



4th September 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

As we welcome our students back to school, I write to inform you of some changes, updates and improvements that we have made for the new school year. I would also like to take this opportunity to formally welcome our new Year 7 parents/carers to our school community.

Over the summer, extensive building improvement works have been taking place, and continue to take place over the coming weeks. Despite the disruption this will cause, we know that the resulting toilet refurbishments will be worth it. Due to unforeseen events that have taken place during the summer works, I have contacted Year 9 and 10 parents/carers to delay the start of students in these Year groups until Thursday 7th September. This means that student start dates will be as follows:

Year 7	Tuesday 5 th September 2023
Year 8 and Year 11	Wednesday 6 th September 2023
Year 9 and Year 10	Thursday 7 th September 2023

This staggered start will allow us to effectively inform students of the changes and additional arrangements, as well as ensure that the temporary arrangements can work effectively as we gradually increase numbers. I appreciate that this is not ideal and I am grateful to Year 9 and 10 parents/carers for accommodating this change at short notice.

Building and Resources Improvements

As indicated above, significant work has been taking place to improve the learning environment at Kingsbury. These improvements include:

- Refurbishment of both toilet blocks (English block toilets are due to open next week and the main block toilets will open later this half term) – temporary toilet facilities have been installed while this work is taking place
- New flooring to the main block stairs and landings
- Refurbishment of our reception area
- Additional signage and wayfinding in the school buildings
- Installation of digital screens and Apple technology in ten classrooms
- Installation of a new Wi-Fi infrastructure
- Reconfiguration of our Phoenix Suite (Inclusion and Pastoral Support area)

All of the above will significantly improve the environment and learning provision for our students. We hope to host an open morning and evening for parents/carers to come and see the improvements, sometime in October.

New Staff

I am delighted to welcome new teaching and support staff to Kingsbury this term. These staff include:

- *Mr Coniff, Associate Assistant Headteacher*
- *Mr Daire, Teacher of Technology*
- *Miss Hartland, Associate Assistant Headteacher; Faculty Leader: Technology*
- *Mrs Hurley, Assistant Headteacher (Safeguarding and Attendance) and Teacher of Geography*

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- Mrs Baker, Inclusion Support Mentor
- Miss B Bland, Administration
- Mrs Lilley, Teacher of Science

During the summer term, we also welcomed: Mrs Atkins (Associate Assistant Headteacher and Head of Mathematics); Mr Collett (Teacher of Mathematics); Miss Davie (Leader of French); Mrs McKeown (Head of English); Mr Mace (Mathematics); Miss Rock (Science); Miss Roe (Geography); Miss C Bland (Administration Lead and HR Support); Miss Jackson (Administration) and Mrs West (Inclusion Support Mentor).

Home-School Engagement Strategy

Home-school partnership is a vital component of a child's success in school. Where partnerships are strong and supportive, success and achievement is more likely. Following my letter to you in the summer term, I would like to remind you of our **Home-School Engagement Strategy**. Please find attached another copy of the leaflet detailing the strategies that we will be continuing, launching and improving during this academic year.

Key Dates of Events and Activities for your diary

DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Monday 11 th September to Wednesday 13 th September 2023	Year 7 Whitemoor Lakes Residential
Monday 2 nd October 2023	Parent/Carer Survey 1
Thursday 5 th October 2023	Open Evening (5:30-7:30pm)
Monday 9 th October to Friday 20 th October 2023	Year 11 Trial Examinations (Series 1)
Thursday 12 th October 2023 (4:00-7:00pm)	Year 7 Tutor Evening (<i>an opportunity to meet your child's tutor</i>)
Thursday 19 th October 2023 (5:30-6:30pm)	Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 24 th October 2023 (9:30am)	Open Morning for current parents/carers
Thursday 16 th November 2023 (4:00-7:00pm)	Year 11 Progress Evening 1 (<i>opportunity to meet your child's teachers</i>)
Wednesday 22 nd November 2023 (6:30-8:00pm)	Performing Arts Open Mic Evening
Monday 4 th November 2023	Parent/Carer Survey 2
Thursday 7 th December 2023	Year 11 Mentor and Parent/Carer Evening
Saturday 16 th December 2023 (12:00-4:00pm)	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 21 st December 2023 (4:00-7:00pm)	Year 8 Progress Evening (<i>opportunity to meet your child's teachers</i>)
Thursday 11 th January 2024 (4:00-7:00pm)	Year 7 Progress Evening (<i>opportunity to meet your child's teachers</i>)
Monday 29 th January to Thursday 8 th February 2024	Year 11 Trial Examinations (Series 2)
Tuesday 27 th February 2024 (9:30am)	Open Morning for current parents/carers
Thursday 29 th February 2024 (4:00-7:00pm)	Year 11 Progress Evening 2 (<i>opportunity to meet your child's teachers</i>)
Tuesday 3 rd March 2024	Parent/Carer Survey 3
Wednesday 20 th March to Friday 22 nd March 2023	School Production
Monday 8 th April 2024	Year 11 Intervention Day (<i>only Year 11 attend school on this day</i>)
Monday 15 th April to Friday 26 th April 2023	Year 11 Trial Examinations (Series 3; English and Maths only)
Thursday 25 th April 2024 (4:00-7:00pm)	Open Morning for current parents/carers
Thursday 2 nd May 2024 (4:00-7:00pm)	Year 9 Progress Evening (<i>opportunity to meet your child's teachers</i>)
Monday 13 th May 2024	GCSE Examinations Start
Thursday 16 th May 2024	Year 9 Curriculum/Options Evening
Tuesday 4 th June 2024 (9:30am)	Open Morning for current parents/carers
Tuesday 11 th June 2024	Parent/Carer Survey 4
Monday 17 th June 2024	Year 10 Trial Examinations
Tuesday 2 nd July to Friday 5 th July 2024	Years 7 to 9 Trial Examinations (English and Mathematics)
Friday 5 th July 2024	Year 11 Prom
Tuesday 9 th July 2024	Year 6 Intake Parents/Carers Evening

We will contact you with more information about events and activities as they take place.

Best wishes,

Mr M Clarke, Headteacher

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Home-School Engagement

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS



Parent information evenings take place once every term, providing information and activities, and an opportunity to meet key staff. Parent information evenings for 2023-2024 can be found on our website. In addition, a Curriculum Evening for Year 9 parents and carers takes place in the Spring term to support the options process.

PARENT SURVEYS

Parent surveys will take place twice a year and will provide an opportunity for parents to voice their views and suggest areas for improvement.



SEND COFFEE MORNINGS

Our SEND coffee mornings provide an opportunity for you to meet our Inclusion Team and find out more about SEND provision. Dates for our SEND Coffee mornings can be found on our website.

OPEN MORNINGS

Open Mornings provide an opportunity for current parents and carers to have a tour of our school, visit lessons and have a coffee with the leadership team. Dates for Open Mornings for 2023-2024 can be found on our website. To book a place, contact reception on 01827 872316



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SCHOOL WEBSITE



Our website contains useful links, resources and information for parents and carers. Information includes:

- Learning Journeys
- Knowledge Organisers
- Student Welfare
- Careers

WWW.KINGSBURYSCHOOL.CO.UK

BULLYING



Our 'What about bullying?' booklet provides useful information for parents and carers in relation to bullying.



Our Home-School Engagement Strategy aims to ensure that parents and carers feel involved with their child's education. Through effective communication, we aim to work in partnership with parents and carers to provide timely and effective support, care and guidance for all of our students.

CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION



▪ Pastoral Hub

Call 01827 872316 option 1, or email kngpastoralhub@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

▪ Absence

Email absence@kingsburyschool.co.uk or call 01827 872316 or text 01827 230015

▪ General Enquiries

Call reception on 01827 872316

▪ Safeguarding

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Our newsletters will communicate key dates, useful information, and student celebrations and achievements.

PROGRESS EVENINGS



Our Progress Evenings provide an opportunity for parents and carers to meet subject teachers to discuss their child's progress. See our website for dates.

ARBOR APP

- ✓ 24/7 access to today's information
- ✓ Attendance
- ✓ Real-time, subject-specific assessment information such as test results, examination results and current progress
- ✓ Real-time behaviour information
- ✓ Progress reports
- ✓ Access to your child's timetable
- ✓ School Activities and Events
- ✓ Examinations
- ✓ Parents' Evening Bookings
- ✓ Payments and School Shop