

20th June 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

Our students have coped really well with the warm weather this week. Students will be permitted to wear their PE uniform on Monday. We will continue to monitor the weather and thank you for your support.

Last week the DfE published the attendance data comparing similar schools and their attendance rates. We were thrilled to see Kingsdown ranked 2nd out of its 21 similar schools. We continue to monitor and make attendance a priority for the school. We sincerely thank you for your ongoing support in profiling the attendance to school and lessons for your child.

Attendance

Attendance year to date = 91.9% Persistent Absence year to date = 24.2% [less than 90%] Lates = 3.5 %			
Year	YTD	PA	Lates
Year 7	92.9%	20.2%	1.7%
Year 8	92.0%	24.7%	2.9%
Year 9	91.9%	24.1%	4.2%
Year 10	92.4%	23.8%	3.8%
Year 11	Leavers	Leavers	Leavers

Farewell to Year 11 - Cohort 2025

Today we said farewell to our 150 Year 11 students. They have been exceptional role models and we wish them well for their futures and look forward to celebrating their examination results in August.

Aspirations Week

We are looking forward to this exciting week for our Year 10s where they will further develop their CVs, visit colleges and experience mock interviews.

Pride Month Assemblies

Next week during house assemblies we will be celebrating pride month, looking at its origins, how students can support each other so that we continue to be an inclusive school.

Sports Day

Another action packed House Sports Day is planned for Friday 18th July. This is always a day full of fun and high activity levels. Now with the added fierce House competitive element it is set to be another memorable day. There will be all the normal sports day activities including rounders, athletics, tug of war, football, tennis, netball, boccia, curling and of course the inflatables. This year we have also included a Basketball shooting competition after listening to our students' requests. The day will finish at lunch time and students have the option to buy an ice cream also.

Communication regarding the weather will go out to parents the day before confirming the day going ahead.

Swindon Athletics

After a strong representation by Kingsdown students who qualified to attend the Swindon Team trials earlier in the month, a handful of those students then made it through to the Wiltshire County trials on Saturday 14th June. Well done to Izzie, Josh and Oliver. We are currently waiting to hear whether they have made it through to the Regionals in Exeter on Saturday 21st June. Next up is the Swindon Schools Championships in which we have historically done very well.

Championing your child

We continue to really enjoy hearing about the achievements of your child out of school. Do please keep sharing news of what your child enjoys out of school with your child's tutor.

T D Day - 4th July

We have our last T D Day of the year on 4th July. The school will be closed to students. Our focus here will be on reflecting upon the year and the next phase of Championing at Kingsdown.

New Deputy Head at Kingsdown School

We were delighted to have appointed Mrs Bowers as our new Deputy Headteacher at Kingsdown. She has a wealth of experience in SEND and Inclusion. She has, this week, started her induction to the school.

Future Events

- 25th June - Year 9 Immunisations (first session)
- 25th June - Recital Evening - 6pm
- 30th June - Aspirations Week
- 2nd & 3rd July - Transition Day
- 4th July - TD Day
- 5th & 6th July - DofE Bronze Award Practice Expedition
- 7th July - Normandy Trip (all week)
- 7th July - Year 5 Tours 9.00am (booking required)
- 9th July - Year 9 Immunisations (second session)
- 10th July - Year 6 Parent Information Evening
- 11th July - Year 11 Prom
- 17th July - Prize Evening 6.00pm
- 18th July - Sports Day
- 19th & 20th July - DofE Bronze Award Qualifying Expedition
- 22nd July - Reward Trips
- 23rd July - Students finish at 12.15pm
- 24th July - TD Day - Start of Summer Holidays

With our continued thanks.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett

Headteacher