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Diary Dates

Tuesday 2 February
Parent Forum

Wednesday 3 February
Year 9 Options Evening

Thursday 4 February
Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 4 February
Science ISA

Monday 8th February
Year 11 Men ACWY vaccinations

Wednesday 10 February
Year 9 Parents' Evening



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24 HOUR ABSENCE PHONE LINE

Years 7 — 11: 01536 747771

Sixth Form: 01536 424816

The above absence numbers are available 24 hours a day. Please keep these numbers handy and easy to access. Please do not telephone the normal school number as this may cause a delay in the absence being logged.

Messages from the Principal

We are now approaching the half-term break with lots of wonderful things happening here at Kingswood. I was delighted to attend the recent Primary school sports events hosted here and run by our staff and Young Sports Leaders. It was fantastic to see the current, and hopefully future, pupils of Kingswood working together and enjoying themselves. Our Young Enterprise team was also very successful in its recent endeavours and a more comprehensive report will be included in a future newsletter.

I would also like to provide a bit of clarity regarding some reports we have been receiving about some of the Academy's procedures. The uniform requirements have not changed at all since January. If you have been told that pupils are no longer allowed to bring coats to the Academy then somebody is not being honest with you! To clear up any misunderstanding we want our pupils to wear proper coats to and from the Academy, particularly during the winter. Pupils may wear their coats outside of the Academy building and remove them when inside the Academy building. We do not allow hoodies to be worn in or around the Academy at all; if hoodies are seen then they are likely to be confiscated and only returned at the end of the Academy day.

There may also have been a little confusion regarding cars and parents picking up and dropping off pupils before and after school. We have listened to those parents and pupils who have expressed a view to us on this matter. Parents may continue to drop pupils off inside the Academy gates before the start of the day, this does not cause the Academy any major problems as parents tend to drop their sons/daughters off then leave the site. We shall though keep the gates locked for the afternoon pick-up. We have experienced significant congestion with some parents arriving early and parking whilst waiting for school to end. This causes problems with our buses entering and leaving the site and overall congestion levels etc; consequently we have had several near misses where pupils have almost been injured by the increased traffic. Parents of disabled pupils will continue to be allowed to come on site to pick up their sons/daughters.

I trust this newsletter finds you well and wish our parents and pupils a restful half-term. The term running up to Easter will be an important one especially for our Year 11 and 6th Form pupils as they begin preparing in earnest for their summer exams.

Regards

Andy Burton
Principal

YEAR 9 OPTIONS INFORMATION EVENING WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY

Recently you will have received an invitation letter regarding the above information evening when all Year 9 pupils are participating in an options guidance programme and should be in a position to make informed choices after discussions with parents. The evening will include a formal presentation in the Main Hall and, in addition, curriculum leaders from each Faculty will be available to answer any questions you may have about their subjects.

The options presentation will be repeated in the Main Hall at 5:00 pm and 5:45 pm. Faculty staff and displays will be in the Art and Science areas from 5.00 pm until 7.00 pm.

YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 4:30 PM TO 7:00 PM

A reminder that Kingswood Secondary Academy uses an online appointment system for parents' evenings. By using this you will be able to make an appointment direct with each of the subject teachers. The website can be accessed via the link at the bottom of the Academy Website main page. To access this you will require the login details which would have been sent to you very recently.

Please choose the 'Year 11 parents' evening 2016' and follow the on-screen instructions for making appointments. You will be able to access the Year 11 Parents' evening booking link until midnight on Wednesday 3 February. If you are unable to use this system please contact the Year 11 office directly to make an appointment.

LOST PROPERTY CLEAR OUT!

We have a huge amount of unclaimed garments, and other items, in our Student Services lost property area. Items include branded jackets/coats/hoodies as well as other items such as prescription glasses.

Please ask your child to visit the lost property in our Student Services area to ask if there are any items there that they have previously lost/mislaid. **We would also like to give parents/carers, the opportunity to come to the Academy and check through our collection. You are welcome to view these items from Monday 8 to Friday 12 February from 3:15 pm to 6:00 pm in our main reception.**

Lost property not claimed by the end of the day on Friday 12 February will be disposed of.

USEFUL FORMS

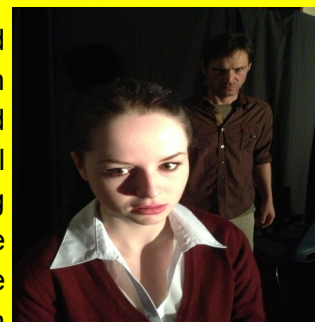
Below please see a list of administration forms available to download from our website. Any form must be completed and received by the Academy before any specific request is processed. Please visit the Academy home page to access this:

- **Biometric Consent Form**
- **Biometric Policy**
- **Data Collection Form**
- **Free School Meals Application Form**
- **PE Consent Form**
- **Photo Consent**
- **Transport Application Form**
- **Uniform Order Form**
- **Holiday Form**

CHELSEA'S CHOICE

We are very pleased to advise that the theatre company 'AlterEgo' presented a drama named 'Chelsea's Choice' to the whole of Year 8 on the afternoon of Friday 29 January.

The drama is an innovative and powerful production which highlights the very serious and emotional issue of child sexual exploitation. It shows how young people, boys and girls, are groomed by adults for the purposes of sexual exploitation using various methods. The audience gained a better understanding of the devastating impact that sexual exploitation has on a young person's life and gave them some skills and knowledge to be able to protect themselves from this form of abuse.



INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS AVAILABLE

We have a couple of spaces for instrumental lessons. There is currently one space for Guitar (with our new teacher Mr Hutchinson) and one space for Woodwind (flute or clarinet).

Lessons take place once a week, and cost £35 per term. Please contact Teresa Robertson for further information.

MUSIC FEE REMINDER

A reminder that payment for term 3 music lessons is now due, therefore please progress payment if this has not already been done. Thank you to those that have already paid.

GUITAR LESSONS POSTPONED

We have been informed that there will not be any Guitar lessons for the next few weeks until a replacement for Mr Andrade can be organised. We are doing everything possible to keep this gap to a minimum, so please bear with us. All lesson time will be made up during the year, so payments will be carried forward. We will keep you informed of any other additional changes.

Teresa Robertson

GUITAR CLUB

Jack would like to pass on to students that KS3/4 guitar club is back on Thursday at 3:00 pm in MU1. Any new guitarists interested in joining the club can also turn up on Thursday (after having obtained permission from parents of course!).

Dave Robertson

LIVE LOUNGE . . .

'Live Lounge' is an annual concert run by the Year 11 BTEC Music group as part of their course. It is where pupils are given the opportunity to play/sing a cover version of a song to a paying audience. The experience encourages working together, listening to other views, and gives experience with planning and decision making.

As you can see by the poster on the left, auditions are planned, then the selection process and finally acts chosen. Pupils help raise funds for the running of the show by carrying out various money raising activities and this money goes towards the likes of (if sufficient raised) printed T-shirts to give a professional look. Finally any extra money raised will be donated to a chosen charity.

The show is scheduled for the week before Easter and, if previous Live Lounge shows are anything to go by, will be to a high standard and well worth the entry ticket cost.

Good luck to all involved and WATCH THIS SPACE!

For any additional information, please speak to a member of the Year 11 BTEC music group.

Any style of music

Singers

Bands

Soloists

Instrumentalists

Year 7-Sixth Form

LIVE LOUNGE 2016 AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held in January!

MADE IN CORBY— OPEN AUDITIONS

This year the production for Made in Corby 2016 is 'Danny Hero'. Written by Timothy Knapman and Laurence Mark Wythe, Danny Hero is a fantastic, heart-warming, feel-good musical about a teenage boy called Danny McIntyre. Danny lives with his mum in a council flat in a town with a glorious past, but an uncertain future. Though where Danny really lives is in his imagination, in a vivid fantasy world where he is a superhero, sent from across the universe to protect the people of planet Earth.



Open auditions will be held during April and May to find young people from Corby borough (school years 9 and above) to play some of the lead roles. This may therefore be of interest to our performing arts pupils! Here are details of parts being auditioned :

The Teenagers — Danny McIntyre is a teenage schoolboy who dreams of being a superhero — he writes and draws his own superhero comics but does not fit in well with his classmates and is a bit of a worry to his mum. He sometimes appears as the superhero Danny Hero.

Kyra — Danny's best, and only, school friend and the object of his romantic yearning. She's drawn to him too. Kyra is a kind, resourceful and strong teenage girl, she plays Danny Hero's superhero ally Princess Brilliant.

Lee — An outsider, recently arrived at school, perhaps from London, handsome, charming but secretly bullied by his Dad, insecure and capable of cruelty towards others.

Abigail, Sasha and Harrison — three classmates, two girls and a boy, full of fun and a little bit of mischief.

Other school kids — they will also be ensemble in other chorus scenes. Maximum of 6.

During February there will be a read-through of Act 1 to give people a sneak peek at the show and help prepare for the auditions, this will be held at The Core on Monday 22 February at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are just £3.50 from www.thecorecorby.co.uk or by calling the box office on 01536 470470.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

We would like to remind pupils who cook during their food technology lessons to please remember to collect it at the end of the day. On many occasions cooked food is left, which then has to be thrown away.

It is a pity that it has to go to waste when the fruits of the pupils' labour could be seen and also enjoyed at home so please remind your child to bring their items home.