



Striving for Excellence

Cirencester Kingshill School

Head: Christine S. Oates

3rd May 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

The first couple of weeks of this term have gone by very quickly indeed. Hopefully the weather will start to improve soon and pupils can be outside more during social times.

YEAR 11 EXAMINATIONS

Year 11 will be starting their GCSE written examinations on 15th May 2023. Some pupils have already taken part in Modern Foreign Language speaking examinations, as well as Textiles, Art, Design Technology, Photography and Drama. I know pupils have been working hard towards their examinations and I hope this hard work will show in their results in August 2023. I send them my very best wishes for their examinations over the next few weeks.

YEAR 10 MOCK EXAMINATIONS

Even though it is currently over a month away, I would just like to remind you that Year 10 Mock Examinations will be starting week commencing 19th June 2023. The mock examinations are always good practice for Year 10 pupils to be in examination conditions, so it is not alien to them when they sit the real thing next summer.

YEAR 7 WHITEMOOR PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING

Just a reminder that we are holding the Year 7 Whitemoor Trip information evening tonight, in the dining room, from 6.00pm. We hope to see you there.

VAPING

Sadly, once again it is needed for a reminder about vaping. Like so many schools throughout the country, we are aware of an increase in pupils who are obtaining vapes, through whichever means they can. I would like to remind you of the school rules regarding vaping. Should a pupil be caught smoking a vape, they will receive an automatic day's suspension. If a child is caught in possession of a vape, they will be issued with a day of internal suspension in our Student Support Room. Pupils have been informed of this through assemblies throughout the school year.

AN EVENING OF EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Following on from the letter from Mr Ashby, Head of Music, that was sent out last week, we are delighted to be holding an Evening of Expressive Arts, taking place on Tuesday 23rd May 2023. We are looking forward to seeing pupils showcase their talents!



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YEAR 10 REGIONAL HANDBALL COMPETITION

Year 10 GCSE pupils took part in the Regional Boys Handball Competition, which took place on Wednesday 19th April 2023. The boys played extremely well but were unlucky to miss out on the semi-finals. Well done, boys.

HOLIDAY FREE SCHOOL VOUCHERS FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

We have been sent information from Gloucestershire County Council regarding Free School Meal vouchers for the May / June Half Term break. Please see further details at the end of this letter.

As always, thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C.S. Oates
Headteacher



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Free School Meal support during the May/June holidays from Gloucestershire County Council

For the May/June half term, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) is providing vouchers to eligible families who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by GCC as part of our commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received and is separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **We are unable to consider college and sixth form students as well as children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children in reception to year 2); they are not eligible for this scheme.**

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per child.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register - you will already have been included. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

If you have any updates to an existing application, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so that we can update your details, as this is not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for the May/June half term are now open until midday 16 May. Voucher emails will be sent out on 22 May. Please encourage parents to check their junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by the 23 May, please encourage them to email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Please note we check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure parents are registered beforehand. They can register by [visiting our free school meals page](#). If your school is one of the five that do not use this method, we will require confirmation from yourselves on the child's eligibility. You can find more information on what schools these are on the same link.

Using vouchers – vouchers need to be used will only be awarded once the parent has registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers are valid for 6 months, although should be used in the holiday period in which they are awarded. If vouchers are not claimed and have expired they cannot be re-issued. Vouchers not received should be queried via email to childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk by the end of the holiday period.

For more information and to sign up, please visit our website - [Holiday School Meal vouchers](#).