

Dear Parents / Carers

It was great to welcome back all our students for the start of our Summer term. With thanks for your support in ensuring your child is ready to learn and in full school uniform. This is hugely important and appreciated. We are all looking forward to the next 7 ½ weeks. There are many activities planned and you will see these below. We continue to congratulate our Year 11 students who are now over half way through their examination season. We are looking forward to celebrating their achievements in August.

Attendance

Attendance year to date = 90.5 % Persistent Absence year to date =26.4 % [less than 90%]		
Year 7	92.5%	18.8%
Year 8	92.2%	24.8%
Year 9	89.8%	34.1%
Year 10	90.3%	24%
Year 11	86.7%	32.2%

It has been a challenging first week back with low attendance and we wanted to ask you to support your child in attending school if they have said they are feeling unwell. We have a fantastic first aid team in the front office who will contact you if your child is too ill to be at school. The front office is able to administer paracetamol and prescribed medication so please do not hesitate to contact them if you feel they can support your child in any way.

Lates

We have a growing number of students who arrive at school every morning between 8.35 am and 9.00 am. Students who arrive during this time period are housed in the ILS and then are taken to lessons for period one. If the student is logged as arriving late 3 times or more in a one week period it will automatically convert into an SLT detention

Enrichment and Extra Curricular opportunities for your children

This term there are a number of new enrichment opportunities taking place after school.

Name	Year	Days
Cricket	All years	Tues
Tennis	All years	Tues
Athletics	All years	Wed
Softball	All years	Thurs
Rounders	All years	Thurs
Sport science intervention	Year 10	Thurs
Learning Lounge	ALL	Mon-Thurs

Choir	7-11	Thurs 3:10-3:45
Creative Writing	7-11	Wed
Fitness club	10-11	Thurs
Sports leaders	8	Tues
Debating Club	All years	Thurs

Equipment

Thank you for ensuring that your child is ready for learning each day. The majority of our students are well prepared for their lessons with the correct equipment, which means valuable lesson time is not lost. Please can we ask for your continued support in ensuring students come equipped to school at the start of each day with a pencil case and fully charged chromebook. The link below is a reminder of all equipment students should be bringing into school, including what should be in their pencil case: https://www.kingsdownschool.co.uk/images/documents/Equipment_List.pdf
Thank you for your continued support.

Future Events

12th June : Year 8 & 9 HPV
20th June : Year 6 information evening 6pm
20th June : Year 11 Leavers' Assembly
w/c 27th June : Year 10 Aspirations Week
27th June : Year 10 New College Experience Day
28th June : Year 10 Mock Interviews
29th - 30th June : DofE Qualifying Bronze Expedition
2nd July : Art & Photography Trip
2nd July : Recital Evening 6.30pm
5th July : TD Day
5th - 7th July : DofE Silver Expedition Practice
11th July : Year 7 Parents' Evening
12th July : Sports Day
23rd July : Prize Evening

With our continued thanks. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any further information.

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Headteacher