

Kingsmead School

A partner academy in John Taylor MAT

Head of School: Mrs M Mincher, BSc, NPQH

King's Avenue, Hednesford,
Staffordshire WS12 1DH



September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to thank you for your overwhelming support of our new drive on high standards for behaviour, uniform and learning at Kingsmead School.

Walking through lessons during the first week of term, I was pleased to see the high quality of learning and teaching taking place, with happy confident students focussed on gaining the best results they can.

I know that you will also join me in thanking the staff who stood on the gates to welcome students back and the teachers who have already started the year by teaching amazing, challenging lessons

Our Y7 Celebration Evening took place on Friday 8th September, when 211, Y7s and parents returned to school for an evening of song, dance and fun.

Prospective New Parents Open Evening

On Thursday 28th September 2017 we are holding our annual Open Evening for Year 6 and Year 5 pupils and their parents/carers. This is very important occasion in the life of our school, and, of course, it requires a great deal of preparation. Many of our students will be returning on the evening to assist with this event.

Kingsmead will therefore close for Years 7-11 at 2.00 p.m. on this date and your child will be returning home at this time. Sixth form lessons, however, will continue as normal. If you would like your child to remain in school until 3.00 p.m. on this day, please inform your child's Learning tutor and arrangements will be made for their supervision.

Staff Training Day

A reminder that Kingsmead will be closed for all students on **Friday 29th September 2017** due to staff training.

Curriculum/Scientific Calculators

As part of the secondary school curriculum it is important that students have their own scientific calculators for lessons. In Mathematics, Science and other subjects they will regularly be using calculators in lesson to perform complex calculations. In GCSE Mathematics students have 2 exam papers that expect students to have and know how to use a scientific calculator. Students need to become familiar with their own calculator as there is a large variety of different calculators available. How to use their calculator is taught to students throughout Key Stage 3 and 4. Students' progress will be hindered if they are unable to take an active role in lessons that require a calculator. Calculators are available from school via parent pay or from many high street shops. Please contact school if you require advice on choosing a calculator.

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Email and change to School phone number

If for any reason you have tried to email school over the last 4 weeks and have received no reply, please be aware that there have had several issues caused by the change in our new phone number, which is now 01543 227320. Please contact the school again, if you have not received a response to your emails.

JT MAT Privacy Notice for Students

Please find enclosed a copy of the JT MAT Privacy Notice for students within John Taylor MAT Schools for information.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with all parents in the year ahead, and thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. M. Mincher
Head of School

