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Tuesday 10 May 2016

Diary Dates

Thursday 12 May
Year 10 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 17 May
Parent Forum

Thursday 19 May
Year 8 Parents' Evening



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.

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

We are in the last stages of preparing our pupils for their exams, and whilst this is a stressful time for all of us (pupils, parents and staff!), we continue to do our best to ensure the pupils get the results their endeavours deserve.

Wayne Norrie, the CEO of the Trust, recently wrote to all staff empathising with the stresses and strains we all feel in education at this time of year. He also pointed out that whilst results are important, as the CEO he also looks at the critical work we do on a daily basis enabling our students to realise their potential. I would endorse this message. Of course the results are important, but we judge the success of our Academy on a much broader range of criteria, some of which you will read about later in this newsletter, the success of the girls' football team being an excellent example.



I hope you enjoy reading about our pupils and life at the Academy.

Regards

Mr A Burton
Principal

Would you like to help further improve Kingswood so that it is even better for your child?

Then why not join our

Parent Forum

The purpose of our Parent Forum is to provide the opportunity for parents/carers and the Academy to exchange information, share points of view and speak into a broad range of matters concerning the education of pupils at Kingswood, thereby helping to make Kingswood the best it possibly can be. The Forum is open to anyone with a child currently attending the Academy.



The next meeting is on Tuesday 17 May 2016 at 5.30 pm. New members are always welcome.

YEAR 11 INFORMATION

Y11 Study Leave.

After carefully looking at how the examinations fall this year and what we believe will most support pupils to achieve the best outcomes, we have decided that Year 11 Study Leave will begin on Monday 13 June 2016. Therefore normal lessons will continue up to the end of Term 5 and for the first school week of Term 6. On Monday 13 June and after this day we will only expect Year 11 pupils to be in school for their examinations and associated examination preparation sessions.

Examination Preparation Sessions:

Before every Year 11 examination there will be an Examination Preparation Session. During these sessions pupils will be provided with crucial last minute advice and guidance. Obviously all the required content needs to have been learnt previously through revision but these preparation sessions are excellent for reminding pupils of key points, do's and don'ts, how to manage their time, which questions are compulsory, particular points that the examiners are looking for and so forth.

If the examination is in the morning then the examination preparation session will run from 8.30 am – 9.15 am. These sessions will take place in the faculty area. The proper examination will start at 9.30 am.

If the examination is in the afternoon then the examination preparation session will run from 1.00 pm – 1.45 pm. These sessions will take place in the faculty area. The proper examination will start at 2.00 pm.

A few practicalities:

- Equipment – a black pen (calculator for Maths & Science)
- Mobile phones and smart watches are strictly prohibited and have to be surrendered
- Pupils will be in uniform for all examinations
- Punctuality is essential – You must be on time for your examination. This won't be a problem if pupils have attended the Examination Preparation Session prior to the exam.

Celebration BBQ:

It has become our tradition to have a celebratory BBQ following the last big examination when the whole year group is in school. This year, this will take place on Friday 17 June following the Physics examination. If pupils bring a spare shirt with them then we are very happy for signing of shirts to take place at this event, however pupils will not be allowed to write on shirts that are being worn. We would welcome any donations from pupils of jumpers and ties that are in good condition so that we can support younger pupils when they are in need.

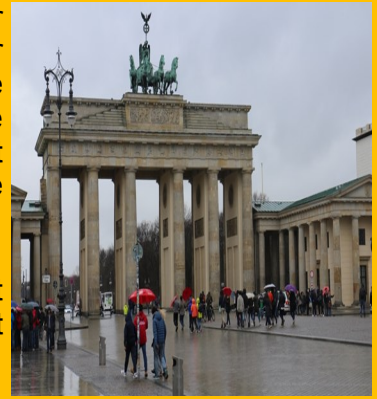
Results Day: Thursday 25 August 2016

Results can be collected in the Atrium from 9.00 am.

If you wish to make other arrangements for the collection of your child's results then please contact our Examinations Office on 01536 741857.

BERLIN TRIP

A group of our GCSE History pupils visited Berlin during the Easter holidays. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to gain a better understanding of the GCSE History unit on Nazi Germany. During the four day trip the group visited Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, the Reichstag, the Topography of Terror, a nuclear bunker, Checkpoint Charlie and the DDR museum. They had the following to say about the trip:



'Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp was a fascinating experience that truly touched me and made me realise how many innocent people lost their lives.'



"Visiting the concentration camp was such a humbling experience and it really put things into perspective for me. I also enjoyed visiting Checkpoint Charlie and the Brandenburg Gate."

"Visiting Berlin has been an amazing experience. It is such a beautiful city. Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp was such a touching and emotional experience. It is one thing to learn about the camps and events that took place but actually seeing a camp in person really made me stop and think about life and how lucky we are."

"The trip has been educational and has helped me to understand what life was like in Berlin after the Second World War as well as what life was like in Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. The trip was great."

"The visit to the Reichstag was very interesting. The visit to Checkpoint Charlie museum also interested me and helped me to understand life in the two parts of Berlin. The TV Tower had a great view."



THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOL

BBC Northampton has arranged a theatre summer school which is being hosted at Kettering's Lighthouse theatre through August. You will see from the advert opposite that the theme is 'Pictures of Our Thoughts'.

This exciting summer school venture may be of interest to some of our pupils, therefore thought we would bring it to your attention!



Dramatic Innovations presents...

'Pictures of Our Thoughts'

Theatre Summer School

1st - 19th August 2016

Age 14 - 18 years old

A fun and exciting opportunity to be trained by a highly skilled professional actor from London in devising and performing a theatre production.

On the final day, you will have the privilege of showcasing your work on the Lighthouse Theatre's main stage.

No experience necessary, just a love for theatre and a commitment to learn.

£199 for a three week course, Monday to Friday.

For more information contact the Lighthouse Theatre on 01536 41 41 41 or visit: www.lighthouse theatre.co.uk

Cycle Storage

Pupils who arrive at school on a bike are reminded to always leave it securely locked.



We suggest that bikes are left in one of the three shelters closest to the Academy as these can be clearly monitored by CCTV.

Pupils should also remember to dismount their bike as soon as they arrive at the Academy gates and walk to the cycle shelter.

HINTS AND TIPS TO HELP KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ON THE INTERNET AND SOCIAL NETWORKS

Hint No 4 — Set rules and agree boundaries

It's useful to agree on some ground rules together. These will depend on your child's age and what you feel is right for them, but you might want to consider:

- The amount of time they can spend online
- When they can go online
- The websites they can visit or activities they can take part in
- Sharing images and videos
- How to treat people online and not post anything they would not say face-to-face
- If your child plays online games:
 - check the age rating before they play
 - make sure you know who they are playing with
 - talk to them about what information is OK to share with other players
 - negotiate the amount of time they spend playing online games



This newsletter will provide more regular hints and tips - please look out for them!



Last term 'The Mezz' was a huge success! Leading up to summer we want to make it even bigger and better and showcase what talent Kingswood really has.

Auditions to perform on The Mezz will be held on Friday 13 May, which is only in a few day's time. So if you want to sing, or play from the rooftops (or at least from the top of the dance studio) then sign up to audition with Mr Roberts in the Music/Media office.

Look forward to seeing you

Mr Roberts

YEAR 11 GIRLS COUNTY CUP FINAL

Please find below the details of the Year 11 Girls County Cup final. This is the first time we have reached the final of this particular competition. If you are available the team would really appreciate your support. Thanks, Mr M Gamble

FIXTURE: NCSFA Cup Final:

Kingswood v Magdalen College

DATE: Wednesday 11 May 2016

TIME: 4.30 pm Kick Off

VENUE: NSB (NN1 5RT) on the 3G pitch.

SQUAD:

Lauren O'Connor
Taylor Scully
Millie Hosier
Jade Quaid
Molly Campbell
Jordan McIntyre
Alanah Chalmers
Leah Cruse-Carley

Ellie Borg
Tegan Gilmour
Storm Tanga
Jade Russell
Nicole O'Neill
Alex O'Neill
Maddison Ogilvie



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