

20th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

This week I wanted to share the responsibility shown by your young people during a typical day at Kingshill school. Last week, each year group practised the fire drill during tutor time and on Tuesday we held our first unannounced fire drill of the year. Witnessing the whole school move calmly, and most importantly in silence, onto the back field to allow us to accurately check the registers in just over 10 minutes was a very proud moment.

During break and lunch time it is a real joy to watch the many students partaking in different ball sports on the back field. They all allow each of the different groups their space to play and even, on occasions, allow the teachers to drive back into play the rogue balls – the atmosphere is one of mutual respect, kindness and the laughter that is heard always raises a smile.

Y11 'Silent Solo' activities

Our Y11 students have been showing further responsibility in their learning as they have been tasked in all lessons with 'silent solo' activities. This is an opportunity for the students to independently think and work really hard on the tasks designed to help them to deliberately practice the knowledge and skills taught. It also provides the teacher the opportunity to check for understanding and address any gaps in learning. This is a much-needed time, especially in advance of the pending mock exams.

Mr Trevor Lee
Assistant Head

Mobile Phones

You may have heard in the news that the government is keen on restricting further the use of mobile phones in schools. At Kingshill School, we believe we have a fair and respectful policy with regards to mobile phones. However, having considered statements that have been made, we do think we need to formalise this further and will be asking you to reaffirm your commitments to supporting us with this. Next week a simple form will be sent on ParentMail outlining the detail of this, which you will be required to acknowledge.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support with this.

Mr Darren Stillman
Assistant Head

Everybody's Talking about Jamie – tickets

The school is a hive of activity as students are making their final preparations for the performance next week. We are very much looking forward to seeing the production and if you have not bought tickets already, they can be purchased [here](#)

Sporting Updates

- Harry Kilby has been selected for U13 County Cricket Squad, well done!
- Year 8 Rugby played against Thomas Keble (lost 25-45)
- Year 9 ESFA Cup football played against St Peters (lost 3-0)
- Year 7 Rugby Festival @ Deer Park (beat Rednock 15-5, lost against Thomas Keble 10-0, lost against SWR 15-5)
- Year 11 Rugby played against KLB (lost 10-32)
- Year 7 Rugby played against Archway (A's won-25-10), (B's lost 25-5)
- Year 9 Rugby County Cup played against Westonbirt (Drew 15-15 in normal time but won on sudden death drop kick shoot-out). We now proceed to Quarter Finals
- Mrs Pauling (School Games Organiser) hosted a Primary Netball Festival for 120 Year 5 and 6 pupils, assisted by our Kingshill Sports Leaders

Upcoming sporting events next week:

Tuesday 24th October

- Year 11 Rugby v Deer Park (Home)
- Year 10 Rugby v Deer Park (Away)
- Years 7-11 Netball v SWR (Home)

Wednesday 25th October

- Years 7-11 District Cross Country Trials @ Archway
- Year 8 Rugby v Deer Park (Away)
- Year 9 Rugby v Deer Park (Home)

Thursday 26th October

- Year 7 Rugby v Deer Park (Home)

I wish and you and your family a lovely weekend in advance of our final week before the half term break.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Jo Lindley
Headteacher

Upcoming events

Tuesday 24th October – Friday 27th October

Everybody's Talking About Jamie @ Griffin Theatre, Rendcomb

Thursday 26th October – Sunday 29th October

Munich Trip

Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November

Half Term

Monday 6th November

Return to school