

14th March 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

This week our Year 10 candidates for Head Student spoke to houses in assembly about why they should be voted for to be Head Student. We are so incredibly proud of all of these students. They spoke with such passion and enthusiasm, and acted as inspirational leaders of the future. They will now go onto the interview stage, but we are so excited to have such a passionate student leadership team for the coming year.

Further Student Leadership opportunities

Applications are now open for **Year 9 and 10 students** if they wish to join the wider student leadership team of House and vice house captains, senior students and prefects. This application will close at **9am Monday 17th March**. Please encourage your child to think about one of these roles:

Senior student council - (stripy tie) to sit on a year council with a deputy head student, be part of leading peer education and leading duties at lunchtime and after school events, school tours etc.

Senior student press - (stripy tie) to be part of the press team creating the student led school newspaper, be part of leading peer education and leading duties at lunchtime and after school events, school tours etc.

House captain - (stripy tie) to lead house assemblies and lead the pride meetings, be part of peer education and lead duties at lunchtime, after school events, school tours etc.

Vice House captain - (blue tie) to support house assemblies, be part of pride meetings, help with peer education and undertake a duty at lunchtime, support after school events, tours etc.

Prefect - (blue tie) to undertake a lunch duty, to attend after school events and tours.

There will be opportunities for Year 8 in the coming term to put themselves forward for sports leaders Year 7 in term 6 for transition ambassadors.

Attendance

Attendance year to date = 91.9 % Persistent Absence year to date = 23.7 % [less than 90%] Lates = 3.3 %			
Year	YTD	PA	Lates
Year 7	93.3%	21.2%	1.6%
Year 8	92.1%	22.0%	2.8%
Year 9	91.7%	25.2%	4.2%
Year 10	91.8%	22.9%	3.7%
Year 11	89.5%	28.9%	5.2%

Securly Home

Kingsdown uses Securly for its internet filtering on student Chromebooks to help keep your child safe online.

This filtering works whenever your child is logged into their Kingsdown School account, whether they are in school or at home.

To help you **monitor** and **control** your child's online activity while at home, Securly offers a parental app called Securly Home.

You'll soon receive an email inviting you to download and log into the Securly Home app.

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is a site that all of our parents/carers have access to. This can be accessed at the top, righthand side of the website from the link here-

<https://sites.google.com/kingsdownschool.co.uk/kdsparentportal/parent-main-page>. Here you can find key contact information for Tutors along with curriculum maps showing what your child will be studying throughout their journey with us. Please familiarise yourself with these to support with conversations at home about '*what they have learnt today*'.

Drop down morning 20th March

On the 20th March students in years 7-9 and 11 will be off timetable during tutor and periods 1+2. During this time they will take part in cultural enriching activities and key understanding about personal finance, this is an important part of our wider enriching curriculum for students, and a response from student voices to provide more cultural activities and finance. They will be doing the following:

Year 7: Personal finance on banking and being a savvy consumer **-students will need a charged chromebook**

Year 8: Wellbeing and Art

Year 9: House sports competition - **students will need to be in PE kit on this day**

Year 10: Maths mock exam

Year 11: Personal finance on getting paid payslips/tax and credit **-students will need a charged chromebook**

Future Events

18th March 2025 - Recital Evening 6.30pm

19th March - 28th March - Year 10 Mocks - 2 weeks

1st April 2025 - ASC Coffee Afternoon

4th April 2025 - Non Uniform Day in aid of Cancer Research

4th April 2025 - End of term - students finish at 12.05pm

22nd April 2025 - Start of term at 8.15am

With our continued thanks. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any further information. Please be reminded that we have a 5 day response time.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett

Headteacher