



Thank you from Swindon Food Collective

Your donation of 405.4kg has made a meaningful difference in our local community. The weight of your donation is equal to a Grizzly Bear!

We are deeply grateful for your kindness and support in sharing the abundance of the season. Together, we are sowing seeds of hope and nourishment. With heartfelt thanks, the Swindon Food Collective.



Children in Need

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your support during Children in Need which we celebrated last Friday. The students enjoyed coming to school in their non-uniform and contributing to the charity. Their enthusiasm helped create a fun and uplifting atmosphere across the day. Your donations helped us raise funds for a really important cause. Children in Need helps fill the shelves of baby banks, community food centres, fund vital community-led services like health workers, local youth safe-spaces, and ensure safe passage for people escaping danger. We are grateful for your continued support.



Total raised £632.25

Drop Down Morning

On Monday 17th November, our drop-down morning was a brilliant success, and students across all year groups rose to the challenge with maturity and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see Year 7 collaborating creatively as they constructed their rollercoasters, Year 8 stepping into the world of business with impressive entrepreneurial spirit, Year 9 developing valuable financial skills for their future, and Year 10 throwing themselves into the energy and teamwork of capture the flag and netball.

Throughout the morning, students engaged enthusiastically in every activity, demonstrating fantastic attitudes and making themselves, and the school, extremely proud.

Netball

Our under 16's netball team have had a fantastic season, last Thursday they competed in the finals of the Swindon schools league against Lydiard Park Academy. Our team is made up of year 10 students with our captain being the only year 11 on the team, Neve R. Neve captained this team fantastically, ensuring all kept their calm and nerve, being unbeaten going into our final match, all students fought so well to the very end.

LPA brought a very strong team with them made up of year 11 students, Kingsdown kept battling through and won the first two quarters before LPA started bringing it back. The final score was 29-30 to LPA with our one and only Izzie M being nominated player of the match.

All of our students met with Mrs Leigh-Bennett to receive their certificates and their netball badge to wear on their blazers. Well done girls, we could not be prouder of you all.

1% Better

We continue to focus on ensuring that our students are 1% better each and everyday. Thank you for having conversations with your children at home about what they have done to be 1% better - organising themselves the night before school, modelling the Kingsdown BEATs each and everyday.



Year 7 Police Event

This week, our Year 7 students welcomed Shelley from Wiltshire Police for a highly engaging and informative session on personal safety and weapon awareness. Shelley's presentation helped students understand how to make safe choices in everyday situations, while also giving them a clear insight into the laws surrounding weapon possession.

Our students were enthusiastic throughout and left feeling more confident and empowered about keeping themselves and others safe.

Dobbies Garden Centre Christmas Event

Members of the choir and other musicians will be performing at Dobbies Garden Centre on Thursday 27th November between 5 and 6pm.

This is part of Dobbies Christmas events. We will be providing Christmas music for the shoppers and to help create a festive atmosphere in store.

Recital Evening - 26th November

On Wednesday 26th November at 6:30pm we will be holding our first Recital Evening of the year. This is always a lovely opportunity for students to perform music to a friendly audience.

There will be students from all year groups performing on a variety of instruments, some giving their first performance and others who have performed many times before. All are welcome to attend and appreciate the great talent we have in the school.

Future events and important dates

- 22.11.25 - Open Day at North Star College
10.00am - 2.00pm
- 23.11.25 - Twickenham Rugby trip
- 26.11.25 - Recital Evening 6.30pm
- 27.11.25 - Choir at Dobbies Garden centre 5.00pm
- 02.12.25 - Year 9 Safer Choices with the Police
- 03.12.25 - Flu Vaccinations
- 04.12.25 - Year 7 Christmas Disco 5.00 - 6.30pm
- 11.12.25 - Y11 Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.30pm
- 15.12.25 - Christmas Concert 6.30pm
- 16.12.25 - Christmas Lunch
- 17.12.25 - Christmas Lunch
- 19.12.25 - Last Day of Term, Students finish
at 12.15pm - Non School Uniform /
Christmas Jumper 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.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett
Headteacher



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