

10th November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Today was an important day in our school year - a time when we all come together to be silent for 2 minutes to remember all those who have served and died in order to protect our country. Today all our students showed such a deep level of respect. It was a very special and proud moment for us all.

Thank you for taking the time to read and share the key messages from this week's parent newsletter.

Literature Festival this week

A wonderful week has been enjoyed by our Key Stage Three Students in the Literature Festival this week. Our students have visited the Wyvern Theatre, had talks from authors and bespoke workshops. We were also thrilled to have 250 year 5 students from The Grange, Ruskin, Colebrook and South Marston with us for an author visit on Tuesday. This has been an exciting week filled with enrichment opportunities and we look forward to next year's programme of events at Kingsdown.

Year 11 Mocks

We all wish our Yr 11 students well for the next two weeks as they start their Mock examinations. A separate communication has been sent home to our Yr 11 parents.

Mobile phones

Just a reminder that our school expectations are that mobile phones are not seen or heard during the school day. Students are allowed to bring mobile phones to school but they must be kept in school bags during the course of the day. If a mobile phone is seen or heard then it will be confiscated and can be collected from the school office at the end of the day. On the third confiscation parents will be asked to collect their child's mobile phone from the school office.

Free School Meals

We understand that the cost of living is high at present and wanted to remind parents and carers that there is support available if you need it. If your child is not in receipt of Free School Meals, but you would like to make an application please click [here](#) to access.

Walking and cycling to school - reminders about safety

As the mornings become darker and the evenings draw in, we would like to remind everybody about the importance of road safety. If cycling, students should ensure that they wear their helmets and reflective clothing so they are seen by all road users. When students are walking to and from school, please note that they should not be wearing earphones or on their phones when walking so they can hear the flow of traffic around them. They also need to wear coats appropriate for the weather. Students' safety is paramount so thank you for reinforcing these messages with your child.

Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Kingsdown School Local Governing Body, if you are interested in finding out more information please contact the Clerk to Governors, Mrs Ellis, jellis@kingsdownschool.co.uk

RLT Parent survey

Thank you for your responses and thank you to the parents who have volunteered to be part of a development groups. We will be in touch in Term 3 for the first meetings.

Key dates for the rest of this term

Mon 13th - Thurs 23rd Nov	: Year 11 Mocks
w/c 20th Nov	: Road Safety Week
Wed 22nd Nov	: Recital Evening (6.30pm)
Mon 27th Nov	: TD Day
Tues 5th Dec	: Year 7 Disco (4.30pm)
Wed 13th Dec & Thurs 14th Dec	: Christmas Lunch
Thurs 14th Dec	: Year 11 Parents' Evening (4.00 - 7.00pm)
Mon 18th Dec	: Christmas Concert @ St Phillips (6.30pm)
Weds 20th Dec	: End of Term - 12.00pm

With thanks for your continued support and for sharing these messages with your child / children.
Wishing you and your family a restful and relaxing weekend.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett