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Tuesday 22 November 2016

Diary Dates

Thursday 24 November 4.30pm-7.00pm
Year 10 Parents Evening

Tuesday 29 November 6.00pm-7.00pm
Year 8 Key Skills for Success

Tuesday 6 December 5.30pm-6.30pm
Parent Forum

Wednesday 7 December 6.00pm-8.00pm
Christmas Celebration

Thursday 12 January 2017 6.00pm-8.00pm
Sixth Form Open Evening



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** (Please note — a call to the Academy is necessary on **EACH** day of absence).

OFSTED

As you are no doubt aware we received a visit from Ofsted on 2 and 3 of November. We were not expecting their visit and I was hoping for a little more time as Principal before Ofsted came to judge how we were doing. Nevertheless, come they did, and whilst the process was very challenging, I believe that the outcome is a fair reflection of our Academy as it continues on its improvement journey.

Ofsted is supposed to be a very neutral process, ie they come in to the Academy to see it operating as it would on any other 'normal' day. It is though a stressful process as staff and pupils know that ultimately we are being judged as a whole. With that in mind I am extremely proud of how the staff and pupils conducted themselves over the 2 days: it did not phase them at all.

It was a very robust inspection with nearly 40 lessons inspected and meetings held with pupils, senior staff, heads of department and year, teaching staff, support staff and governors. There was also an extensive scrutiny of pupils' books across all subjects and year books that showed the inspectors the good levels of progress that are now being made and promise improved outcomes again this year.

I wish to thank the pupils and staff who have worked tremendously hard in order to bring about these significant improvements, and those parents who completed the online questionnaires which were overwhelmingly positive about the Academy.

Earlier this week I wrote to all parents with information of how to access the final report. A copy of the full report is available on the Ofsted website (<http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk>) and we have uploaded a copy onto our website. Paper copies are available in the Academy for anyone who may wish to have one. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the Ofsted report, or the Academy's response to it, please do not hesitate to contact me.

And so Academy life returns to 'normal' as we continue to teach and learn and progress together.

Regards

Andy Burton
Principal



ANTI-BULLYING

As most parents are aware last week, 14 — 18 November, was anti-bullying week when we took a stand against bullying across the Academy by shining a spotlight on bullying and encouraging all to take action against this throughout the year. The theme this year is **'Power for Good'**

A number of activities took place during form time and anti-bullying assemblies took place all week. The anti-bullying week included the launch of our anti-bullying e-mail address which is available on our website in the Academy section. The email address to contact us about any incident of bullying is:

ksa-antibullying@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org

Pupils can also report bullying in other ways:

- by posting a note in the anti-bullying post box situated in Student Reception
- by telling a form tutor, head of year or deputy head of year.

Year 7 pupils spent their Humanities lessons thinking about and discussing bullying in all of its forms. Posters have been displayed along the Humanities corridor and a wall of bricks has been created by pupils. Each brick displays a phrase or statement written by pupils to describe their feelings about bullying, promotes action against bullying or supports those who have been bullied.

The anti-bullying post box situated in Student Reception, the flier distributed to all pupils and examples of their work.



Exam Invigilators

Ref: 16-17/KSA/013 Casual £7.93 an hour
Closing date: 2 December 2016 at noon

We require Exam Invigilators to join our friendly team to supervise pupils and ensure a perfect examination environment during examination periods throughout the academic year. The role will involve invigilation of individuals and groups of learners undertaking written exams or on-line tests. The successful Exam Invigilators will have an interest in education, will be able to relate positively to all learners, be extremely diligent and adaptable, and have good verbal communication skills. Candidates will be employed on a casual basis, with hours and days of work subject to the timings of each exam.

The person specification, application form and job description are available on our website. Please complete an application form and return to vacancies@greenwoodacademies.org before the closing date if you would like to be considered for the position.

NATIONAL BALLROOM DANCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the weekend of 25 — 27 November, two of our pupils will travel to Blackpool to participate in the National Ballroom Dancing Championships. Jolene Macleod (Year 8) and Sophie Smith (Year 7) have been dancing since the age of two, and attend Katrina's Dancing School. They have performed at Her Majesty's Theatre, The Royal Albert Hall, London Palladium and Disneyland Paris.

The championships are being held at the Norbreak Castle hotel in Blackpool where they will compete in ballroom and Latin events at the Unity Dance Festival. The competition features the English Open Classical Sequence Championships. Good luck to both girls! We look forward to hearing how the weekend went and how much they enjoyed the event!



CORBY AMATEUR BOXING CLUB AND KINGSWOOD ACADEMY NAMED BEST IN EAST MIDLANDS

A sports satellite club held in Kingswood Secondary Academy has been named as the best in East Midlands, in recognition of its work to help get more young people playing sport. Mike Diaper, Director of Community Sport at Sport England, said: "Congratulations to Corby Amateur Boxing Club and the Kingswood Secondary Academy. Given the benefits of being active it's really important that we do all we can to engage people who might think sport isn't for them. Thanks to their hard work, the satellite club is creating formidable pathways to help get young people in Corby to become active in the best way that suits them." The club started in April 2015, and was designed to attract young people who had not engaged in any traditional extra-curricular activities. Since the launch, over 30 young people have attended the sessions and a number of them have become licensed boxers at the club.

To read more of this excellent piece of news please visit: <http://www.northamptonshiresport.org/news/2016/11/corby-amateur-boxing-club-and-kingswood-academy-named-best-in-east-midlands>

The photographs below include two of our pupils, Conor Scott (Year 10) and Charlie Dawson (Year 13).



DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY TASTER DAY

Our Year 12 sixth form pupils have the opportunity of travelling to De Montfort University, Leicester on Wednesday 14 December where they will experience a campus and accommodation tour, taster lecture by an English lecturer, question and answer session with student ambassadors and lunch.

They will be leaving the Academy at 9.00am and returning at approximately 3.30pm. Sounds like it will be a very packed and informative day!

FUTSAL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

The Year 9 futsal team took part in the district tournament at Lodge Park on Thursday 17 November. Kingswood's results were as follows:

Beat Prince William	2 - 0
Lost to Brooke Weston	3 - 2
Beat CTS	3 - 0
Lost to Lodge Park	2 - 0

A huge 'Well Done' goes to:

Daniel Mains	Jay Nicholson	Harry Botfield
Jake Downing	Kalvin Taylor	Cole McWilliam

The team finished in a very creditable 3rd place.

YEAR 11 TRIAL EXAMINATIONS

Wednesday 7 December is the day Year 11 pupils will be sitting their first trial examinations.

This will give them the opportunity to develop their examination skills prior to the actual tests next year.

Pupils will receive their examination timetable by Friday 25 November which will show room and seat details, and also a reminder what to bring to the examinations.

THE JOURNEY TO AND FROM THE ACADEMY


The journey to and from the Academy are two parts of the day when children are not closely supervised by either their parents or Academy staff. It is essential that they remain safe during the journey to and from the Academy whether they walk or travel by bus. Please consider the following:

- Is your child wearing sufficient clothing to keep warm?
- Are their shoes sensible and appropriate to cold icy weather?
- Do they walk alone or should they be with friends?

Remember, those playing football/sports for the Academy or those attending clubs, may well be walking home in the dark. Have you considered this, and do you need to make arrangements for their collection?

This week, the new building site on the old Upper Kingswood School site will become active. There have been numerous meetings to discuss health and safety, especially with regards movement of vehicles during the times when your children are coming to and leaving school. The contractors, Keepmoat, have assured me they will enforce a no movement period for all vehicles between 8.15am - 8.40am and 3.00pm — 3.30pm. **Even with these precautions in place, it is imperative that all parents bring this to the attention of their children and tell them to take extreme care when crossing in front of the old school gates.** Those who deliver /collect their children by car are warned that additional parking restrictions will be in place during this time and that the Police will be monitoring traffic throughout.

The risk assessment below, which will be handed to all pupils using Academy transport, should be read by all those parents whose children travel to school by bus with the content being discussed to ensure safety.

RISK ASSESSMENT: SCHOOL BUS		 GREENWOOD ACADEMIES TRUST	
ESTABLISHMENT/SCHOOL	Kingswood Secondary Academy	SECTION/TEAM	Premises
DATE OF ASSESSMENT		14.11.16	
PART A – GENERAL			
Activity	Existing Control Measures	Are all control measures in place?	List any control measures not in place below
Proceeding from home to bus stop	Parents advised that no supervision is provided Parents advised to issue a safety brief	Yes	<u>Parents should remind their children</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take care on icy or wet pavements. • Do not walk on roads (unless to cross). • Take great care when crossing roads.
Stranger danger. Unknown strangers approaching children	Parents to explain the dangers (although very rare) and instruct their child what to do.	Yes	<u>Parents should</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warn their child about talking to strangers. • When possible walk in groups of two or more. • Escort/collect young children in dark, remote areas.
Inappropriate behaviour at bus stops	Parents to instruct children never to approach a moving vehicle. Never to stand on the road in front of the approaching bus. Not to get involved in a struggle to be first to board the bus	Yes	<u>Parents should</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remind their children of all control measures
Boarding buses	Students should avoid pushing and shoving. Students should board in an orderly manner. Be aware of potential slips and trips especially when wet. Only allow embarkation/disembarkation at bona fide stops	Yes	<u>Driver will</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insist upon a disciplined boarding. • Make every effort to ensure the platform is safe to use. • Not allow boarding in an unregulated manner
Transit	Seat belts when available (double deckers do not always have seat belts). Students should sit down and remain seated throughout the journey. Take great care when transiting stairs (up and Down) Parents to reiterate these controls	Yes	<u>Driver to ensure</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seat belts are worn (where available) • No movement of passengers whilst bus in motion • No sudden stops or speeding • Vehicle is stopped if behaviour is likely to cause a danger
Disembarkation	Students should be seated and where available wearing seat belts Students must not stand on the front platform	Yes	<u>Driver to</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insist all remain safe until bus stops • Oversee disembarkation • Ensure all are clear before proceeding
	Students to be supervised Students to wait until bus has stopped		



KINGSWOOD SECONDARY ACADEMY

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER

6:00PM - 8:00PM

FREE ADMISSION!

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF:

- **MUSIC FROM OUR TALENTED STUDENTS**
- **GIFT STALLS**
- **GAMES**
- **REFRESHMENTS**
- **FESTIVE CHEER!**

**LET'S SEE OUT THE TERM
WITH A SMILE :)**

VISIT TO THE SOMME 3 — 5 NOVEMBER 2016

“On Thursday 3 November at 4.30am 49 excited year 9 pupils and 5 (tired staff) left Kingswood Secondary Academy to make our way to the Somme area of Northern France. This was the start of a three day residential trip that involved visiting memorials of soldiers who had died, or were missing, after fighting on the Western Front in the Great War. We visited the trenches from where soldiers had fought at Vimy Ridge and Beaumont-Hamel and a museum which had many articles owned by soldiers which had been found in the area after the war. We also visited Thiepval memorial - dedicated to the 72,195 missing British and South African men, for which there are no known graves.



Our accommodation during the trip was at the lovely Le Chateau du Broutel which sits in 40 acres of beautiful grounds. Pupils took part in competitions in the evening and had a tour of the Chateau. All the pupils were amazing and really empathised with the plight of soldiers during WW1. They also enjoyed a fantastic trip!”

Zoe Paul, Head of History.

One of the participating pupils commented:

“On the 3rd until the 5th of November, year 9 visited the Somme battlefields. It was an amazing experience! We visited places such as Vimy Ridge and the Thiepval memorial — it was quite emotional walking on the grounds where so many men lost their lives for us. My friend and I will never forget it!”



NAME THE ESTATE



The pupils in Year 7 all took part in a competition to name the new estate being built adjacent to the Academy. The winner on this occasion was Klaudia Zajackosca who will be presented with a £25 voucher as her prize.



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