

10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all enjoyed the half term break, it already feels a distant memory as term 2 is now fully in motion. Students have returned with a vibrant and positive energy, and they have much to look forward to over the coming weeks.

### **Remembrance**

Today was a very special day for all members of the Kingshill community. Today we came together in an act of remembrance for our past and current service men and women. Sgt Taylor, a former Kingshill student, led our moment of reflection. He was supported by our young cadets from the different forces who looked incredible in their uniforms. We also welcomed Mr Mark Walters from the Salvation Army who played the last post for us to mark our silence in recognition of those who have fallen and those who are currently serving our country. The school community stood together with pride and respect; a moment to cherish.

### **Careers**

On Wednesday we welcomed Rich Whincup from Hartpury University who came in to speak with some of our Y11 students with a particular interest in pursuing a career in sport. The students engaged well with the session and were inspired by the range of opportunities available.

Mr Jeremy Morland  
Senior Assistant Headteacher

### **Kingshill Poet Laureates**

We were delighted to award Isla M (7F), Eliza L (8A) and Summer W (11A) the title of Poet Laureate for their outstanding entries in our recent poetry competition with the title of 'Refuge'. They were presented with certificates, book tokens and pin badges by Mrs Lindley and Mr Smith in recognition of their achievements.

Mr Phil Smith  
Head of English

### **Mobile Phones**

Students have been excellent in their adherence to the change to the mobile phone policy. Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting this important change. All students are waiting until they are on the buses or on the back field before taking out their mobile phones; their level of responsibility and respect for the changes is recognised and appreciated.

Mr Darren Stillman  
Assistant Headteacher

### **Extend Programme**

Our Extend programme consists of a wide variety of clubs and activities that take place for students either at lunchtimes or after school. We have managed to significantly expand this provision with the lengthening of the lunch break and we now have over 60 different clubs/events happening each week. Each year group has its own



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timetable of which clubs take place where and when and these posters are visible in tutor rooms. We are encouraging our students to be ambitious at school, so please do encourage your son/daughter to attend where they can. The school overview for Term 2 is attached and can also be viewed on the school website at:

<https://www.cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk/school-information/extend/>

We would also like to hear your views on our provision and would encourage you to fill in our very short questionnaire about Extend activities – this will be used to help us shape our offer going forwards. The questionnaire is available at: <https://forms.office.com/e/E6xvtdHc52>

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the questionnaire.

Mr Steve Pritchard  
Deputy Headteacher

### **Children in Need**

Next Friday is “Children in Need” day and there are many activities planned. Students are encouraged to wear non-school uniform for a donation of £1 and they may need a little extra money for the events throughout the day.

Mrs Debbie Christopher  
Senior Assistant Headteacher

### **Sporting Update**

- Kingshill School hosted Year 3 and 4 pupils from Cirencester Primary School who took part in a Sports Hall Athletics event lead by our School Games Organiser and our Year 8 Sports Leaders
- Congratulations to our Year 7 football team who beat Cotswold School in the ESFA Cup and progress to Round 4

### Fixtures/Events coming up next week:

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Year 7 Rugby Festival @ KLB

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November:

- Year 11 District Netball tournament @ Farmors
- Year 9 District Rugby v Thomas Keble (Away)
- Year 11 District Rugby v Thomas Keble (Away)



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I hope you and your family have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing all students on Monday.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Jo Lindley  
Headteacher

**Upcoming events**

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Y9 visit to the Black Country Museum
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Y8 visit to EmPower at Gloucestershire University
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – “Children in Need” day
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Y11 visit to the Old Vic to see The Christmas Carol
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Gloucester Ten Pin Bowling visits
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – GCSE Awards Evening from 6.30pm in the Sports Hall