

15th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of our second week of the new term, I wanted to write to tell you how proud we are of our Kingshill students for wholeheartedly embracing the STEPs. There is a constant buzz around the different STEPs both in and out of lessons and students are rightfully proud of their efforts to be the best versions of themselves. We also want to acknowledge your role as parents and carers; without your support to ensure they are in the right uniform and armed with their STEP card each day, there wouldn't have been such a distinctive change in the culture and ethos we are promoting throughout the school - Thank you.

A further thank you for supporting the non-uniform day last Friday in our bid to keep the student's cooler during the heatwave. As a result of the decision and your support, the students were able to learn as comfortably as possible and we also raised £741.87 for our school charities.

Our Year 10 buddies are in their second week of supporting the Year 7 students who are growing increasingly independent as they navigate their way around the school. We are so grateful to the time and help the buddies are providing to support our new arrivals – a huge thank you from us all.

This week Mr Morland and I have been bursting with pride as we have interviewed almost all of our Year 11 Student Leaders. They each submitted a letter of application, and we interviewed them about their proposed legacy to the school. They are all committed to supporting the younger students, being aspirational role models and are determined to bring to life our mission statement of 'shaping greater futures'. An absolute joy in our week.

Here are some of the quotes that were captured:

'I like that the school has listened to our ideas and made changes. I want to help support all the changes that are happening because they are exciting.'

'School is about more than learning in lessons, it is about developing our characters through the experiences we are offered at Kingshill.'

So, as we look to the week ahead, we have our very important Open Evening next Thursday, 21st September 2023. A reminder that the school will be closing at 12.50pm with buses departing at 1.00pm. Students entitled to Free School Meals will be able to collect their picnic lunches from the dining hall before they depart. The evening will commence at 4.00pm and I want to thank the many student helpers in advance for their time and energy that will be needed as they showcase our wonderful school. The evening will close at 7.00pm and all students will be back in school on Friday 22nd to end the week - maybe a little more tired but equally proud of the contributions they have made.

I'd like to end by wishing Miss Bradford a fond farewell as she embarks on her maternity leave today and our Year 11 Silver Duke of Edinburgh students all the very best in their practice expedition this weekend – we are all willing the rain clouds away!

Thank you again for all of your support shown over the last 2 weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jo Lindley
Headteacher

Inset Days 2023 – 2024

Friday 13th October 2023

Friday 24th November 2023

Wednesday 6th March 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024