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Wednesday 9 November 2016

Diary Dates

Thursday 10 November 4.30pm-7.00pm
Year 12/Year 13 Parent Evening

Tuesday 15 November 6.00pm—7.00pm
Parent Information Evening:
Year 7 Key skills for success

Thursday 17 November 6.00pm-8.00pm
Sixth Form Business Event—Fashion Show

Thursday 24 November 4.30pm-7.00pm
Year 10 Parents Evening

Thursday 12 January 2017 6.00pm-8.00pm
Sixth Form Open Evening



ABSENCE REPORTING

01536 741857 — OPTION 1

Please report pupil absences as early as possible each day on the main Academy telephone number—01536 741857 and select option **1** (Please note—a call to the Academy is necessary on **EACH** day of absence).

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that you all managed some rest and recuperation during the break.

As I'm sure you are aware, I wrote in the last newsletter about some bike thefts that had taken place at the Academy towards the end of Term 1. I explained how important it is for pupils to use a good quality bike lock to help prevent any theft (2 of the bikes stolen were not locked up in the bike shelters) and that we were liaising with the Police regarding their ongoing investigation.

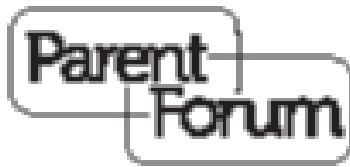
I am pleased to say that the Police agreed to come into the Academy to conduct security marking on all and any bikes that pupils brought on two specific days. Therefore, on Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 November, four neighbourhood wardens and four PCSOs came into the Academy during lunchtime to fit security tags to bikes free-of-charge. It only took a few minutes for two people to do each bike.

I hoped that all pupils who ride their bikes to school would take advantage of this fantastic service being offered by the Police, and many did. We hope to repeat the process later in the year, enabling pupils who missed the opportunity to have their bikes security marked. Hopefully this will help prevent any further episodes of theft from the Academy.

Regards

Andy Burton
Principal





The first meeting of this year's Parent Forum was held on Tuesday 11 October 2016 at 5.30pm. The main item on the Agenda was Extra Curricular Activities. Other items discussed were our online payment system, Rewards, the Academy and Road Safety. At the end of the meeting a short tour of the Atrium and Performance Space was available to view the alterations to both areas that had been made over the summer holiday. The Atrium can now seat a further 144 pupils at lunchtime and the mirrors and bars of the Dance Studio have been positioned at the rear of the stage in the Performance Space.

Two new members were welcomed to the meeting. The next meeting is on Tuesday 6 December 2016 at 5.30pm when we would be delighted to welcome more parents/carers. The main item on the agenda will be 'Showcasing pupils' work'.

ACADEMY UPDATE

Many of you will be aware that we decided to relocate our dance studio into the theatre, freeing up the space in the Atrium to extend our dining facilities. Although initially unpopular, this has proven to be a success and all concerned have commented that the outcome was far better than they expected. The pupils now benefit from a far larger dining space, which allows them more room to move, extra seating and a chance to sit and socialise together as they all eat at the same time as opposed to having two sittings. When you add this to the fact that we installed eight air conditioning units into the same area last year, we believe we have now provided the pupils with an airy, spacious and comfortable dining space.

Unfortunately, even though we have security fencing, some cycles have been stolen over the past few weeks. Can I remind you that if your child is to bring a cycle into school, they must provide a secure lock, which should be of a quality that prevents opportune thieving. Unfortunately, the school insurance policy does not cover the loss of cycles, so we always advise parents to take out a small insurance policy on the more valuable cycles, as we know how expensive they are.

The weather is set to change. Please be advised that although all of our plant system works well, when it is freezing outside the school becomes cooler inside and takes a little longer to warm up. Please remind your child that jumpers should be worn and that appropriate coats should be available.

As the weather becomes colder and we have overnight frosts and maybe ice, we can expect the paths and roadways to become slippery. Although this is addressed with road salt, there will inevitably be areas that we use that have not been salted and therefore could remain slippery.

Sean Davidson
Business Manager

U16'S GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM

Congratulations again go to the U16's Girls Football Team who are now the undefeated District Champions having won every match.

15 Sept against Lodge Park 6 — 1

22 Sept against Latimer 10 — 0

29 Sept against Brooke Weston 8 — 0

3 Nov against KSAcademy 15 — 0

A huge 'Well Done' goes to :

Alex O'Neill who scored 14 of the 15 goals

Sophi McCardie

Macy Mulgrove

Shelbie MacLeod

Alanah Chalmers

Sasha Law

Chloe McKay

Leah Holloway

Georgia Summerfield

Daria Kot



GIRLS FOOTBALL UNDER 12's

Kingswood Year 7 Girls 9 - Wrenn 0

The above score was the result of the first game in the county cup for our Year 7 girls. As current holders of the trophy, Kingswood were hopeful of adding to the recent successes in Girls football. It was a tight opening to the match but after Jaeleigh Graham opened the scoring with a wonderful strike it was all one way traffic. Well done to the whole squad and in particular our sixth form coaches Taylor Scully and Tegan Gilmour.

The next game will be on Tuesday 29 January at home, against Northampton School for Girls (NSG) and we would welcome any more keen players along to the training sessions on Wednesdays from 3.10pm to 4.10pm.

SPORTS CLUB TIMETABLE – TERM 2

Venue	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School – Sports Hall	Table Tennis with Corby TT Club				
Break 2 – Sports Hall (1:00 – 1:30) Trainers required	Badminton Club ACO	KS3 Basketball Club PH	Year 7 & 8 Badminton Club MGA	Table Tennis with Corby TT Club	Year 10 Boys Futsal Club HCO
AFTER SCHOOL (3:10 – 4:10)					
Main Hall				Table Tennis with Corby TT Club	
Astro / Field			Y7 & 8 Girls Football Sports Leaders KS3 Rugby Club PH/MGA	Year 7 Boys Football NS	
Netball Courts				Netball Club RLA	
Sports Hall		KS3 Boys Basketball Club PH	KS4 Girls Basketball Club HCO	Year 7 & 8 Basketball Club ACO	
Fixtures (See fixtures calendar)		Y8 Girls Basketball ACO			

Please note, the Kingswood Secondary Academy PE Kit must be worn for all after school clubs. Clubs will run from 3:10-4:10pm, therefore ensure that you register and arrange to be picked up at 4:15pm.

ANTONIA HAYCOCKS - FUNDRAISER EXTRAORDINAIRE



The Little Princess Trust provides real-hair wigs, free of charge, to boys and girls who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment and other illnesses.

During the autumn holiday, Antonia was involved in a sponsored haircut for this very worthy charity. Not only did she have seven inches of her hair cut off so it can be made into a wig for children suffering with alopecia or the effects of chemotherapy, but has raised £232 for the

charity so far, to help cover costs towards making the wig.

Her parents, family, friends and everyone at the Academy are, of course, very proud of Antonia's fantastic achievement and is a young lady who is to be commended.



MADE IN CORBY— DANNY HERO

At the end of October the Corby Cube hosted the feel-good musical 'Danny Hero' - the third in a series of new work presented by Made in Corby.

Performances were by a local cast and included several Kingswood pupils who deserve a congratulations as they were fantastic - namely Leona Atkins, Ella Hill and Romy Smales. A congratulations also goes to a member of our staff, Rebecca Boulton-Roe, who was costume supervisor and designer on the production.

A huge 'Well Done' to everyone involved.



Young Northants

10/09/2015

We now have a dedicated area of our website specifically aimed at young people. The web area has been developed with input from young people including the finalists and winners at this year's Youth Ambition Awards, who chose the name 'Young Northants'.

The website covers everything from health and education advice to information about staying safe and getting out and about.

Take a look

- Visit the Young Northants website



YOUNG NORTHANTS WEBSITE

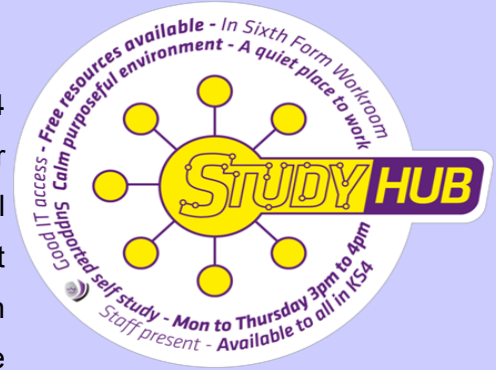
The NCC Young Northants website has been designed specifically with young people aged 13+ in mind. The website contains a wealth of information on many issues and topics that we know concern young people; everything from where to find your nearest youth club or activity, to advice on mental health and wellbeing, and about school, training and work. The site has links to many other websites, both local and national, to make sure that the information is current and relevant. Young people can access the advice and support they need quickly and easily and from one central place.

For more information visit:

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/news/Latestnews/Pages/young-northants.aspx>

STUDY HUB

We would like to bring to the attention of all parents/carers of KS4 pupils what we believe has been an excellent addition to our Academy provision – namely the 'Study Hub'. While pupils will only achieve well if they are well taught, on its own this will not ensure success. What we know for certain is that it is only when pupils work independently to a significant level that grades are transformed. To this end, we introduced the 'Study Hub'.



The 'Study Hub' is available to all pupils in Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) from Monday to Thursday 3.10pm – 4.10pm. in Sixth Form and offers:

- * Good IT access
- * Free resources
- * A calm and purposeful environment to work
- * Staff availability
- * Supported self-study

Year 10 and 11 pupils are welcome to attend alone or as a group of friends.



Autism Concern Shopping & Wellbeing Evening Wednesday 16th November 6-8pm Boots Grosvenor Centre, Northampton

A special evening for those affected by autism spectrum disorder and their families

The Boots store in Northampton will be open for you to do some Christmas shopping away from the crowds. This event will be exclusively for you and other families with experience of autism, providing a more relaxing and understanding atmosphere.

The Boots Christmas range will be available to purchase as well as



Free make up demonstrations and advice
Personal hygiene and other teenage advice
Autism Concern advisors available
Pharmacy and medication advice
Healthy eating & wellbeing information





REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPY DISPLAY



As a tribute to those who have died in the line of duty, the mezzanine area of the Academy has been transformed by KS3 pupils with beautiful large hand made poppies. Mrs Evans, Head of Art, writes 'This was a KS3 creative response to the Tower of London installation. The Art Department wanted to involve as many KS3 pupils as possible and create an installation ourselves in the Atrium to commemorate Remembrance Day.' Visit the following

website for information about the Tower of London installation.

www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/history-and-stories/tower-of-london-remembers/about-the-installation

On Friday 11 November the Academy will sound the bells two minutes early before morning break to signify a period of silent reflection to recognise the service that so many servicemen and women have given in various conflicts over the years, with too many paying the ultimate sacrifice.

ACADEMY CLOSURE

DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER

In the event of severe weather, every effort will be made to keep the school open as normal. There are, however, circumstances when a school has no other reasonable option but to close. If this is the case it will be announced on our website

www.kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org

by 7.15 am on the day of closure.

We encourage parents to use our website as the first port of call. However we will also make any announcement of closure at

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures.



GCSE AND A LEVEL EXAM CERTIFICATES NOW AVAILABLE

We are pleased to advise that the GCSE and A Level Certificates are now available, please contact the Exams office on 01536 741857 Option 4 to arrange collection.

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 contact the Exams office on the above number to arrange an alternative.

Kerry Greenan
Exams Officer

Kingswood Secondary Academy Physical Education Department Protective Equipment Statement

All contact sports carry the risk of injury; therefore, although not compulsory, Kingswood Secondary Academy strongly recommends the use of personal protective equipment during participation in contact sports, namely football, rugby and hockey. This includes the use of shin pads and oral protective equipment (mouth guards/gum shields). This equipment is widely available from sports shops.

The British Dental Association states that anyone engaged in contact sports should wear a well-made mouth guard to reduce the risk of injury to teeth. They go on to say that a custom made mouth guard designed by a dentist will provide a better fit, and, in the cases of students who have a brace, may be essential. Parents and guardians should seek advice on mouth guards from their dentist, as some types may not be suitable in some circumstances. Frequent questions can arise regarding the need for the wearing of protective equipment by pupils in schools engaged in rugby, football and hockey. Hopefully the following summary guidance will prove helpful:

- Mouth guards and shin pads can provide useful protection against injuries in full competitive games of hockey, football and rugby. Their provision is the responsibility of the individual pupil and his/her parent/s. They should be included as part of the student's physical education kit;
- When worn, they need to be properly fitted and cared for;
- Mouth guards/gum shields are personal and must never be shared or borrowed.

If you have any difficulties providing kit for your child or if you have any queries or concerns, please contact the school Physical Education department.

PENYEM, GAMBIA — NAME THE BEAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Previously newsletters gave information regarding the ongoing effort to raise funds for the above charity.

2 teddy bears were donated for a 'Name the Bear' raffle. We are pleased to announce that a total of £55.80 was raised and the winners were Teresa Dixon who correctly named a teddy as 'SAM' and the second was won by Shay in 9BG who named the second bear 'BALLOO'. Well done to both.

DEEP ROOTS, TALL TREES



Our Woods: Explore and celebrate Corby's Woods.

In November, you can join us on 6 different events led by acknowledged experts in their fields. Come along, have a go, enjoy yourself! Thanks to all of you who have already supported some of our events – it's been great to meet you and I hope you've had as much fun as I have and learnt a little along the way. As you'll see we have 6 great events in November including photography, coppicing, story-telling and a night walk. All events can be booked via the Core at Corby Cube either in person, by phone or on-line. <http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/=b9c17bc2053ddd5b93eb0ab5b&id=9f33427db2>

Very best wishes, Judy Caine—Our Woods Project Manager

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www.deeprootstalltrees.org/our-woods



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