

Atlas House - Mr Svensson

Welcome to Atlas House. Our house values are aspiration, courage and honesty.

As Head of House, I want to help everyone try their hardest, being aspirational with their goals in and outside of school, giving everything a go and being honest with themselves and others. It brings a sense of pride being a Head of House seeing a house community culture develop around school as well as seeing students grow and working together to achieve the best possible. #1% better every day.



Black History Month

Last week students heard in assembly from Ms Green about Black History Month. They looked at why this month is important through Article 2 a right to non-discrimination. Ms Green also focused on the theme for this year which is "Standing firm in power and pride and gave examples of key figures in Black British history. Students were also able to go deeper through their votes for schools topic of. " Does fashion teach us about Black history?" Next week assemblies will have a focus on hate crime awareness and in particular a discussion on being anti-racist, with further tutor conversations around article 2 and article 30 which means children have the right to use their own language, culture and religion - even if these are not shared by most people in the country where they live, along with opportunities in tutor groups to explore these rights further.



Bike Permit

We wrote to you a few weeks ago regarding students cycling to and from school and the importance of staying safe. All students have had an assembly on the importance of road safety and a reminder for them to get a bike permit from Student Services. Students without helmets will not be allowed to bring their bikes to school. This is for their own safety - we deeply care for our children. A reminder that electric scooters are illegal and if they are brought onto the school site, the police will be called to come in and collect.

School Expectations

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring that your child is on time to school, in full school uniform and fully equipped for the day ahead. We have been really pleased with the attitudes of our students and recent visitors have commented on the sense of pride and ambition shown from our students. Thank you.

Food Bank Challenge

Thank you for all the donations which have been collected this week. We are sending 38 crates to the Swindon food collective. We are incredibly proud of all the houses who ran the challenge and whole school community for giving so generously.



Year 7 - Meet the Tutor Evening

We are looking forward to seeing you on **Thursday 16th October at 5:30 - 6:30** at our Year 7 *Meet the Tutor* Evening.

The information evening will provide you with the opportunity to meet your child's new Tutor and other key staff, share essential information about our Year 7 curriculum and how assessment and reporting will work. There will be the opportunity to ask any questions you have.

6 week reflection - Mrs Koza

The first six weeks at Kingsdown have flown by. My transition as a new Assistant Headteacher and Maths Teacher has been incredibly smooth. The warm, friendly, and helpful nature of both staff and students has made a wonderful first impression; the Kingsdown community is truly special.

I thoroughly enjoy being in the classroom, teaching Year 7, 10, and 11 Maths. This direct classroom experience allows me to actively champion my strategic priority: ensuring the highest quality of education for every student.

My role is to oversee the implementation of our school-wide TEMPO teaching and learning framework. TEMPO is our commitment to great teaching, ensuring every lesson involves clear explanations, effective modelling, and challenging practice so students are supported to achieve great outcomes. It has been a hugely positive start, and I look forward to contributing to the continued success of the Kingsdown community.



Future events and important dates

- 16.10.25 - Year 7 - Meet the tutor evening - Main Hall - 5.30pm - 6.30pm - no booking required
- 14.10.25 - Year 9 Football Tournament Marlborough
- 16.10.25 - Year 8 Football Tournament Foundation Park
- 17.10.25 - GCSE Music Festival Swindon
- 22.10.25 - End of term 1 - school finishes at 2.45pm
- 03.11. 25 - T D Day / River Learning Trust whole school meetings - school closed to students
- 04.11. 25 - Start of term 2 - All students return at 8.15am and go to their roll call areas
- 04.11.24 - Careers Week
- 10.11.25 - Literature Festival (all week)
- 10.11.25 - Year 11 Mocks (2 weeks)



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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Headteacher



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