



Kingsmead School



A PARTNER ACADEMY IN JOHN TAYLOR MAT

Headteacher: Mr Paul Averis BSc Hons PGCE

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22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some developments at Kingsmead School.

New Deputy Headteacher

I am delighted to report that Mrs Bracebridge has been appointed to the role of Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Bracebridge is well known to the school in her current role as Assistant Headteacher and knows the school and our RIME values extremely well. Mrs Bracebridge will take a lead on Behaviour Systems and Attendance and will work alongside Mrs Cain as a second Deputy. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well when she takes up the post.

INSET Days 2026/2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026 will be an INSET day when the new school year starts along with 19th, 20th and 21st July 2027. The school will be closed to children on these days. A fifth INSET day will be in the summer term of 2027 however the date is yet to be set.

Minor Changes to Enrichment, PSHE and the school day

From September 1st, 2026, for all school years, PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) is going to increase for all year groups. PSHE is an important and necessary part of all pupil's education and the lesson will be used to cover statutory areas such as staying healthy and safe, financial education and sex and relationship education (SRE). In order to allow for this increase and not make changes to the curriculum of subjects (such as English, maths, science and the humanities) the enrichment and intervention offer is going to be condensed. All students in KS3 will retain an enrichment offer and all students in other years groups will have weekly intervention sessions.

As such the school day will change slightly

On a Monday and Tuesday the school day will finish at 3:30pm for all

On a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the school day will finish at 2:30pm for all

Currently on a Monday there is a different school day structure of timings and end of the day routines. By making the above changes, each school day will have the same timings of form time, break time, lunch time and all students will end their school day at the same time.

Some enrichment, particularly for the sports teams and performing arts, will still run clubs and activities on a Wednesday, starting at 2:30pm, but they are not compulsory. I have seen in my first year here at Kingsmead how important our sporting teams and music and drama clubs are to the life of the school and this small change to Wednesday's timings will allow the groups and clubs to take place with more space and rooms.

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If you would like any further information or detail on the above, please do not hesitate to get in touch. However, I would like to stress that there are no changes to the curriculum of subject lessons.

Jury Service

I have been called to jury service for two weeks starting on 1st June 2026. Mrs Cain, as Deputy Headteacher will lead the school in my absence.

Finally, can I wish all our Y11 and Y13 students well with the public exams over the coming weeks. I have been extremely impressed with the work ethic shown by the students and would like to thank both parents and Kingsmead teachers for all the encouragement and guidance given during this time.

Yours sincerely



P Averis
Headteacher

Dates for remainder of this school year

Monday 8th June 2026: INSET day, school closed for pupils

Friday 3rd July 2026: INSET day, school closed for pupils

8th July 2026: Sports Day

16th and 17th July 2026: Activity Days

17th July: School closes for the summer break