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Diary Dates

Tuesday 20 October 2015

Parent Forum 5.30 pm— 6:30 pm

Wednesday 21 October

Years 10,12 and 13 Tutor Evening 5.00 pm — 7.30 pm
Please ensure an appointment is booked as noted below

Thursday 22 October

Years 7, 8 and 9 Tutor Evening 5.00 pm — 7.30 pm
Please ensure an appointment is booked as noted below

Monday 9 November to Friday 13 November

Year 11 Mock Examinations



Monday 19 October 2015

24 hours Absence Phone Line No 01536 747771

To make it easier for you to report your child's absence, the above phone number is available 24 hours a day. Please keep this number handy and easy to access if required.

PARENT TUTOR EVENINGS

This is a great opportunity to receive the first report of the year and discuss with your child's tutor how they have settled in. The Tutor evenings are being held on different nights for different year groups, as follow:

- Years 10, 12 and 13: Wednesday 21 October 2015 5.00 pm - 7.30 pm
- Years 7, 8 and 9: Thursday 22 October 2015 5.00 pm - 7.30 pm
- The year 11 tutor evening will be held on Wednesday 2 December 2015 following on from the year 11 mock exam results.

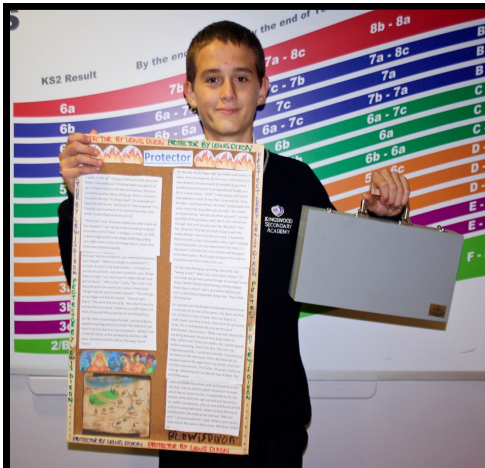
Appointments can be made via our new online system, so either click this link or paste it into your search engine: <http://kingswoodsecondaryacademy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

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 currently have quite a few pairs of prescription glasses, a variety of jackets, purple school jumpers, keys, a watch, a selection of girls' costume jewellery, headphones, a black Sistema lunch bag with bottle and a small black purse, plus other ad hoc items, therefore it is worth checking whether a lost item has been handed in.

Also, if you could please ensure that the name of your child is added to any clothing item this will assist in the return of any lost items.



CONGRATULATIONS TO LEWIS DIXON!

Lewis, who is a Year 10 pupil at our Academy, entered a story in the Art category of a competition with Service Six, a community charity in Northamptonshire — and won first prize!

Service Six gave young people of Northamptonshire a chance to shine and show their many talents. The event called ‘Talent Quest’ was held on Friday 25 September 2015 at The Cripps Theatre, Northampton School for Boys.

When asked how he felt to win the category, Lewis commented: ***“I felt really happy about writing my narrative. I was pleasantly surprised that I won as I did not know that it was entered in a competition. When I got the award I thought what a great award for someone who can’t draw— an Art set! I was very pleased”.***

YEAR 9—HISTORY TRIP TO FRANCE

On Thursday 5 November, 55 Year 9 pupils travel to the battlefields of Northern France, for a very interesting and educational few days, returning at approximately 5.00 pm on Saturday 7 November.

It is essential that those joining the trip must arrive no later than 4:15 am on 5 November as the coach departs at 4:30 am prompt. There will be no delay in departure time as it could impact the ferry crossing.

Please ensure pupils are provided with a sleeping bag, pillow case, towel, toiletries and suitable clothing ie waterproof coat and comfortable sturdy shoes as there will be a lot of walking.

The European Health Insurance Card and passport needs to be handed to Karen Martindale no later than Friday 23 October.

Look out in future newsletters for an update on how the trip went, and comments from pupils.

AUDITIONS

Spotlight Dance Company and Annie!

For pupils auditioning for a place in one of the above, please note the clubs run on the following days. Entrance is by audition only :

Spotlight Dance Company

Tuesday 3.00 pm — 4.15 pm

Annie musical

Wednesday 3.00 pm — 4.30 pm

We are still in the process of ‘re-call’ auditions to cast the main characters for Annie.

A full cast list will be announced before the end of this term.



SURPRISE TREAT !

Year 7 pupils were treated to a performance by singer and songwriter Nathan Sykes when he popped in for a surprise visit recently. The singer was in ‘The Wanted’ which sold 11 million albums worldwide, and sang to pupils as part of a reward. The treat had been arranged by their head of year, Gareth Thomas.

Sykes was part of The Wanted until the band took a hiatus in 2014. He has since released solo material which including Kiss Me Quick. Some of The Wanted’s best known hits included All Time Low, Glad You Came and Walks like Rihanna.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

At Kingswood we try to encourage all families entitled to Free School Meals to take up their entitlement. This is for three reasons:

- If a student is entitled, it is clearly in the family's interest. Free School Meals are worth £2.25 per day, or £427.50 per child per year.
- We operate a cashless catering system that enables children to have their account credited without any other student knowing.
- As a school we are concerned that all children who are entitled to Free School Meals should be receiving them.

If you receive **any** of the following benefits then your child will be entitled:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit only (Not Working Tax Credit)
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- The new Employment and Support Allowance (ESA(IR))

An application form is available at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk and on our Academy website. Alternatively, please contact us and we will send you an application form.

YEAR 10 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING—TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2015

Thank you to all parents who made it to our Year 10 information evening on Tuesday 6 October – An introduction to Key Stage 4. The feedback from parents at the end of the evening was very positive indeed, in particular the explanation of the new GCSE grading system that is being introduced nationally.



The aims of the evening were:

- ◆ To provide information regarding the structure of Key Stage 4, the new grading system, GCSEs and BTECs
- ◆ Details of how we will be supporting your child to be successful
- ◆ To identify how you can support your child during the next 18 months
- ◆ To provide an overview of the sixth form Application Process
- ◆ To provide an opportunity for you to share and discuss common issues
- ◆ To provide an opportunity for you to identify how the school could further support you and your child

A number of parents who were unable to make it on that evening, have been in contact requesting a copy of the handout. If you would like a copy then please ask your child to collect one from Mrs Glenda Forsyth or email her on gforsyth@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org when she will be happy to assist.

Jon Lawson (Assistant Principal)

YEAR 11—THUNDERBOWL PE VISITS

As part of the core Year 11 PE curriculum, we have arranged for the pupils to visit the New York Thunderbowl in Kettering during their PE lessons for 6 weeks next term, dates of which are Tuesday 3, 17 and 24 November and 1, 8 and 15 December. The Academy is subsidising the visits, but to enable us to go ahead we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £12 which will cover the 6 weeks.



Please ensure that the form which has been sent to parents is returned, as requested, to the school in an envelope marked P E Bowling and handed to Student Services.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Dave Wonfor at the Academy.



Mum and Dad at work?
No one home after school?

Stop!
We can help!

Kingswood Secondary Academy runs 'After School Clubs' for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 on:

Monday	3.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Tuesday	3.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Wednesday	3.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Thursday	3.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

A variety of activities takes place including 'Movie Monday', homework support groups, use of computers or just socialising with friends amongst other things. If you are interested, please collect a consent form from Student Services to be completed by a Parent/Guardian and returned to Jo Ross, After School Club Co-ordinator, at the Academy.

MUSIC AFTER SCHOOL

Tuesday - Orchestra

For all instrumentalists, we meet in MU3 straight after school and finish at 4.30 pm. Biscuits and juice are provided. All are welcome but will need to be able to read some music notes.



Wednesday—Jazz Band

For our senior players.



We meet in MU3 straight after school until 4.00pm.

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.



Follow the Fireworks Code

If you intend to buy or set off fireworks, make sure they comply with BS 7114 and are clearly marked for their intended use "Indoor, Garden or Display"

- Keep fireworks in a sealed box or tin. Use them one at a time, replacing the lid immediately
- **NEVER** put fireworks in your pocket
- Read the instructions carefully, using a torch or hand lamp **NEVER** use a naked flame
- Light fireworks at arms length using a taper or a firework lighter
- Stand well back and **NEVER** return to a firework after it has been lit, it could explode in your face
- Ensure all children with fireworks are well supervised
- **NEVER** throw fireworks
- Keep all pets and animals indoors
- Take care of sparklers, wear gloves to hold them and dispose of sparklers in a bucket of water as soon as they are finished



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