

Newsletter

Year 7 Term 2



Key Dates / Events:

Monday 13th
November –
flu vaccinations.

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Message from the Principal: -

Welcome to the Term 2 newsletter. It's been a busy time here at Kingswood Secondary Academy and coming off the back of the best ever exam results our current year 11 students have been making the most of the afterschool Master Classes in a wide variety of subjects. These sessions really made a difference to our young people's results in the summer, and they are now enjoying their next steps in our highly successful Sixth Form and at other local providers. I can proudly say that colleagues here at Kingswood continue to go that extra mile for our children and the local community by working tirelessly to improve the life chances our young people. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both them and you for your support as we all pull in the same direction together to ensure the best possible experience and opportunities for the children here at Kingswood Secondary Academy.

Mr G Carlile

Message from Head of Year 7: -

Dear Year 7,

Congratulations on completing a fantastic term! Your hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication have truly paid off. It's inspiring to see each of you embracing new challenges, making new friends, and contributing positively to the school community. Your effort, both academically and personally, reflect your commitment to learning and growth. Keep up the excellent work, and I look forward to witnessing your continued success in the upcoming terms. Well done!

Mr de Kock



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Year 7 Enrichment Clubs:

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 the community. They also raise awareness by organising events and celebration days.

Personal development:

PSHE

In PSHE students will be learning about Celebrating Differences where they will be looking at the impact of discrimination. The PSHE sessions will include information about protected characteristics and stereotyping. We also have anti-bullying week from the 13-17th November, Remembrance Day on the 11th November and our Christmas charity work and celebrations to look forward to. It's looking like a jam-packed term between now and the build up to Christmas.

The School Day

Just a reminder students should arrive in school so that they are on site by 8.30am **and meet in their areas** for a prompt start of 8:40am. Note that those who arrive after this time will be admitted with a 'Late' mark and they will be placed in detention after school.

The school day ends at 3.10pm.

Uniform

Our children do need to be in full school uniform when they enter the building. There has been an increase in very small skirts which is unacceptable; please ensure that your child is in the correct full school uniform. During the day students can take off their blazers in lessons, break and lunchtimes while they are outside. Students can use the water fountains to fill up water bottles during breaktimes. We want to ensure all our students are wearing full uniform consistently from week 1 to week 39!



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Year 7 Enrichment 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
Maths Game Club DB Maths resource centre	Film Club Part 1 PCL E5	Drama Club CR & CD EP1	Business Club SD IV4	Film Club P2 HH E5
Anime & Manga Club HH L2	Dance Club KG EP1	Board Games Club FH (Hope Church) PA1	Poetry By Heart DC & NM E1	Horrible Histories SE H4
Science Club LC Sc3 Years 7&8	IT Club SA IV6	STEM JM & HJ Sc5 Years 9&10	Singing Club MT MU2	
	Bedrock/Educake/ GCSE Pod MW E9	Fashion Club RBR M2		
	Music Club – Garage band TR MU1	Keyboard Club BDK MU2		
FOOTBALL ASTRO JL/MG Years 7-13				
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
After school 3:10- 4pm				
LIB Homework club	LIB Homework club	LIB Homework club	LIB Homework club	LIB Homework club
SPORTS CLUBS TERM 1				
AFTER SCHOOL (3:10pm– 4:10pm)				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Astro / Field	Y7 & 8 Boys' and Girls' Football Club <i>RN/HW</i>			
Netball Courts / Gym	Netball Club – All Years <i>ACO/RO</i>			
Main Hall			Table Tennis Club – All Years <i>PH/SRD</i>	
Sports Hall		Y9, 10 & 11 Basketball Club <i>PH</i>	Y7 & 8 Dodgeball Club <i>LF</i>	Y7 & 8 Girls' Basketball Club <i>SM</i>
Fixtures / Revision (See teacher)		Y9 Netball Fixtures Y10 Netball Fixtures <i>ACO/ROM/SM</i>	Y7 & 8 Girls' Football Fixtures <i>ACO/RO/SM</i> GCSE PE Masterclass (T2) <i>SM</i>	Y10 Boys' Football Fixtures <i>SRD</i> CNAT Sport Science Masterclass (T2) <i>PH</i> (T1) <i>ACO/RO</i>



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Year 7 Curriculum Clubs:

Curriculum clubs:

Independent learning is an integral part of the learning process at Kingswood Secondary Academy. It builds resilience by allowing you to take ownership of your learning linked to the learning in lessons as well as forming good study habits. These rooms are available for Years 7, 8, and 9 until 4:10pm for independent study:



Monday	LRC (library)
Tuesday	LRC (library)
Wednesday	LRC (library) English in E2 with specialist staff
Thursday	LRC (library) Humanities in H2 and MFL in L2 IV1 and IV4 with a vocational teacher

Sports clubs:

Sports clubs are also timetabled for after school. They are advertised in all form rooms, on Facebook, on our website and in the PE area. Please speak to your PE teacher for more information.



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Year 7 Curriculum:

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 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 2: Year 7 subjects	Curriculum, independent learning topics and assessment focus	Useful website links / additional information
English	Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson Myths and Legends	https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/treasure/summary/ https://www.storynory.com/category/myths/greek-myths/
Maths	Place value, Ordering integer Fraction, decimal and percentage.	https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/fdp-equivalents-2130 https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/place-value-00b7 https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning?year=year-7
Science	Group A – 7x1, 7x3, 7y2 Group B – 7x2, 7y1, 7y3 Group C – 7x4, 7y4	A) Breathing, Digestion, Variation, Human reproduction, Holistic assessment B) Separating mixtures, Elements, Periodic table, Earth structure, Universe, Holistic assessment C) Contact forces, Pressure, Voltage and resistance, Current, Electromagnets Magnetism, Holistic assessment https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zng4d2p



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Year 7 Curriculum continued:

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Geography	Hazards	Hazards - KS3 Geography - BBC Bitesize
History	Corby (local history). Medieval Realms (1066-1500)	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zshtyrd
Religious Studies	World Religions	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zh3rkqt
French	School subjects, school life and opinions about school	https://wordwall.net/en-gb/community/ks3/french/school-subjects
Spanish	Mi tiempo libre (free time activities)	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zfckjxs https://wordwall.net/en-gb/community/spanish/free-time-activities
Art	Art topics linked with Georgia O'Keeffe's art, mask-making and Vincent Van Gogh	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3iKpM0H6Ek&t=2s https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eujD5wXrPTY https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJPAPOKfuEO
Dance / Drama: An introduction to basic performance skills.	Dance: Nutcracker Drama: Darkwood Manor	The History of Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker! New Adventures (new-adventures.net)
IT	Hardware and Software	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z7qqmsg/revision/1 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zmpsgk7
Music	MU3 – Introduction to Rhythm AND Ukulele skills MU1 – ICT Skills and Introduction to rhythm	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zmsvr82
PE	Skills and techniques	Boys = Rugby Basketball Girls = Football Fitness UK Sport UK Sport
Technology rotation: Food, Textiles and Engineering	Cooking for dishes. Textiles – Upcycling sketchbooks.	Recipes for kids recipes - BBC Food Easy Art for Kids: Wire Sculpture - Babble Dabble Do https://www.tinkercad.com/



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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: <https://www.kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=20>



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

<https://www.kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org/page/?title=Job+of+the+Week&pid=615>



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.

How to access ParentPay



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 <https://www.kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org/> and then by clicking on the shopping trolley icon. Here are just a few of the things that can be paid for via the ParentPay Shop:

- Equipment Packs
- Art supplies
- Revision guides & books
- Uniform
- Exam Re-takes.

In the payment screen it is essential that we are able to identify your child and his/her Form group. Once we have received payment notification, we will process your order and your son/daughter will be advised they can collect their items from Reception. Items will not be posted home.



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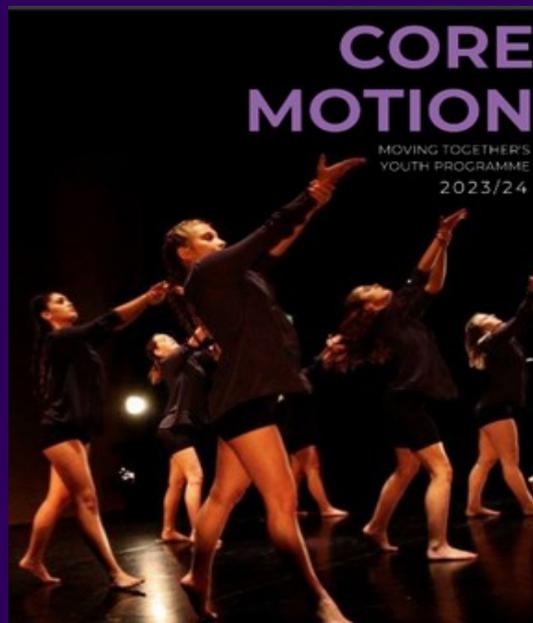


Core Motion — Moving Together's Youth Programme

There is an exciting opportunity for our students in years 7-11 to take part in a Dance project at the Corby Cube. The programme is free but if they wish to complete the Arts Award it has a starting fee of £27. It runs from October to July and no prior dance training is required to take part. More information is available on their website: <https://www.movingtogether.co.uk/>

Link to register:

bit.ly/coremotiondance



Spirit of Corby Award

Our Academy Cadets have been nominated for a Spirit of Corby Award in the youth organisation category. You can nominate them by visiting: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=ZQLFoxfijUKxa8ojn35Nwb-V2OD_FDhCiRA4H9ug7GxUNDZKODIVMEIQMkEwRIROWktPOTVKTU1DWi4u

We are always proud of their achievements and help and support they offer within the Academy and the local community.

Lost Property notice

We have a collection of unclaimed items including coats, jumpers, shoes, equipment etc in our Student Services area. On the last Friday of each term all items will be displayed neatly in the Reception area for collection (except during break and lunch time). Please collect any missing items as we are unable to store the items long term and will donate any remaining items to charity.



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Amazing Art

Well done to the following students for outstanding effort in Art and Textiles and for creating amazing pieces of art at home.



Nadia McRobbie's portrait of Viola Davis to celebrate and recognise Black History month.



Joanna Dabek's dragon paper engineering.



Our year 9 Textiles students are learning how to create applique portraits and how to apply colour, shape and pattern with a sewing machine.

Julia Poziomek's tonal studies of Leonardo da Vinci's 'Mona Lisa' and Johannes Vermeer's 'Girl with a Pearl Earring'.



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Creative Careers Week - 13th - 17th November

The following link provides more information: <https://discovercreative.careers/teachers-career-leaders/discover-creative-careers-week-2023-schools-colleges/>

**NORTHANTS
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
EXPO 2023**

- Friday 24th November and Saturday 25th November 2023
- FREE ENTRY
- Learning Hub, Waterside Campus, University of Northampton

www.northamptonfilmfestival.co.uk/expo

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**NORTHANTS
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
EXPO 2023**

Day 1 - Friday 24th November - opens for Schools at 10.30am - with a FREE exhibition of local, regional and national creative organisations and presentations, workshops and tours - until 2.30pm.

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What to expect:

- A combination of exhibitions open for the duration, and bookable presentations covering the Creative Industries, designed for Years 9 – 13.
- Exhibitions by professionals and organisations from a variety of creative industries, from Film and Games to Publishing and Events.
- Hands on demonstrations.
- Info on creative industry courses at the University of Northampton including tours of their facilities.
- Worksheets to do on site or on your return to school.

Exhibitors/speakers inc. Royal & Derngate, Final Pixel Academy, Sage Communications, CARRIER-media, NLive Radio, Narrative Alchemy, illustrator/author Alex Willmore, University depts inc Games, Animation, Events, Music, Film, Hair and Make Up.

Expected Outcomes

- Increased knowledge about creative careers and the skills required
- Students feel inspired about the local and national opportunities
- Educators gain access to valuable resources

Booking form: <https://forms.gle/nbGAIomjNNyrcuW8>
NB schedule will be released w/c 25th September to booked schools

Please feel free to get in touch with any queries to info@northamptonfilmfestival.co.uk

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Parking and access to Kingswood Secondary Academy:

Wherever possible we encourage our students to walk or cycle to the Academy for the obvious health and environmental benefits this brings.

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

Dropping off your child in the morning:

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

If you do wish to use our roundabout then we do allow this in the mornings. This works because parents drop off their children over a 30-45 minute period, so congestion does not tend to be a significant issue.

Collecting your child at the end of the day:

Due to the inevitable departure of students in a relatively short period of time at the end of a school day, it does not work for us to allow parents onto site to collect their child. This is because of the very significant congestion caused which, leads to vehicles backing up out of our entrance, which in turn then blocks Gainsborough Road in both directions.

In summary, please do not drive onto our school site to collect your child at the end of the day.

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

Sadly, we quite often get complaints from local residents e.g. on Tower Hill Road and Oak Wood Drive. With this in mind, we'd be very grateful if you note the following:

Please park considerately and consider parking further away and allowing your child to walk for a couple of minutes to get to you, so you can park in a less congested location.

Please avoid blocking residents' drives and do not use residents' drives to turn around in or stop in. Please avoid parking on yellow lines.

Thank you for your understanding.

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.



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Kingswood Secondary Academy – Uniform Requirements

At Kingswood Secondary Academy we believe that wearing our distinctive uniform gives our students a sense of belonging, fosters pride in the Academy and stops students coming to school in inappropriate clothing or footwear. Students are our ambassadors in the community and therefore we expect all students to wear full uniform when travelling to and from the Academy, at all Academy functions, on extra-curricular visits and when taking part in sports events. Please refer to our website for updated uniform policy and expectations.

Our Academy uniform consists of:

- An Academy tie with a traditional white shirt which has a fastened top button and is long enough to be tucked into trousers or a skirt; the bottom of the tie should meet the waistband
- Black trousers or skirt made of standard material – studs or zips on pockets must not be visible. Jeans, cords, hipster and tight-fitting (e.g. Revs-style) trousers are not appropriate and all trousers should cover the ankle. Combat-style trousers, e.g. with additional side pockets, are not allowed. Skirts should be no shorter than knee length and should not be fitted or made of tight stretchy material. Skater-style skirts are not suitable. As a rule of thumb, trousers and skirts should be modest.
- Academy blazer for all students in years 7 to 11
- Black or grey socks with black trousers; neutral or black tights with skirts
- Black leather or leather-style traditional school shoes that can be polished, with a heel no more than 2cm in height. (No boots or trainers, or trainer-style shoes such as Vans or Converse are allowed. Girls' ballet-type footwear is not acceptable)

Physical education kit for all years:

- Black tracksuit bottoms with academy logo
- Black short-sleeved sports polo shirt with purple panels and the academy logo
- Black long-sleeved sports shirt with purple panels and the academy logo
- Black shorts with academy logo
- Suitable trainers or other sports footwear
- Sports leggings with academy logo or plain black sports leggings (not cotton) Students will also be required to bring other appropriate kit to their PE lessons where necessary. For example, shin-guards for contact sports, studded boots for rugby, mouth guard for some PE activities. Students will be given specific advice from their PE teachers.



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Half-Term activities

Visit <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/half-term-activities/half-term-activities-corby> for more information.

North Northamptonshire Leisure

OCTOBER HALF TERM

ACTIVITIES

- Family Float Sessions
- Diving taster session
- Teen fit gym
- Crash course intensive lessons
- Surf 'n' turf
- Supervised diving

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Corby East Midlands International Pool

IRON PIT WOODS ADVENTURE

Iron Pit Woods Adventure Price List 2023

Activity	Age Group	Price
18 Hole Adventure Golf	13 years +	£8.95 (1 round)
	5 years - 12 years	£6.95 (1 round)
	Ages 3 - 4 years	£4.95 (1 round)
Aerial Assault High Ropes & Zip Wire (minimum age 8 years)	8 years +	£16.95 (2 circuits)
		£20 one and maximum weight of 115kg (15 stone)

And 2 circuits will take approx. 60 - 90 minutes

Combi tickets

(1 round of golf and 2 circuits of aerial assault & zip wire)

8 years + £21.95

Discounted rates for blue light card holders 10% (for up to 2 guests)
Birthday & Corporate packages available by contacting the Holiday Inn events team on events@hcorby.com
We are open Monday - Sunday 10am - 7pm

Book via - Phone, Email and Online
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IRON PIT WOODS ADVENTURE

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th
October

For information on our holiday activities across North Northamptonshire please visit our website:
www.northnorthants.gov.uk/holidayactivities

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Halloween fun at Rockingham Castle

Take part in spooky activities with the witches and wizards of Rockingham!

Visit <https://www.rockinghamcastle.com/event/halloween-fun/> for more information.

