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So great to see your child / our students back



It has been absolutely wonderful to see your children / our students back at Kingsdown school. The sights and sounds of our children laughing, playing and learning together has been so special. The maturity that your children have shown has been exceptional. The mass testing of 900 students has been a mean feat and your child has been incredibly responsible. Thank you for your positive messaging here.

Thank you also for your continued support in ensuring that your child is ready to learn every day. Ensuring that they are on time every morning, equipped especially with a charged Chromebook and that they are meeting our high expectations is needed and appreciated.

If you have any questions or see any barriers to your child's attendance or learning, please do get in touch.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett & all the KDS team

Safeguarding -

Supporting your child with their mental health



From time to time teenagers find managing change difficult. Returning to school following lockdown 3 can be difficult for some for a wide variety of reasons. When teenagers find it difficult, it can present as anxiety. Below are some signs and indicators:

- Lack confidence to try new things or seem unable to face simple everyday challenges
- Find it hard to concentrate
- Have problems sleeping or eating
- Have angry outbursts
- Have a lot of negative thoughts or keep thinking bad things will happen

Where can you get support?

Online: [Young Minds](#)

GP: Contact your doctor who can offer support

Contact us: We have a wide range of support available to students from interventions in our Thrive and Resilience Hubs. These can be both on a 1:1 basis or through group work. We also work with external agencies such as [STEP](#), [SMASH](#) and [Trailblazers](#).

Please contact your progress leader who can offer support and guidance.



Uniform & Equipment

Students in all year groups have had 2 practice weeks for uniform and equipment. By Monday 22nd, all students are expected to be in full and correct uniform/PE kit.

Thank you for making sure your child is ready for Monday.

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



Students Cycling to and From School

A reminder for those who cycle:

Our cycling code of conduct requires students to cycle to and from school safely. All students who have a bike permit have signed to agree to this.

Please remind your children to ensure they are cycling safely, watching out for cars and pedestrians and making sure they are not cycling with headphones.

We need to keep all members of the community safe.

Discover new **ways to support** your child through school and exams

S.P.A.C.E is a free programme of virtual events to give parents and carers the tools they need to help their young people through secondary school. The programme explores higher education, further education and the opportunities available to young people.

TUESDAY 23 MARCH
7-8pm

All About University & How to Apply

Bucks New University and Oxford Brookes University will deliver a session all about university and how to go through the application process using UCAS.

TUESDAY 30 MARCH
7-8pm

Vocational Routes & Apprenticeships

Learn all about the different vocational routes on offer and how to apply for apprenticeships. A previous apprentice will also share her experience.

TUESDAY 20 APRIL
7-8pm

Student Finance

Oxford Brookes University will help you understand how student finance works and other financial support available. The Thrifty Londoner will also give some top tips on budgeting.

TUESDAY 4 MAY
7-8pm

Wellbeing & Resilience

Positively MAD will deliver an interactive and reflective personal development workshop focusing on upskilling students to become resilient to setbacks.

TUESDAY 18 MAY
7-8pm

Exam & Revision Tips

MADE Training will share ideas of how we can encourage and promote healthy discussion between parent/carer and child with regard to studying and motivation.

- Young people are encouraged to attend with their parent/carer.

- Each session will have an additional 30 minutes allocated for a Q+A with a current student. It's optional for you to attend this.

- There will be a private Facebook group that you will be invited to join once you have booked your place so you can connect with other parents/carers and access more information and updates. Please note that this is optional and only for parents/carers.

Click here to book your place!

Supporting Parents and Carers in Education (SPACE)



SPACE (Supporting Parents and Carers in Education) - Discover new ways to support your child through school and exams

SPACE is a free programme of virtual events to give parents and carers the tools they need to help their young people through secondary school. The programme will also explore higher education, further education and the opportunities available to young people. Young people are encouraged to attend with their parent/carer.

There are currently 5 free virtual events available and each session will have an additional 30 minutes for a Q+A. A private Facebook group is also available for parents/carers to connect with others and to share information and updates. Please find further details about the sessions and how to register on the flyer below.

Click [HERE](#) for the link to book your place

Chromebooks



Thank you for your generous donations to the RLT Just Giving Page. So far over £90k has been raised and much of this to Kingsdown School. If you would like to donate please click on the link below. Every donation, any donation is truly valued and appreciated.

Please click here [Just Giving](#)





Information for Year 11 Parents

We will be sharing our information video with Year 11 Parents by the end of the week. This will give you information about:

- Grading and assessment process
- Key Dates for your child
- How they can prepare
- Support available

Thank you for taking the time to watch this to help us support your child.



Home Learning

Home Learning will recommence for all years from **Monday March 22nd**.

Home Learning will be set through google classrooms and students will be shown how this works in the student bulletin.

Students will always have **one week** to complete home learning. If they need any **support** in completing home learning, they must **ask/email** their **subject teacher**.



Comic relief

It has been great to see so many students joining in with the comic relief activities and the theme- 'funny is power'.

Funny can change things. It can connect us. It can be the difference.

Because no matter how small something may seem; like putting on a Red Nose, getting the team to dress up, putting a joke in your window, or donating while watching the TV —when you do it for Red Nose Day, you're part of something much bigger. You're working towards making the world a better place.

Today the children had fun, they laughed, raised £576.81 and were able to make a difference, thank you



For information

Chromebooks



Thank you all for your support with ensuring that our recently launched digital strategy has been a success.

We saw a huge increase in the engagement of students during the latest lock down - something that is a reflection of both the support you have given as well as the universal access to the devices.

Now that we have returned to school, we are ensuring that the devices continue to be used to support the excellent teaching and brilliant learning that Kingsdown prides itself on delivering every day.

In order for this to happen, **all students** must ensure that they **bring** their purchased and long term loan **chromebooks** to school **everyday** and ensure they are fully **charged**. Students on day loans must ensure they collect their device each day, and return it at the end of the day at the correct location.

Mass Testing



We have now completed the 3 school tests and from Monday, students will bring home their Home Testing Kits.

You will find an easy step by step video: [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](#)

Supporting our students with Special Educational Needs



The SEND register is a fluid document which means that students can move on and off it.

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.

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