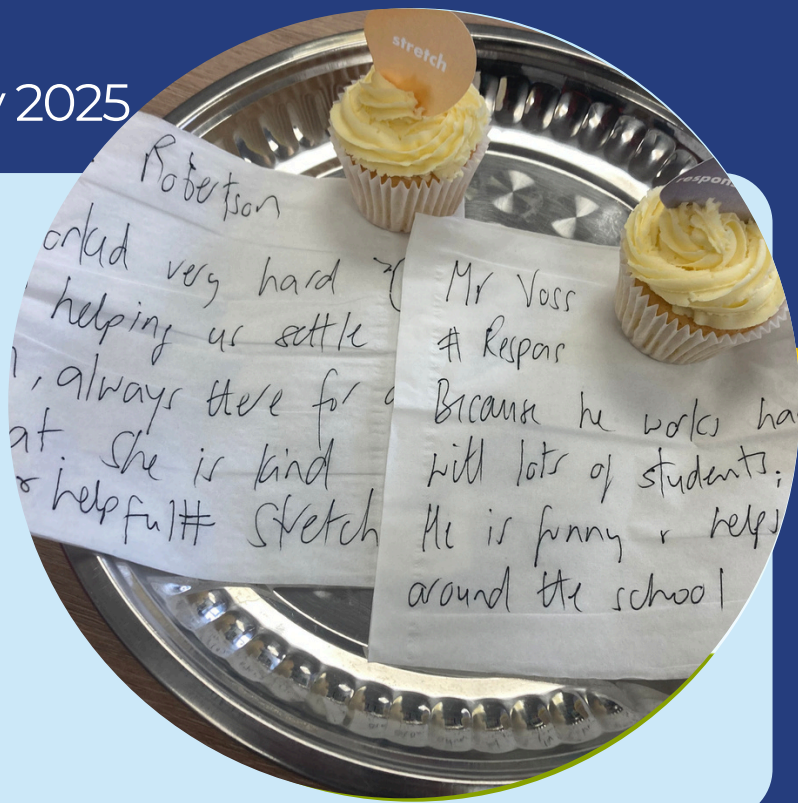




Cakes with the Head

It is always such a pleasure to meet our students to celebrate Cakes with the Head, they have an opportunity to nominate a member of staff who they feel deserves a cake.

Last week I met with 10 Year 7 students who nominated Mrs Robertson and Mr Voss.



The power of the Green Pen - Acting on Feedback

We ask all students to carry their green pen in every lesson, every day, and we need your support to reinforce this simple but vital routine.

The green pen is essential because it shows us that the student is acting on feedback received. When a teacher gives feedback—whether it's written guidance or a verbal correction—the student must use the green pen to fix misconceptions, complete correction tasks, or respond to questions. This process is critical for student improvement as it:

- Secures Understanding: It forces the student to re-engage with a concept they previously struggled with, ensuring the core knowledge is securely embedded.
- Drives Progress: It proves that they have actively engaged with the feedback, which is key to accelerating their overall progress.

Twickenham Rugby Trip

Twenty three students visited Twickenham stadium to watch England vs Argentina in the Quilter Nations Rugby series.

It was an excellent game and day out for our Kingsdown students with England winning 27-23. We are looking forward to the next trip to watch England play.



Equipment

Thank you for your support with ensuring that our students are appropriately equipped for lessons. Having a full pencil case, a charged chromebook and a school planner has such a positive impact to a prompt and purposeful start to every lesson.

https://www.kingsdownschool.co.uk/images/documents/Essential_Equipment_List_1.pdf



Stay connected - The Parent Portal

As we move through the academic year, please continue to use the Parent Portal to stay informed about your child's learning journey.

You can access the portal via the link in the top right corner of our school's website. Once logged in, you can access each subject's curriculum plans, specific content your student is currently studying, and other key information.

Christmas Disco

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas disco on Thursday 4th December. Deadline for parent pay payment & completing the Google form = 1/12. Tickets will be distributed to students at school on 4/12.



Year 11

Many congratulations to all our Yr 11 students - average attendance during their Mocks was 94.5%. Our teachers are busy marking their papers and preparing PLCs - Personal learning checklists.

These checklists show your son / daughter where they have secured full marks and where their are gaps. Thank you for asking your child about their PLCs.

Recital Evening

On Wednesday of this week, the Music Department held its first Recital Evening giving students from across the school the chance to perform to a friendly audience. About 100 people attended and heard students giving fantastic performances ranging from pieces by Bach to songs by the Beatles not to mention ABBA, Greenday and Rachmaninov. It is always great to hear our talented musicians and they all performed to a really high standard. We hold three Recital Evenings each year and any student is welcome to perform and all are welcome to listen.



Future events and important dates

- 02.12.25 - Year 9 Safer Choices with the Police
- 03.12.25 - Flu Vaccinations
- 04.12.25 - Year 7 Christmas Disco 5.00 - 6.30pm
- 11.12.25 - Y11 Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.30pm
- 15.12.25 - ASC Christmas Gathering
- 15.12.25 - Christmas Concert at St Phillips Church 6.30pm
- 16.12.25 - Christmas Lunch
- 17.12.25 - Christmas Lunch



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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