



Kingsmeadow news

Sixth Form - Easter 2026

As the year has brightened into spring, the students of Kingsmeadow Community School have continued to impress me with their dedication, resilience and efforts. This half term has seen:

- Excellent results from year 9 and year 7 key assessments
- Teachers predicting very positive academic results from our year 10 students
- Visits from schools, improvement partners and the local authority praising students' learning behaviours and academic efforts in the classroom
- Students giving themselves the best chances of success with some record weeks of attendance



Mr Barrett
Headteacher

All across the school, students and staff are working together to ensure that every student gets the best possible results in order to create future opportunities. This could not be done without the support of parents, carers and the community. We have seen record attendance at our morning coffee forums, where parents and carers give us direct feedback and ideas about school improvements. Despite a cold and damp evening, we had excellent attendance at the year 11 and year 13 parents' and carers' evening. We have also seen increased community involvement with some of the community organisations which use our facilities - such as Burnopfield Cricket Club and Dunston Juniors FC.

The year 9 options evening was particularly impressive. There was a real buzz around the place as students, parents and carers learned about the wide range of options subjects available here at Kingsmeadow. With support and guidance, I am sure students will make the right choices that will help them to go on and continue to be successful here at Kingsmeadow.

Of course, academic excellence is only part of the story. At Kingsmeadow Community School we firmly believe in the social and character development of our students. Our extra curricular offer is impressive and broadening. Our myriad of sports clubs have been joined by a darts club, and our girls' rugby club played in their first competitive game. Our Duke of Edinburgh students completed their practice walk and as I write this, our music and drama club are rehearsing for High School Musical - our school's first full scale musical production in over 8 years - which is being performed to a sell out crowd at the end of the half term. On top of that we have seen rewards events take sixth form students to an Escape Room and year 7 and 10 students bowling. Year 9 students have taken part in a Humanutopia wellbeing day, we have had a year 8 Girl Tech day, an indoor rowing competition and more.

Whether your Easter is bringing you exciting breaks, relaxation or just too much chocolate - I hope it goes well. I look forward to welcoming all students back in two weeks, safe and rested, ready for the vital third and final term of the year.

Meet our Student Leaders



We are proud to introduce our student leaders who are stepping up, taking the initiative, and inspiring others at Kingmeadow.

Our student leaders are role models in and out of the classroom and they demonstrate this through their commitment to their studies while actively contributing to school life.

A key part of student leadership is ensuring that every student feels heard, and through our Student Voice programme, our student leaders are working closely with staff to share ideas, and help to shape decisions.

Being a student leader is not just about helping others, it's also a journey of personal growth. Through their roles, our student leaders are developing their confidence, resilience, and valuable life skills.

As they continue to inspire those around them, our student leaders are bringing fresh ideas, energy, and perspective – proving that age is no barrier to making an impact. We thank them for the energy, dedication, and positivity that they bring every day!

Pictured left to right, our student leaders are: Front row – Mark W (Year 12), Lewis M (Year 13), Jayden C (Year 13), Ryan L (Year 13), Fearne S (Year 12). Back row – Ewan F (Year 12), Udita V (Year 13), Teri B (Year 12)

Our latest Ofsted rating and report

We are pleased and proud to be sharing Kingsmeadow Community School's latest Ofsted Inspection Report with you. After just over a year of improving standards and outcomes, it was great to be able to share our successes with the Ofsted inspection team.

Having six green standards, representing all of the core areas of the school, is an excellent achievement in such a short space of time. Our improvement work on the sixth form is ongoing and we are confident that this area will also turn green when Ofsted next visit in around 12-18 months time. This is representative not only of the hard work of staff, but also of the efforts of students, parents, carers and the community in embracing our changes and putting in great effort to ensure that every child gets the best possible educational experience at Kingsmeadow Community School.

More information, and a short video that further explains the grades, the school's current position, and the new Ofsted framework is available on our website. [Click here to read more.](#)



Record demand for our Sixth Form

We are delighted to share the exciting news that this year we have received a record number of applications for entry into our Sixth Form.

The unprecedented level of interest reflects the continued strength of our academic results, the breadth of our A Level and Level 3 course offerings, and the supportive environment we provide for students preparing for university, apprenticeships, and future careers. It is incredibly encouraging to see so many students choosing to continue their post-16 education with us.

Mr Barrett, Headteacher said: “We are incredibly proud of the growing demand for our Sixth Form and excited about what the future holds. This surge in applications highlights our strong academic reputation and excellent examination outcomes, alongside the wide range of A Level and vocational pathways, exceptional enrichment opportunities, leadership roles, and our dedicated pastoral support.”

The admissions process remains focused on ensuring that every student offered a place is well-suited to their chosen courses and able to thrive within our Sixth Form community. We would like to thank all applicants for the time and care taken in submitting their applications. We are currently reviewing submissions and look forward to welcoming the next cohort of ambitious, motivated students in September.



Hello from Mrs Rafferty, Head of Sixth Form

It has been a particularly busy and productive period in the Sixth Form, with students continuing to demonstrate commitment to both their studies and the wider Sixth Form experience.

Our Year 12 students recently enjoyed a well-earned break from their usual routines with an exciting Escape Room experience, and Domino’s pizza lunch. This rewards activity was a fantastic opportunity for students to work together, develop their problem-solving skills and strengthen friendships within the year group.

We have also recently invested in the UpLearn online platform to further support our Sixth Form students with their independent learning. The platform provides revision support and guided learning tools, enabling students to deepen their understanding outside the classroom. We are pleased to see students making excellent use of this resource to support their progress.

Our Year 13 students continue to receive university offers, which is always an exciting milestone at this stage of the year. I am particularly delighted to share that one of our students has been awarded a scholarship from Sunderland University, which will provide valuable support as they begin their post-18 journey.


Looking ahead, we are also pleased to announce that parents will be invited into school on 23 April for an information evening focusing on student finance and UCAS applications. This event will provide valuable guidance and support for families as students begin to plan their next steps after Sixth Form. We look forward to continuing this positive momentum as the year progresses and celebrating further successes with our students.

Making the most of the Easter break

Many students look forward to a well-earned break at Easter, however, this period offers a valuable opportunity to prepare for upcoming exams. Our Easter revision sessions play a key role in boosting confidence, improving understanding, and helping students achieve their academic goals. Our revision timetable is below.

	Morning session - 10am to 12 noon			Afternoon session 12.30 to 2.30pm		
	Subject	Year group	Venue	Subject	Year group	Venue
Tue 7 April	Psychology Independent study	13 11-13	S01 Sixth form study area	Psychology Independent study	13 11-13	S01 Sixth form study area
Wed 8 April	Chemistry / Physics Independent study	13 11-13	S02 Sixth form study area	Criminology Independent study	12 11-13	S01 Sixth form study area
Thu 9 April	Independent study	11-13	Sixth form study area	English NEA Independent study	13 11-13	L. Zone Sixth form study area
Fri 10 April	Independent study	11-13	Sixth form study area	Independent study	11-13	Sixth form study area

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Mon 13 April	Independent study	11 - 13	Sixth form study area			
Tue 14 April	Independent study	11 - 13	Sixth form study area	Independent study	11 - 13	Sixth form study area
Wed 15 April	Independent study	11 - 13	Sixth form study area			
Thu 16 April	Biology Independent study	13 11 - 13	S01 Sixth form study area	Independent study	11 - 13	Sixth form study area



**Wishing you a
very happy and
peaceful Easter,
from all of the
staff at
Kingsmeadow
Community
School**