



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is both a privilege and an honour to be writing to you for the first time as the new Head of School at Kingstone High School. Having served as Deputy Headteacher here for the past four years, I feel fully prepared to take on this mantle, and I am genuinely excited about leading our school forward.

I would first like to acknowledge the departure of Mr Butler, who has given many years of committed and successful service to Kingstone High School. His leadership has helped the school grow in strength and reputation, and I know the whole community will join me in thanking him for his contribution and wishing him well for the future.

As we now look ahead, I am determined that we begin the new academic year positively, with a clear focus on our school vision: **“Achieving Success Together.”** This will be at the heart of everything we do, from maintaining the highest expectations for learning, behaviour and achievement, to continuing to build a strong and supportive school community.

## Start of Term Arrangements

We will begin the year in a very structured and organised way. Instead of going straight to form classes, students are asked to congregate at the following locations when the bell goes at **8.45am**:

- **Year 7:** Behind the Dining Room (as on their Transition Day)
- **Year 8:** Tarmac (by the minibuses)
- **Year 9:** Performing Hall
- **Year 10:** Main Courts
- **Year 11:** Sports Hall

This will allow each year group to gather together with their Director of Studies, Pastoral Leads and key Senior Leaders, setting the tone for a purposeful and successful start to the year before moving to their form rooms in an orderly way.

## Pastoral Structure

We have made some important changes to the pastoral system this year. I am delighted to share that:

- **Mrs Cobb** has been appointed to a newly created Director of Studies role, working closely with **Miss Parker** in Year 7 to strengthen support for transition.
- **Mr Bromage** will continue his work as Director of Studies for **Years 8 and 9**, having already begun transitioning into this role before the end of last term.

- **Mrs Williams** will be leading **Years 10 and 11**, bringing a wealth of experience and expertise to this crucial phase of school life.

### **Student Induction Day – Wednesday 3rd September**

Our induction arrangements have also evolved this year.

- **Years 8–11** will spend Periods 1 to 4 with their form tutors, focusing on settling in, understanding expectations around behaviour and culture, and completing activities to raise achievement and aspirations. They will begin their **normal timetable from Period 5** onwards.
- **Year 7** will have a full induction day, including a tour of the school and an introduction to ICT equipment to ensure they are fully set up for the year ahead.

### **Form Class Names**

From this academic year onwards, we are moving away from the previous K, I, N, G form designations (e.g. 7K). Instead, form classes will now take on the initials of their primary form tutor. For example, Mr Thomas and his form will no longer be 8K but **8DT**. We believe this will make communication clearer and help strengthen the sense of belonging within both the pastoral system and the wider school community - another step towards **Achieving Success Together**.

### **Looking Ahead**

Our first **Parent Newsletter** of the academic year will be released soon, including introductions to our new staff. In the meantime, a full staff list for 2025 is already available on the school website. However, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce two key additions to our senior leadership team:

- **Mr Gordon Davies**, our **Interim Deputy Headteacher**, who brings with him a wealth of experience in school leadership. He will be leading on many of our operational aspects.
- **Mr Alex Holmyard**, who has been appointed to a new **Assistant Headteacher** position, leading on **Quality of Education**.

Finally, I would like to remind all families of the importance of students being **fully prepared for learning** at the start of term, with the correct equipment and uniform. I recorded a detailed guidance video on this, which you will find on **Page 4** of the Parent Newsletter released earlier in the summer holidays (<https://bit.ly/KHSNewsletter17July25>). By ensuring your child is ready and equipped from day one, you will be supporting our culture of belonging and shared ambition and helping us avoid unnecessary conflict.

I wish you and your children a happy and successful year ahead. I look forward to working closely with you as we continue to achieve amazing things in our wonderful school community.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Matthew Morris  
Head of School