

Parent/Carer Newsletter 24th August 2025

We hope you and your families have had a peaceful Summer break. Everyone at Kingsdown is looking forward to welcoming your child / children back to school for the new term ahead.

We return to school on Tuesday 2nd September at 8.15am. Students will need to arrive and go to their roll call areas in their full correct school uniform - there will be no PE on the first day.

Roll call zones- thanks for sharing with your child:

- Year 7 Basketball courts
- Year 8 Outside LRC
- Year 9 Tennis courts (Year 7 spots)
- Year 10 Tennis courts (Year 9 spots)
- Year 11 Tennis courts (Year 11 spots)



Timetables

We will start Tuesday morning with an extended tutor time. Students will be issued with their new timetables for the year and have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have. Lessons will commence after breaktime but all students are to be in full school uniform for the day.

Safeguarding support

Our Safeguarding team has been on duty throughout the holiday period. Should you or your child need any support or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to them. The best way to contact our safeguarding team is through Sharps

September ready

Thank you for checking school uniforms and equipment in advance of next Tuesday. The link here is a reminder of our school uniform policy for both our main school uniform and our PE uniform. A reminder please about our jewellery code - piercings and nails will all need to be in line with our policy by Tuesday. If you require any support with uniform please get in touch with us via your child's Tutor. Please also remind your children about chromebooks all being fully charged and ready for the new term and a reading book in their bags every day.

FOCUS ON:

1% better each day

- Bags packed the night before
- Chromebooks charged every night
- Full correct equipment
- Uniform worn with Pride each and everyday
- Be ready to learn
- Great learning in every lesson
- Model the Kingsdown BEATs
- Take advantage of every opportunity

Stay up to date

Thank you once again for all your support. We look forward to welcoming you and your child for the exciting year ahead.

Do please remember that our parent portal has all the information you need to support your child throughout the year.

You are able to access this from the main page on our school website - top right hand corner.

Welcoming our Year 7s

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7s #cohort2030 We can't wait to learn more about you and what makes you **'BEAT'**



pride

I am proud of who I am and our school.

I take advantage of every opportunity.

ambition

I expect the best from myself. I have ambitious

stretch

I really want to learn and will stretch mysel to achieve what I didn't think possible.

challenge

I am curious, determined and resilient. Set me a challenge and I will always rise to it.

respect

I am kind.
I care about others and
my surroundings.
I encourage and expect

responsibility

We are all part of comething special and I am not going to let us down.

My attendance really matters.

Future events and important dates

- 01.09 T D Day school closed (Year 7 students collect Chromebooks
- 02.09 All students return at 8.15am to their roll call areas (full school uniform)
- 05.09 Year 7 Photos in tutor groups throughout the morning (full school uniform)
- 18.09 Year 11 information evening 5:30pm
- 25.09 Open Evening school closes to students at 12.15pm. (Open evening from 5pm 7pm)
- 16.10 Year 7 Meet the tutor evening Main Hall 5pm 6pm
- 22.10 End of term 1 2.45pm
- 03.11 T D Day / River Learning Trust whole school meetings (school closed to students)
- 04.11 Start of term 2 All students return at 8.15am (roll call areas)
- 26.11 Recital Evening 6.30pm Main Hall
- 27.11 Keeping your child safe evening 6pm Main hall
- 03.12 Flu vaccinations
- 11.12 Year 11 Parents' evening 3:30pm 6:30pm
- 15.12 Christmas Concert at St Philip's Church 6pm 7.30pm
- 19.12 End of Term 2 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.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett Headteacher

