main focus has been exam preparation through well planned and executed energiser sessions and the continuation of intentionally targeted revision lessons.

As our Year 11 students start their study leave on Monday 8th June there is still a published timetable of lessons that we would like them to attend for the subjects that have not had their final exams yet.

Ready to Learn

Thank you for ensuring that your child has everything they need for a successful school day.

We do not have enough chromebook chargers in school to provide these to students so please remind your child to put them on charge in the evening.

A number of students have come to school this week without their pencil case. Students must take responsibility for this as we do not want there to be any barrier to their learning.

Future events and important dates

- 05.06.26 - DofE Silver Qualifying (3 days)
- 11.06.26 - Year 6 Information Evening 5.30pm
- 13.06.26 - DofE Bronze Practice
- 15.06.26 - Fresh Air Art Trip
- 16.06.26 - Year 11 Leavers Day
- 20.06.26 - Year 6 Uniform Pop Up Shop
(Appointment only 9.30am - 3.30pm)
- 24.06.26 - Recital Evening 6.30pm
- 25.06.26 - Cirencester Open Evening
- 25.06.26 - Year 7 & 8 Athletics competition
- 26.06.26 - Aspirations - workshops



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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