

15th March 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

RLT Annual Survey

Thank you so much to those of you who have completed the survey, we really do value your input and comments. We have so far had a 20% completion rate which is a good start.

As a reminder the link can be found below:

Here is a video from the CEO, Paul James - [RLT Stakeholder Survey March 2024-2.webm](#). Thank you for taking 2 minutes to watch and then a few minutes to complete this survey which is attached here - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGq5hn4pOwtlwVytjG3tVrHkuuT59xMuI3-qeel6M2MewHGQ/viewform>

Kingsdown School - Swindon Music Co-operative

Swindon Music Co-operative are offering 1-1 instrumental music lessons at school; Piano, Voice, Guitar, Strings & Drums. For more information on instrumental lessons please contact us on 01793 781973 or email info@swindonmusiccoop.co.uk, www.swindonmusiccoop.co.uk

Attendance - Late to school and impact on attendance rates

Everyday we have at least 20 - 30 students who are regularly late to school. The school day starts at 8.35 am in Tutor for registration and students are expected to be on site by 8.30 am. The register closes at 9.15 am and if a student arrives late after this time it is an unauthorised absence and will affect their attendance.

We are very lucky to have a new Attendance Officer Mrs Faye Williams. Please contact her directly if you have any queries at studentabsence@kingsdownschool.co.uk.

Thank you for your support.

5 minutes late to school	4 days lost learning per year
10 minutes late to school	7 days lost learning per year
15 minutes late to school	10 days lost learning per year
20 minutes late to school	13 days lost learning per year
30 minutes late to school	30 days lost learning per year

Year to Date = 91.1%	Persistent Absence = 25%	Lates = 2.3%
Year 7 = 92.8 %	21.0 %	1.2 %
Year 8 = 92.7 %	22.7 %	2.2 %
Year 9 = 89.5 %	31.3 %	1.6 %
Year 10 = 90.7 %	24.8 %	3.5 %
Year 11 = 88.9 %	26.7 %	3.7 %

Lockdown

We would like to thank all of the students and staff for another highly successful lockdown drill which took place on Tuesday 12th March. The next drill will be an unannounced drill. This will take place during a lesson period. The process will be the same as before but will not be with their Tutor.

Thank you again for all of your support.

Activities Day

This week in assemblies, we have launched our end of year rewards trips which are calendared for Wednesday 24th July. We will be celebrating our students that have worked hard and tirelessly throughout the year and every student has the opportunity to become eligible. The criteria to be invited to participate is the students must have a positive net balance (achievement points minus negative points) and no suspensions. Eligible students will have the opportunity to attend one of several external trips or on site activities. Students that are unsuccessful in meeting the criteria will remain on site. Further details of the cost to the external trips will be sent before the Easter break.

Register for Elevate's Parent Webinar Series

We were pleased to get positive feedback from Parents and Carers of Year 10 & 11 students who have attended the Elevate Parent Webinars. There is one more session next week which we know parents and carers will find useful:

How You Can Support Your Child During Exams - 19th March 6:00pm

Register for the series by clicking the link below and learn some great practical strategies to help support your child this year. <https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukschoolwebinar>

Events for term 3

w/c 18th March	: Year 10 Mocks for 2 weeks
Weds 20th March	: Pencelli Parents' Evening - 6pm
26th March	: Year 11 Mock Results Assembly
27th March	: Year 11 Parents' and Carers' Steps to Success evening - invitation only
28th March	: End of Term - Students finish at 12.00pm
w/c 15th April	: Reports sent home Year 7 - 11
15th April	: Start of Term - 8.30am on site / all students to go to roll call

With our continued thanks. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any further information.

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Headteacher