



## Parent Newsletter - 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026

We were so pleased to welcome 1143 students back to Kingsdown on Thursday. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child's uniform expectations were in line with our school's policy and that they were ready to learn. We held assemblies for each year group with an inspiring message of the impact of making a pledge to be 1% better each and every day. Do please ask your child / children about this message and thank you for asking them about how they have been 1% better on a regular basis.



The assembly message was about Sir Dave Brailsford who transformed the British cycling team from average to world class with world dominance. He did this by focusing on everyone within and around the team being 1% better each and every day.

We look forward to meeting you throughout the year at our many events. If you need any advice or support please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or teacher in the first instance. We are always here to help and will do our very best to champion you and your child.

With best wishes for the year ahead

Mrs Leigh-Bennett

### Attendance changes

Thank you for your continued support with school attendance.

We know it's often a difficult call to send your child in when they complain of feeling unwell. To help, we've created a quick 'Under the Weather' form on our website (under the Attendance tab).

If you fill this out on mornings your child is feeling unsure, our team will keep an extra eye on them and contact you straight away if they still feel unwell during the day.

## KS4 Results

We are celebrating excellent GCSE results, reflecting years of student dedication. We praise the class of 2026 for their remarkable resilience, ambition, and hard work, while thanking staff and supportive families. We couldn't be prouder and wish them every success in their post-16 studies, training, and apprenticeships. Highlights from this year include:

The school has seen an increase in overall attainment compared to last year's results.

Increase in % of students achieving a grade 5+ in both English and Maths

Increase in % of students achieving 5 GCSEs at grade 5+ including English and Maths

Almost tripled the number of grade 9s achieved

Increase in % of grades at 4+ and 7+

## Parent Portal

Don't forget that you can easily access our Parent Portal by clicking the link in the top right-hand corner of our school website. This hub contains essential school information, including curriculum maps, knowledge organisers, year group details, school policies, and safeguarding guidelines. We encourage all parents and carers to explore the portal and check back regularly for updates.

## Kingsdown Standards

It was great to see 1143 students arrive back to school this week.

Students have heard the key messages around the 6 Kingsdown standards

- Uniform
- How we move around the school (Proud)
- Mobile phones
- Roll call
- Detentions, and the
- 4 pillars of high expectations

These standards will support our students in being the very best versions of themselves. We appreciate that the summer holidays are busy but please do check the uniform expectations on the school website. School shoes must be black, polishable - not trainers or a suede material.

Many thanks for supporting our Kingsdown standards

## Future events and important dates

- 08.09.26 - Year 7 School Photos
- 12.09.26 - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze qualifying
- 13.09.26 - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze qualifying
- 17.09.26 - Year 11 Information Evening 5.30pm
- 22.09.26 - Flu Jabs - Whole School Session 1
- 24.09.26 - Open Evening 5.30pm
- 15.10.26 - Year 7 meet the tutor evening 5.30pm
- 20.10.26 - Prize Evening
- 21.10.26 - Flu Jabs - Whole School Session 2
- 22.10.26 - Half Term



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.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett  
Headteacher



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