



Welcome to the Kingswood Secondary Academy Post-16 Information Evening 2025!

Mr Green and Mrs Copland

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Overview of the presentation

- An introduction to the Head of Sixth Form
- Our ethos and what it means to #RiseHigher
- Student success stories and where we excel
- Head student testimonials
- The application process and selecting your courses
- Why now is a great time to join KSA6
- Our promise to you
- Next Steps



An Introduction From the Head of Sixth Form – Mr Green

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A Little Bit About Me....

- I'm from Leicester. My wife's family are all from Corby. She and her brother both attended Kingswood
- I started my teaching career at Kingswood back in 2008!
- I teach English, Media & Film (&EPQ)
- I have been Director of Sixth Form at Sir Christopher Hatton Academy, Wellingborough for 5 years
- In 2022, SCHA sixth form was judged 'Outstanding' by Ofsted – something I hope to replicate here at Kingswood



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My motivation(s)

- I don't remember who my Head of Sixth Form was – we never had a conversation!
- I come from a relatively modest background (Free School Meals / Pupil Premium)
- I was the first person in my family to go to university – I want that same feeling of success for your child!
- The best part of my job is seeing students achieve their dream university / apprenticeship places – it is an amazing feeling!



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Our ethos and what it means to #RiseHigher

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Why the #RiseHigher ethos?

The Academy has its RISE values that underpin everything we do here.

The ethos of #RiseHigher is two-fold. Firstly, we believe the Sixth Form students should embody those values more than any other group in the academy. We have unashamedly high expectations of our Year 12 and 13 students, and we expect them to be role models at all times to our KS3 and KS4 students.

Secondly, and most importantly, if we Rise Higher then we should always have the highest expectations of ourselves and strive to push to achieve greater heights. We want our Sixth Formers to not only be ambitious, but to know they can achieve those ambitions by studying here at Kingswood.

Building on solid foundations

“The school’s curriculum is complemented by a rich personal development offer. This includes a personal, social and health education curriculum that helps pupils learn to appreciate diversity, respect equality and understand the fundamental British values. Pupils benefit from an excellent careers programme that includes personalised advice about next steps for all pupils and students in the sixth form.”

Ofsted judgement = Good

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Student success stories & where we excel

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KSA Success Stories - How our students #RiseHigher



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Tarik successfully achieved **3 grade As in biology, history and psychology** and has secured his place to study **law** at **The University of Nottingham**.

Devidas successfully achieved an **A in psychology and 2 Bs in history and biology** and has secured an offer at **Nottingham University** to study **Criminology**.

Bethany successfully achieved an **A in geography and 2 Bs in biology and psychology**. Bethany has secured her place **The University of Manchester** to study **ecology and environmental science**.

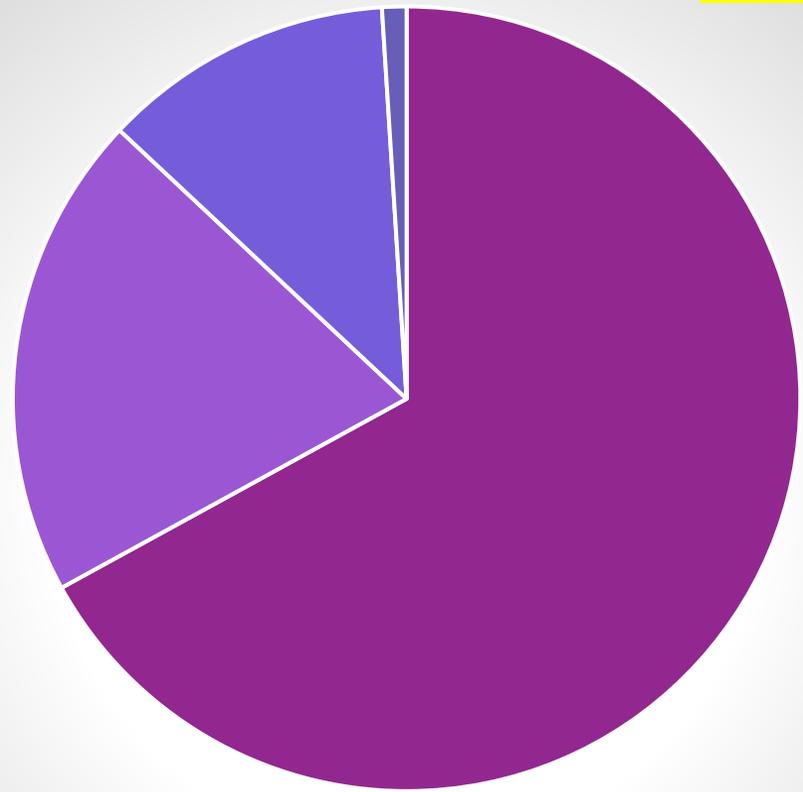
Nazar successfully achieved **A* in Russian, Distinction* in business and 2 Distinctions in information technology and media**. Nazar has secured his place at **The University of Leicester** to study **human resources**.

Ethan successfully achieved an **A in psychology, a Distinction* in media and a B in history**. Ethan has secured his place at **The University of Manchester** to study **philosophy**.

Alexandra was successful in achieving **3 Distinction*s in art & design, media and information technology**. Alexandra is taking a gap year before pursuing her next career steps in digital animation.

Why we are proud of our students and their results....

KSA6 Year 13 Destinations – 2 year trend



■ University ■ Apprenticeship ■ Employment ■ Forces

Here's what our students go on to do:

University – 67%

Russell Group – 30%

Apprenticeship – 20%

Employment or training – 12%

Armed Forces – 1%

In 2025 -84% of our students received offers from their first-choice university

100% of our students secured a positive destination for September

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SUBJECT	UNIVERSITY
Psychology	Uni of Lincoln
Economics	Uni of York
Law	Uni of Nottingham
Human Rights Law	Uni of York
Fine Art	Uni of Brighton
Bio Medical Science	Uni of Sheffield
English with Philosophy	Uni of Nottingham
Chemistry Foundation	Keele University
Adult Nursing	Peterborough
Midwifery	Uni of Cardiff
Biological Sciences	Uni of Leicester
Modern Languages	Queen Mary University
Accounting & Finance	Liverpool John Moores
English	Uni of Leicester
Economics	Uni of Nottingham
Law	Uni of Nottingham
Psychology	Uni of Leicester
History	Uni of Warwick
Veterinary Medicine	Royal Veterinary College
Forensic Science	Uni of Bristol
Computer Science	Uni of Nottingham
Adult Nursing	Anglia Ruskin

Look at our 2024 Destinations....

- ✓ A combination of CTECs and A Level, or even a CTEC only suite of subjects open many doors
- ✓ Our students get to where they want to go, and we are very proud of that. We will help you get the combination of subjects to secure your future
- ✓ Many of our 2024 leavers went on to get into Russell Group universities on a combination of subjects
- ✓ Of this cohort, **over 40% of students** successfully secured a place on a **Science-based** degree course. You do not need to study only A Levels to have the opportunity to do a degree.



Why join KSA6?

Head Girl – Jess

Head Boy - Denis

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The application process and picking the right courses for you

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Picking the right subjects for you

- Students need to choose three subjects you would like to study.
- As per the prospectus 2025/26, to be considered for sixth form, students need to secure a **minimum of x5 Grade 5's.***
- Then, **each subject has a specific minimum entry requirement** to study that course; **please check the prospectus**
- You are welcome to choose all A-Levels, all Vocational or a combination of qualification types
- Choose the pathway that is right for your – don't go with what your friends are picking. **Research your post-18 steps now!**

On the application form, we will ask you to state your **3 preferred options & 2 reserve choices**. We then build the timetable to give as many students their first-choice set of subjects as we possibly can!



Academic
Psychology

QUALIFICATION	EXAMINATION BOARD	COURSE LENGTH
A Level	AQA	2 years

What will I learn?
The AQA A Level Psychology course is divided into three papers:

- Paper 1: Psychology in Society**
 - Content: Psychology in society, mental health, aggression, obedience, resistance
 - Format: Multiple choice, short answer, and extended writing
 - Duration: 2 hours
 - Marks: 96
- Paper 2: Psychology in Context**
 - Content: Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology, Research Methods
 - Format: Multiple choice, short answer, and extended writing
 - Duration: 2 hours
 - Marks: 96
- Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology**
 - Content: Issues and Debates + three optional topics
 - Format: Multiple choice, short answer, and extended writing
 - Duration: 2 hours
 - Marks: 96

Mathematical Requirements
Students are expected to:

- Interpret and analyse data
- Use statistical tests and probability
- Present data graphically
- Apply quantitative skills in context

Future prospects:
Students who study Psychology with a combination of other sciences, maths or humanities and languages often go on to do Nursing, Medicine (both human and veterinary), law, Pharmacy and Pharmacology, Psychotherapy, Psychology and Biomedical sciences, which opens further future career prospects in the field of science, law and Education (Teaching and Lecturing)

Subject Teachers:
Miss Rebecca Meredith
Miss Lorna Wood
Miss Georgia Dempster

Paper 4: Introductory Topics in Psychology

- Content: Social Influence, Memory, Attachment, Psychopathology
- Format: Multiple choice, short answer, and extended writing



Frequently asked questions

Can I do an EPQ
to support my
application to
university /
apprenticeship?

Yes, you can!

We offer the EPQ course to everyone. We also offer Core Maths - which can really help support you if you a Business, Psychology or Applied Science student. We also offer an AS Level in Debating.

There are lots of ways you can boost your CV



Our vocational results are significantly above both regional and national

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Average result ?

	Average result	Points
School / college	Dist-	30.52
North Northamptonshire state-funded schools / colleges	Merit+	29.79
England all schools/colleges	Merit+	29.17

Our students achieve greater outcomes than most across the UK

Our students achieve better grades than their peers in North Northants; this local area



What's the difference between college and Kingswood Sixth Form?

	Kingswood Sixth Form	College
Class Sizes	Small, focused classes where teachers know you personally and tailor lessons to your needs.	Larger classes – you may not get as much one-to-one attention.
Teacher Support	Teachers already know your learning style and can help you progress quickly from GCSE.	You'll be starting over with new staff who won't know your strengths right away.
Structure & Routine	A supportive, structured environment that keeps you on track and motivated. Including regular folder and progress checks	Much more independent – can be easy to lose focus without the right self-discipline.
Pastoral Care	Dedicated sixth form team who check in regularly on both academic progress and wellbeing.	You're expected to seek support yourself – systems are there; however, you will need to seek out that support
Professional Expectations	High standards of presentation and culture. Close monitoring and regular feedback on work, tailored intervention to help you achieve your full potential.	Greater freedom, but less direct monitoring – success depends heavily on self-motivation.
Community Feel	Close-knit, friendly, and familiar. You're part of a team where staff genuinely care about your success.	Much larger environment where it's easy to feel anonymous.
Progression Support	Expert UCAS and apprenticeship guidance, with help writing personal statements and preparing for interviews.	Support available but usually through large centralised careers teams, not personal tutors.
Opportunities	Leadership roles, mentoring younger students, EPQ, trips, and enrichment – all designed to make you stand out.	Fewer leadership opportunities; enrichment depends on the course and campus.



Why now is a great time to be joining
KSA6!

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You're joining at a great time!



Actions for this term (based on student feedback)

We are working hard to improve the experience and the environment for all of our sixth formers by working closely with them and listening to their views.

- ✓ *A complete refresh of the Sixth Form Study Centre to create an engaging and homely environment inc. furniture, floors & walls. A more modern and cosmopolitan feel - watch this space!*
- ✓ *The introduction of café style tables and chairs in social areas & charging points for phones / laptops in multiple areas to encourage group study and collaboration*
- ✓ *Sixth Form only hot food service— students will be able to order in the morning and collect from the Sixth Form block at lunchtime*
- ✓ *Secure, designated parking area (inc. charging points) for Sixth formers (within the secure staff car park)*
- ✓ *Separate entrance to Main School with Sixth Form-focused artwork. You will also have access to swipe card registration for safeguarding purposes*
- ✓ *New displays / wraps around the block to create more of a 'university-style' feel and encourage aspirational goals*

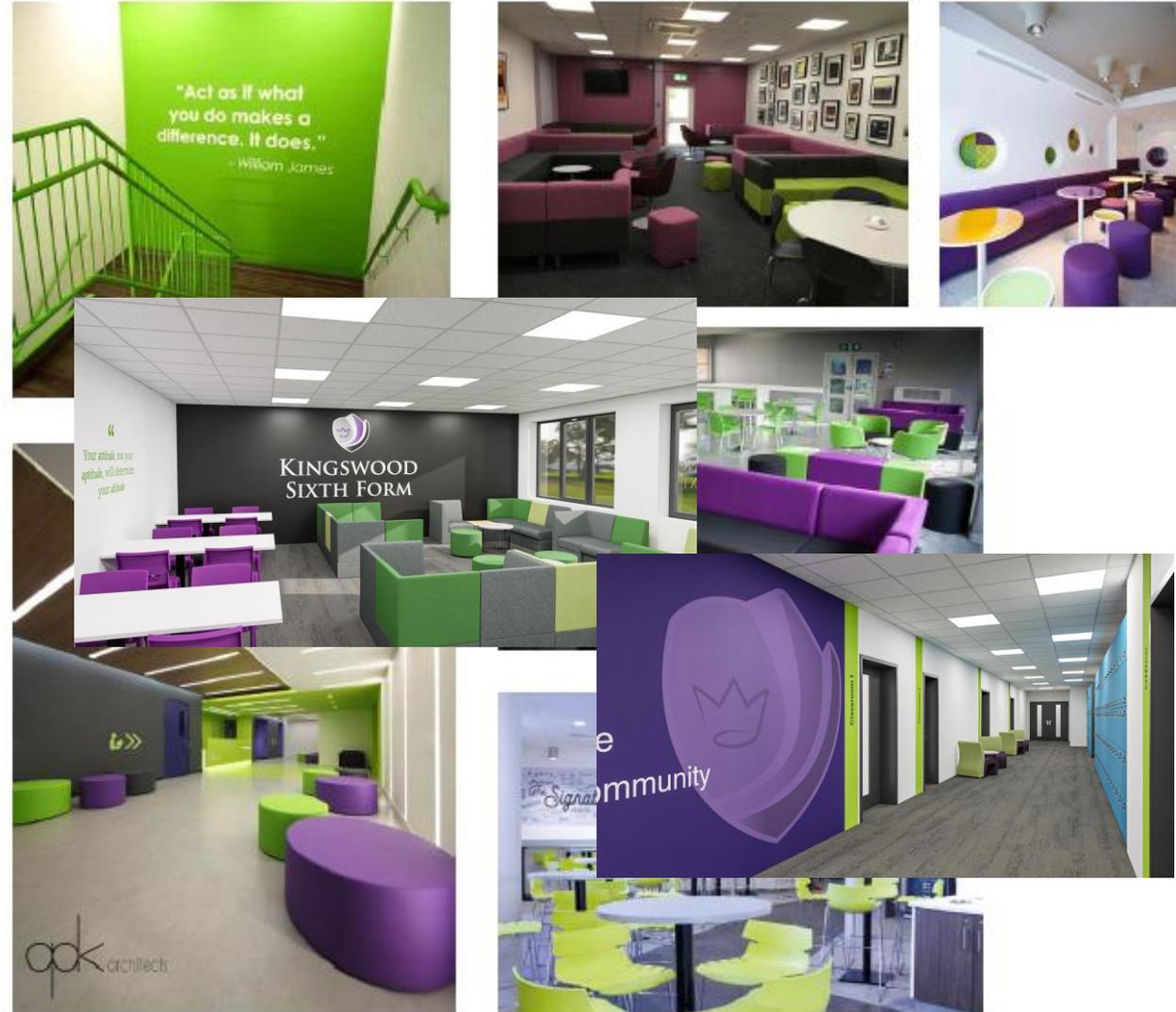
Coming soon.....

A total refresh of the Sixth Form area.....

By the time you join us in **September 2026**,
we will have a fully refurbished Sixth Form
centre to rival any in Corby!

The facilities will be there for you to have a
fantastic sixth form experience

Ask our students about the work that has
already started and their input



There are a host of super-curricular opportunities available to KSA6 students:

Here in the Sixth Form we want you to stand out from all the other 16–19-year-olds in the area. Some of the opportunities we provide for you to boost your CV include:

- ✓ *Reader Leader (Literacy support)*
- ✓ *KS3 student Mentoring*
- ✓ *Sports Leaders*
- ✓ *Personal Statement Builder Programme*
- ✓ *Word Warriors*
- ✓ *Debating*
- ✓ *Societies (Culture / Gaming / K Pop / Taylor Swift – to name a few!)*
- ✓ *Trips (universities / House of Parliament / international trips)*
- ✓ *SSLT (Senior Student Leadership Team)*





Our promise to you

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Our promise to you

- ✓ We care about **every single student** – you will not be just another name among many
- ✓ You will receive **high-quality teaching** on a daily basis. **Feedback** is regular & detailed
- ✓ You will enjoy **strong student / teacher relationships** you won't get elsewhere
- ✓ We **don't** do any lessons **remotely or online**
- ✓ You will have a **tutor** who will see and support you **everyday**
- ✓ You will have a full **PSHE programme** designed to help you navigate your adult life
- ✓ You will not have to put up with lots of **covered lessons**
- ✓ You will be joining a sixth form that will **challenge** you and help you grow
- ✓ You will be joining a sixth form that takes a **forensic** approach to your **progress**

Careers and Support with your Future

- Careers days
- One to one careers advice
- Work experience for 1 week
- Employer talks as part of the curriculum
- University talks (**Leicester** / Warwick / Aston / Stirling)
- Apprenticeship talks
- Assemblies and workshops
- Boost Your Career programme



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Application Roadmap



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Please see your **prospectus** for details of all of our **courses** and **entry requirements**

Please see the **QR code** on the back of your postcard. Please **scan** to complete your **application**

Not sure if you wish to apply? Our advice would be to apply and keep your options open!

**Deadline for application is
Wednesday 17th December
2025**

Thank you!

Thank you for attending tonight -
please ask questions and speak to
staff and students (especially!) -
everyone is here to help!