



6th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to welcome you all back to the new academic year and thank you for placing your faith in us with your child's education.

I am delighted to have been appointed as Headteacher at Kingstone High School and I am very much looking forward to working with all our students, staff, and parents and carers to continue to make Kingstone a fantastic school.

From my experience of being at the school for the past 22 years, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together. As parents and carers, you make an important contribution to your children's achievements, and I am excited to build upon the relationship between you and the school.

We again start the academic year celebrating fantastic GCSE results from our year 11 leavers. Some of the key successes were:

- 66% of the cohort achieved 5+ GCSE grades including English and Maths, enabling them to go onto level 3 qualifications on their next educational journey.
- 75% of students achieved a grade 4+ in English and Maths. These figures place us above the National average for this measure and in the top 4 schools in the county.
- 56% of students achieved a grade 5+ in English and Maths. These figures again place us above the National average for this measure and in the top 2 schools in the county.

A big congratulations must go to these students, their parents/carers, and the staff for achieving such superb results.

Our year 10 students (this year's year 11) also sat a GCSE exam in the summer term, with 72% of the cohort achieving a grade 4 or above in English Literature and over half achieving a grade 5 or better.

So that we can continue to build on these fantastic successes, I would like to draw your attention to particular areas of focus for the school. I feel that these are important in getting right as it will set the high expectations that we demand from people connected with Kingstone High School and make you as parents and carers proud of the school that you have chosen for your child.

Uniform

First impressions leave a lasting impression. The uniform that our students wear is easily identifiable and so needs to be worn with pride. As parents, you play a key role in ensuring that students' uniform meets the expectations set out in the uniform policy and that your child wears it with pride every time they leave your home for school. Any items of uniform which do not meet those outlined in the policy

will be picked up by your child's Form Tutor and Head of Year with the expectation that it is rectified within a reasonable timeframe.

Attendance

Research shows that students with attendance below 95% usually go on to achieve 2 grades below their target grades. This shows the importance of your child attending school regularly. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason please contact the school office, following the steps on the answerphone service or email attendance@kingstoneacademy.co.uk

Learning

This is the primary reason why your child attends school. All learning opportunities must be of the highest quality and free from disruption. In order to support this, we will be implementing some new procedures when dealing with students who choose to disrupt the learning of others. All students will be given reasonable opportunity to amend any poor choices, however, where this starts to disrupt learning they will be removed from that lesson. Any removal from lessons will result in a same day after school detention. Where this is not possible the child will be required to attend an after school detention the following day.

Each week, in each subject, your child will be provided with an opportunity to check their understanding of the key knowledge in their subjects. This will be communicated to parents via Go4Schools so that you can support your child and reinforce the importance of completing these knowledge checks.

Opportunities

We endeavor to give our students as many enrichment opportunities as possible. These range from extra-curricular clubs to school trips and visits. Please encourage your child to attend as many of these as possible.

Contacting the school

In the first instance, please contact your child's form tutor (via email) unless it is an emergency then please contact the main school office. Form tutors are given 48 hours in which to respond due to their teaching responsibilities. If you feel a matter needs escalating beyond the form tutor, then please direct these towards your child's Head of Year. For any concerns regarding curriculum or teaching and learning, please contact the relevant Head of Faculty. Form tutors, Head of Year and pastoral lead contact list:

Year group & Form	Form Tutor	Head of Year
7K	lrees@Kingstoneacademy.co.uk	tjwatkins@kingstoneacademy.co.uk
7I	mfreeman@kingstoneacademy.co.uk	Pastoral Lead
7N	amajor@kingstoneacademy.co.uk	srobinson@kingstoneacademy.co.uk
7G	lfinch@kingstoneacademy.co.uk	
Year group & Form	Form Tutor	Head of Year
8K	omclachlan@Kingstoneacademy.co.uk	pbythell@kingstoneacademy.co.uk
8I	lpowell@kingstoneacademy.co.uk	Pastoral Lead
8N	sreeves@kingstoneacademy.co.uk	vseymour@kingstoneacademy.co.uk
8G	maddis@kingstoneacademy.co.uk	
8S	estaring@kingstoneacademy.co.uk	

Year group & Form	Form Tutor	Head of Year
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9I	Dthomas@kingstoneacademy.co.uk	Pastoral Lead
9N	Nprice@kingstoneacademy.co.uk	lmorris@kingstoneacademy.co.uk
9G	afielding@kingstoneacademy.co.uk	
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10I	eratchford@kingstoneacademy.co.uk	Pastoral Lead
10N	kevans@kingstoneacademy.co.uk	Iroden@kingstoneacademy.co.uk
10G	shunt@kingstoneacademy.co.uk	
10S	jmarrett@kingstoneacademy.co.uk	
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11I	cclark@kingstoneacademy.co.uk	Pastoral Lead
11N	sthomas@kingstoneacademy.co.uk	mdarcy@kingstoneacademy.co.uk
11G	ajones@kingstoneacademy.co.uk	

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Maths and Computing	jmarrett@kingstoneacademy.co.uk
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Languages (French & Spanish)	ajones@kingstoneacademy.co.uk
Humanities (Geography, History and RE)	omclachlan@kingstoneacademy.co.uk
Sport and Nutrition (PE and Food)	dthomas@kingstoneacademy.co.uk
Creative arts (Art, Music and drama)	sthomas@kingstoneacademy.co.uk
SENDCO	csankey@kingstoneacademy.co.uk

I will be holding a number of events over the next term, including afternoon tea/coffee and I look forward to meeting many of you there.

You are also welcome to contact me at head@kingstoneacademy.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Lee Butler
Headteacher