



Kingsdown Secondary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I should like to take the opportunity of welcoming your child/ward back to school. We have a very busy year ahead and I am looking forward to seeing some positive results at the end of the year.

The school will be closed for the half term break on Friday 27th May at 3.15pm. School reopens at 8.25 am on Monday 6th June 2016. I am enclosing a further copy of the exam timetable for your information. The parent's consultation will be held on Thursday 14th July from 10am. This would be a good opportunity to come and see your child/ward's teacher and discuss their progress and the next stage of the education. The end of term celebratory assembly and BBQ will be held on the same day as the parent consultation and we would love to see you and your child/ward then so we can formally say 'goodbye' for the academic year.

Some boys do not always have the correct uniform. We will only issue uniform to boys when they start at the school – parents/carers are expected to ensure that replacements are purchased as required. All boys should wear black trousers, black sweaters and white shirts every day. These can be purchased from any shop. We do not expect students to have inappropriate attire under their shirt or on top of their shirt such as hoodies, long sleeves longer than their normal white shirt, colourful and conspicuous attire etc.

We would like to support parents/carers to encourage their child/ward not to bring lighters or cigarettes to school and if possible support them to seek appropriate help. It is important for parents/carers to know that boys caught smoking will be sent home in accordance with our school policy. The school will not accept any form of drugs on their premises and if we have any suspicion of any of our boys coming to school with such substance we will do on-the-spot search. If drugs are found on any student or if they are found to be using it, we will call the police followed by immediate exclusion which may lead to permanent exclusion from the school. Furthermore, boys coming to school under the influence of drugs or any substance would be sent home and parents/carers should be prepared to come and collect them from school. As a school we have zero tolerance to drugs.

In order to support our boys we organised a workshop on the dangers of drugs and smoking recently and as a school we will continue to help our boys with the appropriate education and support.

The school will not be responsible for damages caused to any items or equipments students bring to school and refuse to hand them to staff the first thing in the morning. All items hidden around the premises when found will be confiscated.

I have included students' academic targets and the year 11's public examination time table with this letter. This term will be very busy for our year 11's and we are doing all we can to support them to go through this period of time with confidence and adequate preparation. Students should be encouraged to do revision at home as well as taking responsibilities for their studies at school and work harder. As a tradition at Kingsdown some of our teachers are

prepared to offer extra tuition to our Year 11 students who need help. We have spoken to students and some parents but will only extend this support to those students who are working and engaging in class during school hours.

On this occasion parents/carers who wants their children/ward to take part in this extra tuition after school would have to organise transport from school to home by themselves, or be prepared to fetch their children/ward after tuition or give them an oyster card for the boys to travel independently by public transport.

In addition to the above we have included home work and the extra tuition timetable to this letter. Please do take note of the dates and times and remind your children/ward.

We are hoping to arrange a trip as a 'farewell' treat to our year 11 boys on 15th July and would like to welcome them to join the rest of the students for the trip.

We aim always to work in close partnership with parents/carers and there will be occasions during the year when you will be invited into school and I look forward to seeing many of you then. In the meantime we are always pleased to see you so do ring the school office to make an appointment to see me if you have anything you wish to discuss. I am looking forward to a busy and successful term.

Kind Regards

Yusif Assim

Head Teacher