



PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

Issue 1 Tuesday 1st September 2026

HEADLINE NOTICES

Welcome back to the First Autumn Term
Tuesday 1st September – Friday 31st October 2025

We very warmly welcome back all parents/carers and students to the start of the new academic year 2026-2027. We hope you had a wonderful and restful Summer and are looking forward to an exciting new Autumn term.

There is no change to the timings of the school day this academic year which continue to be as follows:

Years 7, 11, 12 & 13 students start their day at 08.40am (arriving on-site by 08.30am latest). These students finish school at 3.40pm daily.

Year 8, 9 & 10 students start their day at 09.05am (arriving on-site by 08.55am latest). These students finish school at 4.10pm daily. Please be reminded that student punctuality to school and lessons is closely monitored and action taken as appropriate where issues are identified.



*School Photographs

The school photographers will be coming into school on the days listed below. Please ensure that your child is aware of the day that their school photograph will be taken. Arrangements for photographs for siblings and further details will be issued separately by Heads of Learning.

Friday 4th September 2026 – Year 7
Tuesday 8th September 2026 – Year 8
Wednesday 9th September 2026 – Year 9
Thursday 10th September 2026 – Year 10
Friday 11th September 2026 – Year 12
Monday 21st September 2026 – Year 11
Tuesday 22nd September 2026 – Year 13

Mobile Phone Policy – Smartphone Free Site

We have written to parents to remind them of the details of our mobile phone policy which from 1st September 2026 prohibits students in Years 7-11 from being in possession of a smartphone at any time whilst on the school site. Further details have been issued separately and can also be accessed on our website here. We thank parents and students for their continued support of this key school policy. Please address any queries, including any medical exemption requests to via phones@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

THEME OF THE WEEK

The Kingsdale Community

'Community is a place where people come together in order to fulfil a specific purpose, to help others fulfil their purposes and to take care of one another.'

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Prudence

'The state of being careful in the management of affairs.'

He always exercises prudence with his finances.

SCHOOL NEWS

Uniform Bank

Get Educated and Save the World
The KFS Uniform Bank, provides quality pre-loved school uniforms, is open Monday to Friday at 4.10pm daily.

Please email Mr James Lewis via jls@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk with any queries. Please note that other access times can be arranged by appointment.

Lost Property Events

There will be opportunities for parents to check our lost property stock for missing items on the following dates during this academic year:

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 4pm
Wednesday 4th November 2026 at 4pm
Wednesday 6th January 2027 at 4pm
Wednesday 24th February 2027 at 4pm
Wednesday 14th April 2027 at 4pm
Wednesday 9th June 2027 at 4pm

For more information please contact:
office@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Check Out Kingsdale's Amazing Summer A Level & GCSE Results on Page 2

We would like to congratulate all of our students on their hard work and fantastic efforts! Well done!!!

SCHOOL NEWS



Amazing A Level Examination Results at Kingsdale Foundation School in 2026!

A Level Results 2026
We are delighted to announce that our students have excelled once more with some exceptional individual and group performances including 11 students who achieved at least 3A* grades each!
At Kingsdale this year over 50% and more than 350 of all grades achieved at A level were graded A*/A and more than 80% were at A*-B.

A LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS 2026



Miles

Miles achieved exceptional grades, with A*s in Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry & EPQ. He will now read Engineering at the University of Cambridge.

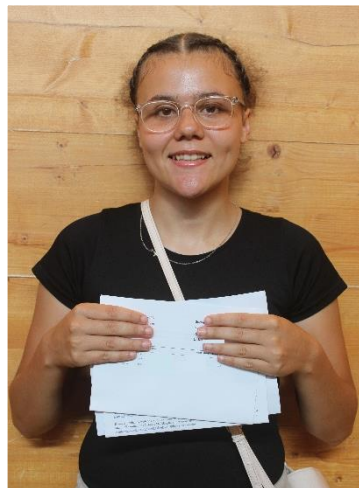


Daniel

Daniel attained an incredible 3 A* grades in Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics. He will study Finance at the London School of Economics (LSE).

Daniel writes of his experiences at Kingsdale's Sixth Form: *"I'd like to thank everyone at Kingsdale who made my A Level studies such a great experience. I am grateful for all the support the school has given me throughout my time here and am especially appreciative of all my teachers, particularly those in the Further Maths department, as they made the subject one of the highlights of my time at Kingsdale. I am very much looking forward to attending LSE and couldn't have done it without the help of my friends and the school."*

Students have also secured places at many other top universities including Bath, Loughborough, Reading, Royal Holloway and Sussex and Swansea to do well-regarded, competitive and demanding courses such as Astrophysics, Biology, Chemistry, Classics, Economics, English, Mechanical Engineering and Sport & Exercise Science.



Ella

Ella celebrates her A* in Psychology, A in Mathematics and A in Chemistry and will be studying Experimental Psychology at the University of Oxford.



Summar & Olachi

Summar and Olachi attained an impressive 5 A and 1 B grades between them and will go on to study Fine Art at UCL and Animation at the University of the Arts, London respectively.



Long

Long achieved an excellent A* in Mathematics, an A* in Further Mathematics and A in Physics and will be studying Computer Science at the University of Warwick.

Long writes of his experience at the Kingsdale Sixth Form: *"I've had unwavering support from my teachers and the best further Maths class! A message to students, keep revising consistently and know that learning isn't linear, there are ups and downs, as long as you have your why for your hard work, you will persevere!"*

75% of our graduate applications to higher education institutions have been accepted at prestigious Russell Group Universities such as Bristol, Durham, Edinburgh, Exeter, Glasgow, King's College London, Leeds, Liverpool, London School of Economics (LSE), Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Sheffield, Southampton, University College London (UCL), Warwick and York as well as at least 11 securing places at Oxford & Cambridge.



Isabella & Verity

Isabella & Verity celebrate their excellent combined 2 A*s, 4 As and 1 B grades and will go on to study French & Spanish and English & Spanish respectively, both at the University of Oxford.

Isabella writes of her experience at Kingsdale: *"I am eternally grateful that I chose Kingsdale Sixth Form, the support from the teachers has unquestionably shaped my experience here. I couldn't have done any of my A levels without the constant attention and care from all my teachers."*

A LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS 2026



Dayee

Dayee secured highly impressive grades of A* in Maths and As in both Chemistry and Physics. He will go on to study Civil Engineering at University College, London (UCL).



John

John secured excellent grades, with A* in both Mathematics and English and a Grade A in Spanish and EPQ. John will go on to read Computer Science at the University of Cambridge.

John reflects on his time at Kingsdale, writing:

"What left an imprint on me from Kingsdale was the dedication of the teachers. With the whole application process it felt like there was no end of resources and encouragement that the Sixth Form team gave to us; and, when I had a stress attack before my first Further Maths exam, my Heads of Learning were so good at listening to me and offering helpful advice that ultimately saw me through it. I am monumentally grateful to have the opportunity of pursuing my course and I feel relieved that all the work of the last two years has paid off."



Our gifted and talented creative and performing artists will be attending highly esteemed conservatoires and institutions such as the Royal Academy of Music, the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and Surrey University (Tonmeister degree), as well as the University of the Arts London, the Slade School of Art, Goldsmiths and Glasgow Universities.



Rohan & Carlton

Rohan and Carlton celebrate achieving 1 A*, 5 A and 1 B grades between them. Rohan will study Economics at the University of Manchester and Carlton will read Economics & Finance at Queen Mary, University of London



Chloe

Chloe secured a impressive A* in both Politics and EPQ, alongside A grades in Mathematics and Physical Education. She will go on to study Exercise and Sports Science at the University of Exeter



Michel & Rageh

Michal & Rageh with a really excellent 5 A* and 3 A grades between them! Michal will study Music at University College, London (UCL) and Rageh will read Philosophy, Politics & Economics (PPE) at the University of Warwick.

A LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS 2026



Leonardo

Leonardo achieved excellent grades, with 2 A* grades in Mathematics & Further Mathematics and an A in Physics. He goes on to study Mathematics and Statistical Science at University College, London (UCL).

Leonardo writes of his time at Kingsdale:

"My experience in Kingsdale has been unforgettable! The teaching was incredible and extremely precise making sure that I could get the grades that I wanted. I was very pleased with my decision to stay at Kingsdale after my transition year for Sixth Form! And thank you to all my friends who made school a great experience. Forever grateful to Kingsdale!!!"



Anna & Charlotte

Anna and Charlotte who achieved very highly with 3 A* grades, 1 A and 2 B grades between them.

Anna will now study French & Politics at the University of Edinburgh and Charlotte will study Film Making at Leeds Beckett University.

Anna reflects on her experiences at Kingsdale Sixth Form:

"Kingsdale has given me three wonderful years of academic growth and confident progress towards successfully completing my education. Despite the sudden changes in my life and my move to England due to the war, I received tremendous support and additional guidance from teachers and staff members in achieving my goals. Thanks to the warm and welcoming atmosphere, I was able to fully realise my potential, grow in confidence, and build many lasting friendships."



We are once again incredibly proud of how students, staff and parents have collaborated and supported each other to produce another set of amazing A Level results. We pay tribute to all of our students whose endeavours, resilience and hard work have enabled them to pursue their chosen exciting pathway of choice.

Congratulations and well done to all our A Level students!

We wish them all the very best of luck as they leave Kingsdale and go on their new adventures!



Excellent GCSE Examination Results at Kingsdale Foundation School Again!

Kingsdale is celebrating another set of excellent GCSE results in 2026 with numerous exceptional individual and collective achievements to declare. Over 10 students achieved 8 or more GCSE Grade 9s with 3 achieving 10 or more.

Approximately 100 students achieved 8 or more 7 - 9 GCSE Grades with over 225 achieving the English Baccalaureate.

GCSE EXAMINATION RESULTS 2026



Oscar
Oscar celebrates his highly impressive grades, achieving 11 Grade 9s, 1 Grade 8, and 1 Grade 7

When reflecting on his achievement and his time at Kingsdale, Oscar writes:
"Kingsdale is a 10/10 school...You're all the best"



Grace & Emily
Grace and Emily with a seriously impressive 11 Grade 9s, 7 Grade 8s & 4 Grade 7s between them!



Tolly Reed
Tolly who achieved an impressive 6 Grade 9s, 3 Grade 8s & 2 Grade 7s



Holly Williams
Holly celebrates her 6 Grade 9s, 4 Grade 8s & 1 Grade 7

Holly writes:
"Thank you so much to all the amazing teachers at Kingsdale that helped reach reach my full potential and push me to my best."

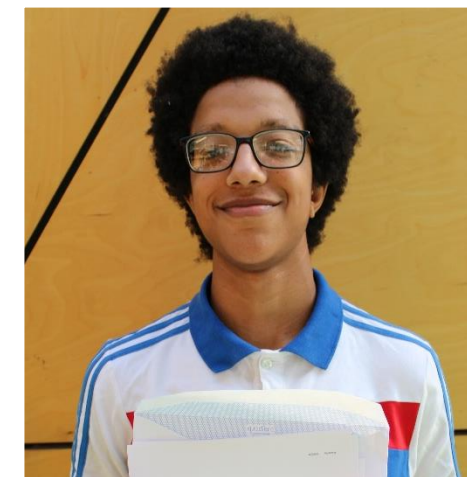


Ethan, Lucas, Anais, Audrey, Reuben, Holl & Ruby
Ethan, Lucas, Anais, Audrey, Reuben, Holly and Ruby celebrate their incredible attainment, resulting in 34 Grade 9s, 30 Grade 8s and 13 Grade 7s across the group!

Ethan, who achieved 10 Grade 9s writes:
"I am extremely proud of the results I achieved here at Kingsdale and am ecstatic to find out my hard work and effort paid off! Thank you to all the teachers and everyone who has supported me during my time here!"



Jess
Jess and her parent celebrate her achievement of 9 Grade 9s & 1 Grade 8



Kunti
Kunti attained an excellent 2 Grade 9s, 3 Grade 8s & 6 Grade 7s

Kunti writes:
"Very happy to have achieved these results. It means a lot to know my hard work paid off."



Harris & Isa
Harris and Isa with a very strong performance of 5 Grade 9s, 13 Grade 8s & 3 Grade 7s between them!

Isa writes:
"I enjoyed my time at Kingsdale as I was able to develop new skills and meet new people. I am happy as I have managed to meet my goals."

We applaud the dedication, talent and hard work of students, staff and parents who have collaborated so successfully to generate yet another set of splendid GCSE outcomes for themselves and the school.

GCSE EXAMINATION RESULTS 2026



Carmen, Eliza, Posy, Isla and Niamh
Carmen, Eliza, Posy, Isla and Niamh with an excellent
2 Grade 9s, 8 Grade 8s & 17 Grade 7s collectively



Annadeen, Tyler, Colin & Rares
Annadeen, Tyler, Colin & Rares celebrate their combined and
highly impressive 17 Grade 9s, 15 Grade 8s & 8 Grade 7s!



Daniel
Daniel who attained really strongly
with 5 Grade 9s, 5 Grade 8s & 1
Grade 7

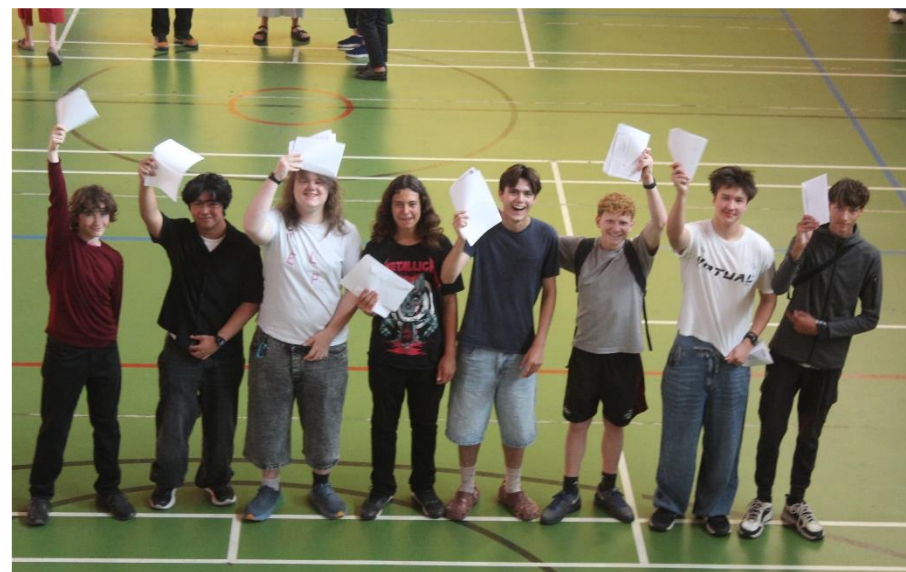


Charlotte
Charlotte achieved 2 Grade 9s, 4
Grade 8s and 2 Grade 7s

Charlotte writes:
*"Today was just the beginning to
my future and I couldn't have done
it without the support from family,
friends and amazing teachers who
have helped me along my
journey."*



Daisy, Kiki, Summer, Izzy & Esme
Daisy, Kiki, Summer, Izzy & Esme who collectively achieved
a really impressive 12 Grade 9s, 24 Grade 8s & 13 Grade 7s



Harry, Ethan, Stephen, Anton, Cato, Ryan & Zoran
Harry, Ethan, Stephen, Anton, Cato, Ryan, Daniel and Zoran
with an excellent 23 Grade 9s, 12 Grade 8s & 19 Grade 7s
between them!



Reuben
Reuben and his parent celebrate
his really strong 2 Grade 9s, 5
Grade 8s & 3 Grade 7s

Reuben writes:
*"Whilst I am extremely happy
about how I did in my best
subjects, i.e. History and Music,
I'd say my biggest achievement is
getting two 7s and an 8 in Science
from almost failing all of them by
the end of Year 10. Hard work
does pay off."*

GCSE EXAMINATION RESULTS 2026



Rosa
Rosa celebrates 6 Grade 9s,
4 Grade 8s and 1 Grade 7

Rosa writes:
"I'm so happy and proud of my results! I'm really grateful to my teachers for allowing me to do well in my chosen subjects so that I feel confident taking them for A Level."



Izzy & Esme
Esme celebrates 2 Grade 9s, 6 Grade 8s
and 3 Grade 7s

Esme writes:
"I'm happy with my results especially my 9 in Photography as I would like to work with something like that in the future. Thankyou Kingsdale for all the support."



Audrey, Anais &
Crystal

Audrey writes:
"I'm so pleased with my results and cannot wait to continue here next year! I am so grateful to everyone at Kingsdale for the support I received."



Ryan, Astrid, Anais &
Camille

Anais writes:
"I'm really pleased with my results and am so glad all my hard work paid off."



Erin, Guinny, Beatrice, Bea, Noah & Noah



Linnea, Pip, Anna & Holly Proctor



Amdalat, Marvyn, Neveah, Crystal & Haizea



Isaac & Laila with 5 Grade 9s, 4
Grade 8s, 2 Grade 7s & 5 Grade 6s
between them



Martha & Lois celebrate 3 Grade
9s, 3 Grade 8s and 7 Grade 7s
collectively



Eliza &
Posy with 2 Grade
8s, 8 Grade 7s & 6
Grade 6s between
them

**Congratulations and well
done to all our students!**

We had such a fabulous evening at our Art & Design Exhibition 2026!
We are not yet permitted to share photographs of our GCSE and A Level exam artwork, but we will do in September post results days.

Thank you so much to all our students, parents, teachers, friends, neighbours, governors, art alumni and supporters who came along to our annual Art & Design Exhibition. It was a wonderful celebration of the creativity, dedication and achievements of our talented Art, Photography, Graphics, Textiles and D&T students. It was also lovely to see our Key Stage 3 Art Scholars proudly exhibiting their work alongside our Gold Arts Award students.

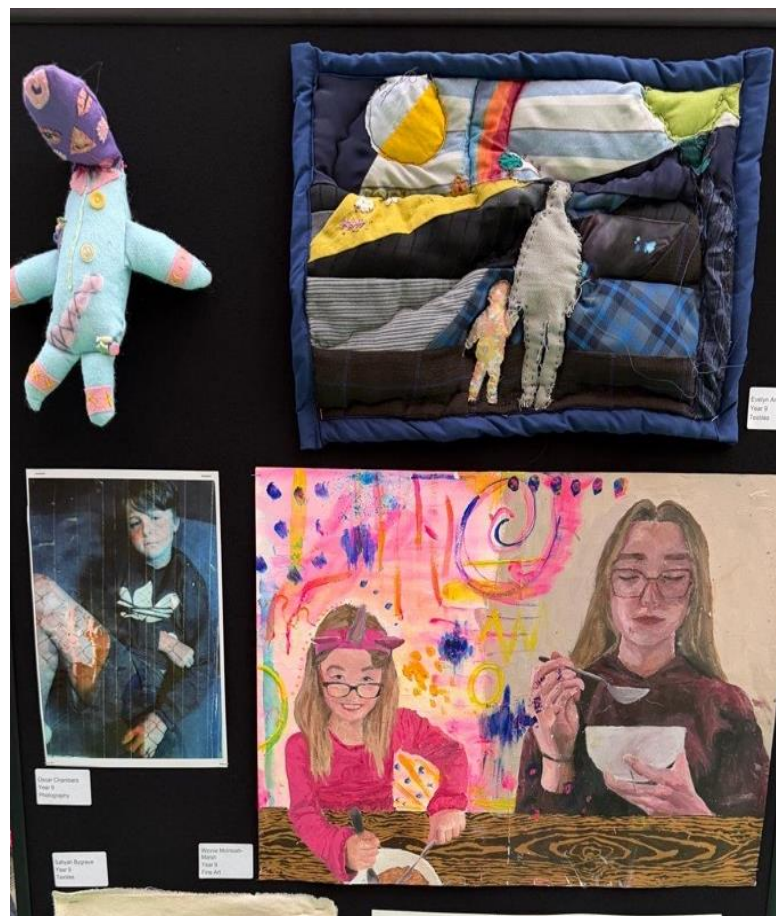
A huge thank you to our Food and Nutrition students for the delicious catering and to the Music department for the fantastic musical entertainment. We always love celebrating with our students and their families, and we couldn't be prouder of everything they have achieved.



Art & Design Exhibition

8th July 2026





Mental Health & Well-Being Weekly Focus for Students: Navigating New Chapters: Reset, Reconnect and Recharge

This week's mental health and well-being focus for students is "Navigating New Chapters: Reset, Reconnect, and Recharge."

This theme focuses on emotional regulation, peer connection, and building a sustainable routine following the long summer break.

The theme can be broken down into actionable focus areas which link to Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) lessons or focus points for discussion during tutor time.

Resetting the Rhythm

Focus: Bridging the gap between the relaxed summer schedule and the demands of the school year.

Activity: Have students map out "Energy Rhythms." Since shifting abruptly to early mornings causes biological stress, focus on sleep hygiene, screen-time boundaries, and creating a manageable after-school routine.

Reconnect and Reflect

Focus: Acknowledging shifting friendship dynamics and easing social anxiety after time away.

Activity: Use guided circle-time or "icebreaker" activities to help students find common ground. Introduce tools like the [Anna Freud Self-Care Summer Toolkit](#) for actionable ideas on how to boost wellbeing

Please contact Ms V Turner via mentalhealth&wellbeing@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk for further information on our mental health & well-being offer for students.

SEND at the Start of the New School Year

The first few weeks of term are a time of adjustment. New teachers, classrooms, routines and expectations can be exciting, but they can also be tiring and overwhelming for some young people with SEND. It is perfectly normal for settling in to take time.

NEW SCHOOL

NEW FRIENDS



NEW TEACHERS



NEW MEMORIES



GOOD LUCK!

HAVE A FABULOUS TIME

Top tips for supporting your child:

- **Keep routines predictable.** Consistent morning, homework and bedtime routines can help reduce anxiety and make each school day feel more manageable.
- **Check in little and often.** Rather than asking "How was school?", try specific questions such as "What went well today?" or "Was there anything that was tricky?" This can make it easier for your child to share their experiences.
- **Allow time to recharge.** Many students with SEND use a great deal of energy navigating the school day. Some quiet time after school before starting homework can help them regulate and feel ready for the evening.
- **Support organisation.** Encourage your child to check their timetable, pack their bag the night before and use simple checklists for equipment or homework. Developing these routines early in the term can build confidence and independence.
- **Stay in touch.** If your child is finding the transition difficult or you have any concerns, please contact school. Sharing information early allows us to work together to provide the right support.

Further advice and support

- Contact (support and advice for families of disabled children): <https://contact.org.uk>
- IPSEA (independent SEND legal advice and information): <https://www.ipsea.org.uk>
- Council for Disabled Children (information and resources on SEND, education and family support): <https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk>
- National Autistic Society (education advice for autistic young people): <https://www.autism.org.uk>

At Kingsdale, we look forward to working in partnership with families to help every student have a positive and successful start to the new school year.

SEND FACULTY NEWS

SEND Local Offer

Information and Local Offers

The Learning Support department would like to remind you that you can find lots of useful information in our SEND Policy and Report which can be found [here](#) under the 'SEND Policies & Report'

You can find out information regarding your local SEND offer here:

- [Southwark](#)
- [Lambeth](#)
- [Lewisham](#)
- [Croydon](#)
- [Bromley](#)
- [Wandsworth](#)
- [Merton](#)



Lambeth Parent Forum

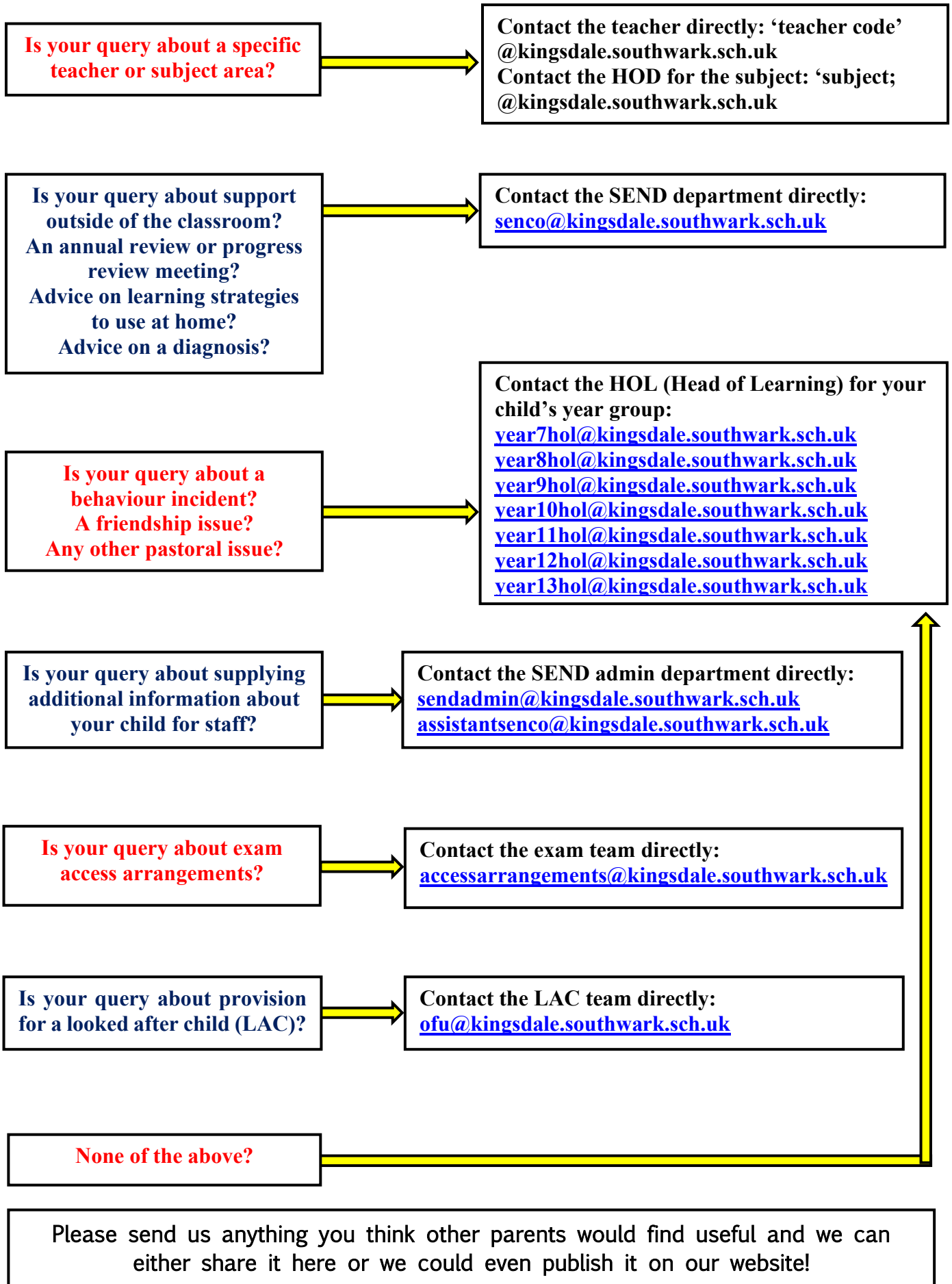
Lambeth Parent Forum are a group of parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities aged 0 to 25 in the London Borough of Lambeth. We work with local authorities, education, social care, health and other providers.

Membership of Lambeth Parent Forum is free and we do not ask anything of you unless you want to become involved in Forum activities and consultations. We are funded by a grant from the DfE and are currently supported by Contact in Lambeth.

We are part of The National Network of Parent Carer Forums (NNPCF). To sign up please: [Click here](#)

Communication Flowchart: SEND

At Kingsdale we would like our communication to be as effective as possible. Please see the flowchart below to help us support your child effectively and get the information needed to the right people.





Young
People
Southwark

If you are worried someone's drinking or drug use is affecting your child, we're here to help.



We help children and young people to cope with difficult family situations and feel stronger in themselves.

You can speak to us on 0203 404 7699
or email Southwark.YoungPeople@cgl.org.uk

Change Grow Live Registered Office: 3rd Floor, Tower Point, 44 North Road, Brighton BN1 1YR. Registered Charity Number 1079327 (England and Wales) and SC039861 (Scotland). Company Registration Number 3861209 (England and Wales).



Drug and
Alcohol Service
Southwark



Young
People
Southwark

Free Workshops for Parents and Carers

Do you want more guidance on how to talk to your children, teens and young people about vaping, alcohol or drugs? Do you want to be informed on the current themes and trends we come across working with young people in the borough?

Substances are more accessible today than ever before. For parents, carers or anyone responsible for children and young people, it can feel overwhelming and difficult to know how to respond.

We're offering FREE online workshops for parents and carers in Southwark, to give advice and guidance to help you navigate this quickly changing landscape.



We'll cover:

- Current trends amongst young people
- Strategies for talking to young people about substances in an open and supportive way
- Practical advice on how to keep your children safe from the dangers of substance misuse



For further information contact:

- Email: Southwark.YoungPeople@cgl.org.uk or scan the QR code for a direct link to the eventbrite page.
- You can call us on: **020 3404 7699**

SCAN ME



Talking to your child about

SHARING IMAGES ONLINE

For children and young people, socialising online is part of normal life. Chatting online and sending messages, photos and videos can be a good way of strengthening friendships. Sometimes, however, they can misjudge boundaries and may not realise the impact of their actions.

They can also be manipulated or pressured by others into sending inappropriate content, such as nude or semi-nude images. These can be sent for reasons including humour, shock-value, revenge or exploring bodies and relationships. Once images are shared, they can't be retrieved, leaving them vulnerable in many ways.

Having conversations with your child at an early age about what is and isn't ok to create and share can help keep them safe.



What can you do to keep your child safe online?

S

Set clear boundaries.

Agree with your child what they can do online and their access to certain apps/websites.

T

Talk with your child and be supportive.

Listen to what they already know so you can start a conversation about what normal use is.

E

Educate everyone in the family.

Make sure all family members know what isn't appropriate and how to stay safe online.

E

Evolve with the internet.

Keep up to date with technology used by your child and their features such as smartphones, VR headsets etc.

R

Research, review and regulate the apps and websites your child uses. This will allow you to decide whether they should use them and how to keep them safe online.



Prosecutions of children are very rare but there can be legal consequences to sharing nude or semi-nude imagery of a child (photos, cartoons or other picture formats), even if the person doing so is a child. If you think your child has shared an inappropriate image, speak to an advisor at the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP). Details below.



FOR SUPPORT AND ADVICE, PLEASE VISIT:



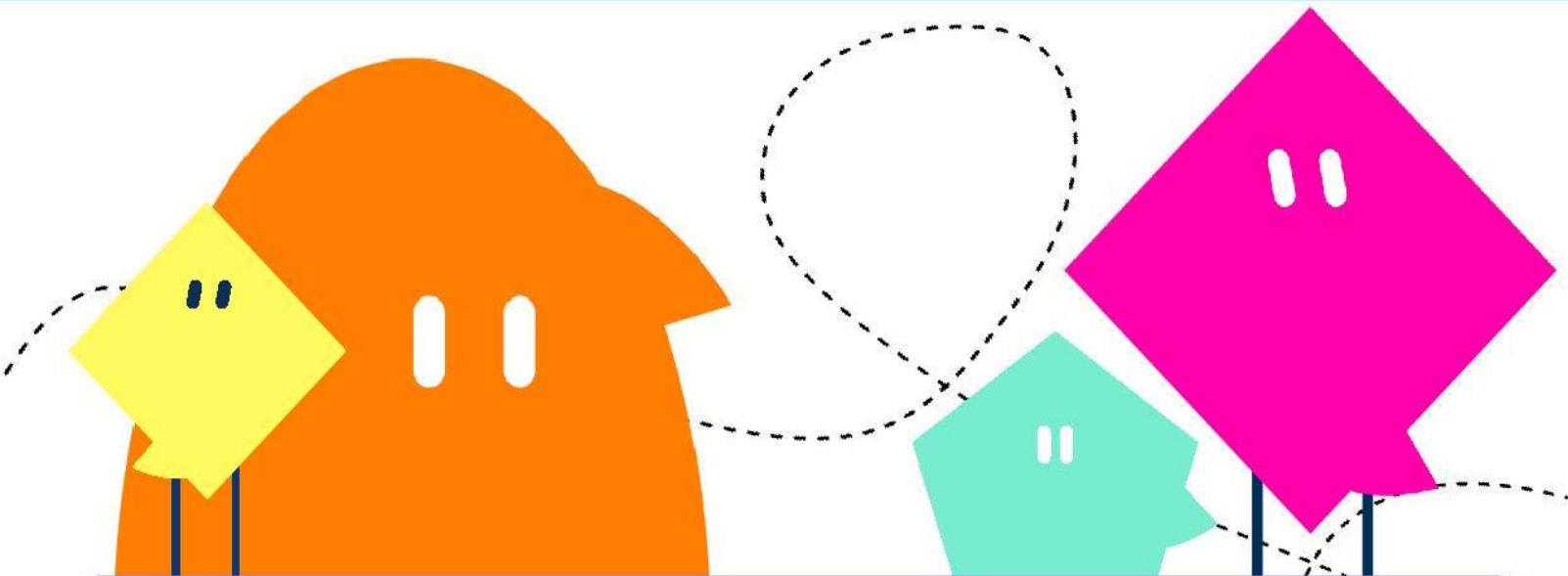
ParentZone – Resources for parents/children to help keep kids safe online.



CEOP Education from the National Crime Agency – Advice, information and resources to use with your child to help keep them safer from online child sexual abuse.



Internet Matters – Comprehensive resources and expert guidance to help parents/carers keep their children safe online.



A safe space for teenagers worried about sexual behaviour

Our new website for young people with concerns about
their own or someone else's sexual thoughts and behaviour.



shospace.org.uk

Why Shore?

- It is one of the only resources of its kind in the world, designed specifically for young people with concerns about sexual behaviour
- It has reliable information to get anonymous help if they or a friend has acted harmfully online

KFS Uniform Bank

Our uniform is a key part of our identity and as such we are able to help parents and carers in providing quality uniform items. Sadly, the cost of living is still rising and some families are finding it a challenge to cover all bases in bringing up a family. There is also the negative environmental impact in design and disposal within the clothing industry to consider. Kingsdale community families can acquire cleaned and sanitised pre-worn uniform blazers (Belmont Dry Cleaners in Croxted Road have been most generous with their time and costing in this matter) and other items, dependent on availability, at a much, reduced rate.

The Uniform Bank will also be open between 3.45pm and 4.45pm each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please, always check for availability of items prior to making a purchase. This is a rolling programme that continues throughout the entire academic year and as such we are always looking for donations. Please leave washed and folded clothes at the main Reception area. Items of uniform will be available at other times of the year depending on supply. If you would like to help in any way please make yourself known to the team. If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact: Mr Lewis at jls@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk



Kingsdale is a Safe Space

We would like to take this opportunity to once again remind students and their families of our two confidential emails which are operational both during and outside of school hours.

This provision is available for any member of our school community wishing to seek advice, discuss any matters relating to mental health & well-being or report an incident or concern confidentially via email.

We appreciate that students, parents, carers or guardians may wish to speak to someone outside of school hours or may wish to disclose an incident or concern confidentially or anonymously.

Our two confidential emails are:

health&wellbeing@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

tellsomeone@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Please contact Ms V Turner for further information regarding this provision or any matters relating to mental health & well-being at Kingsdale School.

The School Shop

A reminder that our School Shop is now open during the school day to enable students to purchase a range of useful items that they might need.

This includes stationary and uniform items; all of which can be purchased using their school fob.

The School Shop is located in the main Atrium nearest to the green stairs.



Lost Property

We are still receiving a large number of items that have been mislaid or lost by students.

In many cases, these items are unlabelled, making it very hard for them to be quickly and successfully reunited with their owners!

Please can we ask parents to label all items of their children's property at school, including water bottles, blazers and coats.

Lost property queries can be directed to lostproperty@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Is My Child Eligible for **Free School Meals**?

Your child may qualify for free school meals if you receive certain benefits. Any parent or carer in England can check here, even if your child's school isn't signed up. It's free to use (run by LGfL, an education charity) and you'll get an instant result checked securely against government records.

☰ **Qualifying benefits include**

- ☑ Universal Credit
- ☑ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ☑ The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- ☑ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ☑ Child Tax Credit (if not receiving Working Tax Credit)
- ☑ Working Tax Credit run-on

Conditions apply to some benefits – the quickest way to find out is to run a check.

📅 **New from September 2026**

Free school meals are expanding to **every child in a household that receives Universal Credit**.

You don't need to wait until then to find out if you're eligible. Run a check now and you'll see if your child will be eligible from September.

IF ELIGIBLE



Your child gets a free, nutritious lunch every school day.



Save around £500 per child, per year on the cost of school lunches.



May unlock additional Pupil Premium funding for your school – supporting things like tutoring, trips and clubs.

Your child's school is notified automatically if they use the checker, or simply share your email receipt with them as proof of eligibility.



Kingsdale Cooking Challenge Sourdough September

The ninth month is when the Real Bread Campaign helps you to discover that: Life's sweeter with sourdough!

The aims of #SourdoughSeptember are to:

- Share the delicious delights of genuine sourdough
- Encourage more people to bake genuine sourdough
- Celebrate the small, independent bakeries that bake genuine sourdough



STUDENT TASK: Bake your own sourdough – include the recipe and pictures of the sourdough. Please ensure students get parental permission in advance!

HOW TO ENTER: Submit your entry to housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk
Ensure your entry is accompanied by your full name, tutor group and House.

Prizes will be awarded to outstanding entries.
We look forward to seeing your work!

HOUSE CAPTAIN YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Would you relish the challenge of becoming a House Captain?

- Are you an organiser and communicator?
- Are you a good team player?
- Do you have lots of creative ideas?

Then you could be ready to be a House Captain!

STUDENT TASK: Write a paragraph to explain why you want to be a House Captain. The House System remains integral to promoting the *Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development* for all our students across the school.

Email your paragraph:
housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Include your full name and tutor group.



CALENDAR 2026-27



You can also find lots of other useful sources of information on the school website [here](#). This includes further details about the operation of the school, including Term Dates, Assessment and Uniform.

Should you have any suggestions for additions to our website, please contact Mr Karp, via email tkp@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

For further information on term & holiday dates, please contact the Attendance Team via attendance@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

AUTUMN TERM 2026

First Autumn Half-Term

Tuesday 1st September Friday 16th October

INSET DAYS – School closed to all students

Tuesday 1st September – Wednesday 2nd September

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October

Second Autumn Half-Term

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

SPRING TERM 2027

First Spring Half-Term

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

Monday 4 January INSET DAY

School closed to students except those in Year 11 by invitation

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Second Spring Half-Term

Monday 22nd February – Friday 25th March

SUMMER TERM 2027

First Summer Half-Term

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

Monday 12th April INSET DAY

School closed to students except those in Year 11

Mayday Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd May 2025

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Second Summer Half Term

Monday 7th June – Friday 23rd July

Friday 26th July INSET DAY

School closed to students except by invitation

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

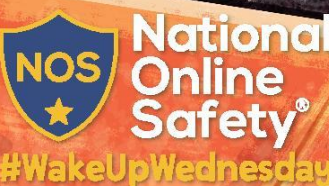
Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you really want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting: it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding consultant with more than 30 years' experience working with children, families, and adults in education, local authority, and mental health settings, both in the UK and internationally. She has developed online safety training for local authorities and foster care agencies across Britain and is the online safety expert for FosterWild.



SPORTS FIXTURES

- Monday 31st August 2026
- No planned fixtures/events
- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- No planned fixtures/events
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- No planned fixtures/events
- Thursday 3rd September 2026
- No planned fixtures/events
- Friday 4th September 2026
- No planned fixtures/events

<http://www.kingsdaleschoolsports.org.uk>



School Shop

Refillable water bottles are now on sale in the School Shop! This is part of the school's environmental plan and move away from plastic.

£2.60 per bottle

Available in white, aluminium, 500ml only (67x 205mm)

Ways we communicate with Parents and students

We communicate with students & parents via:

Student & Parent Email

Please ensure we have your correct email and mobile phone contact details. Students should also be regularly accessing their student email accounts.

MS Teams

Used to share schoolwork, assignments and files.

Twitter/Website

You can find us at @kingsdalefs. Our website at:

www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk

SatchelOne (previously SMHW)

Used to share homework details and other school news via the Notice Board feature with students and parents. Login [here](#).

MyEd app

Downloaded for free at:

<https://www.myedschoolapp.com/>

This app provides a range of useful info for parents.

HOUSE NEWS

Online Safety Corner

For this week's Online Safety focus we are looking at 'What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Sharing Photos Online'

Get a greater insight on page 19. Please read! Remember to keep an open dialogue with your child about their activities online.

The House Results Board 2025-26

Week ending 28th August 2026

1st Place – Dove 129,622 points (Official Winners!)

2nd Place – Albatross 128,449 points

3rd Place – Swift 128,248 points

4th Place – Falcon 126,543 points

5th Place – Eagle 124,513 points



We are pleased to announce that the Official Winner of the House Shield for 2025-26 is Dove House.

Congratulations and well done to all members of the Dove community and their contribution to this magnificent victory. The other Houses will be looking to take the Shield in the coming academic year. **Amazingly there was only 1 point between Swift and Falcon for 2nd Place. This is a first showing that every point counts!**

Student Suggestion Boxes

To promote our well-established and highly effective Student Voice programme, there are suggestion boxes, which are located outside of the Attendance Office in the Main Atrium and the Office of The Headteacher at the bottom of the Green Stairs.

Please encourage your child to use this facility to make suggestions about how we can continue to improve our provision.



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