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Tuesday 6 December 2016

## Diary Dates

### Last day of term 2

Tuesday 20 December 2016

### Thursday 5 January 2017

Academy re-opens to pupils—Term 3

### Thursday 12 January 2017 6.00pm-8.00pm

Sixth Form Open Evening

### Monday 16 January 2017

Year 10 MENACWY/DTP vaccinations



## ABSENCE REPORTING

**01536 741857 — OPTION 1**

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

Select option **1** (Please note — a call to the Academy is necessary on **EACH** day of absence).

Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter. I hope that you have all received the letter about our most recent Ofsted inspection which took place at the beginning of November. The Ofsted report is now available for you to read via the Academy website, or through Ofsted's website; I hope you have managed to find the time to read it. In essence many of the recent improvements that we have introduced, and the subsequent progress we have made, have been recognised in the report. It also goes on to say that we are not yet as good as we need to be and are required to improve further. We shall continue to do this and reassuringly the report recognised the strong leadership and management across the Academy which will enable us to make the necessary improvements. If you managed to complete the Ofsted questionnaire, then thank you, the parental comments were overwhelmingly very supportive.



Christmas is only just round the corner now and will mark the end of my first year as Principal here at Kingswood. I hope you agree that we are making improvements, but if there is anything that you think is missing please do not hesitate to contact me.

On the Christmas theme, Year 11 will finish slightly early for the Christmas break (details were sent to all Year 11 parents) as they have their mock examinations just before the break. Can I ask please that you encourage your sons/daughters to revise properly for the mocks as they are a good indicator of how they are likely to perform in the summer? I'm afraid there are no shortcuts to success, only good old fashioned hard work and dedication, meaning thorough revision will lead to exam success. Year 11 pupils will be issued a list of topics by their teachers, which will be useful in preparation for the upcoming exams. There are also various Christmas events taking place and details are mentioned later in this newsletter. It is also a good time to remind you about subscribing to our twitter feed where most of these issues are mentioned @KingswoodAcad.

If I do not see you before the break, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Whether you will be celebrating Christmas as a religious festival, or as a time to celebrate and spend time with family and friends, I hope you enjoy the holiday.

Regards

**Mr A Burton, Principal**

## **Student Leadership Team Meeting**

We completed our first full Student Leadership Team meeting with 40 students representing all year groups across the Academy. This is a huge step forward for the student voice and how it can influence the operation of our Academy and contribute to our improvement journey. Your Academy Ambassadors want to hear from you on student improvement strategies to make this an outstanding Academy for us all, so please talk to them and pass on your ideas.

We now have a fully elected team of student leaders headed up by Kieran McNamee, Head Boy, and Freya Serdet, Head Girl, who will head up the student council, Ben Porter as Deputy Head Boy will head up the community and charity team, and Steph Gore as Deputy Head Girl will head up the safety, wellbeing and anti-bullying team. I am delighted to have this fully operational team and look forward to seeing their impact over the next few months.

One additional agenda item was discussed – the Christmas jumper day. The Student Leadership Team put forward a proposal that the final day should be a mufti day to include the Christmas jumper event. After much discussion and the consideration of a number of eloquently written submissions it was agreed that the proposal for mufti would be accepted.

**Mr M Van Lier**  
**Deputy Principal**

### **Mufti Day**

**Tuesday 20 December 2016**

**Confirmed by the Student Council**

Pupils will be allowed to wear mufti and a Christmas jumper on the last day of term for a donation of £1.

Prizes will be allocated by Mr Burton for the best jumper in the Academy. However pupils should please remember that it is still a day for learning so they must ensure they have all their normal books and equipment.



### ***NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY!***

**Thursday 8 December 2016      4.00pm - 6.00pm**  
**Corby Boating Lake Cafe**

Visit Corby Boating Lake Cafe to share your woodland stories over tea and cake on National Tree-Planting Day, and if you want to really get involved at 4.45pm you can help local children and the Mayor plant a tree too! Stories are being collected about trees and woods for the Woodland Trust, who are creating a Tree Charter packed with stories and memories sent in by people from all over the UK. The idea is to safeguard trees for future generations. Visit [TreeCharter.uk](http://TreeCharter.uk) to find out more. Your stories can be brief thoughts or longer reflections. Some stories the Trust has already received should give you a flavour.

***“I love Corby’s woods because they are the heart of Corby and from the heart comes love.”***

***“Being in any of the woods near me gives me a break from the fast fanatic lives we humans live - it connects me again to my surroundings/natural environment, brings me peace, a sense of calm and grandness.”***

***“I spent many happy hours as a child in woods creating imaginary worlds with my friends - I still enjoy escaping to the woods now - they are a sanctuary for me.”***

*The Trust looks forward to welcoming you to Corby’s urban woodlands on National Tree Planting Day.*



## STOP TERRORISTS' & EXTREMISTS' ONLINE PRESENCE

Counter Terrorism Awareness Week ran from Monday 28 November to Sunday 4 December and was designed to raise awareness about the different types of terrorism and how to report suspected terrorism or radicalisation.

The National Counter Terrorism Unit has launched its red button campaign to enable members of the public to report online terrorist and extremist material directly to the CTIRU, who will then consider whether the material needs removing.

All reports of illegal terrorist information, pictures or videos found on the internet will be treated anonymously.

For further information or to report terrorist or extremist material, visit <https://www.gov.uk/report-terrorism>

### OUTWARD BOUND TO ABERDOVEY

Last week, six Kingswood Secondary Academy pupils attended the Outward Bound trip to Aberdovey, Wales. The trip was a great success and all of the pupils were a credit to themselves and the Academy. Pupils took part in water activities which were based at the specialist wharf facility, while expeditions and rock climbing took place in quiet, remote mountains and sea cliffs close to the centre.



The Outward Bound Trust is an educational charity that uses the outdoors to help develop young people from all walks of life. The pupils who attended the week long course worked closely with Outward Bound leaders and DHL mentors who helped them to develop essential life skills such as: setting and achieving goals, listening and communicating effectively, facing a challenge with determination, co-operation and collaboration and effective leadership skills.

A huge well done to Brandon Tierney, Liam Pyper, Marko Kukic, Tilley-Ann Goodwin, Kyra-Louise Ilbrey and Abbey McGinty for completing the course.

### SHINING A SPOTLIGHT ON ANTI-BULLYING

Following on from the anti-bullying week on 14 — 18 November, when we took a stand against bullying across the Academy, we are encouraging everyone to take action by reporting bullying by :

- Email : [ksa-antibullying@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org](mailto:ksa-antibullying@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org)
- posting a note in the anti-bullying post box situated in Pupil Reception
- telling a form tutor, head of year or deputy head of year.



The anti-bullying theme this year is '**Power for Good**'

## WARNING—FAKE FACEBOOK ACCOUNTS

We have been asked by Northamptonshire Police to contact parents about fake Facebook accounts. As an Academy, we do constantly remind pupils that they must take care when interacting with 'friends' online; just because someone says they are 15 with a photo on their profile page does not necessarily make it so. Indeed this is exactly the case regarding two recent fake accounts.

If any pupil has been contacted through Facebook by a Danielle Barnes or Sophie Brookes then the Police would like to know. Pupils should speak to either Mr Van Lier, Mrs Hakobyan or Mr Burton who will put them in touch with DC Karen Bailey at the Police. Pupils will not be in trouble but these two people are not female teenagers.



## ONLINE SAFETY

You don't need to be a technical expert to protect your child on the internet. Below are some very simple steps to get you started.

### What should I do if I'm worried about my child's safety online?

- Talk to your child about the websites that they use. By understanding and involving yourself in their internet use, you're helping to keep them safe
- Be positive about the internet and remember that it is a fantastic learning and communication tool
- Try not to overreact to minor issues. If your child worries that you may take away their internet access, they could become secretive and hide problems from you
- Keep PCs, laptops and games consoles out of bedrooms wherever possible. Having the laptop in a family room makes it easier for you to monitor your child's internet use, whilst still giving them privacy

Set clear ground rules and expectations for your child's online behaviour. If they understand what is and isn't acceptable, it may help them to navigate any problems in the future

### Safe use of technology booklet

Information and advice for parents and carers around the safe use of technology is available to download. Please paste the following into your browser :

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/help-and-protection-for-children/protecting-children-information-for-parents-and-carers/Documents/ParentCarerIAGBooklet.pdf>

or alternatively click the link on the Academy website under 'Online Safety' to access ' Safe use of technology—parent and carer booklet'.

### Where can I find more online safety information

[www.parentinfo.org](http://www.parentinfo.org) provides up-to date, expert information for parents on a range of concerns

[www.bullying.co.uk/cyberbullying](http://www.bullying.co.uk/cyberbullying) has a range of advice and support about cyber-bullying

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents) is an award-winning on and offline safety programme with resources for parents

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk) has resources for parents and carers

[www.callersmart.com](http://www.callersmart.com) helping parents and carers better understand the issues surrounding cyber-bullying and how to help their children should they become a victim

[www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware) has advice on keeping children safe

## OUTSTANDING WORK FROM HUMANITIES

The following two outstanding pieces of work were recently handed into the Humanities department and are well worth being published :

Why? Why do we fight? To get revenge? On who? How? What is to be learned? War causes the loss of so many innocent lives—young and old. Surely there is a better way to settle these arguments. But why? Why kill so many guiltless children, brave soldiers, their lives—short or long—stolen by the hand of death. The helpless elders snatched away by the trigger of an unforgiving rifle. If we just put down the weapons, land the planes then many fortunate lives will be saved. So why? Why do we fight? Why do we fight when we could negotiate or compromise? Why do we fight when peace could lie comfortably across the world like a fleecy blanket of warmth bringing a smile to everyone's face. So why? Why do we fight?

**Antonia Haycocks 7LJC**

I have a dream, to become war free. We are all human, we are no different, so why don't we prosper as one instead of watching each other burn in fear.

I have a dream, that little children and adults don't have to be scared about being bombed every time we hear a plane. We must come together and become bigger, better and brighter.

I have a dream that we don't dominate other people because of skin colour and race and religion. We must not bring death to our own kind.

I have a dream that we do not dominate our natural resources, to hurt, harm and kill one another.

I have a dream to live a fear free life.

**Rylee Easton 7SAL**

## BODY POSITIVITY FASHION SHOW

As part of their Business course, a group of A level pupils were asked to organise an event. On Thursday 17 November the group ran a 'Body Positivity' fashion show in the Atrium from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. The pupils decided on this particular theme, as they believed young people feel self-conscious about their bodies and the way they look. Therefore, they wanted to get the message across that everyone is beautiful. Overall, 40 people attended the event, alongside local business 'Salonista'. The event was very successful making a huge profit of £201 for the chosen charity 'Body Gossip'.



'Body Gossip' is a charity which helps promote self-esteem in young people and the group believe it is a truly great cause. Visit [www.bodygossip.org](http://www.bodygossip.org) for more information.

## WELL DONE—STACEY !

We are very proud of Stacey Clegg, one of our Year 13 Art students, who has had two of her textile art pieces selected for a Northamptonshire schools competition which will be open to the public from 10.00am — 4.00pm on 2 — 15 December 2016 at the Avenue Gallery, and Maidwell Reception, Avenue Campus, University of Northampton, NN2 6JD. Well done Stacey!

## TRIP TO PENYEM, GAMBIA—2018

As many of you will be aware, over the years we have supported 'The Northampton Trustee Fund', a charity that raises money for a village in The Gambia to provide education and healthcare. Many pupils have taken the opportunity to visit Penyem Village in The Gambia, to experience their way of life and to take part in the charity work. Many of our feeder schools, including those in the Greenwood Academies Trust, have supported this charity, therefore many younger pupils know of the work undertaken to support them.

As this is an incredible opportunity to experience the way of life in a lower income country, and having taken pupils to Penyem in recent years, I would like to gain support to take some pupils in February 2018. The trip will be open to those pupils in year 12 or 13 (our current year 11 and 12) at that time. Due to the nature of the trip numbers will be limited, therefore I would like to hear from you if you would like to go on the trip or help with the charity fund raising. To express your interest please email me: [fcommons@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org](mailto:fcommons@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org).

I look forward to hearing from you ! Mrs F Commons, Humanities.



## FRANKENSTEIN

Year13 BTEC pupils are performing Frankenstein on Thursday 15 December 2016. The performance will be in the main theatre starting at 7.00pm and finish at approximately 8.15pm. Tickets are £3.00 and can be obtained from the EPA office at the Academy.

We look forward to seeing you at this very interesting production!



## YEAR 7 and 8 CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION—£10 PRIZE !

A Christmas Card competition is being held for Years 7 and 8 only, to design a Christmas card with the theme being **CHRISTMAS IN CORBY**.

Any media can be used and the card must be no larger than A5 size. The design should reflect something of what Christmas might mean to them and/or living in Corby. All entries must be handed in to Mrs Evans in the Art Department by Tuesday 13 December 3.00pm.

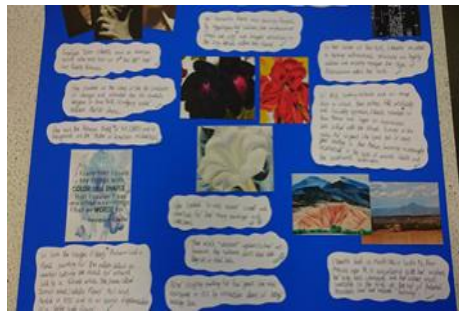
The winning entry will receive a £10 art prize judged by Mr Van Lier and Mrs Hakobyan.

## ART OF THE WEEK

Recently we have been blown away with the artistic efforts of some of Year 7 pupils' Art homework. The pupils were asked to research and create a presentation on the artist Georgia O'Keeffe. Please see a selection below which are truly impressive :



By Aimee Hosier



By Samuel Rattigan



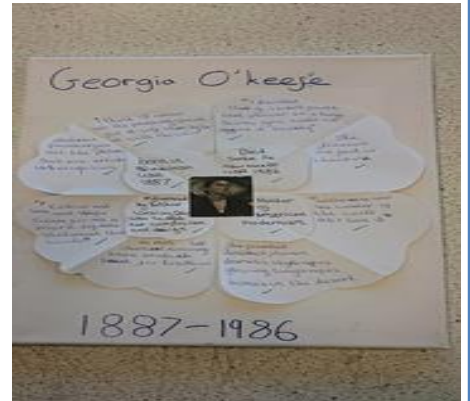
By Shreyma Sharma



By Ellie Burgess



By Erin Davidson



By Finlay Johnston

## VACANCY

### Physical Education Teaching Assistant Apprentice (Advanced)

The above role is Sport specific supporting the Physical Education lessons by:

- working with small groups of pupils under the supervision of the class teacher
- planning and delivering learning activities under the direction of a teacher
- supervising children and young people on journeys, visits and activities outside of the setting.

For a full job specification and how to apply please visit the website below or alternatively click the link on the Academy website.

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-51357>



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