



# Parent 20 Clicks

## 1.02.2021



# Thank you - #we are all in this together



I remain incredibly proud of your children, our students.

This week attendance for our tutor time check-ins , across all our year groups, has been 95.4%. This week we moved to live teaching in every lesson and again attendance has been very positive.

Thank you for continuing to support your child. Like you, I am a working parent and also homeschooling two teenagers. I fully appreciate, first hand, how challenging this is and can be. We can only do our best. If there are things that we can do more of to support you and your child, do please get in touch and let us know. Your feedback is helpful. We are all in this together and hopefully we will all be back at Kingsdown in March.

For now, sending you my very best wishes and continued thanks.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett

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## Government announcement - Reopening of schools

The Prime Minister has begun to talk about the reopening of schools in March. Please be assured that we are tracking these messages. We will provide clear information to you all when we hear and know more.

Until then, we will continue to provide the education and provision that we are providing at present.

We will keep sharing information with you through our Parent 20 Clicks. Thank you for taking the time to read these.

**Mrs Leigh-Bennett**

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## T D Day - Monday 1st February

A reminder that Monday is a T D Day.

There will be no online / live lessons for your child.

Our staff will be having training and working on further developing the remote / live curriculum for years 7 - 11.

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# Supporting your child with home school



Home learning can be a challenge and each family faces different difficulties. Our pastoral team are working hard to ensure students are fully engaged in their online learning but here are some additional resources that may support you. We hope these links are useful to you all.

- [Planning the day](#) - managing time and breaking the day down
- [Reading at home](#) - supporting literacy and communication skills
- [Assembly](#) - supporting remote learning and wellbeing

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## Year 9 options



Year 9 students start their Options process next week. This is a really exciting time for them. They will have a number of activities over the next few weeks to support them such as options videos, careers advice, online taster sessions and aspirational talks.

Do ask your year 9 child about these and take a look at our website [here](#)

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## Year 9 options - Key dates

- Monday 1st Feb - Video to parents - Options at Kingsdown
- Tuesday 2nd Feb - Options assembly launch
- W/c 1.2- Champion time activities- careers, aspirations and option choices
- 8th Feb - ATL reports sent home
- 8-12th Feb - Online taster sessions
- 10/11th Feb - 1-2-1 online tutor meetings
- 12th Feb - Options videos and Options Form released
- 1st March - Options form deadline

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# Google feedback



Thank you all for continuing to work in partnership with Kingsdown to ensure that we continue to provide your child with the best quality education.

It would be great if you would take 2 minutes to share some feedback with us. This can be done by following the link below

<http://bit.ly/KDS-Review>





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## Year 11



We remain here to support all of our students. We appreciate and see first hand that this period of uncertainty is particularly difficult for our year 11s. We are awaiting further clarification from the exam boards.

Our message to year 11 has been “Help Us to Help YOU. Please continue to tell your year 11 son / daughter that by continuing to engage in all online lessons and by completing all assessments, will mean that they are helping us to help them.

# February Half Term



Schools will close as usual over February half-term.

We are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during this week.

A reminder to use the [covid@kingsdownschool.co.uk](mailto:covid@kingsdownschool.co.uk) email to report any positive cases prior to or during the holidays.

It is anticipated that FSM vouchers will continue, using the current system during half term.

# Support from Heather - our school nurse



Supporting students with their physical, mental and emotional health needs is especially challenging during this 3rd Lockdown.

We would like to introduce our school nurse - **Heather Fraser**. Heather is available to work virtually with our students.

She is also able to offer confidential advice and support to parents as well as our students.

To get in touch please email: [snn@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:snn@swindon.gov.uk) or call: 01793 465050