

GOLDWYN SCHOOL



STUDENT LEADERS MEETING 2026–27

17th September 2026 at Goldwyn Ashford – 10.00am

MEETING PURPOSE :

Welcome the new Student Leaders, establish a shared understanding of the role and agree how student voice will make a positive difference across Goldwyn.

Student Leaders

Attendance: **GA** – AlBo, GrPa, **GP**-JaSt

Apologies: **GF** – LaPe, JaSa-Ke

	AGENDA	KEY QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION
1	Welcome & introductions	What does being a Student Leader mean to you? What would you like to achieve this year? Apologies but there is no one from GF available to attend today. Thank you for applying, it is really exciting that you are going to be a part of the Student Leader group. We have an agenda for the day and a bit of a project over the year. Some of the items on the agenda are what Kerry has asked us to discuss. <u>Student Leader Tops</u> Slight delay in getting these to you they had to be remade but are now at GF. We were hoping they would be here for you this morning but we will arrange to get these to you as soon as possible. Some of you met Hillary MacDonald last week. She is a school improvement partner and Ofsted inspector. We would certainly like you to be talking to the inspectors when they visit about your time at Goldwyn and your role. I think that is really important.

2	Our role as Student Leaders	Ambassadors • role models • student voice • school improvement • representing students • following through on actions. As a Student Leader, you are essentially part of the school leadership team. It is a really important role, and your voice is really important in terms of your ideas and your feedback about how things are going, what could change possibly, and we will have set things to talk about, and then the idea being you go back to your sites to have conversations with either the Heads of School as well as your peers within your school site. There is also the Student Council, which a wider group and that is happening this week as well. Have you got any ideas of what you would like to achieve? <i>Student Leaders to go around each of the sites to familiarise themselves with the buildings. Part of the role is to help improve and share information.</i> Rob to arrange this. <u>Upcoming events during the year</u> Concerts, welcome visitors and guests. Professionals “Thank You” Event for Yr11 Student Leaders at the end of the academic year. Student leaders to do small presentation (<i>Rob to help students do this</i>). How has Goldwyn supported your journey? Student Leader tops to be worn.
3	Goldwyn identity: Aspire • Empower • Achieve	How can Student Leaders help every young person to aspire, feel empowered and achieve their potential? Add to agenda for next meeting
4	REACH: leadership in action	Resilience • Empathy • Aiming • Commitment • Heart. What should each value look and sound like in a Student Leader? Add to agenda for next meeting

5	Student voice: listen → act → feedback	What do students value? What could be better? Whose voices are not always heard? How will we gather and act on feedback? Add to agenda for next meeting.
6	Our priorities for 2026–27	If we could make THREE things better at Goldwyn this year, what would they be? Agree initial priorities. In the meantime, and before the next meeting think about the 3 things that would make Goldwyn better this academic year? We will discuss this at the next meeting.
7	Being a trusted role model	Communication • respect • reliability • boundaries • confidentiality • welcoming others • knowing when to seek adult help. Being a Student Leader is great opportunity. You a role model to all our students. It's also a good thing to put on a CV for future college placements and employment. It is a positive thing to have on any kind of application form Action: Rob to send date for next meeting to Student Leaders meeting together with details around scheduling the trip where each student leader visits the other sites. The school minibus can be used to do this. Rob to also catch up with JS-K and LP at the end of this week. It will be good for everyone to see the different sites because Goldwyn is not just one space it's kind of five sites across Ashford and Folkstone.

8	First Student Leader challenge	What does Goldwyn do well? What should improve? What is one idea? Which REACH value should we strengthen? <u>Project – ChildNet – Online Safety National project. Specialist Schools Advisory Board.</u> How can they make things better? ChildNet would like Goldwyn to be part of this group. RG to write to parents, online meetings throughout the year and joined by others schools around the country. Honest feedback needed, and what does this look like from your perspective. All feedback will be then shared with the Government as part of a national project. Action: All Student Leaders have voiced that they would be happy to be involved with this. Rob to email parents.
9	Close & next steps	Confirm actions, responsibilities, next meeting and how we will report back to students. Once we know when the dates for the Child Net project are we will build this into the Student Leader meeting plan. The student Leaders will meet every term. In between these meetings, Kerry will get a copy of these minutes and there may be other things that Kerry might want us to discuss as well. Does anyone else have anything they would like to raise? <i>Nothing raised.</i> The next meeting will be in Term 2 as we only have 3 weeks left of Term 1. <u>Rob Garratt email address:</u> Rob.garratt@goldwyn.kent.sch.uk