

23rd May 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you for your continued support this term. It's been a short and busy one. We are delighted to share that we are fully staffed for September and have made some super appointments.

We return to school on Monday 2nd June at 8.15am. With thanks for ensuring that your child is ready to learn.

Attendance

Letters will be going home during the half term for students whose attendance is a concern. Please do not hesitate to contact the team if you have any queries or you have information regarding your child's absence.

Attendance year to date = 91.9% Persistent Absence year to date =24.4% [less than 90%] Lates = 3.5 %			National 91.5%
Year	YTD	PA	Lates
Year 7	93.0%	21.8%	1.7%
Year 8	92.1%	22.4%	2.9%
Year 9	91.9%	25.0%	4.2%
Year 10	92.5%	23.0%	3.7%
Year 11	89.5%	31.4%	6.0%

Year 8 Pencelli trip

On Sunday 4th May, 48 students set off on the annual Pencelli Trip. Our students completed a variety of activities throughout the week including walking up Pen Y Fan, rock climbing, canoeing and kayaking and caving. These activities stretched and challenged our students and allowed them to develop their resilience, communication and teamwork skills. The weather was brilliant and all of our students had an absolutely fantastic time.



Parking

Please can we be mindful of our neighbours when parking to meet your children from school. We have received feedback from the Kingsdown public house regarding parents parking there and causing some issues. The Kingsdown car park is for patrons only and regularly hosts events throughout the day such as wakes and weddings and needs all of their parking spaces. There is parking for parents at the Kingsdown Sports centre.

Rewards trips

We have been so proud with how well our students have done over the last 2 terms, it has been great to see them receive so many achievement points. The final day of the rewards trip threshold is Friday 23rd May. We will then open the bookings on the w/c 2nd June to eligible students - Net positive points and no suspensions. The trips will be confirmed once full payment has been received. rough costings were sent out at the start of term 4.

You will receive notification if your child is eligible to attend a trip.

Future Events

23rd May - End of Term (Students finish at normal time)
26th May - 30th May - Half Term
2nd June - Students return to school 8.15am
6th - 8th June - DofE Silver Award Qualifying Expedition
20th June - Year 11 Leavers' Day
21st June - Year 6 Uniform Pop up Shop
25th June - Year 9 Immunisations (first session)
25th June - Recital Evening
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
25th July - Start of Summer Holidays

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