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## Diary Dates

**Monday 7 — Friday 11 December**

Sixth Form Trial Exams

**Thursday 10 December**

Christmas Fair and Show

Fair 5.00 pm — 7.00 pm and Show 7.00 pm — 9.00 pm

**Wednesday 16 December 2015**

Christmas lunch



**Wednesday 9 December 2015**

## 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.



### MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRINCIPAL—ANDREW BURTON

From January I shall be taking up the permanent position of Principal at Kingswood. It's an exciting time to be taking up the reins, with lots of work to do, and I will write to all parents and guardians early in the New Year with more information.

I would like to express my thanks to the outgoing Acting Principal, Tony Meneagh, for the excellent job he has done seeing the school through to my start date.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year; I look forward to working with you all in the coming months and years.

**Andrew Burton**

## CHRISTMAS BREAK

We break up for our Christmas holidays at the usual time of 3.00 pm on Friday 18 December 2015. This last day of term is a non-uniform day when pupils will be allowed to wear a Christmas jumper, or something 'festive', for a donation of £2. The proceeds of which will be donated to charity.

As is the tradition at the Kingswood Secondary Academy, there will be entertainment for the pupils on the last day of term, courtesy of the Academy staff, and we hope everyone enjoys this piece of fun.

The staff at Kingswood would like to wish a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all. **The Academy re-opens to pupils at the usual time on Monday 4 January 2016.**



## VISIT FROM HUMANUTOPIA

The Humanutopia team are a group of people who visit schools to work with pupils. They help pupils deal with emotional issues, bullying, tolerance and address many issues and discuss personal and social barriers to assist pupils with their learning. They work very hard with groups of pupils to bring these issues to the surface and to confront them. The goal is to ultimately help raise aspirations, motivate and unlock potential.



Humanutopia visited the school on Thursday 19 November to work with Year 8 pupils on these very issues. This involved the whole year group and was a very intense, sometimes upsetting, but ultimately very rewarding day. Through role play, group work, teamwork and individual confidence building they helped pupils to understand and confront a range of issues. The leader, Steve, is highly skilled at working with large groups of pupils and is very engaging. The pupils and staff involved found it highly intensive work, but ultimately a very heart-warming and rewarding day.

Hopefully, these experiences will help the pupils to be more aware of and understand problems and issues which were worked through. Year 8 were fantastic – as were the Humanutopia team.

Well done and a huge thank you to everyone involved!



## *Christmas Fair and Show*

Just to remind you that the Christmas Fair and Show is being held on Thursday 10 December, the fair to be held from 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm and the show 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm.

Tickets are now on sale and we hope that the event will be well supported. We look forward to seeing you there.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

A traditional Christmas lunch will be on offer to pupils and staff on Wednesday 6 December 2015 during Break 2.

The cost is the usual meal deal price of £2.25 which includes a drink.

Our catering staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Menu*

Main course:  
Traditional Christmas meal or Corn roast

Dessert:  
Christmas pudding or an ice cream Christmas tree dessert

## CYBER SMART

With the increase in the popularity and use of the Internet it has quickly become an essential part of daily life. The Internet is used for emailing, playing games, file sharing, social networking and much more. While these are all beneficial and exciting ways of keeping in touch with friends and family, there are always risks involved.

It is important to be aware that :

- People might not always be what they seem
- Spam or junk emails may hold viruses that could harm your computer
- What you put online is widely available for others to see
- Never give out any personal details to anyone you meet whilst on the Internet
- Never agree to meet up with anyone you don't already know
- Never reply to any spam or junk emails that you have received
- Do not accept friend requests or reply to emails or messages from people you don't know
- Do not post or send offensive messages, emails or pictures
- When downloading files make sure they are from a trusted source and only do so with permission
- Do not share your usernames and passwords

## VIVO MILES

Vivo is the reward scheme used here at Kingswood Secondary Academy. Pupils are awarded points for a range of positive reasons including:

- Excellent class work
- Participating in extra curricular activities
- Completing excellent/outstanding homework
- Making a valuable contribution to a lesson
- Making more than expected progress
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Pupils can build up their Vivo points and exchange them for a huge choice of gifts from the online vShop and can also opt for other rewards such as a queue jump pass for the Academy canteen or they can turn their points into a donation to charity.

### **Why is Vivo so beneficial to my child?**

**Early personal finance lessons** : Vivo is designed in such a way that it looks and feels to pupils a lot like their first bank account. With the currency being the 'Vivo' and good old fashioned hard work being the way to earn 'Vivos'.

**Encourages giving to charity** : Vivo Miles allows pupils to donate the Vivos they earn in school to charities of their choice, empowering them and educating them at the same time. It is an incredibly rewarding feeling for pupils to work hard for their Vivos so that they can help others in need.

**League tables and competitions** : The Academy uses Vivo Miles to encourage healthy competition between pupils and houses. It is a fun and more up to date way to engage and stimulate students to go the extra mile, and it's got that all important cool factor!

The chart below shows the top pupils, their year and the points awarded. A big Well Done and keep up the good work !

If you would like further information regarding the Vivo Miles, please visit the Academy website and click the link at the bottom of the homepage.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to the pupils listed below who, after more than a thousand pupils voted, have triumphed to earn their places on the Student Council. By the time you read this we will have held our first meeting of the year, and be working toward helping to make Kingswood Secondary Academy the best it possibly can be. As well as helping the Academy, it is also very good experience for individual pupils and looks great on a CV!

**Year 7 Scott Gavin and Emma-Jane Pritchard**

**Year 8 Adam MacNeil and Leona Atkins**

**Year 9 Aiden Hunt and Ella Hill**

**Year 10 Tommy Doherty and Ruvimbo Gombedza**

**Year 11 Lucas Macleod and Faye Webb**

### **COMMUNITY USE OF THE ACADEMY FACILITIES**

At Kingswood we strive to build relationships with local residents and, to help achieve that, members of the public may apply to hire any of our sporting facilities after school and during weekends.

The facilities include Dance studios, Sports Hall and weather pitches. If any club or group would like to hire any of our facilities please contact Sean Davidson on 01536 424802, who will be more than happy to assist. Each club will need to sign the Academy lettings risk assessment, community use policy and have their own public liability insurance in place.

All lets are charged per hour with part hour sessions being charged at the hourly rate.

	<b>1 Hour</b>	<b>2 Hour</b>	<b>3 Hour</b>
Astro complete	50	70	100
Astro partial	22	35	45
Sports Hall	50	80	100
Main Hall	40	60	80
Atrium	40	60	80
Workshops	40	60	80
Classrooms	25	30	35

### **Lost Property**

There is a large number of unclaimed garments and items, in our lost property. If any pupil has lost an item please ask them to check with Student Services as it may have been handed in.

We have quite a few pairs of prescription glasses, a large variety of jackets, school jumpers etc, therefore it is definitely worth checking whether a lost item has been handed in. Please ensure that the name of your child is added to any clothing item to assist in the return of any lost items.