

2nd May 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

We are really pleased to inform you that our recent Ofsted inspection report has now been uploaded to our school website. We would like to thank and encourage parents and carers to take a moment to read the report which provides valuable insight into the strengths and areas for development within our school. You can access it by clicking [here](#). We are very proud of this report and congratulate our students, staff and parents. This report will be read by many potential parents and carers and indeed staff wishing to work at the school over the next four years.

We have already begun to reflect upon the two areas of development which are already incorporated into our Strategic Improvement Plans. Furthermore those areas that have been identified that we do well which we will continue to strive to do even better.

### **Clerk to Governors**

We are pleased to welcome Katherine Compton as our new Clerk to the Governing Board. Katherine brings with her a wealth of experience in governance support and administration, and will play a key role in ensuring the smooth running of our governing body. She will be responsible for organising meetings, preparing agendas and minutes, and providing essential advice on school governance procedures.

We look forward to working with Katherine and are confident she will be a valuable addition to our school community.

### **Using toilets - a reminder**

At the end of last term Mr Law led on the whole school assemblies around great teaching and learning at Kingsdown School. He reminded students of the importance of the first two minutes when students are asked to complete their DNAs - Do Now Activities. The DNAs are a key part of our recall and retention strategy. He then shared with students the next 10 minutes which we refer to as the Golden Window. It is in this part of the lesson that the teacher shares their expert knowledge through simple, succinct and well designed explanations.

At present we are seeing far too many students being late to lessons due to going to the toilets and then requesting to go to the toilet when vital new learning is being explained. Could you please remind your child of the importance of going to the toilet at breaks and lunchtimes and also using the year group specific toilet blocks. It is also important that there should be no more than four students in the toilet block at any one time.

### **Weather next week**

The forecast for next week is cooler weather, students are to be back in full school uniform.

## **Elevate webinar for KS4 Parents and Carers**

We're excited to announce that Elevate Education will be hosting **a live Q&A session** for parents on May 6th. Elevate works with our KS4 students, delivering high-impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series, you'll learn **how you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.**

Sign up for the session below to get access to expert advice and submit any questions during the webinar.

## **Ask Me Anything (Live Q&A) Tuesday 6th May 6:00-7:00pm (BST)**

[Click here to register for free](#)

### **Future Events**

Sunday 4th - 9th May - Pencelli trip

5th May - Bank Holiday

15th May - Year 8 Parents' Evening 4.00pm

16th - 18th May - DofE Silver Practice Expedition

22nd May - Year 6 Parent Information Evening 6.00pm

23rd May - End of Term (Students finish at normal time)

26th May - 30th May - Half Term

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**