KINGSDOWN SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter - 6th Nov 2026

Welcome back to Term 2 - Kingsdown Standards

Thank you for supporting with the transition back into school from the October break. A reminder that students need to be wearing coats to school due to the cold weather. Please ensure that students have everything they need for the day ahead including charged Chromebooks and a pencil case. Mobile phones must be turned off and in the bottom of their bags - this supports students with focusing during lesson time.



Safeguarding Review

We are proud to announce that our recent RLT Safeguarding Audit acknowledged Kingsdown School's safeguarding practices as exemplary.

Thank you to our dedicated staff, students, and families for helping us maintain a safe, nurturing environment where everyone can thrive.

Y7 Hallowean Quiz

A spooktacular way to celebrate the completion of term 1 for our Year 7 students! 🎃🦁💀 #pride

A huge amount of effort and creativity was given to their fabulous Halloween outfits 👻 - And, a huge thank you to Ben - our Year 11 quiz master - your energy and enthusiasm is very much appreciated 🌟 #responsibility #challenge

Walking to and from school

As a school, we take great pride in being an active part of our local community, and we love seeing so many of our students choosing healthy, active travel by walking, wheeling, or cycling to and from school each day.

We would like to gently remind all students and families to be mindful of our neighbours during these peak morning and afternoon times.

Please can parents and carers help by having a brief chat at home about safe and considerate travel habits. Thank you for working with us to ensure our students represent our school values every step of the way. #respect

U16 Netball

On Tuesday, our U16 Netball team participed in their final league fixture against Dorcan. Well done to the KDS U16's who won the match 25-6.



Year 11 Mocks

Year 11 students start their Mocks on Monday. All students are to be in full school uniform. Please can we ask parents and carers of Year 11 students to make sure they are looking at their personalised timetables every day so they know exactly where they need to be, what their seat number is and that they are bringing the necessary equipment with them - including a calculator. Students will be moving between school and their exam venue so please make sure that they are sent to school with a suitable coat if needed.

We wish our Year 11s all the very best of luck.

Children in Need

We are excited to support BBC Children in Need on Friday, 13th November. To help raise money for this wonderful cause, we will be holding a non-uniform day. Students are invited to dress down for the day and to wear comfortable, casual clothing appropriate and suitable for our school environment, in exchange for a small voluntary donation. All funds raised will go directly toward supporting disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. Year 11 will be in school uniform on Friday 13th and will have a separate non-uniform day after the exams on 27th November.

Thank you as always for your generosity and support in making a difference.

Prize Evening

What a fantastic night at our annual Prize Evening before half term. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us to celebrate, and a massive well done to all of our incredible award winners. We are so proud of your hard work and achievements. 👏🎓✨

#PrizeEvening #ProudSchool #KDSTeam



Catering at KDS

Kingsdown School has recently introduced a new catering company, bringing a refreshed and diverse menu to the dining hall. The response to the updated food offerings has been overwhelmingly positive.





Future events and important dates

09.11.26 - Year 11 Mocks (all week)
09.11.26 - Literature Festival all week
11.11.26 - Remembrance Day
13.11.26 - Children in Need - non school uniform
Students need to wear comfortable, casual clothing appropriate and suitable for our school environment
16.11.26 - Year 11 Mocks (all week)
25.11.26 - Recital Evening
03.12.26 - Year 7 Christmas Disco
10.12.26 - Year 11 Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm
14.12.26 - Christmas Concert
18.12.26 - Christmas Jumper/Non School Uniform
18.12.26 - End of Term students finish at 12.15pm



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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