



Issue

# 8

## Tuesday 23 February 2016

### Diary Dates

#### Monday 29 February

Year 11 Chemistry mid-module assessment

#### Tuesday 1 March

Parent Information Evening  
'Staying Safe Online'

#### Tuesday 8 March

Year 11 Parent Information Evening

#### 15 March

Parent Forum



### 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.

## WELCOME BACK

I hope you had an enjoyable week away from Academy life.

We return to a strangely short term, just four weeks and four days with Good Friday falling on 25 March and the start of the Easter holiday. Despite this short term there is much to do.

Significantly, Year 11 and the Sixth Form are running into the exam preparation period with courses being finished off and revision starting in earnest. In order to support our pupils who are preparing for exams we are running supervised study support after school each day excluding Fridays. It is an excellent resource for pupils to attend, particularly those who might find it a little more difficult to concentrate and complete homework and revision at home! You may get a call from the Head of Year 11 if your son/daughter has been identified as a pupil who would particularly benefit from the after school support. In these cases we would ask you please to support us in encouraging your son/daughter to attend so that we can help them prepare for their exams as effectively as possible.

There are also some whole year group support sessions being run about exam performance and preparing mentally. It is a stressful time and we recognise this, which is why we are asking an excellent external agency to come in and work with our Year 11 pupils.

I am pleased to announce that I have been very lucky in recruiting two members of staff to important senior Deputy Principal positions within the Academy. Mr Lawson will become a Deputy Principal (currently an Assistant Principal here at KSA) after Easter in charge of the curriculum and the quality of teaching and learning. Mr Van Lier will be joining the school after Easter and will be in charge of the personal development, behaviour and welfare of pupils. Congratulations to both of them on their appointments.

I would also like to publicly thank the pupils who took part in the interview process for these two posts. Their questioning, insight and recommendations were so important in my decision making process.

Here's to a busy and productive term!

Regards

**Mr A Burton**  
Principal



## YEAR 11 INFORMATION EVENING

We would like to invite parents/carers of Year 11 pupils to an Information Evening on Tuesday 8 March 2016 from 5.30 pm—6.30 pm. The aim of the evening is to:

- provide an overview of key dates and events during the remainder of Year 11
- provide an overview of the support Kingswood will provide during the remainder of Year 11 and in the build up to the final exams
- identify how parents can best support their sons/daughters leading up to and during the exam period
- provide information/update regarding core subjects
- provide an opportunity for parents to identify how we could further support them and their sons/daughters

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE GROUP - KS CREATIONS

We would like to introduce ourselves - we are KS Creations from Year 12's Business Young Enterprise group. Our team comprises of Aaron Tait, Robert Wood, Kornel Kot, Lucas Gomes, Bailey Dickson, Freya Serdet and Hannah Briffa.



Aaron Tait, Freya Serdet, Hannah Briffa and Robert Wood

Young Enterprise is a Government funded scheme which enhances employability of teenagers by demonstrating the skills needed for the workplace through setting up and running their own business. Our business aims to encourage people to 're-use', which will make a big difference to our world.

At the beginning of the year we designed two products which fit well with our 're-use' theme. The items, handy bags and re-usable jars, will be sold to the public.

Our handy bags are in the shape of a small strawberry.

This opens up into a bag for life and will sell for £2.50. We believe our handy bag to be trendy and our message to you is to 'shop in style'. We decided to produce this type of product due to the new law set on 5 October 2015 which, as you are now all aware, means shops have to charge 5p to purchase a plastic bag.

Our re-useable jars come in different shapes and sizes: small (£3), medium (£3.50) and large (£4.00). Each jar is sold with sweets inside. When purchasing a jar, you will be given one of our handmade craft jar booklets. This involves a variety of ideas to re-create your jar after your purchase, for example: turning your sweetie jar into a revision jar, savings jar, memory jar, or whatever you choose!

We have previously sold these products at different trade fares in Wellingborough (where we won the best product award), Corby town centre and our Academy's Christmas Fare. More recently, we visited Milton Keynes Shopping Centre to take part in a competition to show off our business skills among 53 other schools/companies across the UK. Some of these teams had travelled from North London and South Bedfordshire. Our products were sold to the public from 11am-5pm whilst undergoing extensive judging. We had an impressive outcome and achieved second place for our customer service and third place for overall business.

We are really happy with our progress and hope to be selling our products to you soon. Please feel free to check out our Facebook page: **KS Creations** to take part in our weekly competition.

**Freya Serdet and Hannah Briffa**

## Staying Safe Online

### Parent Information Evening 1 March 2016 at 5.30 pm



Following a request by our Parent Forum we are running a 1 hour Parent Information evening on the above topic.

We will be covering:

Aspect	Presenter:
How we address online safety in our IT curriculum	Mr Phil Wilkinson – Head of ICT
How our pastoral system helps pupils to stay safe online - Use of Form Time, assemblies and special events - How pastoral leaders respond to online safety issues - Protective behaviours	Mrs Marian Porter — SENCo
Clarification of the law regarding the making and sending of images Parental responsibilities Support and advice	The Police

The evening will take place in our Main Hall. To help us with making arrangements it would be really helpful to know how many parents to expect. If at all possible please contact Joanna March ([jmarch@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org](mailto:jmarch@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org)) to advise. Obviously you don't have to let us know you are attending, but it would be helpful for us to know how many parents to expect when making preparations.

## Examination Invigilators

(Ref: 15-16/KSA/031-037)

Casual - £7.85 per hour

Required from May 2016 Closing date 8 March 2016 at noon

For further information on this position please refer to the Vacancy section on our website at:

[www.kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org](http://www.kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org)

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE TRADE FAIR

As part of the Young Enterprise Programme, several pupils have volunteered to assist on the Kingswood Secondary Academy stall at the Young Enterprise Trade Fair which is being held at RS Components on Wednesday 24 February. The participating pupils will travel to the event on the Academy minibus, which leaves at 1.00pm and returns at approximately 3.00pm. We look forward to hearing about the event on their return.



## THURSDAY 17 MARCH - LIVE LOUNGE!

As you may know, every year the BTec Music Group organises a show! Auditions have been held and we would like, once again, to congratulate those successful, and to thank those who were unfortunately not selected this time. Please do not be disheartened as we would love to see you at next year's auditions. It is with pleasure we can announce that this year's Live Lounge will be held on **Thursday 17 March**. Tickets are now available costing only £2.50 each and can be purchased from the music office or at one of our break time sales.

A big thanks also to everyone who purchased an item from our cake bake sales — the final total came to the very impressive sum of £111.25. Please remember to keep an eye out for any more updates!

**BTec Music Group**

## SPORTS LEADERSHIP

The Academy's sports leaders have been assisting with the running of Year 6 Sports Hall Athletics qualifiers which will lead on to the County finals. They have been officiating in events including relays, standing long jump, triple jump, vertical jump, speed bounce and indoor javelin.

On Friday 29 January 2016, 7 primary schools were in attendance at Kingswood and on Friday 5 February 8 schools took part in the event. Our leaders received praise from the school sports games organisers and from the primary school teachers in recognition of their excellent work.

Well done to the following Year 9 pupils:-

Raul de Sousa	Jordan Harris	Leah Hall	Chloe McKay
MacAuley McCarron	Ella Hill	Emily Fisher	Georgia Summerfield
Alice Jones	Peter McDonough	Jaylee Welsh	Sophi McCardie
Ciaran Dixon	Macy Mulgrove	William Moore	

## CLIC SARGENT AND LAKELANDS HOSPICE DONATIONS



As you are aware, on the last day of Term 2 we held a non-uniform day when pupils were allowed to wear a festive jumper for a donation of £1. The grand sum of £735.24 was raised, which was then donated equally to CLIC Sargent and Lakelands Hospice. We have recently received letters from both charities requesting that we pass on their thanks to pupils, parents and staff for their support.



## UNDER 16 GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM

Congratulations to the U16 Girls' Football team who have progressed through to the county cup final. This is a fantastic achievement - the team has already won the district league and cup this year. Their unbeaten season continued with a 3 — 0 victory away at Kettering Buccleuch Academy. An opening strike from the electric Ellie Borg saw Kingswood open up an early lead. Two further goals from Alex O'Neill took us into a comfortable and deserved lead. Details of the final will be published once the neutral ground has been confirmed by the Football Association.

Well done and good luck in the final: Millie Hosier, Jade Russell, Jade Quaid, Leah Cruse-Carley, Lauren O'Connor, Molly Campbell, Ellie Borg, Taylor Scully (Captain), Alex O'Neill, Tegan Gilmour, Storm Tanga and Alanah Chalmers.

## 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.**