



July 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

At the end of another busy and very successful year I would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

I have a few important messages to communicate as we approach the end of the year.

Cashless Catering

Kingsmead will be installing a cashless catering system over the summer. The new system will provide us with a more efficient, faster and ultimately better quality of service. The system uses the latest technology and eliminates the need for students to carry cash throughout the day. It is also biometric so the system will recognise the thumb of your child at the tills in the Dining Hall. Any amount of money can be paid into a student's account and any money spent on food and drink will be deducted on a daily basis. A daily 'spend limit' of £5.00 will be programmed into the system. Enclosed with this letter is a consent form (if we have not already received one) which is to be completed and returned to us in order for your child to be registered on the biometric system. A ParentPay account can be set up over the summer and your child's biometric taken on the first day of term. Further information regarding this new system can be found on the school website www.kingsmeadschool.net. One ParentPay login and instructions on how to activate an account has been sent to one family member. If you would like a second ParentPay account please contact Mrs K. Benton (school reception) either by telephone (01543 512455) or email (k.benton@kingsmeadschool.net).

End of summer term

The last week of term will be as usual until the end of Wednesday 20th July. On Thursday and Friday there will be House Achievement Assemblies and a range of form and House activities. School will close at **2pm on Thursday 21st July** and at **12 noon on Friday 22nd July**. Please be aware that there may not be school crossing patrols at the end of the day on these two days and students must be extra vigilant when crossing the roads on the way home. If you need your child to remain in school until 3pm on either day then please contact reception and we can arrange supervision.

Start of autumn term

Monday 5 th September	Training Day
Tuesday 6 th September	Training Day
Wed 7 th September	Y7 arrive at 8.50 a.m. (meet with Mr. Truby (Transition Leader) and Heads of House Rocky Park) Y12 arrive at 9.15 a.m. (Induction in 6 th form common room) Y13 arrive at 11.30 a.m. (meet with Mrs. Pritchard in 6 th form common room)
Thursday 8 th September	Y8 to Y11 return 8.50 a.m. (registration and form period for all years)
Friday 9 th September	Normal School Day

Uniform

As we enter the final two weeks of term I would like to inform you that if you wish to purchase items of uniform direct from the school Uniform Shop, all orders must be received by Tuesday 19th July at 6.00pm. After this date, Crested Schoolwear in Cannock (Wolverhampton Road; Tel 01543 504866 / www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk) will be the official stockist of Kingsmead uniform and it will no longer be available from the school. This will offer you the opportunity to purchase after the school deadline of 19th July. I would like to draw your attention to the Uniform Guidelines on the school website <http://kingsmeadschool.net/uniform> and for you to pay particular regard to those styles of clothing that are and are not acceptable when purchasing uniform.



Behaviour Policy

The Governing Board have recently completed their annual review of the Behaviour Policy and an up to date version can be found on our website www.kingsmeadschool.net/parents/school-policies.

I wish all our students and their families a safe and restful summer break.

I. Bryant
Headteacher