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Tuesday 20 September 2016

### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 27 September 6.00pm—7.00pm**  
Year 10 Parent Information Evening

**Thursday 29 September 4.30pm-7.00pm**  
Year 7/Year12 Parent Tutor Evening

**Thursday 6 October 6.00pm—8.00pm**  
Open Evening—for prospective Year 7 pupils

**Tuesday 11 October 2016 5.30pm—6.30 pm**  
Parent Forum

**Tuesday 11, Thursday 13  
and Tuesday 18 October 2016**  
Open Days for prospective Year 7 pupils at  
11.10am and 1.30pm



### ABSENCE REPORTING

## 01536 741857

Please report pupil absences as early each day as possible on the main Academy telephone number—01536 741857 and select the relevant option.

### Welcome to our first newsletter

As always you will see stories of success and inspiration as you read on through this newsletter. I hope you also received the letter that I sent out by email to all parents last week. If not, it is available on the Academy website.

In the letter I was delighted to report on the improved exam results we have enjoyed, the extensive work that has taken place on site, and the new staff we have welcomed to the Academy.



In addition to the messages and information I set out in the letter I would ask please that you all familiarise yourselves with the Academy's Behaviour Policy, again it is available on the website. There are no changes but we are obliged to bring it to the attention of all parents at the start of each academic year.

It seems crazy at the start of the year, but we will soon start to hold our parents' events for prospective year 7 pupils and their families hoping to join us next September. Mrs Hakobyan, Assistant Principal, and I will soon be attending education appeals by parents who have not been lucky enough to gain entry for their children to Kingswood this year. It is another sign of the improving reputation we are building and something I am very proud of.

Regards

**Andy Burton**  
Principal



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**OPEN EVENING** Thursday 6 October 2016  
6.00 – 8.00pm  
Presentations: 6.00 & 6.45pm  
For prospective Year 7 pupils in 2017

**OPEN DAYS** Tues 11, Thurs 13 & Tues 18 October 2016  
Tours at 11.10am & 1.30pm  
For prospective Year 7 pupils in 2017

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to see this vibrant  
and successful  
Academy in action”*

The Kingswood Secondary Academy, works in partnership with its sponsor, the highly successful Greenwood Dale Foundation Trust, to continue building upon its recent significant improvements in order to provide the highest quality of education for pupils aged from 11 to 19 years.

The Academy is opening the doors of its state-of-the-art facilities to prospective parents and pupils in and around Corby.

Come and take a tour of the buildings, meet the staff and take this opportunity to discuss your child's future.

Alternatively, please contact our reception team to reserve a place on one of the tours.



**01536 741857**



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## ONLINE SAFETY

### INSTAGRAM AND MUSICAL.LY

Just a reminder that when using the above apps it is not too difficult to find yourself directed to inappropriate images including pornography through hashtag links and you don't always need internet access.

A recent survey by the NSPCC highlighted more than a third of 13-14 year olds who have seen online porn want to copy some of the behaviour they have seen. Once again, the big worry is parents are not fully aware of how easy it is.

### FACT

According to young people, peak time to post a picture on Instagram to achieve the most likes is 6.30 pm.

### POKEMON GO

Well, that craze lasted a long time — downloads of the app have dropped off since July. Remember the basics of online safety folks. **To an extent it does not matter where young people go online we must keep talking to young people about not talking to strangers, not meeting strangers and not giving out personal information.**

### QUICK TIP!

When online always look out for:



Will help delete, block or report something online especially on social media.



Will take you to your settings even on your phone



Means it's a secure website. You will spot it next to the address bar. Always look out for the padlock

### NET AWARE APP

This is an amazing app that is free to download. It is aimed at parents and allows you to see some of the popular areas young people go online and provides short and snappy advice about safety on a number of apps and online games. You will find it within the various app stores. Look out for the logo.



## What is sexting?

Sexting is when someone shares sexual, naked or semi-naked images or videos of themselves or others, or sends sexually explicit messages.

They can be sent using mobiles, tablets, smartphones, laptops - any device that allows you to share media and messages. Sexting may also be called: 'Trading Nudes', 'Dirties' or 'Pic for Pic'

The law says: sexting can be seen as harmless, but creating or sharing explicit images of a child is illegal, even if the person doing it is a child. A young person is breaking the law if they:

- take an explicit photo or video of themselves or a friend
- share an explicit image or video of a child, even if it's shared between children of the same age
- possess, download or store an explicit image or video of a child, even if the child gave their permission for it to be created.

However, as of January 2016 in England and Wales, if a young person is found creating or sharing images, the police can choose to record that a crime has been committed but that taking formal action isn't in the public interest.

## Breakfast Club and Study Hub Support

We would like to announce that the Breakfast Club has started. The club will run every morning from 7:40 am — 8:40 am when all pupils are welcome.

We are also pleased to announce that our Study Hub is once again inviting pupils to stay after school to receive help and support with their Maths and English homework as well as having access to our Academy facilities for support with homework and independent study. If interested, pupils should speak to their relevant Head of Year, who will be more than happy to help.

|           | Breakfast Club<br>07:40 – 08:40 | Study Hub<br>15:15 – 16:30 |               |
|-----------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
|           |                                 | English Support            | Maths Support |
| Monday    | ✓                               | ✓                          | ✓             |
| Tuesday   | ✓                               | ✓                          | ✓             |
| Wednesday | ✓                               | ✓                          | ✓             |
| Thursday  | ✓                               | ✓                          | ✓             |
| Friday    | ✓                               | NO SESSION                 |               |

## Sports Club Timetable – Term 1

| Venue  | Monday                                 | Tuesday                                    | Wednesday                                     | Thursday  | Friday                                       |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| <b>Before School – Sports Hall</b>                                 | Table Tennis with <b>Corby TT Club</b> |  |   |   |  |
| <b>Break 2 – Sports Hall</b><br>(1:00 – 1:30)<br>Trainers required | Year 7 Trampoline Club<br><b>ACO</b>   | KS3 Lunchtime Basketball Club<br><b>PH</b> | Year 7 & 8 Badminton Club<br><b>MGA</b>       | Table Tennis with <b>Corby TT Club</b>                                  | Year 9, 10 & 11 Badminton Club<br><b>ACO</b> |
| <b>AFTER SCHOOL (3:10 – 4:10)</b>                                  |  |  |   |   |  |
| <b>Main Hall</b>   |  | Year 7 & 8 Trampoline Club<br><b>ACO</b>   | Year 9, 10 & 11 Trampoline Club<br><b>HCO</b> | Table Tennis with <b>Corby TT Club</b>                                  |  |
| <b>Astro / Field</b>   |  |  | Year 8 Boys Football<br><b>PH</b>             | Year 7 Boys Football<br><b>NS</b>                                       |  |
| <b>Netball Courts</b>  |  |  |   | Netball Club (all year groups)<br><b>RLA</b>                            |  |
| <b>Sports Hall</b>   |  |  |   | Badminton SmashUp!<br>(all year groups)<br><b>PH &amp; DW</b>           |  |
| <b>Fixtures</b><br>(See fixtures calendar)                         |  | Year Boys 11 Football<br><b>MGA</b>        | Year 8 & 10 Girls Netball<br><b>ACO</b>       | Year 10 Boys Football<br>U16 Girls Football<br><b>MGA</b><br><b>ACO</b> |  |

Please note, the Kingswood Secondary Academy PE Kit must be worn for all after school clubs.

Clubs will run from 3:10-4.10pm, therefore ensure that you register and arrange to be picked up after 4:15pm.



We would like to congratulate Oliver Hackett, Year 8, for being cast as Charlie Bucket in Roald Dahl's well known musical 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' at the Masque Theatre, Latimer Arts College, Kettering. The show will run from 29 September to 2 October 2016.

Oliver has danced in many shows, including performances at the Royal Albert Hall and The London Palladium. However this is his first principal role in a production. We are also very lucky to have another pupil who has gained a place in the production as a dancer — Emma-Jane Pritchard, Year 8. Follow the lucky Golden Ticket winners, Charlie, Veruca, Violet, August and Mike as they and the audience encounter magical marvels, chocolate rivers and, of course, the famed Oompa Loompas! The production features fantastic local talent made up of actors, singers and dancers, featuring numerous well known songs we've all grown up with. Visit The Masque website on [www.masquekettering.co.uk](http://www.masquekettering.co.uk) to book your seats.

Congratulations and good luck go to Oliver and Emma-Jane. We look forward to hearing more on other shows you are involved in and, of course, if there are other pupils who have an interesting hobby or pursuit they would like to share, please contact me.

**Mrs Ratcliffe**  
Exams Office

## Cycle Storage

Pupils who arrive at school on a bike are reminded to always leave it securely locked.



We suggest that bikes are left in one of the three shelters closest to the Academy as these can be clearly monitored by CCTV.

## LOST PROPERTY

We have quite a few jackets/coats already in our lost property section.

If a jacket or coat has been mislaid, please ask your child to visit the lost property section of our Student Services to check whether the mislaid item is there, it may help rather than having to purchase a new item!

## OUTWARD BOUND IN WALES

Year 8 pupils have been given the opportunity to take part in an Outward Bound trip to Aberdovey, Wales.

The trip is planned for 5 days starting on Monday 14 November and will give pupils the opportunity to develop self-confidence and social skills and also experience new challenges. They will take part in climbing, canoeing, raft building and a variety of other team building activities and overnight camping experience.

It will be an exciting, challenging and enjoyable trip for the pupils and one that will, of course, be reported in the newsletter after the event. Watch this space!



## AUTISM CONCERN CORBY SENIOR GO 4 IT NEW SESSION DATES

### SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2016



The "Go 4 It" Youth Group is suitable for children aged 13-18 years with high functioning Autism. Sessions will be running on the following dates between September – December 2016

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September • Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November • Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Venue: The Stephenson Way Community Centre,  
18-28 Stephenson Way, Corby, NN17 1DA  
 Cost: £4 on entry Time: 6pm - 8pm  
 To register your child  
 E: [marianne@autismconcern.org](mailto:marianne@autismconcern.org) T: 01604 239404

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## AUTISM CONCERN CORBY JUNIOR GO 4 IT NEW SESSION DATES

### SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2016



The Junior "Go 4 It" Youth Group is suitable for children aged 8-12 years with high functioning autism. Sessions will be running on the following dates from September – December 2016

**Launch Night: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November • Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Venue: The Stephenson Way Community Centre,  
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### SPIRIT OF CORBY AWARDS

The Spirit of Corby Awards are the Borough's annual celebration of deserving winners, who have been nominated by the public, of everything that is good about Corby, its community and the amazing spirit of the people that make it so special. Finalists at the Awards were treated to a sit down meal before they were joined by an audience of members of the public to see the ceremony itself. Deserving winners, who had been nominated by the public and then selected by a panel were chosen in each category before the overall Spirit of Corby was handed to one overall winner.



We are very proud to see the overall winner for the 2016 Spirit of Corby Award went to Dany Reid. Dany and his friend Tim Reid (no relation), are both former pupils of Kingswood. The pair, now 26 years old, are friends for life after Tim discovered that his kidneys were failing and Dany bravely offered to donate one of his own kidneys. The transplant surgery was carried out in July and we are pleased to hear they are both recovering well. Many congratulations go to Dany on winning the award, and to the category winners. Best wishes go to Tim and Dany that they make a full recovery.



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