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Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

Re: Launching the Aylesbury Sixth Form Consortium (2027 - 2028 Academic Year)

We are absolutely delighted to write to you today to share a momentous milestone in the journey of our schools and the Insignis Academy Trust (IAT).

Since The Kingsbrook School opened its doors in September 2022, we have been firmly focused on building a top-tier post-16 academic and vocational offer for the young people of Aylesbury. By combining the unique strengths, facilities, and staff expertise of **The Kingsbrook School** and **The Mandeville School**, we are officially launching the joint **Aylesbury Sixth Form Consortium** which will open to students in September 2027.

Our trust blueprint is simple: *"Collaborate to Succeed"*. In the real world, success happens when people pool their talents and navigate different environments. By bridging our two campuses, we are able to provide an exceptionally broad curriculum and a network of peers that a single school site simply could not match.

Three Tailored Pathways to Success

The IAT Sixth Form offers three distinct Level 3 pathways:

- **The A Level Pathway:** Designed for students aiming for traditional academic degree courses at university, such as law and medicine.
    - *Entry requirements:* Each subject will have a dedicated entry requirement, however 5 or more GCSEs at Grade 5 or above, including English and Mathematics is the basic entry tariff. Students will also have the opportunity to take an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) to earn extra UCAS points.
- **The Combined Pathway:** Perfect for students wanting to blend academic rigor with specific industry interests.
    - *Entry requirements:* 5 or more GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English and Mathematics. This pathway allows students to mix A Levels and Vocational qualifications, while including V Levels, paving the way to university or specialized careers.
- **The Vocational Pathway:** Tailored for students looking to specialize deeply in work-related fields such as Business, Sports Science, and Health & Social Care. This pathway will also include the new Early Years Education program which will be run with the early years team at Ashmead Combined School.
    - *Entry requirements:* 5 or more GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English and Mathematics (with limited options to retake a core subject if needed). This route leads directly into related university courses, apprenticeships, or skilled employment.

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- **Resit Offer:** we will also offer resit English and Maths which will run alongside the other pathways, depending on GCSE grade outcomes.

How the Consortium Works

Depending on individual subject choices, students may study on one or both school sites. There are also consortium opportunities for students in some subjects at Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, subject to specific school subject entry tariffs. Students studying the V Level in Early Years Education will also spend considerable time at Ashmead Combined school, particularly in the Nursery and Reception class.

The school where a student takes the majority (two or more) of their subjects will become their **'Home Site'**. This is where they will register daily, receive tailored pastoral support, and participate in their core enrichment programs. We want our students to do more than just pass exams; we want them to *achieve and flourish*. We are here to foster intellectual curiosity, support emotional wellbeing, and build the independent mindset required for long-term success.

We know traveling between sites might sound daunting, but we have made logistics entirely seamless:

- **Mid-Day Inter-Site Shuttle:** The Trust provides a dedicated internal minibus service to transport students comfortably between The Mandeville School and The Kingsbrook School, at least twice in either direction during lesson 3 each day.
- **Start and End of Day:** Students will travel independently to whichever site holds their first lesson and head home from their final lesson. This may be by walking, bike or via the public bus network. We also greatly encourage cycling as a sustainable transport option for students.
- **Independence & Growth:** Traveling between sites is incredible preparation for adult life, university, and future careers, giving students a wider network of friends and greater autonomy.

Fantastic Facilities

Students will benefit from incredible learning environments across both schools. At The Kingsbrook School, this includes high-specification science labs, technology workshops. Each school has premier sports complexes (including a 4G at TKS and a newly refurbished 3G pitch at TMS. Both schools also have dedicated dance/activity studios and TMS offer a full strength and conditioning suite for students).

Even more exciting: each school will have **brand-new, purpose-built Sixth Form study room and common room spaces.** At TKS this is due for completion as part of the school's planned growth extension. These exclusive spaces will feature quiet study zones, social areas, and a private kitchenette for making drinks and snacks.

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What's Next?

Students and parents are invited to our 6th form open events as follows:

- The Mandeville School on Thursday 26th November at 5pm
- The Kingsbrook School on Thursday 19th November at 5pm

At the event, full subject details and an opportunity to meet our founding Heads of sixth form Ms Dolan and Mrs Watson as well as subject teachers from across both schools.

The initial subject offer for students at the Aylesbury Sixth Form are:

A Level Art & Design	Vocational Applied Science	English Resit
A Level Biology	Vocational Early Years Education	Maths Resit
A Level Business	Vocational Health & Social Care	
A Level Chemistry	Vocational Performing Arts	
A Level Drama	Vocational Sport	
A Level English Literature		
A Level Film Studies		
A Level Geography		
A Level History		
A Level Maths		
A Level Media		
A Level Physics		
A Level Sociology		
A Level Spanish		

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Applications will be via Applicaa and more information on this will follow shortly.. Applications close on 31st January 2027.

The standard timetable blocks are being created to maximize student choice. We strongly encourage students to choose courses based entirely on their genuine interests, strengths, and career ambitions, rather than a preference for a specific school site.

We are incredibly excited to embark on this journey together and look forward to welcoming our pioneering cohort of students.

Yours sincerely,

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