



The important bits in
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Wednesday 20.10.21

Message from Mrs Leigh-Bennett



Thank you for your continued and much appreciated as well as needed support throughout term 1. So much has been achieved. We have reopened the school, we have welcomed our new year 7s, our new leadership programme of leaders in year 11 have been promoted, our teachers are teaching back in their own classrooms with their newly fitted 72" interactive panels and we all enjoyed a super whole school roll over Reward Trip. On top of this, we launched our new Enrichment Wednesday programme. Here our students have enjoyed the choice of over 50 engaging enrichment activities from teaching year 3s French in our Primary schools to Samba Drummer to Robotiks through to Bike Mechanics.

As always our students and your children have been exemplary.

For now wishing you and your family a relaxing and safe holiday. If you need us over the break, please do not hesitate to get in touch at head@kingsdownschool.co.uk or via the SHARPs button on our website.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett & the Kingsdown Team

Key events- Term 2 overview



All Years	
Term 2 begins for all	Monday 1st November, 8:30am
TD Day - school closed to all students	Monday 22nd November
Music Recital Evening	Wednesday 1st December
TD Day - school closed to all students	Monday 6th December
End of Term	Friday 17th December
Year 11	
Mock exam fortnight	8th - 19th November
Parents' Evening	Thursday 9th December



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Online safety: Keeping your child safe online can be really challenging. Reports of online scares or challenges encouraging harmful or suicidal behaviours can be alarming and confusing. [Click here](#) to find out how you can speak to your child about scare's and challenges, and how to respond if they have seen one.

1 in 5 internet users in the UK are children. Click [here](#) for some tips on how to keep your child safe when they are online.

Mental health support for your teenager.

There has been a significant increase in the number of young people who are saying that they are struggling with their mental health. This includes the number who has stated that they are having suicidal thoughts. As a parent, this is a very scary experience. If you are worried about your child and would like speak to an expert, please click here [Papyrus](#)

Safeguarding curriculum for term 2: Students at Kingsdown learn about safety, social, moral and cultural themes through our personal development curriculum. In term 2, students will be learning how to celebrate difference. Specifically we will be looking at bullying, predujice and discrimination and equality.

For Action



For who:	The what:
ATLs	Your child has now received their first Attitude to Learning report. Please discuss this with your child to review what is going well and if there are any further developments needed.

For Information



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All parents	<p>If students are feeling very unwell in lessons an email will be sent through to the front office to notify the first aiders. Please encourage those who are a little unwell to make it through to the next natural break and then go to the Front Office.</p>
Year 11 Parents	<p>Mock exams begin for Year 11 on Monday 8th November for 2 weeks. Attendance here is paramount as we want a full data set for your child in order to give them constructive feedback and identify areas to prioritise as we move into term 3. Please ensure they are in on time and fully prepared every day.</p>
All parents	<p>Stretch and Challenge Home Learning Tasks</p> <p>After half term, each subject will have a week (fortnight for KS4) in which they will set a Stretch and Challenge home learning task. This will be an additional, optional task designed to make students think more deeply about the subject or develop additional skills to become a successful practitioner of that subject.</p> <p>These tasks will be available for every student to complete should they wish to. As these tasks are optional, no detentions will be issued if a student does not complete them. Gold Awards will, however, be given to all students who complete the tasks and those who do will be entered into a weekly prize draw.</p>

#wellbeingmatters & celebration



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	<p>24 DofE Silver students took part in their Silver expedition 8-10 October. It was cold overnight and dark quite early so on Saturday they were all tucked up and asleep by 9pm! They were amazing and did so well, all passing. Massive thanks to all the staff who came out to support, we are truly lucky to have such a great body of students and staff. Mrs Bryant</p>
	<p>Congratulations to Lewy Hayward in year 11, who as part of the Broome Manor Golf Club, was part of a team that competed in the junior team golf English national final, at Ramside Hall Golf Club, Durham. Lewy and his team were representing England against the other home nations. In an event that will be televised on Sky Sports golf. Lewy finished an impressive 2nd in both the team and individual competitions. Fantastic achievement Lewy, we are all proud of you here at Kingsdown. Mr Hurd, Y11 Progress Leader</p>
Careers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Our Y11 students have heard from lots of Post-16 providers and they are being very proactive in attending Open Day/Evening events and completing their college/sixth form applications. Well done!- Apprenticeship sessions will be run before Christmas for students whose first choice is an Apprenticeship.- Careers Guidance meetings are being organised for students, some have already been seen and some have yet to be. The support is tailored to each individual student and no student is limited to only one appointment. If your child is in urgent need of an appointment, please ask them to contact Mrs Parry on bparry@kingsdownschool.co.uk or feel free to make contact yourselves, clearly stating your child's first name, surname and Tutor Group.- Careers information is available on our website, the Careers Blog https://kingsdowncareers.wordpress.com/ (please keep an eye on the blog for updates and students can find more on the Careers Google Classrooms (there is one for each Year Group).