



Welcome back

On Monday 3rd November the River Learning Trust held its first secondary school Trust wide TD Day for our teaching and professional support staff teams. Teams came together with other schools and worked with key note speakers and had invaluable time to network.



Year 11 Mock Exams Important Information

The two-week mock exam period for our Year 11 students begins on November 11th. We urge all students to approach these exams with seriousness and thorough preparation, as the results are vital. Not only do these grades allow staff to deploy targeted support, but they often play a key role in future college and further education interviews. Every student has received an individual timetable and seating plan; please contact us if a replacement copy is needed.

Students are already practising effective revision skills like flash cards and 'Blurting' (a powerful recall technique), and we encourage you to use this method at home to test their knowledge. Finally, please support your child's well-being by reinforcing healthy habits: prioritize 8-10 hours of sleep for focus, ensure a nutritious diet, and encourage planned breaks away from devices. We wish all our Year 11s the very best of luck! Please speak to Mrs Case, Miss Maller or Mr Handy if you need anything.

Kingsdown Pub Car Park

We would like to remind parents and carers that Kingsdown Pub Car Park is not part of Kingsdown school.

We ask that you do not park in the pub car park as this is a private car park for the public house only.

There is parking available at the Kingsdown Sport Centre to drop off and pick up of students.

Many thanks for your understanding.



Sports update

What an incredible netball season for our teams! We proudly entered both a Year 9 and an Under 16's team this year, facing strong competition from Ridgeway, The Deanery, Swindon Academy, and Dorcan, plus a demanding tournament. Our Year 9 team showed outstanding determination and resilience. They've developed their skills massively throughout the season and, most importantly, had a fantastic time doing it whilst scoring lots of goals in the process!

The U16's team has been phenomenal. They are an extremely talented squad and are now undefeated in all their fixtures! We are all eagerly anticipating their upcoming final!

We are exceptionally proud of every single player for their commitment and hard work.



Lates and Punctuality

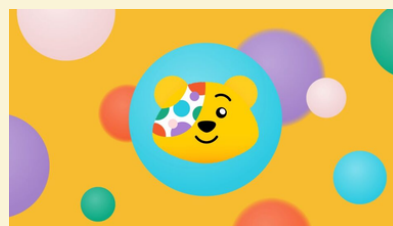
As of Monday 10th November we will be launching our late to school strategy. If your child is late without a genuine reason for their lateness, they will sit an automatic 15 minute lunch time detention in the ILS. Your child will be reminded of this detention by their period 4 teacher. We thank you in advance for your support.

SHARPs

School Help Advice Reporting system. Please ask your child if they know about SHARPS and if they have used it. SHARPS is a confidential way for your child to share any worries or concerns they have directly with the Safeguarding team.



Children in Need



On Friday 14th November, students are invited to come into school in non uniform. We will be raising money for Children in Need. Please send your child in with a suggested donation of £1 which will be collected at Roll Call.

Remembrance

On Tuesday we will come together as a school to remember the service and sacrifice of those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. Students are welcome to wear poppies on their uniform should they wish.



Future events and important dates

- 10.11.25 - Literature Festival (all week)
- 10.11.25 - Year 11 Mocks (2 weeks)
- 17.11.25 - Drop Down morning Year 7 - 10
- 19.11.25 - Year 7 Safer Choices with the Police
- 23.11.25 - Twickenham Rugby trip
- 26.11.25 - Recital Evening 6.30pm



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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