

31st January 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

At Kingsdown we remain committed to providing your children with opportunities to experience many cultural events outside of the classroom. Last weekend there was a Basketball Trip to Birmingham, tonight there is a Year 10 and 11 trip to a Theatre in Southampton to see An Inspector Calls and next term there is a trip to Twickenham for students to experience a Six Nations match England v Italy. Later on in the year there is an annual trip to France. There are also a wide range of clubs and activities that are shared with the students each and every week in our student bulletin. Thank you for encouraging your child to join in.

Attendance

Attendance year to date = 91.9 % Persistent Absence year to date = 23.5 % [less than 90%] Lates = 3.4 %			
Year	YTD	PA	Lates
Year 7	93.7%	18.6%	1.5%
Year 8	92.2%	22.6%	2.9%
Year 9	91.5%	25.8%	4.2%
Year 10	91.7%	24.6%	3.6%
Year 11	89.5%	27.6%	5.3%

Cultural Games

We are delighted to be celebrating Culture Week from 10th - 14th February, we will be running a series of cultural games in classrooms, the games included will be:

- Mahjong
- Chess
- Konpira
- Kendama
- Ludo
- Loteria
- Ddakji

These are mostly board games and paper based games.

SENDCo

Please be aware that Mrs Clements our SENDCo will be on jury service from Monday 3 February until Friday 14 February 2025. If you have an urgent query during this time please contact the SEND team using the SENDCO@kingsdownschool.co.uk email address.

Equipment

Thank you for ensuring that your child has everything they need for their day at school. If you are in need of support to provide additional stationary, please contact your Tutor.

Future Events

6th Feb - Year 7 Parents' Evening 4.00pm

10th Feb - Year 9 Deadline for Options Form

14th Feb - End of Term, students finish at 2.45pm

17th - 21st Feb - Half Term

24th Feb - Students return at 8.15am

w/c 24th Feb & w/c 3rd Mar - Year 11 Mocks

With our continued thanks. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any further information.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett

Headteacher