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Tuesday 24 May 2016

Diary Dates

Friday 27 May 2016

Academy closes — End of Term 5

Monday 6 June 2016

Academy re-opens — Term 6

Tuesday 7 June 2016

HPV 2nd vaccination —Year 8 girls

Tuesday 14 June 2016

Year 12 EPA trip to De Montfort University



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.

END OF TERM 5

The Academy closes at the usual time on Friday 27 May 2016 for one week.

We re-open to pupils on Monday 6 June 2016 at the usual time.

Welcome to our latest newsletter.



As the exam season is now in full swing thoughts inevitably turn to preparations for next year. Our focus, as ever, will be on recruiting and training the best possible teachers and support staff to enable our Academy to continue on its improvement journey. Key to that journey though is also putting in place the structures that will enable our staff and pupils to produce their best.

In Term 6, I will be consulting with you on proposed changes to the school day. We are hoping to move to one lunch time break with all pupils having a 30 minute form period at the beginning of each day. During this time a comprehensive PSHE (Personal, Social, & Health education) programme will be delivered, along with numeracy and literacy development, a weekly current affairs quiz and a weekly assembly for all. This may mean that the Academy day increases in length by 10 minutes so if we keep an 8.40 am start then school would finish at 3.10 pm. More comprehensive details will follow after half-term.

Please continue to encourage your sons and daughters as they revise over the holiday, and thank you for your continued support. I hope you enjoy the rest of this newsletter and the good news stories contained within. We hope to re-launch our twitter service in Term 6 so we can keep you up-to-date with all the good work taking place in our Academy.

Regards, **Mr A Burton, Principal**

Student
Voice

Members of our Student Council met this week. The main item on the Agenda was 'Marking'. A copy of the minutes will be published in a future newsletter.



WELCOME

We would like to introduce to you, and welcome, Mr Van Lier, our new Deputy Principal, to Kingswood. Mr Van Lier will be joining us after the holiday and be in charge of the personal development, behaviour and welfare of pupils.

The second HPV vaccinations will be given to Year 8 girls on Tuesday 7 June 2016. The HPV vaccination programme consists of two doses — both injections are needed to ensure full protection against the virus. All girls aged 12 to 13 are offered HPV (human papilloma virus) vaccination as part of the NHS childhood vaccination programme. The vaccine protects against cervical cancer.

ACADEMY SHIELD SUCCESS

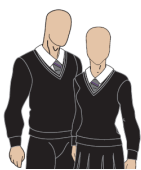
Kingswood Secondary Academy recently competed in the annual Academies Shield which is held at Weston Favell Academy. The Academies Shield is a competition for pupils in Years 8 and 9 between all Greenwood Dale Academies; Skegness, Peterborough, Nottingham, Northampton, Derby, and Bedford.

The boys football team were undefeated throughout the tournament (3 wins and 3 draws). Heroics in the final game from goalkeeper James Hurrell ensured the team won the league. The squad included: James Hurrell, Bradley Maddocks, Jordan Harris, Macauley McCarron, John Sludden, Brendan Woods, Raul De Sousa and Dominic Robinson. In dodgeball, the boys team also remained undefeated throughout the tournament, drawing only two of their games and winning the rest. A fantastic solo effort from Connor Scott ensured the team did not lose against a strong Nottingham team. The dodgeball team included: *Cole McWilliam, Calvin Taylor, Winfred Asare, Philip Radacevic, Peter McDonough, Connor Jenkinson, William Moore and Connor Scott.*

The girls from Kingswood also gave great performances in three different sports: football, uni-hock and netball. The football squad included: *Leah Hall, Leah Holloway, Chloe McKay, Macy Mulgrove, Shelbie MacLeod, Ellie Pallet, Georgia Summerfield, Ellis Milne and Leona Atkins.* The uni-hock squad was represented by: *Daisy Farley-McFadyen, Tili Cleaver, Isabelle Lines, Rylee Wilkinson, Martina Evans and Jaylee Welsh.* The Kingswood pupils who represented the netball squad were: *Evie Fleming, Rakkia Wills -Smith, Ellea Kyle, Alice Jones, Millie Duncan, Harmony Hill and Emily Fisher.*

Mrs Copas spoke very highly of all of the Year 8 and Year 9 pupils who represented the Academy, explaining how well they performed and conducted themselves throughout the day. As a result of the boys teams being placed 1st and 3rd in football and dodgeball, they were awarded the Academies Shield for the first time since the tournament started. *As an Academy we will be aiming to build on this for next year!*

PUPILS MOVING FROM YEAR 9 INTO YEAR 10



Pupils moving from Year 9 into Year 10 in September 2016 will be required to wear black Kingswood jumpers, or cardigans. Letters have been distributed to all Year 9 pupils explaining this change. There are no other changes of uniform rules for pupils moving into Year 10 other than the colour of jumper/cardigan. If you would like to place an order for a jumper or cardigan, order forms can be obtained from Student Services. Cheques should be made payable to Kingswood Secondary Academy. We would welcome any donations of purple jumpers that are in a good condition to enable us to support younger pupils when they are in need.

PARENT FORUM FEEDBACK

A meeting of our Parent Forum was held on Tuesday 17 May 2016 at 5.30 pm. Mr Van Lier, our new Deputy Principal was invited to the meeting to discuss with parents how the Academy recognises and rewards success. Mr Van Lier, who is joining Kingswood after the holiday, will be responsible for improving the Academy's current reward system. The general feeling of the Forum was that a reward system should recognise: Attitude to Learning, Academic ability and good Attendance, by possibly using certificates, badges, merit stamps, Principal awards, social events and vouchers. The matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting were discussed — these mainly included the remodelling of the Atrium and Parent Pay. A copy of the minutes of the meeting will be published shortly on the Academy website. New members to the Forum are always welcome.



Year 12 BTEC National — Theatre In Education (TIE) at Danesholme Junior Academy

On Tuesday 17 May our BTEC National pupils performed a 'Theatre In Education' project at Danesholme Junior Academy. The pupils have been collaborating with Danesholme Junior Academy since December 2015 to create a suitable TIE project that would assist Year 4 and Year 5 pupils to understand the Ancient Egyptians and also the Anglo Saxons.

The Year 12 pupils created a 25 minute piece of theatre inspired by the popular and award winning show 'Horrible Histories'. However our students had to write their own scripts and create their own original piece of theatre as well as organizing the technical and logistics of a TIE project. The finished show consisted of comedy scenes, physical comedy, projections, dance and concluded with a quiz that covered some of the historical facts presented in the show.

The project was highly successful and clearly proved how creative and dedicated our BTEC performing arts are, given appropriate opportunities. All of the Year 4 and 5 pupils at Danesholme Junior Academy were kind enough to send us letters of thanks, highlighting some of the aspects of the show that they particularly enjoyed. Here are just a few of the comments:

'You performed a beautiful performance including the stunning acting' – Lucy Year 5

'Thank you for an incredible performance about the Egyptians and Anglo Saxons. I am so inspired by you I want to do Drama' – Mollie Year 5

'I laughed when Charlie hit Matt round the head with his bin lid' – Ben Year 5

'I am writing this letter to you about your extraordinary show about the anglo saxons and ancient Egyptians. I thought it was going to be a normal boring assembly but immediately it got amazing' – Jessica Year 4

HINTS AND TIPS TO HELP KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ON THE INTERNET AND SOCIAL NETWORKS

Hint No 4 continued — Set rules and agree boundaries

You might want to consider:

- How do they choose who to become friends with online?
- How can they know so many people?

Explain to your child that it's easy for people to lie about themselves online, like their age, for example, because you have never met them.

You could become 'friends' with your child so you can see their profile and posts, however, your child may not want to 'friend' you, especially as they get older. Agree that your child can 'friend' a trusted adult like an aunt or uncle so they can let you know if they see anything worrying on your child's profile.

This newsletter will provide more regular hints and tips - please look out for them!



EMAIL REMINDER

**Please remember to notify the Academy if you
have changed your email address.**

CLAVIERE SKI-ING TRIP 2016

Claviere, which is located 80 kilometres west of Turin, Italy, was the chosen destination for this year's skiing trip. It is a small but well equipped skiing village where the snow season lasts from December to April. The group visited during the Easter break and a good time was had by all. The comments below are from two members of the group:

"This year, I visited Claviere for the 2016 ski trip. It was an amazing experience that I will never forget. Furthermore, not only was the skiing exceptional, but the food was too, I just needed to remember to bring extra butter as the butter was a bit scarce. In addition, one of the highlights for me was when, one evening, we travelled up the mountains on a skidoo to have a luxurious hot chocolate and delicious pancakes. Overall the trip was exquisite." **Leona Atkins, Year 8**

"Over the Easter holidays I went to Claviere on the ski trip. It was incredible, I enjoyed it so much. At the hotel where we stayed, the food was really nice but if you wanted a bread roll you had to make sure you grabbed it fast! One night we went to see a ski show which the fantastic instructors, who taught us during the day, starred in. They looked so good showing us all their skiing tricks! They were extremely friendly and made our ski lessons fun. I would definitely go again!" **Ellis Milne, Year 8**



Leona Atkins and Ellis Milne

CLEANING VACANCY

Ref: 15-16/KSA/052

Fixed Term—10 hours a week, term time only (38 weeks)

£15,145 per annum (£3,394 pro rata) Closing date: 9 June at noon

For application forms and further information, please visit our website. <http://www.greenwoodacademies.org/vacancy/11524/>

Alternatively, please call our Recruitment Line on 0115 748 3344

Introducing sQuid—online payments

Introducing online School Trips with sQuid

The Academy is launching an exciting new service called sQuid, for online parent payments. sQuid is electronic money - a convenient and secure way to pay for your child's school trips, bus passes, cashless catering and more! This means:

- Easy to pay online for any of your child's Academy requirements
- No need for pupils to carry cash or cheques into school
- Manage and monitor any full or part-payments to the school

The unique sQuid Registration Number for your child will soon be sent to you shortly.

Very soon we will be sending home letters containing unique sQuid Registration Numbers (SRN) with easy to follow instructions. It is free to register with sQuid and to create an account. The on screen instructions are also clear and easy to follow.

Initially we are offering a limited system to parents/carers of Year 9 pupils for bus pass and cashless catering payments. As soon as the system is operating correctly we will begin to introduce other items, including music lessons, Prom payments and much more, and invite the remaining year groups to join. There will be a link on our website for easy access to sQuid. Once you have created a sQuid account and registered using your SRN you will also be able to manage your sQuid account online at anytime to:

- Check your child's Cashless Catering account balance and view their transactions
- Top up your child's Cashless Catering account from your bank account, credit or debit card
- Receive payment confirmation emails and account details

To find out more go to, squidcard.com/support/parents and refer to the sQuid website for full Terms and Conditions.



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