



**A school of excellence bursting
with pride and ambition**



**KINGSDOWN
SCHOOL**



Welcome to Kingsdown School

I am immensely proud of Kingsdown School and all the teams that have made it the special place it is – our teaching staff, our professional support staff, our Governors, the RLT – the River Learning Trust, our parents and, most notably, our students.

We are so proud that our Vision – “a school of excellence bursting with pride and ambition” is well underway to being achieved. Additionally our Mission Statement that “we champion each and every student” is embedded throughout the school.

Our school culture is underpinned by the Kingsdown BEATs. The BEATs are at the heart of all we do and underpin the character development of our students. Our BEATs are what make our students stand out and help them to become the very best versions of themselves.

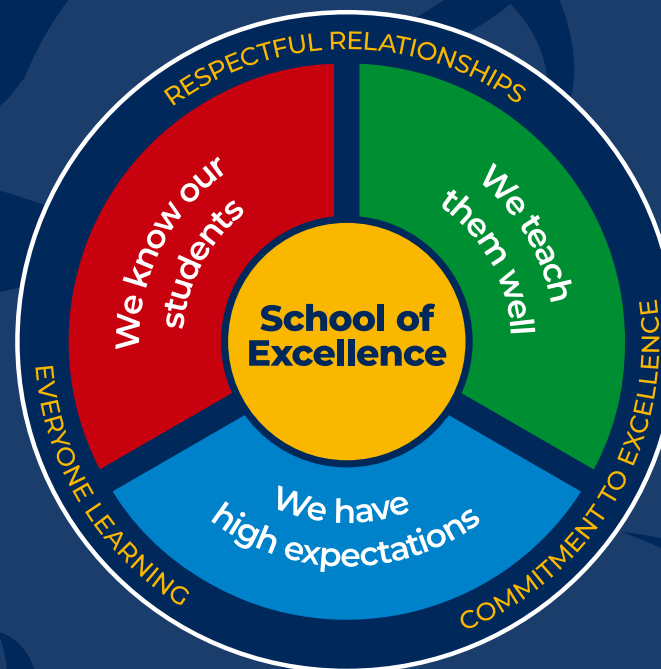
I look forward to meeting you and your family and welcoming you to Kingsdown.

Emma Leigh-Bennett
Headteacher

Our vision

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Our Wheel of Excellence visualises the key strategies that underpin our Vision.



The Kingsdown BEATs

Our six “Kingsdown BEATs” are a key part of what makes Kingsdown so special.

Here’s what our BEATs will mean to you as a student.

pride

*I am proud of who I am and our school.
I take advantage of every opportunity*

stretch

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

respect

*I am considerate.
I care about others and my surroundings.
I encourage and expect others to do the same.*

ambition

*I expect the best from myself.
I have ambitious aspirations for my future.*

challenge

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

responsibility

*We are all part of something special and I am not going to let us down.
My attendance really matters.*

Pride & Ambition

Championing students

No matter where your starting point is, we really '**champion**' each and every student by ensuring you are fully supported throughout your learning journey with us.

Our commitment to **stretching** and **challenging** all students means that the possibilities for learning and developing yourself are vast. From embarking on exciting extra curricular projects to learning how to cope with challenging emotions through an Inclusion programme, we make sure we focus on meeting the needs of each and every child.

Our Inclusive approach means that the support you need to secure classroom will ensure you are on the right track for a competitive **apprenticeship** or a place at **college** or **University**.

"The BEATs are truly the heartbeat of our school."

Kacey, Year 10



Stretch & Challenge

Curriculum & Assessment

The Kingsdown curriculum has been designed and sequenced by our Heads of Departments to specifically **stretch** and **challenge** all our students to give them a **deep level** of **knowledge** and **skills** in every subject. Students' understanding is consistently monitored in order to ensure we secure the foundations on which they develop their success.

Our **Digital Strategy** guarantees that in a world where **technology is key** our students will stay ahead of the curve. Every student has a **Chromebook** available for them to use every day.

Students are given many opportunities both inside and outside the classroom to spark **genuine curiosity** in their everyday lives.

Reading is embedded across all subjects, fostering a love of literature and equipping students with skills for success. Our **curriculum is broad, knowledge-rich** and delivers **cultural capital** that enables Kingsdown students to become successful, **lifelong learners**.



Respect & Responsibility

Character Education

The Kingsdown **BEATs** underpin the character development of our students helping them connect and belong to our school community and prepare them for life beyond Kingsdown. Students are given opportunities in all years to develop their **leadership skills**.

We want to empower our students to make decisions within a complex and ever-changing world so that they are able to positively adapt and lead successful and happy lives.

We do this through our **Personal Development Curriculum** and range of experiences that encourage every student to have **high aspirations**, become resilient learners and responsible individuals.



“Every year at Kingsdown I have been given many opportunities to develop my leadership skills.”

Paige, Year 10

Pastoral Care

At Kingsdown we pride ourselves in knowing all our students well. Our Tutors play a key role in supporting our students' development from Years 7-11.

Every Tutor **champions** each and every student in their group. Tutors are your child's go to person, this means that they know them as individuals, know their **aspirations** and will be there for them throughout their school journey.

Tutors coupled with our Progress Leaders follow each students progress during their time at Kingsdown. We are also proud of our relationships with Parents and Primary Schools.

"Your Teachers, Tutor and your Progress Leader really know you and will always champion you."

Sam, Year 9



Careers & Outcomes

At Kingsdown we have a highly qualified full-time **Careers Advisor**. We have an ambitious vibrant careers programme that ensures all our students from Year 7-11 know what exciting options are available to them.

Students are taught to develop **employability skills**. They are given opportunities to engage with the **world of work** through various opportunities and talks from visiting speakers.

Aspirations Week provides our students with access to tours of colleges, universities and apprenticeships as well as a range of other opportunities including **CV** and **interview experience**.

We want all students to be able to articulate an ambition for their future and know how to achieve this and where to get support in order to realise their goals.



Great outcomes

When we say you are part of a family at Kingsdown that is clearly shown in our **Alumni** and the success our former students have gone on to achieve.

From success in the Creative Arts and Media Industry as **journalists, actor Tommy Hatto** and **television camera operators** like *Darren Porter* to *Matilda Wale* who is currently studying at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and recently made her operatic professional debut.

Students go on to great things in industry too, such as *Nicole Cox* who after completing a **STEM Apprenticeship in Engineering** has been working on exciting projects with her company such as the *Elizabeth Line*.

Most recently, we have former Head Students graduating **Officer Training at Sandhurst** and another receiving an unconditional offer to study at **Cambridge University**.

This really is just a small selection of the successful outcomes our students go on to achieve and we love hearing about students' success and using our alumni to further inspire the next generation of our Kingsdown family.

Facilities at Kingsdown

At Kingsdown we continually invest in state-of-the-art facilities for example both **indoor** and **outdoor gyms**, **digital microscopes** for our Science labs, and we ensure **Chromebooks** are available for every student.

Beyond the classroom

We develop students that go into the outside world as enterprising young adults, who will seek out and create opportunities for themselves. Kingsdown students become adaptable global citizens ready to take on whatever challenges their futures hold.

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs, trips and events that cater for every interest in every year group.



“At Kingsdown we do so much learning beyond the classroom - we get so many experiences that enrich our lives.”

Elise, Year 10



Kingsdown is a mixed 11–16 Secondary School located in Stratton St Margaret, Swindon. We offer a vibrant learning environment with state-of-the-art facilities and we have so many creative and ambitious plans for the future of the school. We remain committed to giving your child a first class educational experience in a caring environment.

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