



The important bits in
SixCliix!

Friday 1.10.21

Message from Mrs Leigh-Bennett



Welcome to our first Six Clix of the new term. We hope you like and prefer this new and streamlined communication. This has come from your feedback. Thank you.

Thank you also for your support in ensuring that your child **attends** school each day and on time - 8.30am. Thanks for also ensuring that they are in the correct **uniform** and are **ready to learn**.

Thank you for also reminding them of our **high expectations**. We are so proud of the vast majority of our students who have returned to school and their attitudes shown. Please do remind your child that our high expectations will not be lowered and at no point will we allow and accept disruptive, defiant or antisocial behaviour. Your child knows to talk to their tutor if they need any support. We have also reminded them all about our SHARPs button.

Thank you for attending the numerous **year group information evenings** this month. We hope that you have found these useful and informative - please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the various events throughout the next two terms. These dates have been shared with you previously and can be found on our website. Do get in touch if you need to.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett & the Kingsdown Team

Key events- Term overview



Year 7	
Attitude to Learning Reports Shared	W/C 18th October
Year 8	
Attitude to Learning Reports Shared	W/C 18th October
Year 9	
Attitude to Learning Reports Shared	W/C 18th October
Year 10	
Year 10 Parent Information Evening	Wednesday 6th October, 6pm
Attitude to Learning Reports Shared	W/C 18th October
Year 11	
Attitude to Learning Reports Shared	W/C 18th October
GCSE Art Mock Exam	Tuesday 19th October

Important Safeguarding/H&S updates or actions

Relevant to:

Detail:

Safeguarding team:

Keeping our students safe remains a priority for us at Kingsdown. We have a highly experienced team who work tirelessly to safeguard our students. They are:

[Shontelle Magenty - Designated Safeguarding lead](#)

[Karen Agambar- Deputy Safeguarding lead](#)

If you need to contact a member of the team, please email cp@kingsdownschool.co.uk

Students can **self refer** if they are concerned using our SHARPs button on our Website

School based social worker: We are fortunate to have a school based social worker, her name is

Kerry Dacey



Teaching your child to be safe:

We teach our students about how to recognise risks, make safe decisions and tell them who they can speak to or get help from if they are worried. All of this important knowledge is taught through our **Personal Development Curriculum**, tutor and assembly programme. This term students are learning about their own **identity** managing change and **staying safe online**. Managing your own **mental health** is also a key focus during assembly and tutor time. **Parent tip:** Understanding how to keep your child safe online is always a challenge- click [here](#) to watch a useful video.

Safety in the community

Mrs Leigh-Bennett and Mrs Edwards, Vice Chair of Governors, are continually campaigning to improve the **Road Safety** for Hyde Road. They are in contact with the local authority and the local Councillors. Year 7s have had a road safety briefing this week and will practice this next week



For who:	The what:
	<p>Please ensure that your child is in the full correct uniform which can be found here. Examples of what is and isn't acceptable can be found here. A reminder that nose studs are not to be worn, this includes clear piercings.</p>
	<p>Recent global events mean that many of our family's financial situation has changed and it might be that you are entitled to Free School Meals. A successful application would mean we can load a £2.30 daily allocation on to your child's Catering account to use in the canteen. It also means that the school can access special funding to help buy additional staffing support, resources and opportunities for our eligible students.</p> <p>Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the benefits listed here. Applying is really quick and easy, click here to apply. Alternatively, one of our Front Office Team or your Progress Leader would be very happy to apply on your behalf with your written permission.</p>
	<p>Please ensure your child has correct PE kit. As the weather turns cooler, students are able to wear the Kingsdown Half zip top or rugby shirt. Hoodies and tracksuit tops are not permitted. Students can wear a plain, dark coloured coat or their blazer. Tracksuit bottoms must be black. The uniform, list can be found here</p>

For Information



Relevant to:	Detail:
	<p>Thank you to all parents who have attended our Information Evenings this term. The Year 10 event will take place on Wednesday 6th October, at 6pm.</p>
	<p>Parent Portal: will be our new information hub for parents and will be launched at the start for term 2. It can be accessed here</p>
	<p>Chromebooks are needed every day. Please ensure they are charged every night. If you would like to change your chromebook status (day loan, rental or purchase) please contact ITsupport@kingsdownschool.co.uk</p>
	<p>The google presentation shared with parents at the recent Information Evenings can be accessed HERE</p>
	<p>HomeLearning can be accessed through google classroom. This can be downloaded as an app on your phone. Deadlines are available to view on the homescreen of the Google Classroom for each subject.</p>
	<p>Survey 2021 - River Learning Trust - please click here to read a letter from Paul James, Chief Executive regarding the recent Survey. Kingsdown's overall ratings were in line with or above that of other Secondary schools within the Trust and we are rightly proud of this, that said we are always looking to improve the learning experience for our students and as part of our School Improvement Plan we are prioritising access to enrichment and other learning opportunities, supporting mental health, road safety and a continued focus on education around bullying.</p>

#wellbeingmatters & celebration



Relevant to:	Detail:
	<p>We want to celebrate good news stories about our students outside of school. Please send your child's tutor an email so that we can celebrate this. A list of contact details can be found here</p>
	<p>Thank you so much to those who attended our SEND Coffee Morning. We hope you found the event useful and it was lovely to see so many Parents and Carers there.</p>
	<p>Senior students for 2021/22 were presented their ties and badges in assembly last week. They have been fantastic in supporting our parent events so far. There will be further student leadership opportunities in term 2.</p>
	<p>Enrichment for term 1 is going so well and next week, students will be making choices for term 2. Please discuss options with your child, - there are so many wonderful opportunities for them to get involved in a range of activities. In term 2, they will be asked to select 6 activities they are interested in. More information can be found here</p>