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Cohort 2025, events and updates

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I want to start by showing recognition and admiration of the ways in which our Year 11 students, or 'Cohort 2025', as we are referring to them as, have begun the year. Whilst their overall reputation across the school has always been very strong, they have returned from their summer breaks refreshed and ready for the challenges of the year ahead. In their role as Student Leaders which so many have embraced, they are already well established as role-models for younger students and are making valuable contributions to the overall culture and ethos of our school.

As the reality of this being their final year in school begins to dawn, we endeavour to ensure the greatest possible support for our students achieving the best possible results in their studies but also in them developing clear plans for their future beyond school. We were delighted that our Year 11 cohort had the opportunities of work experience and college taster days last summer and were also very impressed by how positively they engaged in our Employability Day at this time too. The challenge now is to build on the learning of such events and to support them in establishing definitive and realistic plans for their future: your attendance at each of these will hugely support this. Making decisions about where they will be studying or working this time next year can be daunting so in order to support students' and parents' understanding of post-16 education and training, there are a couple of important events for your diary that I wanted to highlight.

Post-16 Information Evening. (booking needed)

The first of these events is our Post-16 Information Evening on **Thursday 26th September 2024 from 6.00pm – 7.30pm** in the Dining Hall. This event will be led by myself and Mrs Hicks, our Careers Advisor and is intended to help you as parents and your young people, understand the range of pathways and options available beyond Kingshill School, including A-levels, BTECs, T-levels, Diplomas and Apprenticeships. There will also be an overview of the application process along with key information and guidance to support students' research, preparation and planning for their futures. I have attached the calendar of Open Evenings for all of our local post-16 providers for your reference. During our session, we will be giving an overview of useful research and questions to ask as you attend Open Evenings.

Booking for this event is important so that we can ensure that we have seats for all who wish to attend, and can be done very speedily by using the link provided here: <https://forms.office.com/e/X6HBL8A1Z0>

At this stage, it is only appropriate that I highlight the importance of Mrs Hicks. Unlike most other schools, Kingshill is very fortunate to have a full-time Careers Advisor, who beyond having a speciality in her role, is also brilliantly skilled in knowing our students and supporting them in ways that support future planning that is both realistic and ambitious. She is currently working through personal progression interviews with all of the students in the cohort to support their understanding of the wide range of choices that are available and we are very fortunate to have her expertise and knowledge in terms of being able to provide precise and impartial advice.

Careers Convention. (no booking needed)

A couple of weeks later, on Tuesday 8th October 2024 between 6.00pm and 8.00pm, the Careers Convention takes place, based at Deer Park School. This is an annual event which alternates each year between Kingshill and Deer Park and provides an opportunity for students and their families to engage with a huge range of visitors, all very much invested in looking to connect and recruit their next generation of students, trainees or employees. There is always a good buzz of activity and a wide range of exhibitors including sixth forms, colleges, universities, apprenticeship providers! This is an excellent way to start the Post-16 process of finding more information under one roof.

Prom/Results Day, 2025

Although these events may seem some time away, I appreciate that some of you are wanting to make sure that these events are in your diaries! The Prom, which is due to take place at Blunsdon House Hotel, has been provisionally booked for the evening of Thursday 3rd July 2025.

Results Day next summer will be on Thursday 21st August 2025 with results being able to collect from school between 8.30am – 9.30am. This timing of this has been deliberately set to give our students time in the rest of the day to complete their induction meetings with post-16 providers and is something we will discuss more fully during our Post-16 information evening.

Finally, I would like to thank you in your role as parent or carer, and in respect of all of your support. It is always valued and never more so than now, at such a crucial stage in the overall upbringing and education. Through a combination of your support as families and the support and challenge that we will always endeavour to provide, I have every faith that we will work together to shape greater futures for our cohort 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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