

9th May 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

Our Year 11s have now started their GCSEs examinations and we wish them all the very best for the next 5 weeks. If you or your child needs any support please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Attendance

Attendance year to date = 91.9 % Persistent Absence year to date = 24.3 % [less than 90%] Lates = 3.5 %			
Year	YTD	PA	Lates
Year 7	93.1%	20.7%	1.7%
Year 8	92.0%	22.5%	2.9%
Year 9	91.8%	26.3%	4.3%
Year 10	92.3%	22.3%	3.7%
Year 11	89.3%	32.0%	6.1%

Mrs Barker - Headteacher Designate at Faringdon Community College

We have all congratulated Mrs Barker on her promotion to Headship. Additionally we are enormously grateful for all her leadership and impact during her two years at Kingsdown. Today we are holding Deputy Headteacher interviews and are hoping to appoint her successor. There will be a term's worth of handover.

Deputy SENDCo introductions and SENDCo Maternity Leave

We would like to introduce you to our new Deputy SENDCo Mrs Kearne who started with us after the Easter holiday. Mrs Kearne has been working closely with Mrs Clements, SENDCo over the last few weeks as we have prepared for Mrs Clements to start her maternity leave from Monday 12 May. Should you wish to make contact with the SEND team please continue to use the SENDCO@kingsdownschool.co.uk email address. Please do not email Mrs Clements directly because her emails will only be checked intermittently whilst she is on maternity leave.

Ready to Learn

This term we have focussed on ensuring that all students have everything they need to be successful in lessons. We have issued over 100 pencil cases and equipment to students that did not have the correct equipment. Please can you ensure that your child brings their pencil case to school everyday as well as a Chromebook with enough charge to get them through the day and their planner.

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.

Future Events

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