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Tuesday 28 June 2016

Diary Dates

Wednesday 29 June 2016
Year 10 Chemistry Mock

Thursday 30 June 2016
Year 10 GCSE science ISA

Thursday 30 June 2016
Year 6 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 5 July 2016
Parent Forum

Thursday 7 and Friday 8 July 2016
Year 6 Transition days



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 to our latest newsletter

As usual there is a lot of exciting news regarding success stories from the Academy and its pupils and staff. Rather than waiting for newsletters to come round, we want to try and communicate important news to you as soon as we possibly can. To that end the Senior Leadership Team and heads of departments and year groups have undertaken some Twitter training. Can I encourage you please to follow the academy on Twitter using the **@KingswoodAcad** address. It will appear on our website shortly, where you will already see some important news and stories of success.

One such item we are consulting on is the Academy day next academic year. We are looking to increase the length of the Academy day by 10 minutes i.e. from 8.40 am to 3.10 pm. There are many reasons for doing this, and a copy of the letter regarding this should be with you by now, having been brought home by your son or daughter. If you have not received the letter, then it is available for you to read on the Academy website; there is also a link to it from our Twitter feed.

In essence we will be able to move to a single lunch time with a form period at the beginning of each day. This allows for a far more productive and effective start to the day and helps us to develop our pupils' literacy, numeracy and PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) skills. To reassure you, the dance facilities are not being closed or removed from the Academy to allow this to take place. The excellent dance facilities are being relocated and we will continue to offer dance to students across all years in the Academy.



Thank you again for taking the time to read this newsletter. I hope you find the brave new world of Twitter (well it is new for us!) a rewarding experience.

Regards

Andy Burton
Principal

HOUSE OF LORDS PRESENTATION

Kingswood Physical Education department has received national recognition for its continued work in developing Physical Education and the unique role it has to play in developing both the physical and emotional development of young children.

The award was presented to acknowledge the excellent work that Kingswood has developed with the 'PE2020 Active Healthy Minds' project.

PE and sport have a unique role to play in the physical and emotional development of children and young people, helping to address mental health issues. The 'PE2020 Active Healthy Minds' programme aims to improve the physical, social and emotional wellbeing of young people aged 11 - 18 years.

Kingswood Secondary Academy is one of the trailblazer schools pioneering this work in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust and Northamptonshire Sport to positively impact on student achievement and attainment. Mr Gamble, head of department, picked up the award after being invited to the House of Lords by Baroness Sue Campbell.

Mr Gamble is pictured above with Nicola Minichello, a leading member of the Great Britain 2010/2011 Olympic Bobsleigh team.



INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Please could all parents/carers of pupils who receive instrumental tuition ensure that all payments are up to date — Term 6 is now due (and any other outstanding terms).

Want to start instrument lessons?

If anyone is interested in starting instrument lessons next year, please contact Mrs T Robertson on 01635 741857 or by email at:

trobertson@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org or collect a letter.

Instrument Amnesty

As we are trying to build up our own Academy owned resources, it would be greatly appreciated if any type of musical instrument that is no longer used or wanted could be donated to our Music Department. Please therefore bring the item to Mrs T Robertson or contact her directly.

Summer Show

Details will follow shortly regarding our summer show. Therefore, watch this space!

**Many thanks
Mrs T Robertson**



HELP IS NEEDED!

As you may know, Northampton Trustee Fund (NTF) is a small charity which supports the village of Penyem in the Gambia. The charity was set up in 2004 to support the village. Pupils from Kingswood have visited the village several times taking much needed resources. The Academy has also held many fundraising events for the project over the last few years. Several village children are sponsored by staff and pupils of the Academy. The project needs help to continue to fund the school of 200 children. It costs £7,000 per year to fund and NTF are able to provide £3,500

There are a number of ways you could help. Larger organisations may be able to fully fund a classroom (£500). Smaller organisations may be able to fund half (£250), and share the cost with another organisation. Individual sponsors may decide they can help, but with a smaller donation. All sponsors will be recognised in the Penyem school with their names on a plaque/notice in 'their' classroom. Please visit the NTF website at www.northamptontrusteefund.co.uk to find out how you could help.

Anne and Andrew Butler



PLAYMAKING FESTIVAL

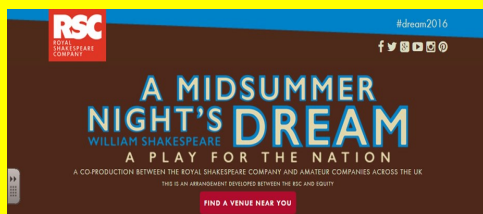
For two weeks, from 27 June 2016, over 1500 young people from 50 schools across the UK will be performing their versions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in The Other Place and The Dell in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Exhibition – Have your work displayed at the RSC

As part of the festival an art installation at The Other Place in Stratford-upon-Avon will display all the work that schools have created across the UK.

The Kingswood Secondary Academy was chosen to perform at the festival – *we are, in the words of the organisers, part of the 'crème de la crème' of applications.* We will be performing our interpretation of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' on 6 July 2016 at 12:00 noon.

Anyone interested in supporting our pupils can book a ticket through the RSC website for a nominal fee of £2.00. If you are free, please come and support our students and enjoy a great day out at Stratford Upon Avon! Find the full schedule and book tickets at www.rsc.org.uk/playmakingfestival



PROM NIGHT



Tension and excitement are rising as we near our Year 11 Prom Night on Friday 1 July at the Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel here in Corby.

The evening starts at 7.00 pm with a Disco and Buffet. There will also be the opportunity for a professional photograph to be taken (at an extra charge) - a sweet cart, photo-booth and chocolate fountain are also included in the entertainment.

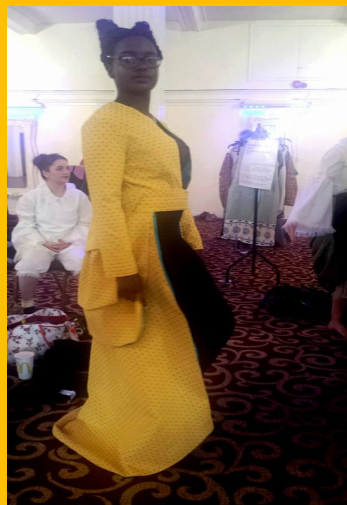
Parents are responsible for the collection of their child at the end of the evening.

If permission is given for the child to make their own way home this must be clearly stated on the reverse of the Prom ticket and signed by a parent/carer to that effect.

Have a great evening!

CONGRATULATIONS TO REBECCA!

A big congratulations goes to one of our teaching assistants, Rebecca Boulton Roe, who completed her HND in Fashion and Textiles at Tresham College after studying for two years on a part-time basis.



The fashion show, which included her designs, was held on the evening of Thursday 16 June at Wicksteed Park Pavilion, Kettering. The evening was made more special when Rebecca received the 'High Achievers Recognition Award' for her group.

As a result of the course she has secured a job as costume supervisor on a brand new musical 'Danny Hero' which is being premiered in Corby in October. Here are two of her designs, the tailed coat with added bustle and the lace edged knickerbocker tunic.



Well Done Rebecca!

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

Hint No 6 — Use parental controls to filter, restrict, monitor or report content

You can set up parental controls to stop your child from seeing unsuitable or harmful content online:

- Internet Service Providers (ISPs), such as Virgin Media, TalkTalk, Sky or BT, provide controls to help you filter or restrict content.
- Laptops, phones, tablets, game consoles and other devices that connect to the internet have settings to activate parental controls.
- Software packages are available—some for free—that can help you filter, restrict or monitor what your child can see online.

Remember that if your child goes online away from home, the same controls might not be in place at other people's houses or on public Wi-Fi. Agree with your child how they will use public Wi-Fi or let other parents know what your child is or isn't allowed to do online.

As your child gets older you can change the level of control that you use. If your child asks you to remove the controls completely, and you are happy to do so, make sure you agree what behaviour is acceptable online first.



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