

# Kingsmead School

A partner academy in John Taylor MAT

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Dear Parents

Thank you for your support during this successful and very busy term. Please take the opportunity to visit the school website to get a flavour of the activities which have taken place over the term and to access other useful information pages. The website address is now ***www.kingsmeadschool.net***.

## **Other ways of keeping in touch**

It is really important to us that our communication with you is as comprehensive as possible. With this in mind, we have over the past couple of years developed (and are always developing) other means of providing you with up to date information. For example:-

### **Have you downloaded the Kingsmead App?**

This is easy to do via either the Google Play Store for Android users or the Apple Store for iOS users. Just search for Kingsmead School. The app is simple to navigate and is regularly updated with information eg: dates of upcoming events, sport fixtures (time and place) student achievements and much more. Once you have downloaded the app you will also receive 'push' notifications.

### **Do you follow us on Twitter?**

We currently have 563 followers. Can we make 1000 followers by next July? Again Twitter provides a quick and instant method of communication. Find us @KingsmeadOnline. There is also a PE Department Twitter page – @KingsmeadPE. This page gives the department the opportunity to report on specific fixtures, results and achievements.

### **Are your contacts up to date?**

Please also note that all school email addresses now take the form:

***initial.surname@kingsmeadschool.net***

and the office email address is:

***office@kingsmeadschool.net***

I hope you can see from the above our commitment to providing you with as many means of keeping in touch as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of events taking place before Christmas and provide some information which you may find helpful.

## **End of Term – 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December will be a 'wear something 'Christmassy Day'. Students should wear normal school uniform but are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or other item.

On the last day of term, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, we will, as usual, operate a shortened school day. The normal catering service will run at break and students who receive a free school meal should collect this from the dining hall at this time. All lessons will finish at 12.00 noon.

If any student needs to stay in school until normal closing time, please let us know via Learning Tutors. Students should not visit their former primary schools at this time as they are very busy with Christmas celebrations and assemblies.

### **Year 7 Celebrations at St. Peter's Church**

Year 7 students will be visiting St. Peter's Church, Hednesford on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 11.00 to 11.45 a.m. to take part in a Christmas celebration.

### **Start of Spring Term**

The Spring Term starts on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January with lesson 2 at 9.50 a.m. Students should not arrive on site before 9.30 a.m.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	- Year 8 Progress Evening
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	- Year 11 Progress Evening
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	- Safer Internet Evening for Parents
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	- Year 13 Progress Evening at Norton Canes High School
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	- Year 8 Options Evening

### **Snow Closure**

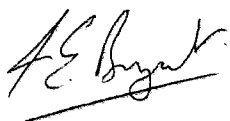
May I remind you of the procedures for school closures due to adverse weather/unforeseeable events:

- An assessment is made by the Site Supervisor and Headteacher before 7.00 am.
- If the site is considered to be unsafe or if we consider that a large number of staff will not be able to travel, arrangements are made to close the school.
- A message will be placed on the school website.
- The closure will also be shown on the Staffordshire County Council website. Navigate to [www.staffordshire.gov.uk](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk) and search for school closure list.
- Local radio stations also broadcast details of school closures.

These procedures are used as a last resort and the aim will always be to remain open if it is safe and possible to do so. We are very mindful of the impact that closure can have on students' achievement.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



I. Bryant  
Headteacher