

### **River Learning Trust**

This year marks the 10th year of Kingsdown being a part of the River Learning Multi-agency Trust. We gain really invaluable support from the RLT which include subject specific support and advice especially around curriculum development. We also receive invaluable support and challenge as leaders of the school.

We are looking forward to welcoming the RLT's CEO - Paul James - to Kingsdown in November.



### **Food Bank Challenge**

We are collecting for the local food bank. If you are able to spare something small for your child to bring this into school and hand in during tutor time we would be grateful. In particular the food bank is always in need of tinned food such as meals, meat, fish, vegetables. Packs of pasta sauce, long life milk, tea and coffee, and hygiene products such as shampoo, showergel, toothpaste and household cleaning items.

Thank you for any support you can provide.



### **Walking home from school in our community**

Over the last few weeks we have had a few emails from some local residents. Thank you for reinforcing important messages to your children about walking to and from school with courtesy and kindness .

## FC Abbey Meads

FC Abbey Meads are delighted to be running a holiday football camp throughout October half term. These sessions offer children the chance to enjoy exciting football activities in a fun, safe, and engaging environment.

Please see separate attachment with full details.

Best wishes,  
FC Abbey Meads



**FC ABBEY MEADS**  
Established 2003

# OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS

**LEARN, PLAY & HAVE FUN!**  
Improve your skills, make new friends and enjoy the beautiful game this October half term!

**MOREDON SPORTING HUB**  
Cheney Manor  
Swindon SN2 2QJ

**CAMP DATES**  
Monday 26th October 2026  
Tuesday 27th October 2026  
Friday 30th October 2026

**9am – 3pm**  
Each day

**£17.50 PER DAY** | **£40 IF ALL 3 DAYS BOOKED**

**AGES 7-13 YEARS**

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SKILLS | TEAMWORK | CONFIDENCE | FUN

## Home Learning

Our new Home Learning policy is now live. Under this structure, Year 7 students receive core tasks only, Year 8 focus on core plus assessment prep for Humanities and French, and Year 9 receive core plus assessment prep across all subjects. Key Stage 4 students are set 1 hour of HL per subject per week, and all students should complete 10 minutes of independent reading daily.

Thank you for your fantastic support, which has already helped students log over 4,000 HL achievement points. Please remember that students receive one warning per term for incomplete HL, after which missing work will result in a teacher-set detention. Please keep encouraging your child to complete their tasks and daily reading at home.

## Safeguarding SHARPs

SHARPS Online Reporting: We want every student to feel safe and supported. If your child has a safeguarding concern or needs help, they can use the SHARPS system directly via our school website. Reports can be submitted named or anonymously.

## Drop down morning

On Thursday morning all students will be off timetable to undertake a focus on their wellbeing. Students in years 7-10 will hear from their peer educators and undertake activities focused on ways to keep themselves mentally well. Year 11 students will have a talk from New College about how to apply followed by a focused session on how to revise for their upcoming mocks.

## Year 11 Mocks and Preparations

Our Year 11 students are preparing for their Term 2 mock exams ably supported by their tutors who are supporting them with revision timetable planning and - during next week's "drop-down" morning - a revision masterclass where students will be learning how to make the most of Flashcard revision. Year 11 parents and carers will receive more details, including the mock exam timetable overview, in a separate communication.

## Sport Update

Huge congratulations to our Year 9 and U16 netball teams for a night of fantastic, high-energy netball against RWBA.

Although the Year 9s missed out on a win with a 7-18 result, they put on a brilliant display of skill and determination.

Meanwhile, the U16s extended their impressive winning streak, securing a dominant 29-6 victory over RWBA. They now turn their focus to Tuesday's Swindon Schools Tournament, where they hope to keep the momentum going.



## Year 9 Hate Crime talk

Next week is National Hate Crime Awareness week and students in years 7-10 will have assemblies during the week on hate crime awareness. On Friday 16th Year 9 will have a talk from the police on hate crime awareness where they will hear about the impact of hate crime within the community and on the individual perpetrating it. This will include a focus on protected characters. Please do talk to your child following the event on what they heard about.

## Future events and important dates

- 12.10.26 - Open Morning 9.00am (appointment only)
- 15.10.26 - Year 7 meet the tutor evening 5.30pm
- 16.10.26 - Year 9 Hate Crime talk
- 19.10.26 - Year 7 Halloween Quiz 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- 20.10.26 - Prize Evening 5.30pm
- 21.10.26 - Flu Jabs - Whole School Session 2
- 22.10.26 - Half Term
- 02.11.26 - Start of Term 8.15am
- 04.11.26 - Year 11 Art Mock
- 09.11.26 - Year 11 Mocks (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

Artwork by Amrita Year 8



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.

**Mrs Leigh-Bennett**  
Headteacher



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SCHOOL**