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School**

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Kingsmead Families and carers

It is hard to believe we are approaching the final days of this first autumn half-term. The last seven weeks have seen us all return to school with full vigour and excited about the amazing learning and wider curriculum opportunities that your children will have available to them.

Ahead of returning to school in September, we celebrated our 2022 – 2023 Year Eleven cohort's fabulous results. We were so happy to see every year eleven collect their results in August, so that we could congratulate them on their well-deserved outcomes. The culmination of secondary education experiences captured in one 'results envelope' is a life experience that sets the tone for post 16, the world of work and life opportunities.

We are very proud of how our new year eleven cohort have returned to school – accessing Post 16 work and support we offer immediately, to prepare them for applying to their onward destinations. In a year eleven assembly we reminded them of how important this year is for them, the need to apply themselves fully to their studies and to make sure they access the endless support of staff here in fulfilling their potential. Year eleven are looked up to by the younger pupils in our community as role models and it is important therefore that they behave in line with our school expectations as we explore mentoring opportunities for them – critical work ahead of them applying to P16 destinations and having CVs and applications that stand out against the competition – their wider peer group - across the city.

We will continue to be in contact with parents/carers about the different speakers, visits and opportunities that will be on offer between now and June 2024 for our pupils to access, including further events for families to come together and explore what options Derby, and beyond, has to offer. Thank you to parents/carers that have been in to speak with us already, meet with P16 providers and to support their children when needed, to fulfil their potentials fully.

It has also been fabulous to welcome our largest year seven cohort (ever) into our school community. They look wonderful in their new uniform and the staff team have been very impressed with how well they have transitioned into school – it has been good getting to know and meet some of their parents and carers – we recognise and value the difference it makes

when we are all working together to support our pupils through this transition into school, and beyond.

This past half-term we have seen our different school clubs begin again (Football, Basketball, Science, Baking and more) and will look to grow the offer over the coming months. Please encourage your child to speak to their key workers about what clubs they may wish to try and also to let us know what club they might want us to offer – we are always keen to try new things!

In September we ran two successful charity events – well supported by pupils, parents/carers and staff. On 18th September we held our first charity event of the year, in support of 'Jeans for Genes'. Pupils and staff dressed up to support this worthwhile cause and raised a fabulous £215. Well done to Nigel our Site Manager and Tracey, one of our school's administration assistants for winning the 'Best Dressed Staff' competition.

On the 29th September we held a 'Macmillan Coffee Morning' which was for some year seven parents/carers, a great opportunity to come and see their children at their secondary school for the first time. Thank you and well done to pupils and staff who worked together across the key stages to raise £150!

We are now taking collections for our 'Christmas Shoe Box' appeal. All of our fundraising is part of our curriculum work developing pupils' social emotional skills; putting others first; showing empathy towards others and exercising responsibility to organise and help worthwhile causes.

Returning to school in September we were thrilled to see the majority of our pupils arrive in uniform or in line with our uniform expectations wearing black. Parent and carer support around this expectation is of course well received. If your child is still not wearing black, please can you support them and let us know if you need any support. Pupils are proud of their school community and are quick to question why some pupils are not complying with our expectations.

We are working on a new school website that will hopefully be launched before Christmas where a wealth of updates and information about our school will be routinely updated. In the meantime and alongside this development, every child's key worker is available should you need to make contact, as are the pastoral and leadership teams should you need us. We welcome a positive working relationship with all our parents and carers to support every child who attends our school having the best experience, during their time with us.

Have a good half-term break.

Kind Regards

Liz Sanger, Headteacher



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

M&S CAFES

Spend £5 & get one free kid's meal Mon - Fri during the Oct Half term (various dates)

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

From Monday 16th October - Friday 27th 2023 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE Monday - Friday from Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.