



**Kingsmead
School**

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Dear Kingsmead Families and Carers

As I write the first letter of the academic year 2024 – 2025, it is hard to believe we are approaching the final days of this first autumn half-term. The last seven weeks have flown by as we have welcomed our largest cohort to date into our school. It has been wonderful to see pupils quickly reengaging with their school routines and making the most of the opportunities available to them.

Ahead of returning, in August we celebrated our 2023 – 2024 year eleven cohort's fabulous results. We were so incredibly proud of our year elevens who returned to pick up their certificates and congratulated them on just how well they did, with highlights including:

- 25% achieving 14 or more qualifications
- 50% achieving 12 or more qualifications
- 85% achieving 8 qualifications or above
- 95% achieving 5 or more qualifications
- 100% achieving an English GCSE
- 100% achieving a qualification in maths and English (any level)
- 90% achieving GCSEs in English Language, maths and combined science

Our new year eleven cohort have settled in well and are rising to the challenge of many new pupils joining their year group, before and after the summer break. They have sat their first set of mocks and are learning about the true meaning of resilience and hard work paying off. Our year eleven parents' event in September was an important occasion for pupils and their families to meet with teachers and P16 support, as discussions about college applications and courses available to them, began with vigour. Part of our P16 preparation with our year eleven pupils is around the writing of their CVs and engagement with parents/carers in Phase Reviews, ahead of moving onto new destinations. Our year elevens are role models within our school community, and it is important that they conduct themselves appropriately and maturely, taking full advantage of the support and opportunities available to them. This supports their college/apprenticeship applications being strong enough to compete with their peers, from across Derby City, for places and future learning opportunities.

We will continue to be in contact with parents/carers about the different speakers, visits and wider curriculum opportunities that will be on offer between now and June 2025 for our pupils to access, including further events for families to come together and explore what options Derby, and beyond, has to offer.

It has also been wonderful to welcome new pupils into school, across the year groups and including year seven. It has been positive getting to know and meet new parents and carers and as ever, we appreciate and value the difference it makes when families and the school team work together to support all our pupils thriving during their time with us.

This past half-term we have seen our different school clubs begin again (Football, Basketball, Games and Art) and will look to grow the offer over the coming months. As always, please encourage your child to speak to their key workers about what clubs they may wish to try and to let us know what club they might want us to offer – we are always keen to try new things and have some very enthusiastic staff who are keen to run more exciting activities.

Already this half-term pupils have been afforded different trips and experiences to supplement their learning, outcomes and personal development. Visits for pupils have included: the Peak District, Carsington Water, Attenborough Nature Reserve, Superbike Factory, Conkers and Rebound.

Future key dates (with more to be confirmed and shared):

4th, 11th, 25th November: Derbyshire Cricket Foundation Sessions with Year 7
12th and 13th November NEC National Careers Fair Year 11
12th November Year 10 Parent Event
14th November Luminare Careers Day for Year 11 + extra dates tbc with individual pupils
10th December Army Career's event for younger pupils
4th December Year 7 Parent Event
5th and 6th December – Inset Days – school closed to pupils
11th December Awards Event
13th December Christmas Coffee Morning
18th December Trip to the Panto
20th December Break up for Christmas
14th January Army Careers event day at the barracks for Year 11's

Returning to school in September it was pleasing to see pupils wearing either their school provided uniform or black clothing. We have a supportive approach to our uniform policy to ensure pupils feel comfortable at school, while meeting our basic yet important expectations. Support for our approaches begins at home and we ask that you check what your children are wearing and ensure that a) they are appropriately covered up for a school environment and b) clothing is black.

Pupils are proud of their school community and are quick to question why some pupils are not complying with our expectations.



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Please continue to visit our school website for updates and information we share. As ever, 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 October half-term break.

Elizabeth Sanger

Liz Sanger, Headteacher



Eat DRINK AND be SCARY

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2024

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



MORRISONS

Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day
Monday 21st Oct- Sunday 3rd Nov 2024

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

TRAVELDGE & 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

Monday 14th October - Friday 1st November 2024 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 Mon - Fri from Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November 2024

PIZZA HUT

Free Kids buffet Monday 14th Oct - Tuesday 5th Nov daily until 3pm with code **SPOOKY**

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.

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