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Diary Dates

Tuesday 24 November

Year 8 Parent Information Evening 5.30 pm — 6.30 pm

Wednesday 2 December

Year 11 Tutor Evening
(including mock exam results)

Monday 7 — Friday 11 December

Sixth Form Trial Exams

Thursday 10 December

Christmas Fair and Show
Fair 5.00 pm — 7.00 pm and Show 7.00 pm — 9.00 pm

Tuesday 8 December

Parent Forum



Monday 23 November 2015

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.

Year 11 TUTOR EVENING

A year 11 Tutor Evening will take place on Wednesday 2 December 2015. Term 1 and 2 progress reports and mock exam results for the EBacc subjects will be available for collection on arrival, after which parents/carers will have a short appointment with their child's tutor. Letters are being posted today to parents/carers of year 11 pupils with full details of the evening and how to book an appointment.

HEALTH & SAFETY

The safety of our pupils is beyond doubt the main priority of the Academy. We have many measures in place to ensure they remain safe at all times, including on the roadways at the front of the Academy as they enter the establishment. The Academy policy is that only buses, staff and those with appointments enter the establishment in vehicles. The road cannot cope with parents coming in, stopping in the middle of the road to drop off, and then driving out. It causes congestion both in the Academy and on Gainsborough Road as vehicles queue to gain access in and out of the area. We would like to ask for support from parents and carers to please arrange drop off and collection points for their children away from the gates. Thank you in anticipation of your help.

CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SCHOOLS 2017

Northamptonshire County Council's School Admissions Team is leading a formal consultation on the admissions arrangements for mainstream schools within the county for the 2017 entry. This consultation period allows parents, schools, religious authorities and the local community to comment on proposed admission arrangements. The consultation period runs from 10th November 2015 to 31st December 2015. Final arrangements will be available by 28th February 2016. For more information please visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

Christmas Fair and Show



We are pleased to announce that the Christmas Fair and Show will be held on Thursday 10 December, the fair to be held from 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm and the show 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm. Tickets will go on sale in a couple of weeks, confirmation of availability will be in the next issue of the newsletter.



RUNNING A STALL

If you would like to run a stall at the Christmas Fair please contact Dave Robertson by telephone or via email on drobertson@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org. The cost for a pitch is £10.

DONATIONS

We would be grateful to receive any donations of gifts suitable for raffle prizes, If you have any items you wish to donate, please leave at our main reception by Monday 7 December.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

CORBYP BOROUGH COUNCIL - PUPIL VOLUNTARY WORK

A group of year 8 pupils from the Academy has volunteered to work with Corby Borough Council. They will be spending one day per week working around the Corby Boating Lake and East Carlton Park. The work which will be carried out involves clearing litter and coppicing - which is cutting down an area of densely growing small trees, especially one in which the trees are regularly cut back to encourage more growth.

This work is undertaken in all weathers and full training is given to the pupils to ensure the work is undertaken safely. These pupils are making a lasting impact on our local environment, which we can all enjoy now, and in the future. Well done to the volunteers!



GCSE AND A LEVEL EXAM CERTIFICATES NOW AVAILABLE

We are pleased to advise 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.

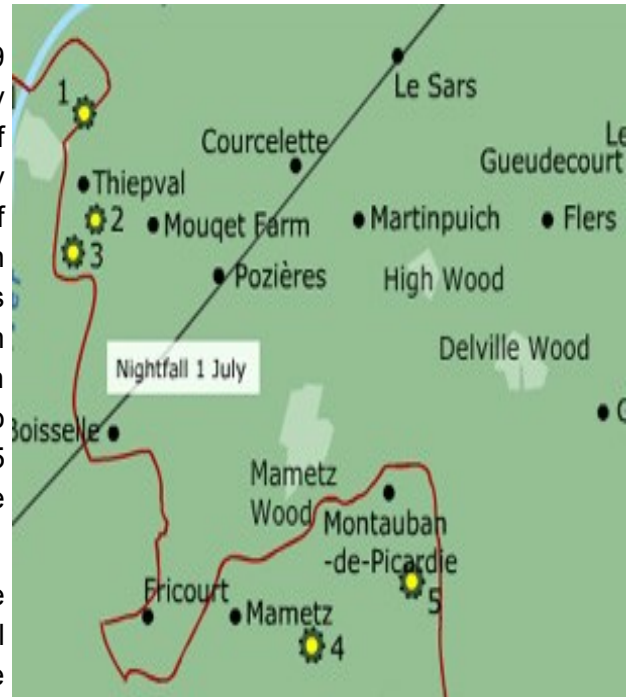
If you cannot collect the certificate in person please do not hesitate to contact the Academy and request the Exams Office on extension 225.

VISIT TO SOMME NOVEMBER 2015

On Thursday 5 November at 4.00 am, 52 excited year 9 pupils and 4 (tired) staff left Kingswood Secondary Academy to make our way to the Somme area of northern France. This was the start of a three day residential trip that involved visiting memorials of soldiers who had died, or were missing, after fighting on the western front in WW1. We visited the trenches from where the soldiers had fought and a museum which had many articles owned by the soldiers which had been found in the area after the war. We also visited Thiepval memorial - dedicated to the 72,195 missing British and South African men, for which there are no known graves.

Our accommodation during the trip was at the lovely Le Chateau du Broutel which sits in 40 acres of beautiful grounds. We ate well and had competitions in the evening. All the pupils were amazing and, as well as learning important lessons about WW1, everyone had a very enjoyable trip.

Karen Martindale, Assistant Principal



Trip comments from Harry Gracie, pupil

Recently a group of pupils and some of the Humanities staff went on a trip to the Somme. This is situated in the north of France. The purpose of the three day visit was to help further educate ourselves on life in WW1. We visited some of the most significant sites of the war and those which immortalise the dead and lost soldiers. We visited an underground war museum made from old tunnels previously used by soldiers. This museum had original items left by soldiers and it had very interesting photos and videos. We also visited one of the biggest craters in the Somme, the Lochnagar crater, where

we learned how it was made from a bomb, by the British troops, and visited memorials for the British and Irish missing, as well as going through trenches used by Canadian soldiers.

In my opinion the trip was both emotional and thought provoking. I feel that, by seeing these sites first hand, you can visualise what it would have been like for people living in that era better than what you could have read in a text book. Some of the pupils also liked seeing the teachers in a different setting and by the end of the trip they felt that they had become closer to them. Although this was an educational trip the pupils had fun and learned something new whilst they were there.



NANNA ANIMAL RESCUE CENTRE WORK EXPERIENCE

As part of their BTEC course four year 11 pupils are visiting NANNA's Animal Rescue Centre in January for four days of work experience.

NANNA is a charitable organisation run by a large team of volunteers. The centre was set up in 2004 and since then has helped over 7000 animals. The welfare of the animals is their main priority, and they are either found new homes or remain at the centre until they do. Like most animal rescue centres, NANNA is running at full capacity and any help they receive is greatly appreciated. If you feel that you could donate items for our youngsters to take with them the following is a list of some of the food and products the centre always needs:



- All small animal pet food and bedding (the centre also rehouses sheep, pigs, goats and horses)
- Cat litter, treats or blankets, cat beds, climbing frames or scratch posts,
- Dog treats or toys
- Litter trays, scoops, poop bags, black bin liners.
- Old dog coats
- Pillow cases, towels and small duvets

If you are able to help the centre, please leave any donated items in the vocational department before 18 January 2015.

If you would like to obtain more information on how you could help further, please visit their website at www.nannaanimalrescue.co.uk.

STATIONERY

Student Services department have available the following items to ensure pupils can carry out their studies. The costs are as follows and are available to purchase before and after school, and at

• Black pen	0.10p	• Coloured felt tips 10 pack	0.50p
• Pencil	0.10p	• Coloured felt tips 20 pack	0.95p
• Small ruler	0.10p	• Highlighters (each)	0.20p
• Eraser	0.10p	• Pencil box	0.70p
• Calculator	£4.00	• Pencil case (zipped)	£1.00
• Planner	£1.50		

SIXTH FORM MOCK 1 EXAMINATIONS

In the week commencing Monday 7th December the sixth form pupils will be sitting their first trial examinations.

This will give the pupils the opportunity to develop their examination skills prior to the actual tests next year.