

20 July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Getting Ready for September 2022 – New Year 7 Cohort

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students to Kingsmead in September as we start a new academic year in our new facilities. We would like to take this opportunity to share some key information looking ahead to the start of the new year and to ensure a smooth start to your child's secondary school life.

To enable a successful start to the term students will return in their year groups on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 6 September – Years 7 & 11 only. *All other students to remain at home.***
- **Wednesday 7 September – Years 8, 9 & 10 only. *Year 7 & 11 to remain at home.***
- **Thursday 8 September – *ALL* students return to school**

The New Build

In September 2022, students will return to a substantially different site and school buildings. The entirety of the existing main block will be fenced off and new pedestrian access routes across our site will be in place. Our new block consists of over 20 state-of-the-art rooms including our Dining Hall and Main Hall. Further to this our new Music Centre will also open during September. Given these changes, we will stagger the return of students across the first two days to ensure a safe and orderly resumption of education at Kingsmead.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

All students have the right to learn, and staff have the right to carry out their roles in a calm, purposeful and well-ordered environment. To achieve this, staff have a professional responsibility to plan and support learning that is enjoyable, engages students and helps them make progress. Equally, we expect students to approach learning with a positive attitude, showing care and respect for others.

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As we move to our new facilities, we will continue to work with students and parents/carers in our Triangle of Partnership to provide a safe and engaging environment for all. Our Positive Behaviour for Learning Policy provides clarity and consistency regarding our core expectations and consequences of both positive and negative behaviours of our students.

This year, we have completed phase one of our roll out of Class Charts at Kingsmead. We are immensely proud of the multiple students that have hit their milestones of Bronze awards through Class Charts and we look forward to sharing the account details with Year 7 students and all parents/carers in September. We will roll out the second phase of our Class Charts plan incorporating monitoring of student behaviour and home learning for Years 9 - 11. Year 7 and 8 students will be issued with their Knowledge Organiser at the start of term and further information will be shared with parents/carers.

Uniform

As your child prepares for their start at Kingsmead, we are grateful for your support in achieving and maintaining our uniform expectations. We are very much looking forward to seeing our students wearing our new uniform with pride, from September 2022. Staff will be monitoring the uniform of all students across all years daily and we would ask that all parents/carers support us by ensuring that their child has the appropriate uniform, PE kit and equipment that they require each day.

Please be aware that there are changes from previous years. In particular, we would like to specifically highlight:

- Plain black V-neck jumper with logo (not a sweatshirt)
- Plain blue shirt
- School tie for Year 7 – Green
- Year 7 plain dark grey, drop waisted, box pleat skirt
- Plain dark grey tailored trousers or shorts
- Shoes must be plain black, have no more than a half inch heel and be of a polishable material.
- Black socks/ tights of at least 30 denier.

Jewellery, Make-up and Hairstyles:

- Jewellery is not permitted, except for one small stud earring in each lower ear lobe
- **No facial piercings of any kind**
- No extreme hair styles of any kind
- Hair must be of a natural colour
- No false eyelashes, nail varnish or false nails are permitted
- If make-up is to be worn it must be discreet and natural in appearance.

If your child arrives at school in the incorrect uniform, they will not be permitted to go to class. We will call you and ask for the uniform to be corrected; if you are unable to do this your child will be expected to borrow an appropriate alternative from our school supplies.

Thank you for your co-operation in meeting these requirements and for sending your children to school in uniform that is appropriate for a school environment. This will mean that we can avoid any unnecessary conversations at the start of a busy new term.

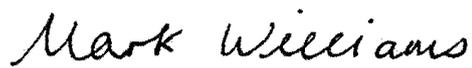
Attendance Matters @ Kingsmead – Positive Attendance for Learning reminder

In this new academic year, we will continue to focus on the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality.

As we have previously outlined, and after the disruption of the pandemic, excellent attendance and punctuality at school has never been more important. At Kingsmead, we place a high focus on attendance and, as such, have an expectation that all students will strive to attend school every day. Our Positive Attendance for Learning policy, which can be found on our website, reflects this essential element of school life.

I hope you and your family have a restful summer break and I look forward to welcoming our Year 7 students back to our new facilities in September.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Williams". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Mark" and "Williams" being capitalized and prominent.

Mark Williams
Head Teacher