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COVID-19 Update

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Dear parents / carers

Welcome to term 6. Thank you for reading and acting upon my letter earlier this week. We are really looking forward to seeing those children who will be returning from the 8th and then from the 15th June.

In the meantime, continued thanks for supporting and motivating your son / daughter into completing their Show My Homework tasks. This is going to be so important as they progress in their learning.

Our teachers and pastoral teams are only ever an email away.

With best wishes

Mrs Leigh-Bennett



Staffing updates:

Mr Hathaway has taken a new post in school and will be taking some time away from his role as a Progress Leader. His replacement, Mr Hurd will be joining us from July but until then, please direct year 9 queries to Miss Winwood on kwinwood@kingsdownschool.co.uk

We also welcome Mrs Burney to our Annexe team



On-line learning: Organisation

Thank you for taking the time to watch the supportive video with your son/ daughter on how to organise the week. Nearly 500 people have viewed the video and the planning sheets have proved successful.

The planning sheets will be attached to the student bulletin each week - do spend time with your son/daughter to support in organising their week and reward the task completion.

The video can be viewed [here](#).



Parent queries:

If you need to contact the school with any query, please email head@kingsdownschool.co.uk or during the COVID-19 school closure or you can text 07860041670. As always we will aim to get back to you within 48 hours.

With our continued best wishes

Everyone at Kingsdown

On-Line Learning - Stretch & Challenge

If your child is looking for something more, or has an interest in a specific area then the Stretch & Challenge Zone is the place to go.

This is designed for KS3 students and is full of activities and resources to support their future aspirations and ambitions.

The link can be found here:

<https://sites.google.com/kingsdown.school/sczone>

Do explore the site and try out some of the activities



On-Line Learning - Kingsdown+

This website has been developed by the staff at Kingsdown to support **Y10** and **Y11 students**.

Y10s can access the careers pages, look at the different colleges in the local area and what they have to offer and tackle some of the stretch and challenge activities in an area that interests them.

Y11s will find this incredibly useful as it is constantly being updated with news from the colleges, it is full of research activities and tasks to support a continuation in learning.

Do take a look at what is on offer and talk about the opportunities available with your young person.

<https://sites.google.com/kingsdown.school/kingsdownplus/>

Safeguarding



As we start term 6, we thought that it would be good to give you some tips for the term.

Set a routine: Your child may have started to stay up later at night and be sleeping in more. To support your child with completing school work, start to move their time for bed back wards, e.g. from 12.00 to 11.00 etc.

Hair etc: If your child is in one of the key groups identified by the government that is expected to attend school and you are expecting them to attend, please do not allow your child to dye their hair a bright colour or shave their hair short.

Domestic violence: reports of domestic violence has increased in Swindon by 17%. If you are worried about a child, a neighbour or would like further information please visit:

As always you can report any concerns on our school website via SHARPs.

Duke of Edinburgh



If your child has been undertaking any activities at home during lockdown such as helping with household chores, helping with shopping, supporting others in the community, helping homeschooling siblings, undertaking regular exercise, learning to cook, learning a new skill or working on a current one then please email Pbryant@kingsdownschool.co.uk outlining what they have done. We want to celebrate our DofE students at this time, and want to recognise all activities as part of their DofE award. The activities should be on average for 1 hour a week, but can be more in one week and less in another. Any questions then please email the above address and we'll answer them as soon as we can.

Many thanks, the DofE Team.

Useful links for advice



NHS Website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

• NHS 111 Online:

<https://111.nhs.uk>

• NHS Coronavirus Service:

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

• NHS Advice for travellers: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/advice-for-travellers/

• PHE:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Where can I get further advice?

• You can contact Ms Magenty smagenty@kingsdownschool.co.uk

or Mrs Brown hbrown@kingsdownschool.co.uk