

Dear Parents / Carers

Aspirations weeks

This week we ran our annual Y10 Aspirations week. Our students enjoyed the experience of many events which included visits to a university, workshops with over 40 entrepreneurs and businesses as well as CV writing and mock interviews with local business leaders. We were so impressed with the levels of engagement from our students and know that they gained much from the week. As you know, one of our Kingsdown BEATs is that of Ambition and having high aspirations for their futures. We thank all our local businesses who championed Kingsdown during this week.

Yr 6 Transition days

On Wednesday and Thursday we invited 232 Y6 students to Kingsdown for their 2 days of induction. Much excitement followed. Our Y7 student ambassadors were brilliant as they championed our new cohort of students and helped lead on the sessions. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Y7s to Kingsdown during our Summer school and then in September.

Weather and uniform expectations for next week

Our students have coped well with the higher than average temperatures this week. Next week cooler temperatures are expected and so we will return to full school uniform and PE uniform linked to every students' timetable. Students will only wear their PE uniform to school on days when they have PE. Please ensure that your child arrives at school in full correct uniform everyday. With thanks for your support here.

Uniform donations

If you have any uniform in good condition that your child has outgrown, please can you drop this into the school office for us to donate to other students. Your generosity here is much appreciated.

Attendance

Attendance year to date = 91.3 % Persistent Absence year to date = 24.4 % [less than 90%]		
Year 7	92.4%	19.2%
Year 8	92.1%	24.4%
Year 9	89.9%	32.2%
Year 10	90.4%	24.6%

Please support your child in ensuring that they are in school each and every day. Next week we enter our last month of the year and we really hope and need attendance rates to be over 95%. With thanks for your support here. Attendance really doest matter and has a significant impact upon progress and outcomes.

General Election

A reminder that our Annexe building will be used as a Polling station on Thursday 4th July and this will impact upon parking facilities and drop offs for our parents. Thank you for your support here.

Sparx

Kingsdown School was 1st in Swindon last week for completion rates on Sparx (nearly 80%). We are 2nd in the Trust and 110th out of nearly 2400 schools. Top 5% nationally. Our students are smashing their Sparx HL.

Sports News - June update from our PE team - congratulations to all our students

Thursday 6th June - v Ridgeway

Kingsdown competed against a competitive Ridgeway side in their 4th Rounders fixture of the term. Lots of amazing hits and excellent fielding from the Kingsdown side. The game ended with a Ridgeway win of 15 rounders to 9. POTM - Poppy for her excellent fielding and Natalia for her excellent batting.

Wiltshire Athletics Trials 8th June

Kingsdown took 5 students over for the Wiltshire Athletics trials. Brothers Josh (Y10) and Ollie (Y7), Anais (Y7), Izzie (Y8) and Ben (Y11). All students represented the school and themselves fantastically. Some notable performances included Ben who finished 1st place in the county for Shot put, setting a new school record in the process of 11.6M. Izzie also received a podium finish, finishing 3rd in a competitive 1500M race.

Super 8s Athletics - Monday 10th June

We took 16 students from Year 7 to compete in a range of track and field events. All students demonstrated ambition in all of their events. Well done to all who competed and to Anais and Freya who both came 2nd in their 100m races with times of 14.40 and 14.65.

Tuesday 11th June - Tennis @ RWBA

We took 5 Year 8 students who competed in singles and doubles tennis. Out of all 7 teams who competed, we came out 6th. Well done to Poppy, Izzie and Natalia who competed in the single matches, and well done to Raquel and Iylah who competed in tennis doubles.

18th June - 7 / 8 Swindon Athletics Championships

Outstanding performances were seen across the board from the Year 7 and 8 Athletics teams. Our Year 8 girls came 3rd in Swindon. Other notable performances were Millie who won her 100m race, Izzie who won her 1500m race, other top 3 students were Paris - Javelin, Olivia - Javelin, Layla - Discus, Oscar - Hurdles. All the students were exceptionally well behaved throughout the day.

Friday 12th July - Sports' Day

We are very excited our long awaited Sports' Day on Friday 12th July is rapidly approaching. If the weather conditions permit, both participants and spectators will be on the school field for the entirety of the day. As such, it is important that they bring plenty of water to stay hydrated, along with sun cream and a hat. We are looking forward to seeing how our 4 new Houses compete against each other in many exciting events. Much fun and teamship will be the order of the day.

Year 7 Parents evening

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 7 parents/carers into school for the Year 7 parents evening. Bookings will open on the MCAS app on Wednesday 3rd July @6pm and close on Tuesday 9th July @9am.

Future Events

2nd July : Art & Photography Trip
2nd July : Recital Evening 6.30pm
5th July : TD Day - school closed to all students
5th - 7th July : DofE Silver Expedition Practice

8th July : Y10 Cirencester College visit
9th July : River Cole trip - Geog GCSE
10th July : Jonathan Jungle visit to ASC Centre
11th July : River Cole trip - Geog GCSE
11th July : Year 7 Parents' Evening - 4pm - 7pm
12th July : Sports Day - at Kingsdown School
15th - 19th July : Y9 Normandy Trip
19th July : Y11 Prom - 7pm
23rd July : Prize Evening 6pm -7pm
24th July : Reward Trips

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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