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Diary Dates

Monday 9 — Friday 13 November
Year 11 mock exams

Wednesday 11 November
6th Form Open Evening — 6.00pm— 8.00 pm

Tuesday 17 November
Year 7 Parent Information Evening 5.30 pm — 6.30 pm

Tuesday 24 November
Year 8 Parent Information Evening 5.30 pm — 6.30 pm



Monday 9 November 2015

24 HOUR ABSENCE PHONE LINE

Years 7—11: 01536 747771

Sixth Form: 01536 424816



If your child is absent from school, it is essential that you call the relevant absence number. This will ensure the absence is recorded promptly by an attendance manager. Please do not telephone the normal school number as this may cause a delay in the absence being logged. The above numbers are available 24 hours a day. Please keep these numbers handy and easy to access.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

The NSPCC and O2 have joined forces to help parents and families in the UK learn how to keep children safe online.

A free helpline has been launched where you can access advice from experts on the following topics:

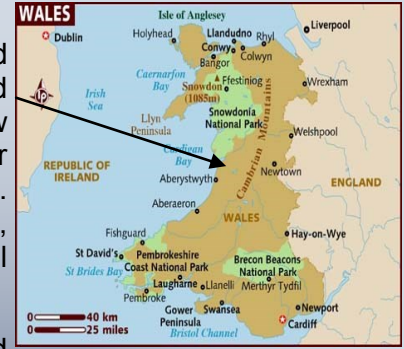
- ⇒ Setting up parental controls on your computer or other devices
- ⇒ Help adjusting privacy settings
- ⇒ Understanding social networks
- ⇒ Concerns about online gaming
- ⇒ App advice
- ⇒ Online bullying
- ⇒ Downloading
- ⇒ Strangers online
- ⇒ Online addiction
- ⇒ Paying for extras
- ⇒ and much more.....



Helpline opening times:

- Monday – Friday: 9.00 am to 7.00 pm
- Saturday & Sunday: 10.00 am to 6.00 pm
- Bank Holidays: 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

WALES OUTWARD BOUND TRIP



On Monday 12 October a group of pupils took part in a five-day outward bound course in West Wales to participate in outdoor activities designed to develop self-confidence, social skills and to experience new challenges. The pupils were really looking forward to their trip. For many, it was the first time they had been away without their parents. Joining us on the bus were pupils from the Weston Favell Academy and, initially, there was little interaction between the pupils. However, they all soon became friends.

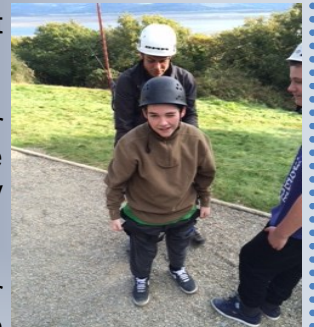
Shortly after arrival all pupils were expected to complete the 'run and dip', which consisted of a one mile jog followed by fully submersing themselves into the sea. There was the usual 'I'm not doing that' response, but I am proud to say that after encouragement by the instructors they all completed the tasks and were very proud of themselves, as they had pushed well beyond any previous boundaries.



Throughout the trip there were plenty of tests of stamina and courage. All the pupils were asked to jump off Aberdovey Pier straight into the sea. Even non swimmers took part and this proved a great success. Again the instructors were proactive and led from the front. Others were asked to complete the commando crawl, this is where a rope is strung out between two points, again across the very cold sea, with the pupils being required to lay on the rope and pull themselves across. The star of this show was Anthony O'Gormley who managed the most spectacular dismount of all the youngsters, completing a full 360 degree spin en route to the sea.

Other points of note were the 'death jump' where they were required to climb a 30ft pole, stand on the very top, leap towards the trapeze bar and catch it. There is a rumour that Chipperfield's Circus is recruiting Jordan Darby who completed the most spectacular jump!

Another day was spent kayaking on the open sea and this proved very difficult for some. One young lady managed to go round in circles for about an hour until the offer of a tow was given as the tide was rapidly going out. This was a great day out and all enjoyed it.



I am happy to say that the pupils had a great time, behaviour was good, and their morale and 'can do' attitude really shone through. Lasting friendships were made and they learned a lot about themselves in this short period of time.

All in all, this was an excellent trip and it has to be said that the Outward Bound Staff were absolutely excellent and managed the pupils with great professionalism.

Sean Davison
Business Manager

SEVERE WEATHER

In the event of severe weather, every effort will be made to keep the school open as normal. There are, however, circumstances when a school has no other reasonable option but to close. If this is the case it will be announced on our website www.kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org by 7.15am on the day of closure.

We encourage parents to use our website as the first port of call. However we will also make any announcement of closure at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures.

If we have to close during the Academy day, due to extreme weather conditions, all pupils who have returned a written emergency closure parental consent form will be sent home. Year 7 pupils, new starters and pupils in other year groups who have not returned a consent form will be issued with a letter during tutor time. Please return this form as soon as possible.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

During their English lessons, year 7 students were asked to write about their first impressions of Kingswood Secondary Academy, here are a few of them.

Oliver Hackett

I've met loads of new friends and have learned loads while having a great time. All the teachers have supported me through this.

Kiera Cielland

When I first started I was over excited, yet when I walk through the doors I got a big shiver.

Daniel Dos Santos

The first term of Kingswood was very good. We did all sorts of fun things and I would say that this is the best school I have been to.

Dragana Zelnic

The school has been very welcoming, helpful and has helped me reach my targets. The school have also made me fit in and have been very respectful.

Katie McGeachie

I loved my first term here because all the teachers were really nice and kind and very helpful. I enjoyed all the lessons especially PE and Art.

Information for Parents - Vivo Miles Rewards

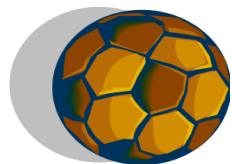
Vivo Miles is the new reward scheme used here at Kingswood Secondary Academy.

Students 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

Pupils can build up their Vivo points and exchange them for a huge choice of gifts from the online vShop. Pupils 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.

A link to the site is now located at the bottom of our Academy website. Log in to find out more.



KINGSWOOD SECONDARY ACADEMY

Sports Club Timetable – Term 2

Venue	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School – Sports Hall	Table Tennis with Corby TT Club				
Break 2 – Sports Hall		Year 7 Lunchtime Basketball Club PH		Table Tennis with Corby TT Club	
AFTER SCHOOL					
Main Hall				Table Tennis with Corby TT Club	
Astro / Field		Girls Football RLA Year 7 Boys Football PH	Year 7 & 8 Boys Rugby PH		
Netball Courts		Netball ACO			
Sports Hall	Badminton SmashUp! OG	Boxing Club MGA Basketball Club DW		Year 7 & 8 Boys Basketball PH Year 9 & 10 Girls Basketball HCO	
CV Suite					

Please note, the Kingswood Secondary Academy PE Kit must be worn for all after school clubs. Clubs will run from 3.00 pm—4.00 pm, so please make arrangements to ensure a safe return home for your child when the club finishes.

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.

STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

Staff email addresses:

- * Initial of forename
- * Full surname
- * @kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org

Eg. An email addresses to Joe Bloggs would be :
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For a full staff list please visit the Academy website.