



## School Calendar for Parents / Carers : Term 1

October	
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 11 Work Experience week
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Tours and Talks 9.15 - 10.30 am for Year 6 parents and students
10 <sup>th</sup> October	The Kingswinford School Bake Off Key Stage 3
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Open Evening 5.00 - 8.00 pm <b>School closure for students at 1.30 pm</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> October	The Kingswinford School Bake Off Key Stage 4
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 11 Careers Evening
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 11 Drama GCSE Trip Leicester, DeMonfort Hall 12 – 6.00 pm Blood Brothers
20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Non Uniform Day – “School of Rock” fundraising
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 11 Progress Reports
November	
1 <sup>st</sup> November	English and Media Halloween trailer night in the School Hall at 6.00 pm
1 <sup>st</sup> November	House competition English and Media
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Boys mega event school games
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 7 Settling In Evening 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm
14 <sup>th</sup> November	3.00 – 5.00 pm Coursework Collection for Year 12
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 12 Presentation Evening
24 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>WAT Conference</b> <b>School closed to students</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> November - 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 Mock Examinations
December	
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 10 Progress reports
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 7, 8 and 9 Progress reports
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 7 Christmas Fayre
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec ember	Drama/Music The Kingswinford School talent show
20th December	End of Term – Non Uniform Day <b>School closes at 1.30 pm</b>
January	
2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2018	Term starts

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Thank you for taking the time to read our new 'Parent Calendar'. This is the first instalment and we will be releasing one at the start of each term (as well as developing an online calendar to match) to help you better prepare for school events. This is the first step in a range of approaches to improve the communication between the school and parents.

## **School Gateway App**

To support this I will also encourage you to download our messaging app ('School Gateway App') onto your phones: whenever we send letters and emails home to groups parents in future we aim to send a notification message to users of this app. It's free, available on iPhones and Android phones and allows you to send messages back as well so providing another route for communication and alerts of key information. Of course, in emergencies, we will continue to use the text message service to all mobile numbers.

## **Open Evening**

Our Open Evening for prospective Year 7 students is being held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017. School will close to students at 1.30 pm to enable staff to complete their final preparations; as is our normal practice. Students may leave at the start of lunch but the Refectory will remain open for those students who wish to stay for lunch. If this creates a childcare situation for you, please contact us and we will provide suitable alternative arrangements for you. Please note that some students may seek your permission to assist with the Open Evening and preparations: they will bring individual permission requests home for your approval if this is the case.

## **Dates and INSET days**

I have made some changes to the calendar approach that I would like you to be aware of. The first is a critical one and relates to our last day of the year: you will note that this year we have shortened the school year by 1 day through our INSET day arrangements. This means that our last day will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of July (rather than the Friday 20<sup>th</sup> that was previously published). This will take place in Active Learning Week..

## **Future INSET days are:**

24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

25<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## **Charity and Non Uniform Days**

The second relates to a change in approaches to charity. Our students are selecting a whole school charity for this year and will have the freedom to set a related and appropriate 'non-uniform' day for this alongside a range of other events to raise money for this. There are also some

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additional national charitable activities that we will agree as a school to use in support of other charities (like the forthcoming Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children). Finally we will use some opportunities to raise funds for selected school projects: for example our forthcoming 'School of Rock' non-uniform day to raise funds for some much needed improvement to the school hall facilities. In each case we will share with you information about the various events in the hope that you might support our chosen charities and fundraising plans.

This year, we aim to hold a number of non-uniform days, raising money for school projects and / or selected charities. The first is aimed at raising funds to improve and renovate our school hall and is themed on this year's School Production "School of Rock". We would like to renovate the lighting; redecorate the hall; and improve the acoustics to offer a really special center for performance excellence. Our Drama department is already a shining beacon of success and we would love showcase more of our students strengths and talents. Please rest assured, lessons will continue as normal throughout the day.

## Clubs and Enrichment

We are also reviewing our approach to clubs and enrichment and a new enrichment programme will be released shortly and shared as a leaflet for students and parents and online over the next week or two.

## PE Football Fixtures

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October : Year 7 Cup First Round - **Kingswinford** v Hillcrest : 7 - 0  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October -Year 9 Cup First Round : **Kingswinford** v Crestwood

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October: Year 8 Cup First Round - Crestwood v Kingswinford (Arrival back at The Kingswinford School approximately 5:30 pm)

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: Junior Girls Game, Years 7, 8 and 9.  
Wordsley v Kingswinford (Arrival back at The Kingswinford School approximately 5:30 pm)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October : Year 7 - **Kingswinford** v Wordsley

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October : Year 10 League fixture - Ellowes Hall v Kingswinford (Arrival back at The Kingswinford School approximately 5:30 pm)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October : Year 10 Cup - First Round - **Kingswinford** v Wordsley

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October : Year 11 Cup - First Round/League - Wordsley v Kingswinford

If you would like to join us on the touchlines at home games (in bold), please contact Reception nearer the date to confirm fixtures and exact timings, as these are subject to change.

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## 'Meet the Headteacher' Evening

Finally, I would like to thank those of you who attended the 'Meet the Headteacher' evening earlier this term. It was great to meet so many of you and to get some valuable feedback: I will be hosting another of these evenings each term so do please look out for these as they are scheduled – I am keen to meet more of you and gather your views on the direction the school is taking.

## Important Dates

### **Parents Consultation Evenings:**

Year 11 - Wednesday 10 Jan 2018

Year 7 - Wednesday 24 Jan 2018

Year 9 - Wednesday 28 Feb 2018

Year 10 - Wednesday 18 April

Year 8 - Wednesday 25 April

### **School of Rock Production:**

14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### **Term Dates:**

#### **2017 Autumn Term**

Term starts Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Half Term Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Term ends Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

#### **2018 Spring Term**

Term starts Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Half Term Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Term ends Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

#### **2018 Summer Term**

Term starts Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Half Term Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Term ends Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July

**Bank Holidays:** 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 27<sup>th</sup> August

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