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Tuesday 4 October 2016

Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 11 October 2016 5.30pm—6.30pm
Parent Forum

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

Tuesday 18 October 2016 6.00pm-8.00pm
Year 11 Parent Information Evening
Countdown to Success



ABSENCE REPORTING

01536 741857 — OPTION 1

Please report pupil absences as early as possible each day on the main Academy telephone number—01536 741857 and select option **1**.

Dear Parents/Carers

I am excited to be able to let you all know about our new drive to improve student leadership and our recognition programme. Mr Van Lier is leading on this and we have revamped how our achievement points, now called 'inspiration' or 'i-points', are awarded. We firmly believe that if our pupils demonstrate a positive attitude to learning, i.e. effort in lessons, having the correct equipment, making a positive contribution, then the achievement of good academic results will follow. Apparently the promise of having afternoon tea with the Principal is proving to be a popular incentive and several pupils have already accrued over 50 i-points!

Mr Van Lier is also developing our student leadership programme. Shortly we will have appointed out 6th Form Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls who will be leading the student council. As well as student councillors there will be several ambassador roles that will allow students to demonstrate and develop the qualities of leadership which are so important and desirable in the work place.

On a different note, we have received several complaints from members of the public about parents parking on the yellow lines, pavements and zebra crossing exclusion zones outside of the Academy. The Police are also aware and PCSOs have been dropping in at the end of the day to ensure that traffic regulations are not being flouted. Can I ask please that parents do not park where they should not. I would hate for parking tickets to be issued by the Police or traffic enforcement officers but obviously this is a possibility if parents continue to park where they have been.



Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Andy Burton, Principal

Tuesday 27th September, 2016

Thank you to all the parents/carers who made it to our Year 10 Information Evening – An introduction to Key Stage 4. The feedback from parents at the end of the evening was very positive indeed, in particular the explanation of the new GCSE grading system that is being introduced nationally. The aims of the evening were:

- To provide information regarding the structure of Key Stage 4, the new grading system, GCSEs and BTecs
- Details of how we will be supporting your child to be successful
- To identify how you can support your child during the next 18 months
- To provide an overview of the Sixth Form Application Process
- To provide an opportunity for you to share and discuss common issues
- To provide an opportunity for you to identify how the school could further support you and your child

A number of parents who were unable to make it to the evening have been in contact for a copy of the handout. If you would like a copy please ask your child to collect one from Mrs Glenda Forysth or email her on gforysth@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org

PARENT FORUM

Would you like to help further improve Kingswood so that it is even better for your child?

Then why not join our

Parent Forum

The first meeting of this year's Parent Forum is due to be held on Tuesday 11 October 2016 at 5.30 pm. The topic of this meeting is 'Extra curricular activities'.

Please note that we are always on the look out for new members, therefore if you are interested please feel free to join us, and for those who already attend, a very big thank you for your commitment.

Parent Forum

The purpose of our Parent Forum:

The forum provides the opportunity for parents/carers and the Academy to exchange information, share points of view and speak into a broad range of matters concerning the education of students at Kingswood thereby helping to make Kingswood the best it possibly can be.

Membership:

The forum is open to anyone with a child currently attending the academy.

Objectives:

- To encourage parents to become more involved and make a difference
- To provide an opportunity for parents / carers to share information and views
- To encourage a commitment to the ethos of the academy
- To test out ideas
- To share our work and seek constructive criticism e.g. Reporting, Attendance & Behaviour, Curriculum, inclusion and so forth.

What we are not:

A forum for individual parent / student concerns which are of course more appropriately handled via communication between parents/carers and e.g. Progress Leaders / Heads of Faculty.

Frequency and Venue:

Meetings take place once per term (6 times per annum) at Kingwood.

Reporting:

Minutes will be taken and circulated at least a week before the next meeting to everyone who attended the meeting, preferably by email. Any issues raised will be followed through by the person actioned in the meeting and fed-back within the next forum.

At the meeting in July, Jon Lawson (Deputy Principal) thanked the members for their input and support over the past year and discussed the following issues where the Forum has been very effective:

- Staying Safe Online Presentation – a very informative evening
- An improvement in communication between the Academy and parents
- The Newsletter and website being more informative
- Staff email addresses have been made available
- Sixth Form lanyards – improved to use as proof of age and student status
- Online payments – eventually up and running
- PSHE – as requested will be taught during the 30 minute Form time
- Online booking for Parent Evenings
- Reward system
- Uniform rules

LAUNCH OF ACADEMY AMBASSADOR ROLES

We are delighted to announce the launch of new leadership opportunities at our Academy. We are keen to create a Student Leadership Team who will have an influence on the future direction of Kingswood Secondary Academy. These roles include School Council, Community and Charity Ambassadors, Safety, Wellbeing and Anti Bullying Ambassadors. These Ambassadors will be responsible for co-ordinating pupil discussions, leading on organised events and the delivery of assemblies. We will recruit from all age groups including the Sixth Form. Overall this is a great opportunity to develop your personal leadership skills and enhance your CV for the future. Nominations will be made for each of these roles at Tutor time during the week and a final selection will be made by the Head of each Year Group. We will announce the full leadership team in due course.

Are you inspired?

We have now awarded over 24,000 inspiration points so far this year - this is an amazing achievement for our pupils and a reflection of just how hard everyone is working during class. Well done to everyone and we are looking forward to issuing the first awards to pupils who have already achieved 50 i-points. Names to follow soon!

In addition, our praise postcards have been a great success and these are awarded to the students who have made an extra special effort in lessons or around the Academy. We are delighted to have handed out over 60 of these special recognition awards. They have been designed to be collected and the set consists of 4 cards so continue to work hard and we can't wait to identify the first pupil to collect all 4.

TRINITY MUSIC EXAM SUCCESS

We are very proud to advise that the following pupils have all passed their Trinity Music exams:

- Emily Fisher, Year 10 —Grade 2 Clarinet
- Aimee Grey, Year 8 —Grade 2 Clarinet (Merit)
- Antonia Haycocks, Year 7 —Grade 2 Clarinet (Merit)
- Joe O'Toole, former Year 11 —Grade 3 Flute (Merit)

Well done and our congratulations go to them all!

A REMINDER TO PARENTS AND PUPILS

There has been an increase in the following items being brought onto or worn on the Academy premises, therefore as a reminder of the rules :

- Fizzy and energy drinks are not permitted and if seen they will be confiscated. Only water or juice is allowed.
- Hoodies are not permitted on the Academy premises. To clarify, this means upon entering the Academy gate, pupils must have already placed any hoodie into their school bag by this point.
- Make-up, extreme hair colour, artificial nails and nail varnish are not permitted in the Academy.
- Outdoor wear/coats are to be removed before entering the Academy building.



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OPEN EVENING

For prospective Year 7 pupils in 2017

Thursday 6 October 2016

6.00 – 8.00pm

Presentations: 6.00 & 6.45pm

OPEN DAYS

For prospective Year 7 pupils in 2017

Tues 11, Thurs 13 & Tues 18 October 2016

Tours at 11.10am & 1.30pm

**Gainsborough Road
Corby
Northamptonshire
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*“An exciting opportunity
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.



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CORBYPHED ORACY PROJECT

Well done to our wonderful, confident and inspirational Year 7 pupils who have embraced the challenge of our **Corby Themed Oracy Project**. Every lesson brings something new and they are proving to be a resilient and passionate year group! Here are some of their comments...

"Humanities is the best in my opinion, it helps you to become more confident and everyone has respect and listens to you."

"I think Humanities has helped with writing because we talk our ideas through with each other".

"I like Humanities because it helps me in other lessons like English, Maths and Science. It helps me to talk to other teachers in different classes. I love Humanities, it helps me talk aloud. I love it because you get to talk whenever you want. It is the best, every time I walk through the door I am thrilled."

"I like how these classes give you a chance to say your feelings, I also enjoy hearing other people say their thoughts".

"I think Humanities is good because you talk about things then write about them".

"I absolutely love Humanities, it is my favourite lesson, I love it because it is so fun. I love the talking. It's made me feel more confident".

"I love Humanities because everyone hears each other's ideas and encourages one another to speak to the class".

"I love how Humanities lessons are being taught now. I have watched confidence grow over the last three weeks, each pupil shows respect and consideration to one another. I believe this will reflect in other pupils as they will be confident enough to speak in front of their peers and learn tolerance and respect for each other. Well done Humanities." Learning Assistant

BETHANY WHITTEN — McMILLAN FUNDRAISING CHAMPION

After losing her Nan to cancer a couple of years ago a Year 9 pupil, Bethany Whitten, contacted the McMillan Cancer Support team to thank them on behalf of her family, for giving such valued support during a sad time.

After the contact, Bethany was invited by the McMillan staff to visit and was presented with a tee-shirt. She has kept in touch ever since and on Sunday 25 September Bethany held a McMillan coffee morning at home with friends and neighbours being invited, she proudly wore her tee-shirt at the event and raised the grand total of £123.33.

The smell of baking emanating from her home the day before must have been lovely. Bethany (with a little help from her family) made chocolate orange cakes, 3 different types of brownies, lots of cup cakes (which were decorated to look like teddy bears), bakewell tarts (which she made from scratch, pastry and all) sponge cakes — one of which had the McMillan motto 'Lets change lives with every slice' in icing — our picture shows some of the cakes on sale.

Bethany plans to do more fundraising for McMillan and plans to do the Race For Life next year and will, at some point, hold another coffee morning. We look forward to hearing and publishing more when she organises her next fundraising event.



A young lady to be proud of!

STUDY HUB

We are once again inviting pupils to stay after school to our Study Hub where support is available with their Maths and English homework. Pupils will also have access to Academy facilities in order to facilitate support with homework and independent study. The Hub is open from 3.15 pm – 4.30 pm Monday to Thursday each week.

Pupils who are interested should speak to their relevant Head of Year or Deputy Head of Year.



Deep Roots Tall Trees presents Part of the OUR WOODS Festival

CLIMBING TREES! DENS AND FORT BUILDING! HIDE AND SEEK! *All for grown-ups!*

Would you like to climb a tree again like you did when you were a child? Need someone to just give you the confidence to do it? One of these sessions is for you! **Anthony Schrag** will support you all the way up - AND down again!

On the same day, **Jack Cooke**, celebrated author of **The Tree Climber's Guide**, will give a talk. "One of the publishing sensations of the year: a book on the joys of climbing a tree in the urban jungle." (*The Daily Mail*). Jack reconnects people to nature in the heart of the city and provides a bird's eye view of urban living, from the wildlife in the trees to the commuters on the street..

The next day **Anthony Schrag** and **Anna Douglas** will help you re-live your childhood memories in different and imaginative ways - Dens & Fort Building in the morning and Hide & Seek in the afternoon. Just come, be creative and have fun!

When?

Climbing Trees for Adults, Saturday 8 October

Beginners, 10.30—12.30, Confident, 2.00—4.00

Dens & Fort Building, Sunday 9 October 11—1.00

Hide & Seek, Sunday 9 October 3—4.30

Where?

Thoroughsale Wood, meet in front of the Boating Lake Café, Cottingham Road, Corby, NN17 2UN

What to bring? Sturdy clothing you can move around in, long-sleeves and full length trousers, flexible sturdy shoes.

Who is it for? You must be over 18. Maximum numbers 19. How much? £5 (£3 concessions)

To book: The Core Ticket Office 01536 470470 www.thecorecorby.com



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