

1 July 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

The academic year started with the confirmation that students of Kingsmeadow achieving the best ever results in its history. A fantastic achievement and one that we have set about trying to better throughout this last term with our current Year11 and 13 displaying outstanding resilience and focus as they complete their final exam courses.

This term also saw Ofsted carry out a full section 5 inspection on 5&6 June 2019. While I am incredibly proud to be able to report that we were awarded a rating of **Good** in all categories, I am even more proud of the comments made by inspectors and subsequently recorded in the report about our pastoral systems and the tolerance within our community.

*'This is a Good school.....Diversity in the school is celebrated. Pupils of different backgrounds are very respectful to each other, irrespective of culture, religion and sexuality.'*

*Ofsted June 5&6 June 2019*

As our community grows in size and diversity we come together more and more as a tolerant and supportive community. We are now oversubscribed, with over 190 students putting Kingsmeadow as their first choice school, and over 400 students naming us amongst their top 3 choices. The Ofsted rating is the next step in our development as a school at the heart of this community. The full report is available via the school website.

I am sure that our Year 11 and Year 13 students will gain what they need in the summer exams. These outcomes will enable them to progress on their journeys either into the world of work or further along the road to higher education. As well as academic success, we have seen excellence in many areas over the course of the year, from sporting activities to music and the arts.

I know that our new students joining us in September 2019 will bring many talents to continue the increased success that the school has enjoyed over the course of this last year.

### **Last day of Term**

The last day of term is Friday 19 July. This will be a normal school day with students finishing at 2:45pm, with buses available as usual.

**Summer Results**

A Level results will be available on Thursday 15 August. GCSE results will be available from school on Thursday 22 August. Please see the school website for detailed opening times. I look forward to celebrating the success of our students.

**For September 2019:****Uniform and Sixth Form Dress Code**

The uniform will be unchanged in September. All students in Years 7 - 11 must follow this. Details are available on the school website. I ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child comes to school in the correct uniform – all students should be wearing a Kingsmeadow tank top and blazer and only plain black polishable shoes are permitted.

We have a Sixth Form dress code in place as outlined to all post-16 students. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child is appropriately dressed for a working environment.

**New Staff**

We will be saying goodbye to a small number of staff and welcoming increasing numbers of new members of staff to Kingsmeadow School in the new academic year. While it is always difficult to see members of our community move on, we wish them all well in the future. I know that our new staff will be both positive and productive additions to our school community. Information about staff will be available on the school website.

**Arrangements for the start of term**

Monday 2 September	Staff training day - school closed to students
Tuesday 3 September	Year 7 and Year 13
Wednesday 4 September	All students

Year 13 enrolment will take place on Tuesday 3 September and Year 12 will be enrolling on Wednesday 4 September. Further details will be issued by Mr Hood, Head of Post 16. Please keep an eye on the school website.

I would like to wish you all a good summer and look forward to seeing you and your families in the new term.

Yours faithfully



Mr Volpe  
Headteacher