

Dear Parents / Carers

Next week we enter the last two weeks of term 2. Thank you for ensuring that your child is in school every day and ready to learn. There are a number of fun and festive activities planned for our students. There are also some assemblies planned which include our Year 11 Mock results assemblies. We are looking forward to celebrating their successes and sharing with them their PLCs - Personal Learning Checklists to close any gaps as well as their examination results.

**Attendance**

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| <b>Attendance year to date = 92.1%</b><br><b>Persistent Absence year to date = 24.3% [less than 90%]</b><br><b>Lates = 3.1%</b> |                     |           |              |
|   | <b>Year to date</b> | <b>PA</b> | <b>Lates</b> |
| Year 7  | 94.3%               | 17.5%     | 1.4%         |
| Year 8  | 92.4%               | 22.4%     | 2.7%         |
| Year 9  | 91.1%               | 27.2%     | 4.1%         |
| Year 10   | 91.7%               | 27.4%     | 3.3%         |
| Year 11   | 90.4%               | 29.1%     | 4.7%         |

**Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal**

As this was a house challenge, the winning house was Mosbach who demonstrated overwhelming generosity to families that might need a little extra support this Christmas to bring joy to the children in their lives. The charity was incredibly appreciative for the kind donations made by Kingsdown students and their families. Following on from this year's success, we will look at supporting the charity again next year.

**Breakfast Club plans for next term**

From January 2025 we will be introducing a breakfast club for 'Talk and Toast', this will be supported by staff. This is particularly important to support students in helping them have a positive start to their day, there is no pressure to talk, it will be an informal and positive atmosphere.

We will be inviting specific students to attend the breakfast club but also welcome parents and carers to nominate their children if they feel that they would benefit from the breakfast club.

**When:** Monday - Friday (7:45am - 8:10am)

**Where:** The Annexe

**Contact:** [arussell@kingsdownschool.co.uk](mailto:arussell@kingsdownschool.co.uk)

**Year 9 - Term 3 - Option preparation**

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Year 9 Parents Option Information evening on 9th January at 6pm and sharing our ambitious KS4 curriculum offer. No bookings are necessary.

### **Last week of term arrangements**

The last day of term is Friday 20th December. Students will be in school from Tutor- period 3. All students will be dismissed to go home at the end of period 3 - 12:05. This will be a non-uniform day.

### **Christmas Jumper day- Friday 13th December**

Friday 13th December is Christmas jumper day. Students are invited into school in their Christmas Jumper/Non school uniform. We will be raising money for Save the Children. Donations will be collected at the start of the school day from roll call.

### **Kingsdown School Uniform - Frequency Asked Questions**

Please click [here](#) to access the FAQ on the Kingsdown School Uniform Policy which has been uploaded to the website. Thank you for your ongoing support. Please contact your child's Progress Leader if you have any questions or need any support with your child's uniform.

### **Personal Development for your child**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JfCJdo\\_iJBuk\\_muZTGik\\_HTEsiX3Blce/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JfCJdo_iJBuk_muZTGik_HTEsiX3Blce/view) - Do please take a look at the Personal Development curriculum for your child.

### **Future Events**

- 12th Dec - Yr 11 Parents' Evening
- 13th Dec - Christmas Jumper day
- 16th Dec - Christmas Concert - 6pm at St Phillips' Church
- 17th Dec - Christmas Lunch
- 18th Dec - Christmas Lunch
- 20th Dec - Students finish at 12.05pm
- 6th Jan - Students return to school - 8.15am
- 9th Jan - Year 9 Options Evening 6.00pm
- 21st Jan - Year 9 Parents' Evening

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**