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Thursday 24 March 2016

Diary Dates

Monday 28 March

Year 11 Berlin GCSE Trip

Thursday 14 & Friday 15 April

Art & Design GCSE

Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 April

Art & Design GCSE



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.

EASTER MESSAGE

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and refreshing Easter holiday.

Now this may be a message that you are surprised to hear me say as the Principal with the Year 11s preparing in earnest for the upcoming exams. However, it is a message that I have always given to pupils as they embark on a school holiday: "*don't work too hard*", but I always go on to say "*but don't do nothing*." This is the key to successful preparation in the run up to the summer exams.

Pupils must plan their revision to ensure that they do an appropriate amount of revision, perhaps focussing on their first exams at the beginning, but also factoring in planned periods of rest and recuperation. We don't want under-prepared pupils, but equally we don't want over-stressed and fatigued pupils. Striking the balance is something that the recent Year 11 Revision Parent Evening focussed on. The resources that were handed out on the evening are available for everyone on the school website. Also on the website are the times of the subject revision evenings that are running weekly after school. I would urge you please to encourage your sons and daughters to attend these sessions and take advantage of the extra help and support staff are providing.



Sadly, we say goodbye to a long standing member of staff at the end of this term. Mr Gareth Thomas has been at KSA for 12 years and whilst I have only known him since January I am sorry to be losing an excellent Head of Year. However, Gareth goes on to a well deserved promotion and we wish him well in his new post.

You will also see in the newsletter some of the excellent work and achievements that our pupils continue to engage in. The Young Enterprise team were again successful in their recent competition, and by the time you read this newsletter we will have enjoyed a 'Live Lounge' of pupil musical performances and an evening of music from various famous musicals.

What an enjoyable way to end my first full term as the Principal of Kingswood!

Mr A Burton

YEAR 11 PROM 2016



Friday 1 July 2016 at The Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel is definitely a date for the Year 11 pupils to put in their diaries, as this is where this year's Prom will be held.

The evening starts at 7.00 pm with a Disco and Buffet. Awards will be presented during the evening and there will also be the opportunity to have a professional photograph taken (at an extra cost). A sweet cart, a fun photo-booth and a chocolate fountain will also be included in the evening's entertainment. We are sure it will be a very memorable experience.

Letters have already been issued to all Year 11 pupils advising the £30 ticket cost, and subsequent £10 deposit needed to secure a place. The deadline for deposits has been extended until Friday 15 April 2016. This should be a fun filled and interesting night, which is surely not to be missed.

£20 off vouchers have kindly been donated by a local prom wear shop. If you would like a voucher please speak to Catherine Stevenson, Head of Year 11 and Prom Organiser.

PARENTAL SUGGESTIONS FOR MONITORING THE USE OF ON-LINE TECHNOLOGY

At the recent Year 11 Parent Information Evening the question of 'How can parents prevent mobile and on-line technology from damaging revision and sleep?' was discussed, Parents made the following suggestions which you may find useful:



- Take phone away to study downstairs where they can be monitored.
- Turn off wifi. Phones on silent and left downstairs after 8.00 pm.
- Take mobile off child
- Limit times on it and use as a reward
- Remove after 9.00 pm or 10.00 pm
- Change wifi password and give as a treat
- Notification settings can be turned off. Some sites offer timed notifications so they are stopped for certain times — good whilst sleeping
- Turn wifi off to the whole house
- Have set times for Facebook/gaming
- Set a time for all devices to be given to parent
- Teach/get child to turn off banner notifications/message alerts etc. Lots have music on their phones but other stuff can be 'disabled' eg 'sleep' or 'do not disturb' mode
- Be pro-active, take responsibility and lead by example
- Restrict access by limiting availability
- General chat around excessive use
- Check the history browser
- This should be an agreement between child and parent. Regular reviews between the two to see how well the child is doing will decide if less time is warranted for technology
- Cut back usage but do not ban completely



KINGSWOOD SECONDARY ACADEMY

Year 11 STUDY/REVISION SESSIONS

Sessions run from 3-4pm in most cases

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Art	Maths	Maths	Maths	Product Design
Media	Media	Media	Media	Media
	Business	Business	Business	
	Health & Social	Health & Social	Health & Social	
	Travel & Tourism	Travel & Tourism	Travel & Tourism	
	English	English	History	
	Graphics		Graphics	
	Food Tech		Food Technology	
	Resistant Materials		Resistant Materials	
	Science		Science	
	French		PE GCSE & BTEC	
	German		Music BTEC	
	Music GCSE			
Study Hub (Independent Study) 6th Form Work Room (Staffed)				

For subjects with multiple evenings students should check which days their teachers are available each week as they may be subject to change.

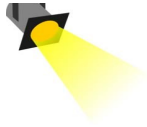
YOUNG ENTERPRISE—KS CREATIONS— AREA FINAL

On Tuesday 15 March the Area Final of the Young Enterprise Programme was held at Rockingham Speedway. We are very proud to announce that Kingswood Secondary Academy came in second place! The Young Enterprise Programme is, just to re-cap, a government funded scheme which enhances the employability of teenagers through setting up and running their own business. The team comprises of the following Year 12 pupils: Aaron Tait, Robert Wood, Kornel Kot, Lucas Gomes, Bailey Dickson, Freya Serdet and Hannah Briffa (see photograph below). Two products were designed, a small strawberry shaped handy bag (£2.50) which opens up into a bag for life and re-usable jars (various sizes and cost) which can be used for a multitude of reasons. So far, the team has won various awards at different trade fairs and competitions with these great products.

In preparation for the Area Final the team had to submit a company report and were subsequently interviewed by a panel of judges, then had to present to a large audience explaining their business and journey since September—all very daunting tasks! We are very proud to announce that Kingswood Academy came in a very proud second place overall, in addition to achieving : The Best Sales and Marketing Award **and** The Most Environmental Product Award.

The next stage of the competition is the County Finals at Northampton University on Wednesday 20 April 2016, so again, **watch this space !**





SPOTLIGHT ON CATERING DEPARTMENT



In the Catering department Denise Robinson (Catering Manager) and her team work hard to prepare and serve nutritious food items in the Academy. On a weekly basis they prepare an average of:

- 1200 meals
- 150 jacket potatoes
- Jacket potato fillings are made on site everyday and include tuna & mayo, cheese & onion with mayo, chicken & mayo, baked beans, grated cheese
- if chilli, curry or bolognese are on the menu, this would also be an option for jacket potato filling
- 1500 cakes, biscuits and desserts are also baked on the academy site
- 600 Baguettes
- 110 Sandwiches
- 95 Wraps
- 150 Small Rolls
- 175 Pasta Pots

Buffets are provided as and when the Academy requires for visitors, meetings and Parents Evenings. Staff start work at 7.00 am each day and the last person leaves at 3.30 pm.

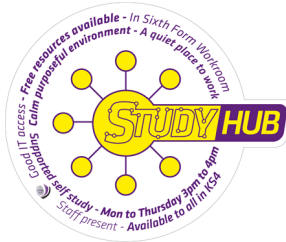
Weekly menus are published on our website — it will be Week 3 when we return after the holiday. The price list below provides a typical day's food cost for pupils.



Kingswood Secondary Academy Menu Price List

Menu Item	Price
Meal Deal (Main Meal + Dessert & Drink)	£2.25
Today's Main Course (see daily menu for details)	
Other main courses include:	
Sandwich, Baguettes & Rolls with various fillings.	
Baked potato or Plated Salad with a choice of:	£1.50
Chicken Mayonnaise, Tuna, Tuna Mayonnaise, Prawn Mayonnaise, Grated Cheese, Cheese Spring Onion & Mayonnaise	
Desserts:	
Hot Puddings & Custard, Various Cakes & Biscuits	60p
Baked Potato	90p
Extra Filling for Baked Potato:	
Chicken Mayonnaise, Tuna, Tuna Mayonnaise, Prawn Mayonnaise, Grated Cheese, Cheese Spring Onion & Mayonnaise	60p
Drinks:	
Still Water 500ml	60p
Flavoured Milk 200ml	60p
Aquajuce 185ml	35p
Vegetables	35p
Potatoes (Portion of creamed potatoes 30p)	60p
Rice or Noodles	60p
Yoghurt (Choice available)	35p - 60p
Bread Roll	30p
Fresh Fruit	40p





STUDY HUB

Study Hub is available to Year 11 pupils from Monday to Thursday from 3.00 pm — 4.00 pm each evening in the Sixth Form area. It is available for Year 11 pupils who wish to quietly study/complete homework or revise for up and coming examinations. Support will be provided every evening for pupils who need it. It is important that Year 11 pupils are now spending time revising, as the exam season will commence in May, therefore not long to go now! Staff will be recommending pupils, if they are behind with their work/coursework, to attend the Study Hub. Therefore please ensure the Hub is utilised as there are huge benefits.

GCSE AND A LEVEL EXAM CERTIFICATES NOW AVAILABLE

Just a reminder that the GCSE and A Level Certificates are now available to collect from the Reception area of the Academy. To ensure that the documents are handed over to the person named on the certificate, please ensure you bring a form of identification with you. If you cannot collect the certificate in person please do not hesitate to contact the Academy and request to speak to the Exams Officer on extension 225. **Kerry Greenan, Examination Officer.**

EXTENDED ISOLATION HOURS

Please note that our Internal Exclusion/Isolation will run until 3:30 pm after Easter. This is so that pupils who are in there are not distracted by friends/other pupils who may be waiting for them outside. The Year team will endeavour to inform parents in advance, on the day or until alternative travel arrangements have been made.

Inna Hakobyan
Assistant Principal

TALK THE TALK



On Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 March, all Year 11 pupils had the opportunity take part in a 'Talk the Talk' session which helps to develop confident communication for life. The pupils took part in a full day's training session and learned how to communicate confidently without notes, how to plan and deliver a speech, develop stronger essay writing structure, and understand how to identify, and use persuasive language techniques in a variety of school and life situations. The pupils participated fully and gained a lot of benefit from the sessions, in what turned out to be a productive and positive day. The skills obtained will help them in the future and also in the upcoming GCSEs. Well done Year 11!

Catherine Stevenson, Head of Year 11

FAME THE MUSICAL—OPEN AUDITIONS

Milton Keynes Theatre's ever popular Stage Experience project returns to the stage in the summer of 2016. The theatre is offering young people aged 10 — 21 years the chance to perform on stage in 'Fame The Musical' with 100 places up for grabs! Led by a highly experienced creative team and with a live band and professional set, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to perform at one of the most successful regional theatres. Auditions are being held on Thursday 7 April 2016 at Milton Keynes College (Chaffron Way Campus), with re-calls the following day. You must be available to take part from Monday 25 July to Saturday 6 August 2016. Applications must be received by Friday 1 April 2016. If you would like more information email MKT's Creative Learning Department at:

mkcreative@theambassadors.com