

Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you for all your support throughout this term and year.

Thank you also for your feedback about the changes to our school day that we made from September - attached to this newsletter is a copy of the outcome of the survey.

For now wishing you and your families a restful and peaceful festive break. We are looking forward to seeing our students return on Monday 6th January at 8.15am. Thank you for checking that they are all fully equipped, in full uniform and ready for a new term and year.

An opportunity offered to Kingsdown students - Wimbledon 2025

Every year Mr Mason, on behalf of the school, enters the Wimbledon ballot to gain some tickets to offer to our students. This week we heard that we were successful in gaining 8 tickets for the first day at Wimbledon and for Number 1 Court. We do appreciate that this is a very expensive month for families but we did want to share this opportunity with you. The cost of entry and travel to and from the school is a voluntary contribution of £61.00. If you would like to take up this opportunity please email Mr Mason at nmason@kingsdownschool.co.uk. Please can you let Mr Mason know by the 19th December.

Attendance

We were delighted to see over 89% of our parents attend Year 11 parents' evening on Thursday. Here mock results and Most Likely Grades were shared along with Personal Learning Checklists and other strategies to support Year 11 in their final months at Kingsdown.

Attendance year to date = 92.0 % Persistent Absence year to date = 24.1% [less than 90%] Lates = 3.2%			
	Year to Date	PA	Lates
Year 7	94.1%	18.4%	1.4%
Year 8	92.3%	22.0%	2.8%
Year 9	91.0%	27.6%	4.1%
Year 10	91.7%	25.3%	3.3%
Year 11	90.2%	29.1%	4.9%

Water bottles

Please can you remind your child that they need to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day. Our front office team is experiencing a lot of students going to get drinks and are dealing with an increase in students with headaches due to lack of fluids. TWe appreciate you reminding your child of this requirement.

Term 3 ready

Thank you for checking over the break that your child has the full correct school uniform and the equipment they need to access their learning. We have spare equipment and uniform available in our Student Services so please do reach out if you need any support.

Free School Meals

Please find attached to this newsletter a Free Schools Meal Campaign flyer for your information.

Future Events

- 16th Dec - Christmas Concert - 6.30pm at St Phillips' Church
- 17th Dec - Christmas Lunch (£4.50)
- 18th Dec - Christmas Lunch (£4.50)
- 20th Dec - Students finish at 12.05pm
- 6th Jan - Students return to school - 8.15am
- 9th Jan - Year 9 Options Evening 6.00pm
- 21st Jan - Year 9 Parents' Evening 4.00pm

Our Safeguarding team is available for several days over the holiday so please don't hesitate to reach out for support if you need us. With our continued thanks.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett

Headteacher