

MMN/KCR

14<sup>th</sup> September, 2009

Dear Parent/Carer,

**It's great to be back** after what has been another successful summer for everyone at Kingstone.

In August, students from Year 11 received their GCSE results. A record **65% gained 5 A\* - C** grades which again represents a tremendous achievement for this group and for our school. 43% of our Year 11 students gained 5 A\* - C grades including English and Maths, which again is an improvement on last year. I am delighted by the progress that the school is making and would like to thank all of you who continue to offer Kingstone such tremendous support.

In the past, I have sent out a detailed letter at this time of year that includes a raft of factual information about the school. In a bid to save paper, the letter is now available online at [www.kingstoneschool.co.uk](http://www.kingstoneschool.co.uk) along with other useful information about the school. Alternatively, if you would prefer a paper copy of the letter, then your child can collect one from Pupil Point.

As parents of pupils attending Kingstone, you are automatically members of the Parents' Association. The next meeting takes place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15 pm in the Inset Room, South Building. The Parents' Association raise funds for school from a number of events held throughout the year, the first one being the Annual Craft Fair on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October. If you can attend the Association meeting that would be wonderful, if you are able to offer time on 25<sup>th</sup> October to support the Craft Fair, then again your support would be most welcome. For more information please contact either Mrs. K. Cooper on Barnsley 738521, or Mrs. C. Roberts on Barnsley 203816.

The first few days seem to have gone well and the pupils look magnificent; many in new uniforms. Our new Year 7 group seem a delightful bunch and have made a very positive start already. We really value the support that parents offer; it is instrumental to the success of children at school. Should you wish to contact school regarding any issue, then please do not hesitate to do so, the number is 01226 215757. Alternatively you can email the school at [kingstoneschool@barnsley.org](mailto:kingstoneschool@barnsley.org)

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October, we will be holding our Annual Open Evening for prospective pupils and their parents. In order to provide colleagues with time to set up for the event, prepare displays and organise demonstrations in curriculum areas, we intend to close early to pupils.

Periods A – C will run as normal and pupils will be dismissed to go home at 11.50 am. Those entitled to free school meals will be able to collect them from the canteens at 10.35 am. Due to the early finish, there will be no school buses, although service buses will be running.

Thank you for your continued support and very best wishes for the new academic year.

Mr. M. Milburn  
Headteacher.