



### Dear Parents, Carers, and Students

As we approach the end of Term 4, we are now officially over two-thirds of the way through this academic year—a fact that surprised me when I first heard it last week. Time really does fly when you are having fun. I would like to reflect on what has been an exceptionally busy and rewarding spring for our Kingswood community. It has been a term defined by our RISE values—Respect, Independence, Service, and Empathy—as our students continue to flourish and represent the academy with pride.

It has been a standout term for Kingswood sports. In February, our Year 8 and 9 basketball teams travelled to Nottingham to compete against other schools within the Trust. Our girls finished 2nd and our boys 3rd, resulting in a fantastic 3rd place overall for the Academy. Additionally, thirteen of our student officials from Years 10, 11, and 13 showed great leadership by hosting local primary schools for the Take 8 Basketball Tournament.

We also continue to celebrate our musical talent. Following our Music Mark award earlier this academic year, it has been wonderful to see nearly fifty students regularly engaging in instrumental lessons and performing in our various clubs and bands.

I would also like to highlight the recent storytelling project hosted at The Core at Corby Cube on 22 March. Twenty of our young people had the unique opportunity to work with Netflix and the National Youth Theatre to explore careers in the creative industries—a truly inspiring event for our budding storytellers.

We talk to our students about 'investing in themselves', and the examples above are just a few of the many ways Kingswood students are going above and beyond, taking advantage of the opportunities available in our academy to develop their skills and abilities for the future.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term.

Please note the following key dates as we move into the Easter break and Term 5:

- **Last Day of Term 4:** Friday 27 March 2026
- **Easter Break:** Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April 2026
- **Start of Term 5:** Monday 13 April 2026
- **May Bank Holiday (Academy Closed):** Monday 4 May 2026

Yours sincerely

**Mr Matthew Gamble**

**Principal, Kingswood Secondary Academy**





### Key Dates / Events:

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### Dear Parents and Carers

This term has been a fantastic reflection of our #RiseHigher values in action across the Sixth Form, with students demonstrating ambition, resilience, and a strong commitment to their futures.

Our Year 13 students are now entering a crucial stage as they prepare for their final examinations. It has been incredibly encouraging to see so many students already securing university offers, alongside apprenticeships and employment opportunities—clear evidence of their hard work and determination to succeed. In true #RiseHigher spirit, they have also engaged thoughtfully with a range of support opportunities this term, including a student finance session, a visit from Safe Driving Northants, and a wellbeing workshop led by the school nurse. All of these have been designed to help them stay focused, safe, and mentally prepared for the challenges ahead.

Year 12 students have also embodied our #RiseHigher values through their approach to learning and personal development. Following their mock examinations, students have achieved some excellent CTEC unit results, reflecting their growing confidence and academic progress. They have embraced opportunities to explore their future pathways, including an inspiring talk from a former student on apprenticeships and visits from the University of Leicester and Coventry University. In addition, sessions delivered by the school nurse and Northants MHST have supported students in maintaining positive wellbeing as they continue their journey through Sixth Form.

Looking ahead, our Year 13 students will soon begin their final exams while also preparing to celebrate their time with us—an important milestone in their #RiseHigher journey. Meanwhile, Year 12 will begin to look outward, focusing on career ambitions and securing valuable work experience placements as they take the next steps towards their future goals. We are extremely proud of how our Sixth Form students continue to #RiseHigher—showing ambition in their aspirations, resilience in their efforts, and maturity in their preparation for life beyond school.

### The Sixth Form Team

### Contact details

If you have recently moved to a new address and/or have updated your contact details, for example you have a new telephone number or email address, please can you contact your child's form tutor, Deputy Head of Year or Head of Year with the new details so we can update our records. Thank you.



# Kingswood Secondary Academy

## Sixth Form Communication

### Attendance is Everyone's Business!

Last academic year, we witnessed a substantial increase in attendance, and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved!

At Kingswood, we recognise and celebrate positive behaviour and encourage children to attend school by continuing to reward them with a wide range of prizes, including:

- **Weekly rewards** for the form group with the highest attendance in each year group
- **"Friday Feast"** – a prize draw for a student with 100% attendance to win a £20 Just Eat voucher
- **RISE points** awarded for daily attendance, with bonus points for achieving 100% attendance each week – these can be spent in our RISE Store for fantastic rewards
- **Attendance Flash rewards** awarded at the end of every term
- **NEW - Badges and certificates.** More information will follow - watch this space!
- **NEW - Hot Chocolate mornings** rewarding all students across the school with 100% attendance for the half term.

I hope we are all ready to make **Term 5 our best ever for attendance!**

Mr J. Moring  
**Student Attendance Lead**

## ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS



KINGSWOOD SECONDARY ACADEMY

Respect, Independence, Service, Empathy



Why is Enrichment so important?

Enrichment:

- Helps children develop their interests and talents;
- Enables children to develop their character, confidence and independence;
- Teaches children how to keep physically and mentally healthy;
- Prepares individuals for future success.

Students can also participate in the following:

**Student council:** Elected form representatives from all year groups discuss issues affecting students and the Academy. This is a working party which helps our Academy progress.

**KEM – Kingswood Ethnic Minorities:** Volunteers discuss issues that affect and create a more inclusive community. This raises awareness, and students help to plan our cultural celebration days.

**LGBTQ+:** Formed of students from all year groups. This is an open and safe group where students discuss issues affecting their community. They also raise awareness by organising events and celebration days.

### PSHE & Personal Development – Term 5 Overview

Following the Easter break, each year group will continue its PSHE and Personal Development journey, with most year groups studying the statutory requirements of **Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)**.

**Year 7** will learn about friendships, relationships, and respect, including online relationships, consent, peer pressure, and the societal pressures associated with being male today.

**Year 8** will build on their Year 7 learning, with an increased RSE focus. Topics include sexual orientation, the menstrual cycle, and an introduction to contraception.

**Year 9** will explore sex, the law, and consent. Lessons will cover the legal framework around consent, sexual activity, domestic abuse and violence, as well as the statutory topic of FGM.

**Year 10** will deepen their understanding of RSE, particularly around unhealthy relationships and the sexualisation present within the media, including the impact of pornography.

**Year 11** will focus on mental health and the promotion of emotional wellbeing as they prepare for their GCSE examinations.

Across all topics, pupils have access to the Kingswood Way QR code, enabling them to confidentially share information with Mrs Bonner. In PSHE lessons, students are also directed to local RSE and mental-health support services within the North Northamptonshire area.

For parents, carers, and pupils wishing to access further resources, our shared PSHE/RSE Padlet is available here: [PSHE resources board](#)



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## Break 2 and After School Clubs

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Break 2 1:40-2:10	Break 2 1:40-2:10	Break 2 1:40-2:10	Break 2 1:40-2:10	Break 2 1:40-2:10
KS4 Exams Clinic SC4 RM	Dance & Drama Club EP2 CR	Debating Club H2 WM	Dance & Drama Club EP2 CR	Crystal Club SC2 SM
Singing Club SC8 MT	KS3 Jamming Music Club MU2 TH	Board Games Club FH (Hope Church) PA1	STEM Club 9&10 SC5 JM & HJ	Kingswood Ethnic Minorities Group (KEM) SC8 MT
KS4 Art Catch A1 EE	Singing Club SC8 MT	Singing Club SC8 MT	HUMs Film Club H3 SE	Warhammer/ Boardgames M6 JM
GCSE Pod/Silent Study E8 MW/NM	Business Club IV4 SD/CL	Colouring Club H5 HA	KEM SC8 MT	PRIDE E4 LB
		Anime& Manga Club L1 HW	KS3 Doodle Club A1 LW	
		Music Year 11 MU2 TR	Garage Band MU2 TR	
			Fashion Club M2 RBR	
Basketball	Basketball	Basketball	Basketball	Basketball
Table Tennis	Table Tennis	Table tennis	Table Tennis	Table Tennis
<b>FOOTBALL ASTRO JL/MG Years 7-13</b>				
LIB Chess, Anime, Computer & board games	LIB Chess, Anime, Computer & board games	LIB Chess, Anime, Computer & board games	LIB Chess, Anime, Computer & board games	LIB Chess, Anime, Computer & board games
<b>After school 3:10- 4pm CHECK SPORTS CLUBS IN PE for clubs &amp; Fixtures</b>				
LIB Homework club	LIB Homework club	LIB Homework club	LIB Homework club	LIB Homework club
Year 11 Maths Masterclass	Year 11 English Masterclass	Year 11 Science Masterclass	Year 11 HUMS/MFL Masterclass	
Year 10 Masterclass Art A1/2 Dance& Drama EP3		Year 10 Masterclass Hospitality & Catering T2 Health & Social Care IV5 Business IV4	Year 10 Masterclass Music Mu1 & Mu2 Child Development ME1 Sports Science T1	



# Kingswood Secondary Academy

## Curriculum for Year 12 Term 5

### The curriculum and independent learning at Kingswood Secondary Academy

Independent learning (home learning) is an integral part of the learning process at Kingswood Secondary Academy. It builds resilience by allowing our students to take ownership of their learning linked to the learning in lessons as well as forming good study habits. The Academy uses ClassCharts to record all independent learning tasks. All students and parents / carers have an individual log in for ClassCharts. If you need access, please contact your child's form tutor.

There are many different tasks that teachers may set students to complete independently such as completing research, undertaking a project, revising for a topic, completing an assessment, reviewing and / or improving a task and completing some online activities.

Please read the curriculum timetable for **Year 12 Term 5 2025** which highlights the learning expectations for each subject this term. We hope you find this information useful and take time to discuss the subject topics and learning opportunities with your child.

Term 5: Year 12 subjects	Curriculum, independent learning topics and assessment focus	Useful website links / additional information
Art	Preparation for Unit 1 external exam Complete their studies and final pieces for Unit 12	Artist research, observational drawing, photography, experimentation with tools and materials.
Biology	Neuronal Communication Cellular Control	<a href="https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/biology-revision/gcse-ocr-a/">https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/biology-revision/gcse-ocr-a/</a> <a href="https://massolit.io/subjects/biology/curricula#list">https://massolit.io/subjects/biology/curricula#list</a>
Business	Unit 1: The business environment	<a href="#">Cambridge Technicals - Business</a>
Chemistry	Chapter 10, 15, and 16	<a href="https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/chemistry-revision/a-level-ocr-a/">https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/chemistry-revision/a-level-ocr-a/</a> <a href="https://massolit.io/subjects/chemistry/curricula#list">https://massolit.io/subjects/chemistry/curricula#list</a>



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## Curriculum for Year 12 Term 5 continued

Term 5: Year 12 subjects	Curriculum, independent learning topics and assessment focus	Useful website links / additional information
Criminology	Unit 2 Criminological Theories <b>Unit 2 Exam – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May (PM)</b>	<a href="https://www.brainscape.com/subjects/wjec-criminology">https://www.brainscape.com/subjects/wjec-criminology</a>
English Language and Literature	A Streetcar Named Desire Seamus Heaney Poetry	<a href="#">MASSOLIT - Williams: A Streetcar Named Desire: Introduction to 'A Streetcar Named Desire'   Video lecture by Prof. John McRae, Nottingham University</a>  <a href="#">MASSOLIT - The Poetry and Prose of Seamus Heaney: Crediting Poetry   Video lecture by Dr Rosie Lavan, Trinity College, Dublin</a>
English Literature	Keats Poetry Death of a Salesman Atonement by Ian McEwan	<a href="#">MASSOLIT - The Poetry of John Keats: Keats' Background   Video lecture by Prof. Jon Mee, York University</a>  <a href="#">MASSOLIT - Crime Writing: Origins of Crime Writing: Hamlet   Video lecture by Dr Christopher Pittard, Portsmouth University</a>  <a href="#">MASSOLIT - McEwan: Atonement: Beginnings   Video lecture by Dr Allison Adler Kroll, University of Oxford</a>
Geography	Changing Places  Coasts	<a href="#">AQA A-level Geography Revision - PMT</a>  Tutor2U revision on YouTube  Save my exams  Seneca
Health and Social Care	Unit F092 Task 2: Recommending person-centred care and support.	Flipped learning, PowerPoints and tasks are shared on Teams.



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History	Italy 1896-1943 Early Tudors	<a href="https://www.audiopi.co.uk/">https://www.audiopi.co.uk/</a>
IT	F201	Access Teams for revision and tasks.  <a href="#">Sign In   eRevision</a>
Maths	Practice exams papers using both AQA past papers and Kerboodle resources  Topics to cover: Conditional probability using Venn diagram  Hypothesis testing – using p-values for Binomial Using critical values (critical regions for combined events using Binomial distribution)  Solving trigonometric equations	<a href="https://www.examsolutions.net/a-level-maths/mei/">https://www.examsolutions.net/a-level-maths/mei/</a>  <a href="http://www.mathswathvle.com">www.mathswathvle.com</a>  <a href="https://amsp.org.uk/teachers/a-level-further-mathematics/resources/fm-videos/">https://amsp.org.uk/teachers/a-level-further-mathematics/resources/fm-videos/</a>  <b>AS Paper 1 Exam - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May (PM)</b> <b>AS Paper 2 Exam - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (PM)</b>
Media	Unit 2 Pre-Production and Planning  Exam Preparation	<a href="#">Cambridge Technicals Level 3 in Digital Media Unit 2 Pre-production and planning</a>  <b>Exam - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May (PM)</b>
PE	Unit 17 Rehab of sport injuries Unit 2 Sports Coaching	Unit 17 - <a href="#">Unit 17: Write-Up on Sports Injuries and Their Psychological Effects - Studocu</a>
Physics	Chapter 13, 14 and 16.	<a href="https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/physics-revision/a-level-ocr-a/">https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/physics-revision/a-level-ocr-a/</a>  <a href="https://massolit.io/subjects/physics/curricula#list">https://massolit.io/subjects/physics/curricula#list</a>



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Term 5: Year 12 subjects	Curriculum, independent learning topics and assessment focus	Useful website links / additional information
Psychology	Biopsychology Attachment	<a href="#">Attachment Massolit</a> <a href="#">Biopsychology Massolit</a>
Sociology	Education: Policies Research methods Beliefs (Paper2) Crime and Deviance	<a href="https://revisesociology.com/">https://revisesociology.com/</a> <a href="#">Sociology   tutor2u</a> <a href="#">MASSOLIT - 4.1 Education with Theory and Methods - Sociology</a> <a href="#">MASSOLIT - 4.2.3 Health – Sociology</a>



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Term 5: Year 13 subjects	Exam Dates	Curriculum, independent learning topics and assessment focus	Useful website links / additional information
Art	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April - 3-hour exam (AM)	Preparation for Unit 1 external exam. Complete studies and final pieces for Unit 3	Artist research, observational drawing, photography, experimentation with tools and materials.
Biology	Biological process – Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June (PM) Biological diversity – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June (AM) Unified biology – Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June (AM)	Exam Preparation	<a href="https://massolit.io/subjects/biology/curricula#list">https://massolit.io/subjects/biology/curricula#list</a> <a href="https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/biology-revision/a-level-ocr-a/">https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/biology-revision/a-level-ocr-a/</a>
Business	N/A	Course completed	
Chemistry	Periodic Table Element - Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June (AM) Synthesis and Analytical Techniques – Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June (AM) Unified Chemistry – Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June (AM)	Exam Preparation	<a href="https://massolit.io/subjects/chemistry/curricula#list">https://massolit.io/subjects/chemistry/curricula#list</a> <a href="https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/chemistry-revision/a-level-ocr-a/">https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/chemistry-revision/a-level-ocr-a/</a>



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## Curriculum for Year 13 Term 5 continued

Term 5: Year 13 subjects	Exam Dates	Curriculum, independent learning topics and assessment focus	Useful website links / additional information
Criminology	Re-sit - Unit 2 - Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May (PM)  Unit 4 - Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June (PM)	Unit 4: Crime and punishment	<a href="https://www.brainscape.com/subjects/wjec-criminology">https://www.brainscape.com/subjects/wjec-criminology</a>  <a href="https://www.brainscape.com/">https://www.brainscape.com/</a>
English Language and Literature	Paper 1 - Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May (AM)  Paper 2 - Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June (AM)	Revision and Preparation for public examinations  Paris Anthology  Lovely Bones  Seamus Heaney Poetry  The Great Gatsby  A Streetcar Named Desire	Padlet: <a href="#">A Level Lang Lit</a>
English Literature	Paper 1a - Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May (AM)  Paper 2a - Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June (AM)	Revision and Preparation for public examinations  Othello – Keat’s Poetry – Death of a Salesman – Hamlet – Atonement – The Rime of the Ancient Murriner	<a href="https://padlet.com/cwo/od85/AlevelLit">https://padlet.com/cwo/od85/AlevelLit</a>  <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/atwood-the-handmaid-s-tale">https://www.massolit.io/courses/atwood-the-handmaid-s-tale</a>  <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/williams-a-streetcar-named-desire">https://www.massolit.io/courses/williams-a-streetcar-named-desire</a>
Geography	Paper 1 - Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May (AM)  Paper 2 - Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May (PM)	Paper 1 – Check HAZARDS  Revision  NEA deadline  Paper 2 – Check Global Systems and Global Governance	<a href="#">AQA   AS and A-level   Geography   Assessment resources</a>  <a href="#">AQA A-level Geography Revision - PMT</a>  Tutor2U revision on YouTube  Save my exams  Seneca



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Term 5: Year 13 subjects	Exam Dates	Curriculum, independent learning topics and assessment focus	Useful website links / additional information
Health and Social Care	Unit 3 re-sit	Unit 3 (re-sit students only)  Coursework elements completed.	Flipped learning, PowerPoints and tasks shared on Teams. Exam papers printed and mark schemes will be on teams for reference.
History	Civil Rights USA - Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May (PM)  Early Tudors - Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June (PM)  Italy - Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June (AM)	Revision	<a href="https://www.audiopi.co.uk/">https://www.audiopi.co.uk/</a>
IT	N/A	Course completed.	
Maths	Paper 1 - Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June (PM)  Paper 2 - Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June (PM)  Paper 3 - Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June (PM)	Bridging the gaps:  Logarithms and graphs  Statistics – conditional probability  Mechanics – system of forces	<a href="https://www.examsolutions.net/a-level-maths/mei/">https://www.examsolutions.net/a-level-maths/mei/</a>  Past exams papers
Media	Unit 1 Resit - Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May (PM)  Unit 2 Resit - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May (PM)	Unit 3 and Unit 20 clean up	See tasks and assignment briefs on email.
PE	Coursework	Unit 17 Rehab of sport injuries  Unit 2 Sports Coaching  Unit 19 Sport Psychology	Unit 17 - <a href="#">Unit 17: Write-Up on Sports Injuries and Their Psychological Effects - Studocu</a>  Unit 19 - <a href="#">Sport Science Hub – YouTube</a>



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Term 5: Year 13 subjects	Exam Dates	Curriculum, independent learning topics and assessment focus	Useful website links / additional information
Physics	<p>Modelling physics - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May (PM)</p> <p>Exploring physics - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June (AM)</p> <p>Unified Physics - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June (AM)</p>	Exam Preparation	<p><a href="https://massolit.io/subjects/physics/curricula#list">https://massolit.io/subjects/physics/curricula#list</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7DdEm33SyaTDtWYGO2CwdA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7DdEm33SyaTDtWYGO2CwdA</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/physics-revision/a-level-ocr-a/">https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/physics-revision/a-level-ocr-a/</a></p>
Psychology	<p>Paper 1 Attachment, social influence, memory and psychopathology - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May (AM)</p> <p>Paper 2 Approaches, biopsychology and research methods - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May (AM)</p> <p>Paper 3 Issues &amp; debates, relationships, forensics and schizophrenia - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June (AM)</p>	Preparation for exams.	<p><a href="https://massolit.io/subjects/psychology/curricula">https://massolit.io/subjects/psychology/curricula</a></p> <p><a href="#">AQA Psychology PMT</a></p> <p><a href="#">Psychology Hub</a></p> <p>Miss Meredith's Padlet – link via email</p>
Sociology	<p>Paper 1 Education with Theory and Methods - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May (AM)</p> <p>Paper 2 Topics (Health &amp; Beliefs) - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June (AM)</p> <p>Paper 3 Crime and Deviance - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June (PM)</p>	Paper 1, 2 & 3 revision	<p><a href="https://revisesociology.com/">https://revisesociology.com/</a></p> <p><a href="#">Sociology   tutor2u</a></p> <p><a href="#">MASSOLIT - 4.2.5 Beliefs in Society - Sociology</a></p> <p><a href="#">MASSOLIT - 4.3 Crime and Deviance with Methods - Sociology</a></p>



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## Sixth Form Communication

### Celebrating success:

We are pleased to celebrate the achievements of the top 20 RISE earners in **Term 4**. Well done for showing **R**espect, building **I**ndependence, having a sense of **S**ervice to our community and demonstrating **E**mpathy in lessons and in the community.

Viktor	Zagorski	109	Bohdan	Almes	98
Eliza	Pogoda	106	Arron	Taylor	98
Maison	Lansberry	105	Leon	Bonnefemme	97
Adithya	Suresh	105	Nathan	Munguana	97
Ella	Wright	105	Alvin	Scornea	96
Archie	Duncan	102	Max	Simpkin	94
Peyton	Moore	101	Amalia	Aanicai	93
Rae	Duncan	100	Kaltom	Ettamli	93
Lilly Mai	Parsons	100	Andrew	Green	93
Leah	McConnell	99	Olivia	Hajo	93

Congratulations to the top 10 Tutor Groups for **Term 4**:

10K	3156	8K	1673
8W	2135	8G	1651
7W	1788	9D	1606
8D	1689	7K	1562
8S	1680	10W	1447



### Our RISE Store

We continue to see an incredible number of orders through the **RISE Store**, celebrating students who consistently demonstrate our school's core values: **Respect, Independence, Service to the community, and Empathy**. These values are key to helping our students grow into well-rounded Kingswoodian individuals.

Most RISE points this term were earned through **Independence**, which is awarded for efforts in and around learning. Points are given for things like participation in class discussions, producing high-quality work during lessons, and completing homework to a good standard.

We would like to celebrate all students who have earned RISE points and enjoyed spending them in the RISE Store. To continue offering a wide variety of items in exchange for RISE points, we warmly welcome donations from the wider community. Suggested items include **stationery, sweets, chocolates, toiletries, gift sets, and vouchers**.

If you know of any companies or sponsors who may be able to contribute to the store for our students, please contact **Mr. Feely** at: [feely@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org](mailto:feely@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org)



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## Sixth Form Communication

### CoachBright Peer-to-Peer Coaching

We are delighted to share that our school has been selected as part of the intervention group for the national CoachBright / EEF trial. The programme has now been successfully launched, and it has been wonderful to see our Year 10 and Year 7 pupils working so positively together.

Coaching pairs have settled quickly into their roles, demonstrating real maturity, teamwork, and enthusiasm. The sessions are already fostering a supportive and encouraging atmosphere, where younger pupils feel confident tackling challenging maths content while older pupils develop valuable leadership and communication skills.

The programme will continue into next term, providing pupils with further opportunities to deepen their metacognitive strategies, build independence, and strengthen their belief in their ability to succeed.

### Principal's Pride Celebration

We were pleased to recognise our Principal's Pride nominees from Years 7–9, who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement throughout the term. A formal celebration was held during which students were presented with certificates and a small token of appreciation. They also had the opportunity to meet personally with Mr. Gamble to receive his congratulations. We commend all nominees for their diligence and commitment to excellence—your efforts are truly commendable.



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### Radio Traineeship – Student Spotlight

Four of our Sixth Form students are currently taking part in an exciting Radio Traineeship Programme in partnership with the University of Northampton. Over the course of six weeks, they attend weekly sessions where they are developing a wide range of technical and broadcasting skills.

Throughout the programme, students have been learning how to operate professional recording desks, as well as practising key interview and journalism techniques—including how to craft engaging hooks that lead seamlessly into songs. They have also had the opportunity to pre-record a news segment, which was successfully broadcast.

Being taught by industry experts has given our students invaluable hands-on experience and a taste of real-world radio production. A fantastic opportunity and an amazing achievement—well done to all involved!



### Project Sideline – Year 8 Workshop Highlights

On Wednesday 18th March, our Year 8 cohort took part in an inspiring series of workshops delivered by **Project Sideline**. Through a blend of basketball-based activities and engaging discussions, students explored key themes such as confidence, resilience, and empathy.

The workshops also included vital learning around **knife-crime awareness**, helping students understand how positive choices, teamwork, and self-belief can keep them—and their wider communities—safe.

Our Year 8s represented the school brilliantly throughout the sessions, embracing every opportunity to develop new skills and reflect on the values that support their well-being both inside and beyond the classroom.



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### Cadet Highlights – This Term's Activities

Our Cadets have enjoyed an action-packed and inspiring term, taking part in a variety of hands-on experiences both within the community and across local emergency services.

They began with an insightful visit to the **Control Room at Police HQ in Northampton**, where they learned how emergency responses are coordinated and gained a behind-the-scenes look at real-time operations.

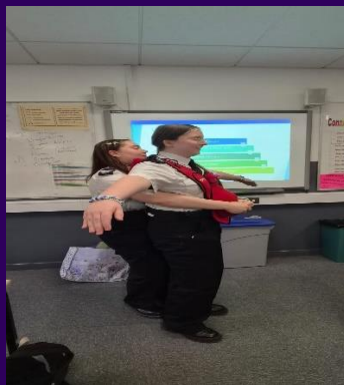
The group also visited the **Custody Suite in Kettering**, giving them a valuable opportunity to understand police procedures and the responsibilities involved in maintaining public safety.

Cadets then took part in a **basic First Aid training session with EMAS**, developing essential life-saving skills and building confidence in how to respond in emergency situations.

Later in the term, they received an informative visit from **Aquarius**, a charity supporting individuals and communities with issues related to addiction. This session helped raise awareness and encouraged thoughtful discussion. [Aquarius Charity – Helping People and Communities across the Midlands](https://www.aquariuscharity.org.uk/)

Finally, our Cadets proudly **supported the local community in Kettering** by volunteering with **RunThrough**, contributing to a positive and energetic community event.

<https://www.runthrough.co.uk/regions/midlands-running-events>



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### Lessons from Auschwitz Project

Six of our Year 12 students recently participated in the *Lessons from Auschwitz* project, a powerful educational programme designed to deepen understanding of the Holocaust. As part of the experience, students had the opportunity to meet a Holocaust survivor and later took part in an intensive one-day visit to Auschwitz I and Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland.



This profound experience enabled our students to gain a first-hand insight into the human impact of the Holocaust. They returned with a strengthened appreciation for the importance of remembrance and a renewed commitment to challenging prejudice in all its forms.



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### Mrs Bonner Appointed Chair of the Pride in Place Project

Last month, Mrs Bonner was invited to Downing Street by our MP, Lee Barron, to take part in the launch of the UK Pride in Place initiative. We are delighted to announce that she has been appointed Chair of our Kingswood Pride in Place project. This ambitious and transformative initiative will bring £2 million of investment into the Kingswood, Exeter, and Hazel Leys communities over the next ten years.

This substantial funding represents a long-term commitment to improving health, strengthening community connections, and enriching the educational experiences of young people and families across our area. At the very heart of this project sits Kingswood Secondary Academy, ensuring our students and local families directly benefit from every stage of its development.

Under Mrs Bonner's leadership, the Pride in Place project will focus on:

- Enhancing opportunities for students through new programmes, resources, and experiences
- Improving community health and wellbeing with targeted initiatives and support pathways
- Building a stronger, more connected local community through collaborative projects and shared spaces
- Raising aspirations and creating an environment where every young person can thrive

Mrs Bonner's passion for the community and dedication to our students make her the perfect choice to lead this important work. Her appointment marks the beginning of an exciting decade of growth, collaboration, and opportunity for everyone in our local area.

These are truly exciting times for our school, our students, and our wider community. We cannot wait to see the positive impact this project will bring.



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### Storytelling Workshop with the National Youth Theatre, in Association with Netflix

On Thursday 19th March, our Sixth Form English, Media, and selected Year 13 students had the fantastic opportunity to participate in a two-hour storytelling workshop led by industry professionals from the National Youth Theatre (NYT), recently featured on ITV and BBC local news. Delivered in partnership with Netflix to mark the anniversary of *Toxic Town*, the session offered students a unique insight into the world of professional storytelling and performance.

The two visiting directors were hugely impressed by the enthusiasm, commitment, and confidence shown by our students, offering glowing praise for their focus, creativity, and collaborative spirit. Throughout the workshop, students took part in dynamic ice-breakers and warm-up activities before moving into practical tasks exploring character creation and narrative building. This included improvisation, object-based imagery, free writing, and experimenting with the impactful use of sound and questioning when shaping new material.

The room was filled with energy, imagination, and a genuine sense of possibility as students embraced every challenge and creative prompt. It was truly inspiring to watch them engage so wholeheartedly, showcasing both their talent and their willingness to push themselves creatively.

We are incredibly proud of how confidently and professionally our students represented the school during this exciting and memorable experience.



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The Kingswood Secondary Academy is part of the Greenwood Academies Trust (GAT). Please use the link below to see our full list of current vacancies for both Kingswood Secondary Academy and other Academies within GAT: [Kingswood Secondary Academy - Vacancies](#)



Please access the Academy website to find information about aspiration and careers and how to best support your child, including job of the week:

[Kingswood Secondary Academy - Job of the Week](#)



### ClassCharts

Please access ClassCharts <https://www.classcharts.com/account/login> for all homework, RISE points and behaviour information. You will need a code in order to log on. Please contact your child's tutor who will provide this for you.

**ParentPay** is a convenient facility that enables parents and carers to pay, in a cashless way, for various items. You can access ParentPay by visiting [Kingswood Secondary Academy - ParentPay & Shop](#)

Here are just a few of the things that can be paid for via the [Kingswood Secondary Academy Shop](#):

- Student Planners/Calculators/Student ID cards, lanyards & holders
- Art supplies
- Revision guides & books (these are provided free of charge to PP students)
- Uniform
- Exam Re-takes

**Payment reports are printed out daily and orders processed. Your child can collect their orders the FOLLOWING DAY from Student Services.**

Items will not be posted home.



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### Annual Lockdown Drill:

The safety and welfare of our students and staff is our highest priority at Kingswood. As you would expect, we regularly practise emergency drills to ensure our staff and students know what to do in an emergency. The aims of the training drills are to improve our ability to protect pupils/students, save lives, and reduce injuries. These practice drills allow us to evaluate our emergency operation plans and improve our response skills.

For many years now we have also practised our 'Lockdown Drill' and we wanted to make you aware of this. These drills are designed to ensure that pupils/students are aware of our safety procedures and to reduce the level of anxiety that could come from a real-life situation should it ever occur - which of course, we hope never will.

A lockdown would be initiated when a situation arises that requires the isolation (rather than evacuation) of students and staff from an identified risk, such as; dangerous animal in the vicinity of the school, local emergency (gas cloud/air pollution), or an intruder on our site.

In the event of a real risk and lockdown, we would initiate lockdown in liaison with the police. Parents and carers will be contacted at a suitable time to inform them of the event. It is vital that parent(s)/carer(s) do not:

- Contact the school via telephone in order to keep our phone lines clear
- Contact your child/children directly by mobile phone even if they contact you
- Come to school in person, unless told it is safe to do so by ourselves

We appreciate that this would be extremely difficult, but if the above points are not followed this could jeopardise the safety of students and staff in school.

Please be sure that your contact information is up to date and accurate. It is a good idea to have several trusted adults listed as contacts with the school.

We must stress that these incidents are extremely unlikely to occur. However, we are best to be prepared and because of our lockdown planning we did successfully initiate a lockdown on the advice of the Police in 2022 when stray dogs were in the local community.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions regarding the above information then please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year.



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### **Parking and Access to Kingswood Secondary Academy**

Wherever possible, we encourage our students to walk or cycle to the Academy, as this offers clear health and environmental benefits.

If you do bring your child by car, please note the following:

### **Dropping Off Your Child in the Morning**

It would be most helpful if you could drop off your child a few hundred metres from the school and allow them to walk the short distance in.

If you wish to use our roundabout, this is permitted in the mornings. This works well because drop-offs occur over a 30–45-minute period, so congestion is generally not a significant issue.

### **Collecting Your Child at the End of the Day**

Due to the large number of students leaving in a short time frame, we do not allow parents onto the site to collect their children. This is because of the significant congestion it causes, which leads to vehicles backing up onto Gainsborough Road and blocking traffic in both directions.

### **In summary:**

Please do not drive onto the school site to collect your child at the end of the day.

### **Exception:**

If your child has a disability, please speak with their Head of Year or Miss Skorwider in our Special Educational Needs Department, who will make appropriate arrangements.

### **Consideration for Local Residents**

We often receive complaints from local residents, particularly on Tower Hill Road and Oak Wood Drive. With this in mind, we kindly ask that you:

- Note that **Tower Hill Road is a no-stopping area** between Monday and Friday, 8am–6pm. This is clearly signposted.
- Park considerately. Consider parking further away and allowing your child to walk a few minutes to meet you, helping reduce congestion.
- Avoid blocking residents' driveways or using them to turn around or stop.
- Do not park on yellow lines.

### **The AA - School Safety Alert**

- Over **6,000 children under 16** were injured on UK roads in 2023 while walking or cycling.

### **The AA - Safety Advice for Drivers**

- Slow down in school zones—even if not signposted.
- Avoid distractions, especially mobile phone use.
- Park responsibly—not near school gates or on zigzag lines.
- Watch out for children on bikes, scooters, or crossing roads.
- Obey school crossing patrols.

*“The return to school is a busy and exciting time for families, but it also brings increased risks on the roads. With more children walking, cycling, and scooting to school, drivers must be especially cautious.”*

— Tony Rich, AA Head of Road Safety

**Thank you for your co-operation.**

