

The important bits within
Kingsdown clicks!
School to Home communication

Your 3 min update

Term 2 – December 2019



Thank you



Thank you for your continued support and working with us all at Kingsdown.

Term 2 has been a busy and very successful one. We are all very proud of what has been achieved.

Our focus on high expectations continues to impact on every aspect of our school improvement agenda. We continue to be immensely proud of our students.

Wishing you all a very peaceful and fun filled Christmas.

Please click on the link to view a [letter](#) of thanks.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett and all the Kingsdown Team



Supporting your child in the classroom at Kingsdown School

The following slides show the 'Essential 8' strategies that are used in each and every classroom at Kingsdown School. These strategies support the delivery of our curriculum and ensure that our students are working hard to maximise their progress and potential.

The effect of these strategies is clearly showing improved results. Students are able to learn and achieve in a safe, calm and productive atmosphere resulting in students being stretched, challenged and ambitious for their learning.

DNA

- **The starting activity for each and every lesson**
 - The task you get involved in as soon as you enter the room
 - This is testing you on knowledge you have covered before.

Silent Solo

- **A section of the lesson where you will have to work on your own and in silence**
 - This will happen once the task has been explained and modelled to you
 - You **MUST** work silently to focus fully on the task
 - Your opportunity to apply your knowledge

Tracking not watching

- **The teacher will circulate the room looking at everyone's work and checking for common errors.**
 - You make sure you get on with the task straight away
 - Teachers will feedback to you quickly

Cold Call

- **The teacher will pick people to answer the question once the whole class has been given thinking time**
 - When the class has been asked a question, be prepared to give an answer.

No Opt Out

- **Once a question has been asked and you have been picked to answer, you must give a response**
 - You must be ready to give an answer
 - If you aren't sure, you still must try. No 'I don't know'

Right is Right

- **Questions are answered in full sentences using the right terminology**
 - This helps us give more detailed answers and practice using the correct words

Show Call

- **Students work is displayed to the class using a visualizer. The teacher will talk through it**
 - This will help all students improve work, correct common mistakes and give instant feedback
 - Students can instantly correct their own mistakes in green pen when a teacher has shown these improvements on the screen

SLANT

- Your behaviour expectations for inside the classroom

During Lessons:

S	<u>Sit up Straight</u> – We sit up at our desk, sitting correctly on our chair.
L	<u>Listen</u> – We listen to the information being given by the teacher and to those involved in the class discussion
A	<u>Answer Questions</u> – We answer all questions from the teacher, sharing our thoughts if we are unsure.
N	<u>Never Interrupt</u> – We allow the teacher and other students to make their point fully before adding our point of view.
T	<u>Track the Speaker</u> – We look at the speaker at all times, whether that be the teacher or another member of the class



You will see this poster in every classroom to help remind you of the expectations. You must follow these instructions – failure to do so will lead to

Warning
Exit

Kingsdown School Teaching and Learning Framework – **LEARN**



For Information

Safeguarding



Please do refer to the website for useful information to keep children safe over the holidays. If there are any issues please report through SHARPS which will be picked up over the holiday.

Mrs Magenty & Mrs Agambar

For Information



Year 11 – Upcoming Exams

Advanced notice of the upcoming final exams over the next few months:

8 th January 2020	PE Exam (AM) Health and Social Care Exam (PM) Creative iMedia Exam (PM)
3 rd March 2020	Business Studies Exam

Please note that the summer examinations will run between Monday 11th May and Friday 13th June 2020.

Attendance is compulsory and planned absences are to be avoided at all cost.

Mr. Edwards

For Information

Year 11 – Upcoming Exams



It is the aim of Kingsdown School to make the examination experience as stress-free and successful as possible for all candidates.

Please can I ask that you have a look over the coming weeks at our 'Exam Information' page on the [website](#) so that you are aware of the examination regulations and the procedures to follow in the event of any problems occurring.

The awarding bodies (or exam boards) set down strict rules which must be followed for the conduct of examinations and we are required to follow them precisely.

Particular attention should be paid to the notices and warnings to candidates which are issued by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). It is the candidate's responsibility to read and understand the JCQ notices included on the website.

Mr. Edwards

For Information

Key Events for Term 3



Students return to school on 7th January

All students to return at 8:30am, in correct and full uniform

Cohort 2020 this is YOUR year - student event, Tuesday 7th January

Cohort 2020 this is YOUR year - parent event, Thursday 9th January, 6pm

For Information

Cohort 2020 this is YOUR year



As the countdown to the GCSE examination begins, we would like to invite parents and students to the COHORT 2020, THIS IS YOUR YEAR event on Thursday 9th January at 6pm.

Please ensure you secure your place at 2 sessions of your choice by responding to the group call text message sent to Year 11 parents on Thursday 12th December

Mrs Lees

Health & Social Care



Important information about the Health & Social Care Exam and Coursework entry in January

Exam Date – 8th January 2020 – pm.

Students have received intensive revision lessons and **must be carrying out their own revision plan at home.**

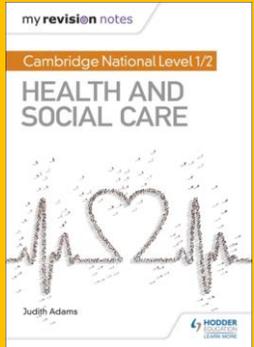
They have a revision list where they can tick off what they have learnt and practised.

Students need to **LEARN** all RO21 information **thoroughly** – they need to be able to **APPLY** it to context based

questions in the exam.

I would strongly recommend ALL students have a copy of the revision book – Cost £7.99 Amazon. →

This book is on the school website under the HSC tab if you do not want to buy it, but often a hard copy is preferable so that students can annotate. (ISBN – 978-1-5104-2945-1 Hodder Education)



The exam paper is 1 hour 15 mins and requires careful planning of answers. All students are aiming for a Merit Level 2 as a minimum target grade.

I will be running a revision session on Friday 3rd January 2020 (9am – 12) which I hope will be well attended by all.

Coursework – RO22 (Communication and working with individuals in HSC and EY settings) The deadline for this to be completed and handed in to me is **TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2019**. It is being sent off on **January 7th** and I **must get it marked over the holiday**. There is no extension to this date at all and so please support your son / daughter to use their time wisely to meet this deadline with their best work. Thank you.

Mrs Sedgwick

Thank You



Fundraising @ KDS

Kingsdown School have raised a fantastic amount of **£3,895.99** in the last year through fundraising for various charities.

Thank you for your kind donations.

Mrs Brown

For Information

Detentions



Students can receive a 1 hour after school detention for the following:

- Failing to submit or complete homework in full
- Having a full or lost conduct card
- More serious behaviour issues (SLT detention may be 2 hours)

ALL of our detentions are set with a minimum of 24 hours notice and due to this, we will **NOT be rearranging detentions from January.**

Students who submit their homework and behave around the site will avoid detention and will be recognised with praise from staff. Parents who call to rearrange detention will be reminded of our policy and expectations. Your support here is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Lees

For Information

Creative iMedia



Year 10 Deadline – R082 (25% of qualification) – 10th Jan

Year 11 Deadline R091 (25% of qualification) – 10th Jan

Year 11 R081 Exam (25% of qualification) – 8th Jan PM

Please do encourage your son/daughter to attend catch up sessions to complete controlled assessment. And please do ensure your son/daughter is completing the revision material set on SMHW for the R081 exam.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Mays



Parking and Traffic

A huge thank you for working with us to support the previously high volume of traffic at the end of the school day. The Parking Permits are working very well and is another effective measure to keep our Kingsdown family safe.

For Information

Expectations for the new year



During the holiday, please spend a few minutes checking that your child's uniform fits and is all correct. Please pay particular attention to the following:



- Socks are above ankle and are not trainer socks
- Trousers are straight leg and meet the shoe (no ankle showing)
- Shirts are long enough to tuck in all the way around
- Shoes are leather or leather like and can be polished (not suede) trainers are not permitted
- Coats are a dark colour (black/blue/grey) and are suitable for the outdoors, not fashion coats including denim or fluffy. Plain coats should be worn over the top of blazers.

Mrs Lees

For Information

Term 3



All students will return to school on Tuesday 7th January at 8:30am.

A reminder to those cycling:

- Wear a helmet whilst riding to and from school
- Cycle without wearing headphones
- Ensure they dismount their bike at the top of the driveway and walk it to the storage
- Lock their bike and helmet securely in the storage area
- Service their bike regularly to ensure brakes/tyres are safe for road use
- Ensure bikes are fitted with lights in preparation for winter months
- Cycle sensibly on the journey, using cycle paths and on the correct side of the road, obeying the highway code
- Display their bike permit tag
- Arrive to lock their bike up by 8.25am at the latest

Mrs Lees