



Reward Trips

We are really excited to celebrate our eligible students on Monday with the annual Rewards Day. We have 5 external trips heading out over the course of the day whilst also hosting the activities on site.

Please do check the information that was sent out regarding the time your child needs to be at school, when they are returning and what they need to bring for each trip.

Please also be mindful that we have 9 coaches in the car park for 7:30am so please do park at the sports centre if you are dropping your child off.



Year 8 Progress Leader

Congratulations to Mrs Gilbert who has been promoted to Marlborough College.

We were delighted to have appointed Mrs Hewitt as next years Progress Leader in Year 9. Congratulations to them both.

Home Learning

In the second part of this year we have conducted a full review of home learning and will be sharing the revisions with you in September. We continue to see that home learning is an important part of our high expectations and are committed to it being meaningful, manageable and motivational.

Congratulations to our ECT's

We are absolutely thrilled to share some wonderful staff achievements with our school community this week. A huge congratulations goes to Mr Newman, Mrs Matthews, Miss Gibson, and Miss Viveash for successfully completing their Early Career Teacher (ECT) programme—a fantastic milestone that recognizes their hard work and dedication over the past two years. Additionally, we are incredibly proud of Miss Ings and Miss Hancox for officially gaining their Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). We are so fortunate to have such talented, committed educators inspiring our children every day.

AI Scholar's Graduation - Brilliant Club

Twelve of our Year 9 and 10 Computer Science students recently completed the prestigious Scholars Programme! Under the guidance of our tutor, Doug Tiley (a University of Bath PhD student), they tackled a challenging university-level module: "A.I. Perception and Trust: Should we trust how robots move, see, and fail?"

To celebrate their hard work, students attended a graduation day at the University of Bath on July 15th. They toured the incredible campus, learned about university life, and officially graduated in a formal ceremony. Our students threw themselves into the day and left feeling truly inspired, with high aspirations for their futures! Thank you to Mr Mays for all his organisation.

A massive thank you to the Brilliant Club, Doug, the University of Bath students, Megan, and Kate.



Mock Interviews and Career Fair

We have had an incredibly inspiring week here at school, and we couldn't wait to share how immensely proud we are of our Year 10 students.

On Monday 13th July, our students took a major step toward their futures by participating in Mock Interviews. For many, this was their first taste of a formal interview setting, and they handled the challenge with incredible maturity.

The momentum continued into Tuesday 14th July with our Post-16 Careers Fair, where students had the opportunity to explore various career paths, speak with professionals, and ask insightful questions about their next steps after Year 11.

We have been flooded with fantastic feedback from the visiting employers, local businesses, and education providers. They were particularly impressed by our students:

- Impeccable Politeness: Representing the school brilliantly.
- Communication Skills: Speaking clearly, confidently, and articulately about their goals.

"It was an absolute pleasure speaking with the Year 10s. They were polite, well-prepared, and a credit to the school!" — Guest Interviewer

Library Award for Reading - Pizza Party

This week in the library we celebrated students' reading results across 2025/2026. KS3 have been reading and quizzing their books using Accelerated Reader on their chromebooks, and those with either the most words or quizzes passed were invited to enjoy Domino's pizza in the library during lunch time. After millions of words, hundreds of quizzes, and 27 large pizzas later, our Kingsdown readers left very happy and full. Same again next year please. - Mr Wise.

Future events and important dates

20.07.26 - Reward Trips

21.07.26 - End of Academic Year

Students finish at 12.15pm

01.09.26 - Teacher Training Day (students not in school)

02.09.26 - Teacher Training Day (students not in school)

03.09.26 - School reopens for students

Students to arrive at 8.15am and go straight to roll call

Students to be in full school uniform and fully equipped

Artwork by Honor - Y8



With our continued thanks. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any further information. Please be reminded that we have a 5 day response time.

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Headteacher



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