

KINGSWAY CONNECT

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RAISING THE BAR • PUSHING LIMITS
ACHIEVING GREATNESS

STAY INFORMED. STAY INSPIRED. STAY CONNECTED!



Welcome to the new term!

As we begin the Easter Term, I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome back to all our students, parents, teachers, and staff. A new school term always brings fresh energy, renewed purpose, and another opportunity for us to grow together as a Kingsway family.

On behalf of the Home & School Association, I want to express our appreciation to our dedicated teachers and administrators for the tireless work they continue to do in shaping and guiding our students. To our parents and guardians, thank you for your ongoing support, partnership, and commitment, your involvement continues to strengthen our school community in meaningful ways.

To our students, we are proud of you. As you step into this new term, we encourage you to stay focused, be disciplined, and remain kind to one another. Every effort you make, every lesson you learn, and every challenge you overcome becomes part of your growth and success.

This term, the HSA remains committed to fostering collaboration, supporting student development, and enhancing the overall school experience. We look forward to continuing our initiatives, strengthening our relationships, and creating opportunities that benefit both our students and school community.

Let us approach this Easter Term with optimism, unity, and a shared sense of purpose, trusting that with God's guidance, we will achieve great things together.

Wishing everyone a productive, rewarding, and inspiring term ahead.

Warm regards,
Roshane Johnson
President, Home & School Association



PRESIDENT



Welcome to the new term!

"Each new year brings new opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed."

Dear Parents, Guardians, Teachers, and Students,

On behalf of the Home & School Association, I extend a warm welcome back to school and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and successful New Year. As we begin a new term, we do so with renewed energy, hope, and determination to continue building a strong and supportive school community.

To our students, welcome back! A new year means fresh opportunities to learn, discover your talents, and strive for excellence. We encourage you to remain focused, curious, and confident as you work toward your goals. Remember that every effort you make brings you one step closer to success.

To our parents and guardians, thank you for your continued partnership, dedication, and support. Your involvement plays a vital role in your children's education and in the overall growth of our school. As we move forward together, we look forward to your ongoing collaboration and engagement.

To our teachers and staff, we express our sincere appreciation for your commitment, patience, and passion. Your guidance and encouragement inspire our students daily, and your dedication continues to shape bright futures. We are grateful for the care and professionalism you bring to our school each day.

As we step into this new year and term, let us embrace it with positivity, unity, and a shared commitment to excellence. Together, we can make this school year one filled with achievement, growth, and success for all.

Wishing everyone a safe, productive, and rewarding term ahead.

Warm regards,

Monique Thomas
Vice President



VICE PRESIDENT



Principal's MESSAGE

Dear Students, Parents, Staff, Alumni, and Friends,

As we proudly celebrate 83 years of Kingsway High and Preparatory School - a journey rooted in faith, dedication, and a commitment to nurturing young minds. Founded in 1943 as New Hope College in Kingston and St. Andrew with just 83 students and five teachers, our school has grown into a beacon of Christ-centered education.

A Look Back at Our Heritage

- In 1946, our students successfully completed the Senior Cambridge Examination. Today, our preparatory students are sitting CSEC exams alongside PEP graduating with four CSEC subjects - an achievement of growth and academic excellence.

- In 1961, the school expanded with the acquisition of adjacent premises and the construction of the Preparatory Department under the leadership of Mr. V. H. Percy, who served as Principal for 24 years. We now have a vibrant kindergarten division and are looking forward to establishing a special education unit.

We also remember Miss Eva Williams, whose 31 years of dedicated service left a lasting impact. Today, teachers like Ms. Thorpe and others continue to dedicate themselves daily, shaping the hearts and minds of our students.

A Legacy of Leadership and Service

Since our founding, over 27 principals have guided our journey, each contributing to our mission of integrating faith and learning. We also honor the leadership of past and present Board Chairmen, Education Directors, and committed staff who have navigated challenges with resilience and faith.

As we mourn the passing of Mrs. Lunette a former Education Director and principal. We thank God for her service and remember her legacy with gratitude.

OUR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

Many of our students have developed personal relationships with Jesus Christ within our nurturing environment. We remain committed to partnering with the Ministry of Education, Kencot Church, and other stakeholders to expand our outreach and service.

We are grateful to our alumni associations - both local and international - for their unwavering support over the years. Your continued partnership strengthens our mission.

LOOKING AHEAD: BRIGHT HORIZONS

As the 28th principal of the noble institution - Kingsway, I crave your continued support. Let us look forward with faith and renewed vigor. Our future plans include:

- Completing our Smart Classroom facilities
- Installing Solar Energy systems for sustainability
- Building a new Classroom Block to accommodate our growing enrollment
- Upgrading infrastructure to enhance the learning environment
- Increasing SDA enrollment while fostering inclusivity
- Ensuring Kingsway remains a sustainable and financially viable institution

As we face this new year 2026, I say :

To our alumni: your achievements inspire the next generation.

To our students: dream big, work hard, and keep faith at the center.

To our staff and teachers: your dedication transforms lives.

To our parents: thank you for partnering with us in nurturing and guiding our children.

With gratitude for the legacy of our founders, principals, and supporters, we move forward - faithful, focused, and committed to excellence.

May Kingsway continue to shine as a lighthouse of knowledge, faith, and service.

The Kingsway is Best!

Sincerely,

Alethia Williams

Principal, Kingsway High and Preparatory School



DEACONS & USHERS *Consecration* SERVICE

Kingsway Preparatory and Kindergarten School hosted a sacred Deacons and Ushers Consecration Service on Monday, October 13, 2025, at Kencot Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The special service marked a meaningful moment of dedication and spiritual renewal as students were formally set apart for service in the house of the Lord. The consecration highlighted the importance of humility, faithfulness, and commitment to God's work - qualities essential to the ministries of deacons and ushers.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Pastor Robert Francis, Pastor of the Florence Hill Circuit of Churches, who delivered an inspiring message focused on servant leadership and consecrated service.

Students, staff, parents, and members of the wider church community were in attendance, witnessing and supporting this significant event as Kingsway continued to emphasize spiritual growth, service, and strong Christian values.



Heritage Day

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"CELEBRATING
A BOLD AND PROUD
HERITAGE."



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Kingsway Kindergarten & Preparatory School Honours Academic Excellence

Kingsway Kindergarten & Preparatory School hosted its Honours Convocation and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, November 27, 2025, celebrating outstanding academic achievement under the theme **"Raising the Bar: Pushing Limits, Achieving Greatness."**

The ceremony brought together school leaders, parents, and students for a meaningful morning of recognition and inspiration. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Evette M. Smith Johnson, Director of the School of Graduate Studies & Research at the Caribbean Maritime Institute. Remarks were also shared by education and church leaders, including Mr. Delroy Turgott, Vice Principal, Principal Mrs. Alethia Williams, and Mr. Roshane Johnson, President, Home and School Association, Kingsway Preparatory.

Students were recognized across several categories, including the President's Roll of Honour, Principal's Roll of Honour, Honour Roll, and Honourable Mention, reflecting excellence across Grades 1–5.

Over 150 students received awards for their academic performance, highlighting the school's continued commitment to excellence, discipline, and holistic development. The event concluded with words of gratitude and celebration, affirming Kingsway's mission to inspire students to reach their full potential.



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DID YOU KNOW?



In January 1945 the school was moved to 32 Lyndhurst Road, Kingston, the present location for R.J.R. (Radio Jamaica Redifusion). The school remained in this location until December 1946.

Pastor Stanley Bull, who came from England, served as its principal through that period. During his administration, a record was set in 1946 when 20 students took the Senior Cambridge Examination and all were successful.





MANAGING SCREEN TIME

SET CLEAR SCREEN TIME LIMITS

Create daily or weekly limits for recreational screen use and be consistent in enforcing them.

ESTABLISH SCREEN FREE ZONES

Designate areas such as bedrooms dining tables and study spaces as no screen zones.

CREATE A FAMILY MEDIA PLAN

Work together to decide when screens are allowed for homework entertainment and rest time.

MODEL HEALTHY SCREEN HABITS

Children learn by example so limit your own screen use especially during family time.

ENCOURAGE OFFLINE ACTIVITIES

Promote reading outdoor play sports creative arts and hobbies that do not involve screens.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Take advantage of device settings and apps to manage content access time limits and usage tracking.

SET A DIGITAL CURFEW

Turn off screens at least one hour before bedtime to improve sleep and reduce overstimulation.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY AND BALANCE

Have regular conversations about responsible device use cyber safety and the importance of balance.

SCHEDULE TECH FREE FAMILY TIME

Plan regular activities such as game nights meals or outings where everyone disconnects.

REWARD RESPONSIBLE SCREEN USE

Praise and acknowledge children when they follow screen rules and show self control with devices.

OUR PATHFINDER CLUB IS BACK!



The Pathfinder Club at Kingsway Kindergarten and Preparatory School was reinstated and refreshed, having its first meeting on Friday, September 19, 2025. A total of 52 students attended, showing strong interest and excitement for the start of the programme.

During the meeting, the students were introduced to the honours they can earn, the Adventurer and Pathfinder Ideals, as well as the meaning of the insignias and the uniform. These presentations were led by Mr. Roshane Johnson, President of the Home and School Association, Mrs. Kerry Ann Johnson, Secretary of the Home and School Association, and Mrs. Montecarla Hutchinson Brown, Zone 2 Pathfinder Club Coordinator.

The students were very engaged and participated with energy and enthusiasm. Mr. Johnson, the HSA President, shared that it was an overwhelming turnout for the first day, which shows the interest and potential of the Club at Kingsway.

Ms. Brown, the Physical Education teacher and teacher in charge of the Club, expressed her gratitude for the support from the HSA and Mrs. Hutchinson Brown. She welcomed their guidance, expertise, and talents in helping the children learn more about the Pathfinder experience. She also noted that being a part of the Pathfinder Club will open the way for the students to achieve many fulfilling and meaningful goals.

The start of the Pathfinder Club at Kingsway Kindergarten and Preparatory School has set a positive foundation for growth and development in the months ahead.



For more information about how your child can be a part of the Pathfinder Club, or how you can contribute, please contact your class representative, or a member of the HSA. You may also join the Pathfinder Club WhatsApp Group.

Student Leadership Pinning Ceremony Marks New Administrative Body

On Wednesday, October 8, 2025, the school community gathered for a special Student Leadership Pinning Ceremony, celebrating students appointed to serve in key leadership roles for the academic year. The event highlighted the importance of character, service, and excellence in both conduct and academics.

Dr. Donna Brown brought greetings on behalf of the Conference and encouraged the students to carry out this new responsibility with pride and excellence.

Joanna Ustanny was officially pinned as Head Girl, with Jessanne Carter receiving her pin as Deputy Head Girl. Abraham McKoy was pinned as Head Boy, accepting the responsibility to lead with integrity and purpose.

In addition to the senior leaders, several sub-prefects were also pinned during the ceremony. Together, they form the student administrative body, entrusted to

assist in school operations, serve as leaders among their peers, and consistently model exemplary behavior and academic excellence.

The ceremony was a proud and memorable occasion, reaffirming the school's commitment to nurturing principled leaders who inspire and uplift the entire school community.



Quick Tips

for Raising Confident, Kind Kids

START YOUR DAY WITH PRAYER – Even a short prayer invites God into your decisions, friendships, and challenges. (Proverbs 3:6)

DO YOUR BEST, NOT JUST ENOUGH – Work as if you are working for the Lord, whether it's homework or chores. (Colossians 3:23)

BE KIND, EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD – Kindness can change a bad day, including yours. (Ephesians 4:32)

CHOOSE FRIENDS WHO HELP YOU GROW – Good friends encourage good choices and strong faith. (Proverbs 13:20)

TELL THE TRUTH, ALWAYS – Honesty builds trust with God, teachers, and parents. (Proverbs 12:22)

RESPECT AUTHORITY – Listening to teachers and school rules shows respect for God's order. (Romans 13:1)

DON'T COPY WRONG TO FIT IN – Stand firm in what is right, even if you stand alone. (Exodus 23:2)

USE YOUR WORDS TO BUILD, NOT BREAK – Speak life, not insults or gossip. (Proverbs 18:21)

ASK FOR HELP WHEN YOU'RE STRUGGLING – God places parents and teachers to support you. (Galatians 6:2)

REMEMBER WHO YOU BELONG TO – You are God's child; act with confidence, humility, and purpose. (1 Peter 2:9)



SCHOOL SAFETY

Keeping our children safe and well is a shared responsibility between home and school. The following tips offer simple, practical reminders to help protect our children, build their confidence, and support their overall well-being each day.

DON'T DISPLAY YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON BAGS OR UNIFORMS.

NEVER LEAVE SCHOOL WITH STRANGERS - ONLY APPROVED ADULTS.

USE A FAMILY PASSWORD FOR SAFE PICK-UPS.

SPEAK UP IF SOMETHING FEELS WRONG.

KNOW YOUR SAFE ROUTE HOME AND MEETING POINTS.

SAY "NO" LOUDLY AND GET HELP IF UNSAFE.

DON'T SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH STRANGERS OR ONLINE.

CONFIRM AFTER-SCHOOL SUPERVISION DAILY.

CHECK IN EMOTIONALLY WITH YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY.

MODEL SAFE BEHAVIOR - CHILDREN LEARN FROM YOU.



MEET KALANI

Kalani is a shining example of excellence, service, and well-rounded student leadership at Kingsway Preparatory School. His consistent academic performance has earned him placement on the Principal's Roll of Honour, and he distinguished himself as the only student in his Grade 4 class to receive the prestigious President's Roll of Honour.

Academically driven and highly motivated, Kalani's favourite subject is Mathematics, and he currently holds the class badges for Social Studies, Bible, and Communication Tasks, reflecting his versatility and commitment across subject areas.

Beyond the classroom, Kalani serves as a Deacon, demonstrating responsibility, reverence, and a heart for service. His passion for technology and innovation was evident when he became a finalist in the Coding Challenge as a member of the STEAM Club team representing Kingsway Prep, showcasing strong problem-solving and teamwork skills.

Kalani also contributes to school leadership and culture as a Sub Prefect and a member of the Kingsway Prep Choir. His sense of school citizenship was clearly demonstrated during last year's school beautification project, where he willingly assisted alongside the Home and School Association and the Young Professionals Group from Andrews Memorial SDA Church.

An active Pathfinder, Kalani is preparing to be invested this month, marking another milestone in his spiritual journey. Looking ahead, Kalani aspires to become an astronaut or an engineer, ambitions that align perfectly with his love for mathematics, coding, and strategic thinking.

In his free time, he enjoys playing video games, singing, Bible Jeopardy, coding, and chess, reflecting a balanced blend of creativity, faith, and intellectual curiosity.

Kalani's achievements, leadership, and positive attitude make him a role model among his peers and a valued member of the Kingsway family. We are proud to celebrate his continued growth and accomplishments.



TEACHER Feature

MRS. LUELLA FERGUSON

What made you choose teaching as your super power?

Firstly, I didn't choose teaching as my profession. Teaching chose me. My ultimate profession was to become a lawyer. As I reflect on my journey of 35 years as an Early Childhood teacher I am more convinced that I was chosen by the Master Teacher Himself, the man Christ Jesus. I was called to teach and I would not change it for any other profession. I'm happy that I've taken up the mantle and has aligned my will with God's providential will for my life. The children I have taught over the years are now contributing positively in the world.

What's the favourite thing that students do that makes you smile?

My favourite thing that students do that make me smile is when I see them performing with excellence.

If you could teach any subject just for fun, what would it be?

It would be Mathematics. I personally believe that if Math is taught in a 'fun' way many children who fear Math would not have a fear for it. I usually put fun into Math.

What's one fun fact about you most people don't know?

I love good Music. So, on a Sunday, while doing my chores I would be listening to some 'oldies' songs. It makes my work seem 'lighter'.

What is one piece of advice you would love every student to remember?

That they're special. They are not here by chance. In addition, to be resilient in any situation.



Family FOCUS

Joshua 24:15

*"As for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord."*

Family is one of God's greatest gifts. In busy days it is easy to rush past moments to pray love and listen to one another. God invites families to make Him the center of their home not just on Sabbaths, but every day. When families choose kindness forgiveness and prayer they build a strong foundation that lasts. Even small acts like praying together before school or sharing a thankful moment at dinner help children grow in faith. Serving the Lord as a family brings peace unity and joy into the home.

Prayer

Lord help our family to love You and each other. Guide our words actions and choices each day. Amen.