



Parent 20 Clicks

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The end of another calm and safe term.



My sincere thanks for all your continued support for us at Kingsdown and especially for your children. We have been really encouraged by attendance and attitude to learning levels throughout this month. Your children continue to rise to our high expectations and we are immensely proud of them all. We look forward to seeing all our students return to school on 19th April from 8:30am. As usual we will start the new term with Beat Time during Tutor time. Thank you again for ensuring that your child has everything they need for term 5. Wishing you and your family a peaceful & relaxing Easter break.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett and Kingsdown team.

Safeguarding



Talking about to your child about sex and sexual behaviours

Everyone's Invited has really raised the profile of sexual behaviours between teenagers. The NSPCC has lots of support and guidance for parents.

Children's sexual development is shaped by their environment, experiences and what they see. Children are now more likely to see or come across sexual images and videos at a younger age than their parents would have done.

Below is some information to support you as a parent in understanding some of the common themes that young people are experiencing.

[Sexting and nudes](#)

[What is sexual abuse?](#)

[What is sexual exploitation?](#)

[Sexual health and wellbeing](#)

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme



We are very pleased to confirm that the Department for Education has approved an application submitted by SBC, for the criteria to be extended for HAF here in Swindon over Easter.

Therefore, any school age vulnerable child who falls into Child Protection, Child Looked After or Child in Need categories can access a funded place in a registered holiday club over Easter.

Please continue to signpost all eligible families (including those entitled to means-tested free school meals) to apply online via; [COVID-19 - Holiday activities and food programme | Swindon Borough Council](#)

Any family who would like support accessing a place can contact the team via EY&Cbrokerage@swindon.gov.uk

FSM Supermarket vouchers are scheduled to be released Monday 5th April

Easter holiday Netball Camp - years 7-9



Netball Camps

If you're looking for an organised sporting activity during the Easter holidays then look no further 😊 😊 😊
Everyone is welcome, no experience required.
Come along, join our experienced, qualified coaches and give Netball a try.



For those in School Years 7, 8 & 9

Thursday 8th April 2021, 13:00 – 16:00

Kingsdown School

Hyde Rd, Swindon SN2 7SH

Tuesday 13th April 2021, 13:00 – 16:00

The Deanery

Peglars Way, Swindon SN1 7DA

Cost £12 per person per session



To book a place please send an Email to Mo Squires raychemnc@gmail.com containing the camp date (or dates) and the participant's name & school year.

Closing date 4th April 2021 but, due to Covid restrictions, spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Supporting our students with Special Educational Needs



In order to support the work of our SENDCO Clare Halsey, please can you update us if:

- Your child is seeing TAHMS or CAHMs
- Is under assessment from a paediatrician
- Is working with an external agency and this has been organised independently from school.

Why is this important?

The SENDCO can coordinate support and make sure that our SEND register is up to date.

SENDCO- Clare Halsey chalsey@kingsdownschool.co.uk

Chromebooks



If your child is currently on a day loan or a long term loan and you wish to purchase the device, then please contact chromebookhelp@kingsdownschool.co.uk

The advantage to moving onto a full purchase plan is that your child will not have to return their device before the Summer holiday, and also the device is not locked to the student's school account meaning anyone can log into the device (including parent and siblings) after 4pm on a school day and all day on a weekend/holiday.

Term 5 Twilight Sessions



There will be two remote learning afternoons in term 5. This will mean that the school will be closing to students on Wednesday 21st and Wednesday 28th April at 1250.

All students will be provided with remote learning to complete.

This time will allow the year 11 teachers an opportunity to prepare the first stage of our centre assessed grading process.

Road Safety at Kingsdown



This week, year 7 and 8 students have had a road safety assembly to raise awareness of the dangers of the roads. The road safety assembly can be found [here](#).

This has been followed up with reminders of how to cross safely.

Please reinforce these message at home. Further information and resources can be found [here](#) and [here](#)



Bike Permits



Students who wish to cycle to school must have a bike permit. These can be collected from student services/ Progress Leaders.

Students who cycle **must** adhere to our road safety expectations. Please ensure your child wears a helmet and cycles safely to and from school.

- Wear a helmet whilst riding to and from school
- Cycle without wearing headphones
- Ensure they dismount their bike at the top of the driveway and walk it to the storage
- Lock their bike and helmet securely in the storage area
- Service their bike regularly to ensure brakes/tyres are safe for road use
- Ensure bikes are fitted with lights in winter months
- Cycle sensibly on the journey, using cycle paths and on the correct side of the road, obeying the highway code
- Display their bike permit tag
- Arrive to lock their bike in time to get to year group zone for Roll Call

COVID safety over Easter

Whilst we know our students are excited to get out over Easter, please be mindful of the COVID rules. For students age 10-19, the COVID rates are higher in comparison to the rest of the South West.

Testing kits have been distributed this week for you to be able to monitor your children over the break.

Stay Safe.



Age Range	10 to 14 (per 100K of population)	15 to 19 (per 100K of population)
Swindon	160	102
South West	61	46

The HM Government logo (Crest) and the NHS logo are positioned at the top of the illustration. The HM Government logo is on the left, and the NHS logo is on the right.An illustration of a garden scene with a wooden fence in the background. Five people are shown: a woman in a purple dress standing on the left; a person in a yellow hoodie sitting on a white stool; a person in an orange dress sitting on a white stool; a person in an orange shirt and white pants standing on the right; and a person in a blue shirt sitting on a black chair on the far right. The ground is green with some small plants.

From **29 March**, you can gather with either 2 households or up to 6 people outdoors, including in private gardens.

Easter Holidays



Kingsdown wishes all our students a safe break over the holiday.

A reminder to use the covid@kingsdownschool.co.uk email or call the school on 822284 to report any positive cases that are confirmed on or before Easter Monday. Any cases after this date will not need to be reported to the school.

With thanks

Home Testing



Students are asked to complete the home testing over the holiday period, please find below the link to a step by step video for home testing [here](#)

Please ensure you register your result with the NHS website as directed in the instructions, it is also important to report your result to the school using this link: [Report result](#)

If your result is positive you must organise a follow up PCR Test

Monday 19th April



On the first day back after the Easter holidays, all students in all year groups will now arrive for 8.30am using their normal gate entry points.

Champion time for 25 minutes will be at the start of each school day and not at the end.

Attendance reminders



Our school attendance target is 96% and 97% for year 11.

Students must be in school every day to access their high quality teaching and learning. We don't want them to miss out in any way.

This term, 551 students had 100% attendance and they will each receive 50 achievement points.

Well done to all of these students **#responsibility**

Achievements this term #Pride



This term, our students have achieved over 80,000 achievement points. This is a true reflection of how much they have #stretched and #challenged themselves this term. Well done

Rank	Year	Sum of Points
1	Year 8	17,872
2	Year 11	16,510
3	Year 7	16,420
4	Year 9	15,215
5	Year 10	13,992
	Grand Total	80,009

Uniform reminder for term 5



Students in all year groups are expected to be in full and correct uniform each day.

- As we enter the summer term, school uniform expectations are the same - students must have their blazer on every day (but may remove in the classroom).
- On PE days, please ensure attire is appropriate - shorts should be loose fitting and not very short cycling shorts.

Thank you for making sure your child is ready for Monday 19th April.

A reminder of our expectations can be found [HERE](#).

Progress Checks - The Attitude to Learning of your child



We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude to learning our students have shown since they returned in March and prior to this in remote learning.

Attitude to learning reports have been shared via edulink for students in years 7-10 based on their ATL from March 8th.

Please take time to review this information and praise your child.

#stretch #challenge

Fundraising



We have raised £1030 with the non uniform day and the Easter Egg Raffle, this is an amazing amount of money for #ambitionforavaya

The next fundraising event, the Danceathon, will take place in Term 5.

