



# Kingsmead School



A PARTNER ACADEMY IN JOHN TAYLOR MAT

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Dear Parents/Carers,

With the final weeks of this busy summer term to go, we look ahead to the arrangements for the Activity Days, the Summer holidays and indeed, next year.

Having been appointed as Headteacher of a Wolverhampton school earlier this year, I am now sadly saying goodbye to Kingsmead after 11 years. I am very proud of what has been achieved at the school. I have loved my time at Kingsmead, working with the students, staff, parents and our community. The last couple of months have allowed me time to work with Mr. Averis, the new Headteacher of Kingsmead. With him, I'm confident the school will continue to grow from strength to strength.

Best wishes,

Mr. S. Cope  
Acting Headteacher

## **End of school arrangements**

We just wanted to quickly remind parents that the Activity Days run on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July. The times of the day are slightly adjusted due to the activities students are doing in school. Please note the end of the day in particular, which is slightly earlier due to a change in breaks and lunch times. The timetable for each day is as follows:

Session	Timings
Form Time	8:30 – 8:50
1	8:50 – 9:50
2	9:50 – 10:50
Break	10:50 – 11:40
Form Time	11:40 – 12:00
3	12:00 – 13:00
4	13:00 – 14:00

It is essential that during these 2 days you ensure children are sent to school with the following equipment:

1. **Sun cream and hat** – It is likely to be hot, and the students will be spending a lot of their time outside, therefore reducing the risk of sunburn is essential.

2. **Towel and PE kit** – Each day there is a possibility that students will get wet participating in several of the activities. A towel and their fast-drying PE kit mean they will be able to access their other activities in different areas of the site quicker instead of waiting to dry off.
3. **Water** – having a bottle of water is vital so that pupils remain hydrated throughout the day. They will have access to the water fountains throughout the day but please make sure they have a full bottle to begin the day with.

### **Goodbyes...**

There are staff who are leaving at the end of the year. We wish them all the best in their new adventures.

Mrs. K. Benton	Mrs. G. Bromley
Miss E Harris	Mrs. A. Hollier
Dr. D. Horton	Mrs. J. Russell
Mrs. K. Simmons	Miss E. Stableford
Mrs. T. Stevens	Mrs. H. Taylor

### **Hellos...**

We welcome new staff who are joining Kingsmead for next year. They come with lots of experience, knowledge and ideas. There are exciting times ahead.

Mr. P. Averis	Headteacher
Mr. P. Brown	Teacher of Science
Mrs. C. Brierley	Teacher of English
Mrs. C. Cain	Deputy Headteacher
Mr. C. Evans	Teacher of Maths
Mr. J. Evans	Teacher of English
Mr. R. Neal	Teacher of Humanities
Miss G. Rose	Teacher of Science
Miss P. Round	Teaching Assistant
Dr. A. Thacker	Teacher of Science
Mrs. A. Walker	Lunchtime Supervisor
Miss S. Walker	Teacher of Maths

### **Catering Changes**

For several years we've been able to absorb the rising costs associated with catering while still providing a very popular and high-quality service for all students. In addition, we've provided free breakfasts for all students, which has also proved hugely successfully and popular amongst students regardless of their background. It's not just those from a less fortunate background who benefit, but also those who have busy home lives and welcome the opportunity to have one less thing to worry about in the morning. None of this will change; we'll still be offering the same fantastic service next year.

However, despite working with our suppliers to reduce costs and maintaining high standards, our prices will rise by an average of around 14% in September. The funding we receive for a free school meal will still cover the cost of a Meal Deal.

### **Want us to look into something for you?**

From September, Kingsmead is launching the Parental Referral Form, which is a single point of contact for any and all parents who wish to contact the school to raise concerns and queries. Rather than sending an email to the school office, this form will ensure your query is referred directly to the relevant member of staff, and then turned around as quickly as possible. The form is already live under the “Parents” section of the website and can be found here: <https://www.kingsmeadschool.net/home/parents/parent-referral-form/>

### **Uniform Reminders (including swap shop and pre-loved)**

A reminder that all students should have grey Kingsmead ties from September onwards, no older black ones will be allowed, as these have been phased out. We have a popular pre-loved range of uniform available for students, as well as the facility for ‘swaps’ in our swap shop. Please contact [r.duckett@kingsmeadschool](mailto:r.duckett@kingsmeadschool) for further information.

### **Open Evening Date – Student Helpers Wanted**

Kingsmead School’s Open Evening is on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September and starts at 4:30pm. We are keen to have helpers from our current student body to help as guides, support in classrooms and present. If your child is interested, please email [t.truby@kingsmeadschool.net](mailto:t.truby@kingsmeadschool.net) or [l.beech@kingsmeadschool.net](mailto:l.beech@kingsmeadschool.net).

### **Dates For Your Diary**

Date	Event
30/06/25 – 03/07/25	Transition week for new Year 7s (current Year 6s)
01/07/25	New Year 7 Induction Evening
02/07/25	Year 11 Prom
04/07/25	Trust-wide Inset Training Day (Students are not in)
09/07/25	Sports Day
09/07/25	Kingsfest (after school)
11/07/25 – 14/07/25	Joint: A Level Geography and Silver DofE Expedition
15/07/25	Community Day
17/07/25 – 18/07/25	Activity Days
21/07/25	Students are not in – School is closed for the Summer

Date	Event
14/08/25	A-Level/Level 3 Results Day. Results can be collected between 8:30am and 10:00am.
21/08/25	GCSE/Level 2 Results Day. Results can be collected between 8:30am and 10:00am
01/09/25 – 02/09/25	Inset Days – staff are in only. Not students yet I'm afraid.
03/09/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September for an 8:30am start</li> <li>We start in tutor groups and rooms for period 1</li> <li>The new year 7 and 12 will here learn the induction events running over the first few days to help them get to know the school, systems and make friends</li> </ul>

### **2025 / 26 Term Dates**

	Event
Autumn Term Starts	Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025
Half Term Holiday	Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025
Inset Day	Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025
Term Ends	Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Spring Term Starts	Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Half Term Holiday	Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Term Ends	Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
East Holiday	Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 (Easter Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> April)
Summer Term Starts	Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
May Day	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Half Term Holiday	Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Inset Day	Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026
Term Ends	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 (Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 Inset day no staff/students in)