

Newsletter

Year 7 Summer Term



Message from our Principal -

Dear Parents and Carers,

Time really does fly and as the term draws to a end, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful year we have had together. It has been a year filled with numerous achievements which is only possible with the support and dedication of our amazing school community.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you, our parents and carers. Your active involvement, encouragement, and collaboration have been vital in fostering the nurturing and positive environment we have here for our students. Your commitment to their education is crucial to help your children and our students reach their full potential, and I speak on behalf of all at Kingswood when I say we are immensely grateful for this partnership.

This year our students have truly embraced their learning, both in and out of the classroom, and have risen to the occasion time and again, constantly living by our shared RISE values of Respect, Independence, Service to Community and Empathy. Whether through academic pursuits, sports, the arts, or community service, our students have demonstrated their talents and investment in themselves, each other and Kingswood in many ways. It has been a joy to witness and celebrate their successes.

I also want to acknowledge and thank the exceptional work of our teachers and wider staff. Their passion, creativity, and tireless efforts have been at the forefront of our students' achievements. As ever, the staff at Kingswood have gone above and beyond to provide a supportive and enriching learning experience, and I am impressed and incredibly proud of their dedication and professionalism.

As we look ahead to the new year, I am filled with hope and excitement for the opportunities that await us. We will continue to strive for excellence in all aspects of school life, building on the strong foundation we have established. Thank you once again for your trust, support, and partnership. I wish you all a joyful summer (Let's hope the lovely weather continues!) and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

Enjoy.

M Gamble

Principal



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Key Dates / Events:

A Level results day:

Thursday 14th August

9:00am-10:30am - Year 13

10:30am-11:30 am - Year 12

GCSE results day:

Thursday 21st August

9:00am-10:30am - Year 11

10:30am-11:30am - Year 10

Year 7 and Year 12 start date - Monday 1st September.

All other year groups return on Tuesday 2nd September.

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Message from Head of Year 7: -

As we approach the end of a fantastic academic year, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout your child's journey in Year 7. It has been a pleasure to watch our students settle into life at Kingswood Secondary Academy, grow in confidence, and make the most of the opportunities available to them.

As we look ahead to September, your child will be starting Year 8 – a key stage in their academic and personal development. With this comes a reminder of the high expectations and standards we uphold at Kingswood. We expect all students to return in full uniform, which includes a blazer, shirt, tie, black trousers or school approved skirts, black socks and appropriate school shoes. Hoodies are not permitted on site, and we kindly ask that all items of uniform are clearly labelled to avoid any further mix-ups this academic year.

Attendance and punctuality continue to be priorities, and we ask that students arrive on time every day, ready to learn with the correct equipment. In Year 8, students are expected to demonstrate even greater independence and responsibility. Our behaviour expectations remain clear: we are a school that prides itself on respect, independence, service to community and empathy and we will continue to reinforce these values in every aspect of school life.

We are incredibly proud of the positive progress Year 7 have made and look forward to seeing them take on new challenges with maturity and focus in September.

Finally, we would like to celebrate the recent successes of the Lincoln trip and Sports Day. Both events were thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff alike, and it was brilliant to see so many of our young people engaging with enthusiasm, teamwork, and pride. Well done to everyone involved!

We wish all our families a restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming Year 8 back in September.

Mr Golding and Miss Walker



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Communication from the Sixth Form Team

The Kingswood Sixth Form Team is excited to announce our new Senior Student leadership team. They will be working throughout the year to focus on what is best for the school and to ensure a greater sense of community throughout the school.

Head Boy - Denis Mihut

Head Girl - Jessica Routledge

Deputy Head Boy - Delyan Hrenuic

Deputy Head Girl - Sofia Green

Student Engagement Lead - David-Boyede Joseph and Joseph Buckle

Marketing/Branding Lead - Zivojin Cikovac

Wellbeing Lead - Mia Hill and Clarrissa Thornton

Finance Lead - Iara Silva

Events Lead - Luke Grove and Mackenzie Howe

Mentoring - Nokutenda Majoni

Our Year 12 students recently completed the summer PPEs. We observed increased confidence which bodes well as they prepare for their final year. The overall feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive and their results reflect how much work they have been putting into their studies. We are proud of what they have done so far, and we hope that they continue on this path.

Our Year 10 HAPs recently visited the Sixth Form area on 10th July to gather more information about their next destination after GCSEs. The students engaged well with the Sixth Form students and showed a real interest in their future subjects and areas of study.

We had the pleasure of hosting our Year 12 Induction Day on 15th July to introduce our future Year 12 students into Sixth Form life. During the Induction Day, students took part in an activity which involved building structures using marshmallows and spaghetti: this fun activity helped demonstrate team building and critical thinking skills.



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Attendance is Everyone's Business!

Across the Academy we have seen 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 rewarding them with a wide range of prizes, including:

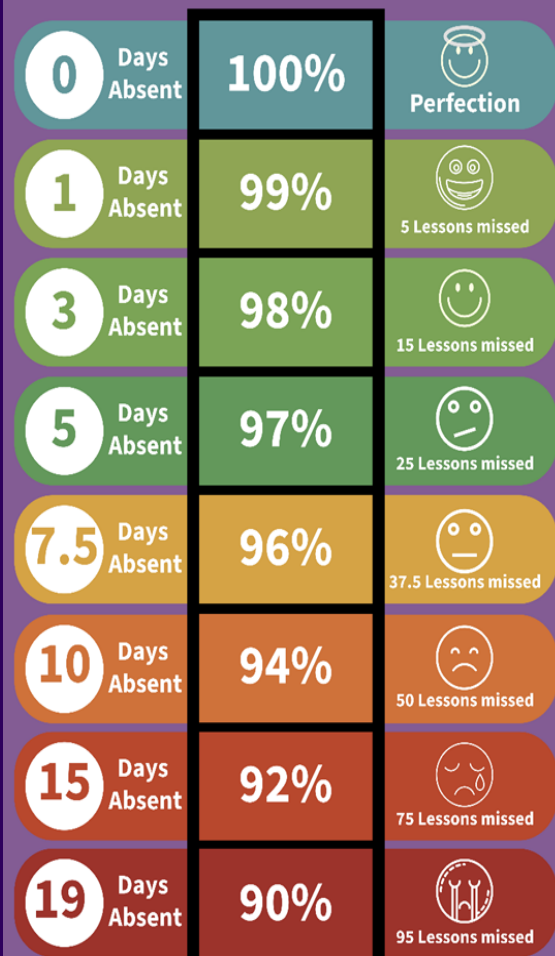
- Weekly rewards for the Form with the highest attendance in the Year group;
- "Friday Feast" a prize draw for a student with 100% attendance to win a £20 Just Eat voucher;
- RISE points awarded for daily attendance, as well as bonus RISE points for achieving 100% attendance each week - these are spendable in our RISE store for fantastic rewards;
- Attendance Flash rewards;
- Badges and Certificates.

I hope everyone has a fantastic summer break and comes back to school in September refreshed and ready to make next year's attendance even better.

Mr J. Moring

Student Attendance Lead

ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS



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Respect, Independence, Service, Empathy



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

Personal Development:

Wow what a term and a year Kingswood!

From spring cleaning and looking after our local community to raising lots of money through our charity events; from our wonderful and talented KEM assembly in culture week to the very knowledgeable Wayne Stevenson who delivered RSE lessons to our Year 9 students: we have had an extremely busy term and year. Just from our charity events for the local and wider community, we've raised thousands of pounds for very deserving causes.

Moving forward to next year, the government has released the updated RSHE paper outlining changes and amendments to some of the topics that are taught in the PSHE curriculum. These amendments and changes will be implemented into our PSHE lessons and our PSHE RSE policy starting in September.

Finally, can I just say thank you to all our community for your continued support with the Kingswood charity events throughout the year. Without your wonderful donations of cakes, gifts, clothing and donations they would not be as successful and as impactful as they are. WE are a brilliant community who are setting a very positive example to the next generation of successful citizens.



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Online safety

As the summer holidays approach, CEOP have shared a reminder of the help and support services available to children and young people.

Where can children and young people find support and report?

If in immediate danger, call the police on 999



CEOP Safety Centre to report online sexual abuse, exploitation or grooming:
www.ceop.police.uk



Report Remove to get help removing nude or sexual images or videos of themselves that have been shared online:
www.childline.org.uk/remove



Take It Down to get help removing nude or sexual images or videos that have, or may be, shared online:
www.takeitdown.ncmec.org



Report Harmful Content to help report inappropriate material online, such as bullying, harassment or violence:
www.reportharmfulcontent.com



Shore Space: an anonymous service for teenagers worried about their own or someone else's sexual thoughts, feelings or actions.
www.shorespace.org.uk

Please scan the QR Code for more information:



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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
Coding Club (7-10) JS IV3	Dance and Drama Club CR & CD EP2	Books Builds Brains HH L1	Dance and Drama Club CR & CD EP2	Debating Club WM H2
Singing Club MT SC8	Anime and Manga Club HW L2	Board Games Club FH (Hope Church) PA1	STEM Club (9&10) JM & HJ SC5	IT Club (10&11) JS IV3
	Singing Club MT SC8	Singing Club MT SC8	Humanities Film Club SE H3	Kingswood Ethnic Minorities Group (KEM) MT SC8
	Pride Club LB E4	Science Club LC SC3	KS3 Art EE A1	
	GCSE Pod MW & NM E7	Colouring Club AM H5	Kingswood Ethnic Minorities Group (KEM) MT SC8	
		Fashion Club RBR M2	Keyboard Club TR MU1	
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
KS4 Maths Masterclasses	KS4 Science Masterclasses	KS4 English Masterclasses	KS4 Humanities & MFL Masterclasses	
Rock Band TH & AB				
Music 3:10-4:10				



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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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Curriculum for Year 8 Term 1:

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 8 Term 1 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 1: Year 8 subjects	Curriculum, independent learning topics and assessment focus	Useful website links / additional information
English	Animal Farm by George Orwell The Art of Rhetoric	https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/animalfarm/summary/ https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/1984-d739 https://www.grammarly.com/blog/rhetoric/ https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/introduction-to-rhetoric-fd1d https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/writing-rhetoric-1e51
Maths	Ratio and scale Multiplicative change Multiplying and dividing fractions	https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-3/subjects/maths



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Curriculum for Year 8 Term 1 continued:

Term 1: Year 8 subjects	Curriculum, independent learning topics and assessment focus	Useful website links / additional information
Science	<p><u>8x</u> Reconnection of year 7 content – acids/alkalis and metals/non-metals Electromagnets Earth</p> <p><u>8y</u> Reconnection of year 7 content – metals/non-metals and acids/alkalis Earth Electromagnets</p>	<p>KS3 - England - BBC Bitesize</p> <p>Acids and Alkalis</p> <p>Metals and Non-Metals</p> <p>Electromagnets</p> <p>Earth</p>
Geography	Natural resources (Physical)	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjsc87h
History	Industrial Revolution	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zm7qtfr
Religious Studies	Evil and Suffering	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zhsjscw/revision/1
French	<p>Module 1</p> <p>Core Language Revision</p>	<p>The Top 100 Core Word list for Y8 French.</p> <p>You can practice your skills on Quizlet. https://quizlet.com/gb/822023112/y8-top-100-words-for-y8-french-flash-cards/?i=559tf1&x=1jqt</p>
Spanish	Family and friends and Where I live	<p>https://quizlet.com/gb/823436984/y7-top-100-words-flash-cards/?i=559tf1&x=1jqt</p> <p>https://wordwall.net/resource/10448023/spanish-family-tree</p>



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Term 1: Year 8 subjects	Curriculum, independent learning topics and assessment focus	Useful website links / additional information
Art	Topic: Abstract Art	https://www.jessknights.co.uk/blog/texture-food-illustration
Dance / Drama: An introduction to basic performance skills.	The process drama method is used to develop a range of themes during the year. Topic 1 Evacuees OR The process of Dance is used to develop unison, canon, safe lifting, repetition, and formations. Topic 2 London Riots or Conflict.	Dance https://www.ballet.org.uk/blog-detail/dust-akram-khan/ Drama Evacuation - Social Impact of WWII in Britain - National 5 History Revision - BBC Bitesize
IT	E-Safety Hexadecimal and images	Curriculum teaching resources (teachcomputing.org)
Music	Western scales / Tonality (Major and Minor)	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zmsvr82
PE	Boys: Football and Table Tennis Girls: Netball and Basketball	Football https://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/lawsandrules Table Tennis https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/play/rules-and-how-to-play/ Netball https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XISfjXXakQ Basketball https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XbtmGKif7Ck



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Technology rotation	<p>Groups rotate every 7-9 weeks to cover all the areas below</p> <p>Food: Health and safety in the kitchen. Cooking techniques and cook a variety of simple dishes. The theory of food is then also taught in an extra lesson for half the year.</p> <p>Food theory: Pupils study a theory unit on aspects of nutrition, sustainability and cultural aspects of food.</p> <p>Textiles: An Art Textiles based project with sewing machine and other key skills. Applique flags/ bunting.</p> <p>Engineering: Pupils will be introduced to the diverse engineering / building sector through a range of practical activities.</p> <p>Computer Science: Pupils will focus on the key fundamental skills such as – abstraction, logics, algorithms and data representation.</p>	<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/occasions/recipes_for_kids</p> <p>Easy Art for Kids: Wire Sculpture - Babble Dabble Do</p> <p>https://www.tinkercad.com/</p>



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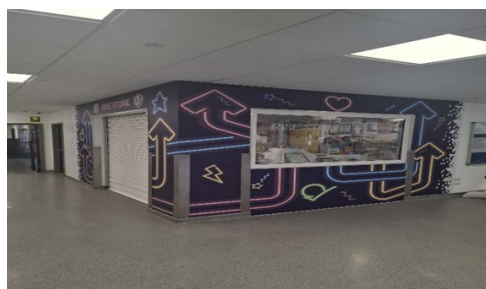
Celebrating success:

We are pleased to celebrate the achievements of the top 20 RISE earners in Terms 5&6. Well done for showing Respect, building Independence, having a sense of Service to our community and demonstrating Empathy in lessons and in the community.

Benjamin	Graham	255	Alvin	Scornea	222
Ella	Pheely	242	Louis	Szekely	221
Peyton	Moore	240	Nikol	Indrikova	219
Kaltom	Ettamli	239	Lottie	Little	219
Brighton Jnr	Majoni	237	Laura-Stefania	Raicu	219
Arron	Taylor	237	Ella	Wright	218
Dominik	Ziga	228	Tia	Thomas	217
Mazie	White	227	Maisy	Barr	215
Victoria	Cretu	224	Cam	Filson	214
Adithya	Suresh	224	Oscar	Rzymiski	214

Congratulations to the top 10 Tutor Groups for Terms 5&6:

7K	5187	9I	4109
8I	4947	9D	3892
7W	4880	8K	3751
9K	4750	8D	3745
7G	4145	7D	3709



Our RISE Store

So far this academic year the RISE Store has taken 9151 orders from students who have applied themselves to the school's values of RISE: Respect, Independence, Service to the community, and Empathy, which are key to our students developing into the whole Kingswoodian person.

We recognise that most of the earned RISE points come from Independence which is awarded for efforts in and around learning. These are given for reasons such as participation in class discussions, good work within lessons and good pieces of homework. We would like to celebrate all students who have achieved RISE points this term and have enjoyed using them in the RISE store.

We want to give all students access to a wide variety of items using their RISE points, and we will kindly accept any donations from the wider community. Items could include stationery, sweets, chocolates, toiletries, gift sets and vouchers.

If you know of any companies or sponsors who would be able to contribute to the store for our students, please contact Mr Feely: lfeely@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org Thank you for your support.



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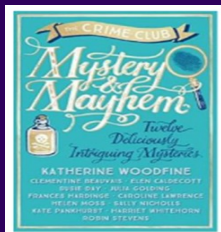
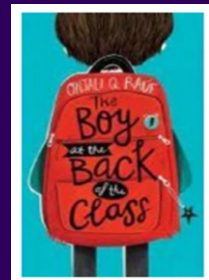
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Summer Reading Challenge

One of our key priorities at Kingswood is to instil a culture of reading. We feel passionately that reading is the cornerstone of good education, and it is one of life's joys. We have also considered evidence that suggests that reading has been shown to reduce levels of stress and that this can take place after reading for as little as six minutes a day. Before the end of term, we will present every child in Year 7 with one of the books below that will be registered to them. We will ask every child to read this book during their summer holiday and to use this to write a report to be shared with their form tutor on return.

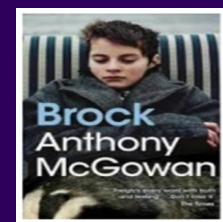
Please note that we will expect these books to be well kept and returned, undamaged at the start of the term. We would like parents of children in Year 7 to encourage them to read this book even if this has not been part of their routine previously and even if it feels like a leap of faith; it will be worth it. We will encourage students by offering rewards for the most thoughtful responses to the texts and this will be just one part of our strategy to put reading and literacy at the heart of the curriculum. We have included a short summary of each book to allow parents to kick start a conversation at home and to promote conversation about the topic and themes of each book:

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Raúf - When a new boy joins their class, a group of children try to befriend him. They soon learn that Ahmet is a refugee and has been separated from his family. None of the grown-ups seem to be able to help him, so the friends come up with a daring plan, embarking on an extraordinary adventure. Told with humour and heart, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* offers a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.



Mystery and Mayhem by Katherine Woodfine Twelve mysteries. Twelve authors. Can YOU solve the crimes before the heroes of the stories? These are twelve brand-new short stories from twelve of the best children's crime writers writing today. These creepy, hilarious, brain-boggling, heart-pounding mysteries feature daring, brilliant young detectives, and this anthology is a must for fans of crime fiction and detection.

Brock by Anthony McGowan Life is not easy for Nicky with his mum gone and his dad on bail. When brother Kenny drags Nicky out of bed one morning to witness a terrible act of destruction and senseless killing of an animal, Nicky is shocked but manages to save something precious from the disaster which changes his and Kenny's lives forever.



The Boy Who Steals Houses by C.G. Drews - Can two broken boys find their perfect home? Sam is only fifteen but he and his autistic older brother, Avery, have been abandoned by every relative he's ever known. Now Sam's trying to build a new life for them. He survives by breaking into empty houses when their owners are away, until one day he's caught out when a family returns home. To his amazement this large, chaotic family takes him under their wing - each teenager assuming Sam is a friend of another sibling. Sam finds himself inextricably caught up in their life, and falling for the beautiful Moxie. But Sam has a secret, and his past is about to catch up with him.



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Oak Apple Day Service and Kettering Military Parade

Sofia Green in Year 12 was recently presented with the Lord Lieutenant 'Cadet of the Year' Award. In her role, she was on duty with the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, James Saunders Watson Esq at the Oak Apple Day Service and Kettering Military Parade. On the 9th June Sofia escorted HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh at the opening of the Northampton Bike Park.

Sofia is a role model to our younger cadets and is always available to offer support. We are incredibly proud of her achievements. Well done Sofia!



Career Gold Mark Award



We are delighted to confirm that, after an assessment in June, we have been awarded the Gold Career Mark for the second time. The Career Mark assessor recognised the guidance and support all students receive at Kingswood Secondary Academy that help them with next steps after school, and was very impressed with the confidence with which students spoke about their experiences.

This has been achieved through the dedication and support of all colleagues and students. Students at Kingswood Secondary Academy have an excellent understanding of the opportunities available to them at post-16, and our Sixth Form students are taking opportunities to apply to a range of destinations post 18.

Beth Hardy, our Aspiration and Careers Lead, said, "Being awarded Career Mark Gold for the second time is testament to the incredible work that goes on within Kingswood to ensure that our students are well-educated and prepared for their next steps. We are so proud to have achieved this in recognition of this hard work and the efforts made by staff and Ian Doherty, our careers advisor, to guide students to their best possible outcomes. Well done Kingswood!"



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Bedford University UCAS Discovery Event

46 of our Year 12 students attended the Bedford University UCAS Discovery event on 16th June.

Despite it being a swelteringly hot day, all students had an enjoyable time. The students spoke to Admissions Officers who represented 150 universities from all over the United Kingdom.

There were also presentations which students engaged in, including how to stand out in their UCAS applications, Criminology courses, Degree Apprenticeships, Student Finance, Politics and many more.

Also, as part of the event, there was the biggest Demonstration Zone which involved t-shirt printing, solving a mock crime scene and identifying owl pellet bones, to name a few. Students also participated in interactive music sessions, Social Work activities, Sports Science games, wildlife activities, and explored footprints and biomes.

There was a local band playing in a marquee outside and with delicious street food available, the event had a festival vibe.



Sixth Form First Aid Course

Well done to all Year 12 students who gained valuable skills by attending a First Aid course. They are now equipped with life-saving skills, enhanced confidence and safety awareness, which makes them a valuable asset in emergencies.



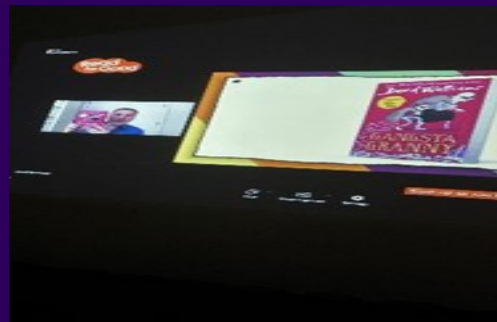
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Author Event

Our Year 7 and Year 8 students recently had a fantastic time tuning into a live stream with the brilliant David Walliams! He shared hilarious stories, fan mail, and top writing tips — an inspiring (and very funny!) session for our young readers and writers! #Inspiration #DavidWalliams #LoveOfReading



Year 8 Museum of Video Gaming

30 Year 8 students recently took part in an educational visit to the National Videogame Museum in Sheffield so they could explore how games are made, who makes them, and why they are made. A thoroughly fun-filled and enjoyable day was had by all!



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Inspirational Visit

On Friday 13th June we welcomed back one of our former students, Anne Mirkovic, for a special visit aimed at inspiring current students. Anne, who recently made the prestigious 'Women in Westminster 100' list, returned to share her journey and insights with the next generation soon to be entering the workforce. She also met with some Year 8 students and shared her experiences since leaving Kingswood.

Anne Mirkovic, who attended Kingswood Secondary Academy from 2003 to 2010, now works in Downing Street and was recently honoured with an accolade at an event in Parliament celebrating 'Women in Westminster'. This annual recognition celebrates inspirational and influential women in Westminster, highlighting their invaluable contributions to public life. In September, some of our students will visit the Houses of Parliament for a workshop and tour.

Thank you Anne, and we look forward to welcoming you again next year.



Word Warriors

Our Year 7 and Year 12 students had a fantastic day at the University of Northampton where they celebrated the completion of the Word Warrior Programme. They impressed everyone with their creativity by redesigning book covers and they won some excellent prizes. The day also included a tour of the University campus, a fun round of Word Warrior Fortunes, and some well-earned downtime with table tennis and refreshments.

A huge congratulations to all our Word Warriors — your imagination and effort truly stood out!



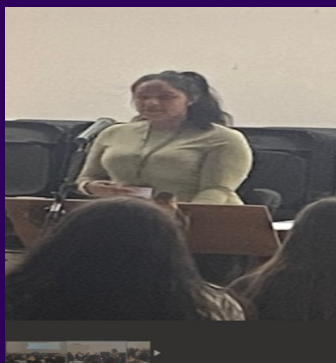
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Letters Unplugged

On Wednesday 18th June we held our first 'Letters Unplugged' event. This was a celebration of letter reading and writing. It was a fabulous evening with readings from students across the Academy and from some staff too. Thank you to all who were involved and special thanks to Miss Harris for organising and hosting the event.



Cambridge University Visit

On Monday 23rd June a group of year 12 students visited Christ's College which is part of the University of Cambridge. During the visit they learned about the University's admissions policy and entry requirements. They also enjoyed a lunch at the college and had a tour with a current student. A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all who attended!



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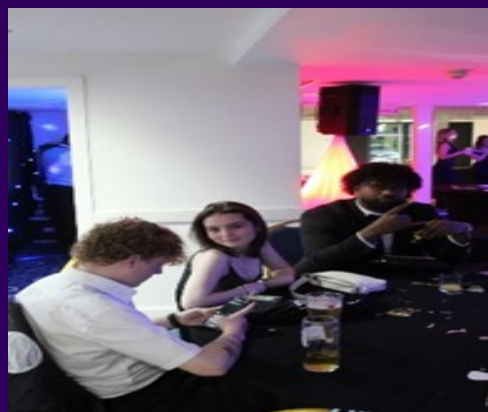
Sixth Form Prom

We held our Sixth Form Prom at the Ritz in Desborough on Friday, 27th June. It was a beautiful, sunny evening, and the students were able to enjoy the lovely garden before dancing to their playlist inside the venue.

Mr Gamble and other members of staff enjoyed conversations with the students and were very impressed with their behaviour, as was the owner of the venue.

The students organised their own amusing awards, and Mrs Copland shared a few kind words, thanking the Year 13 students for their hard work and commitment over the past two years. It was lovely to see the students celebrating their success.

A special thank you to Kaye Alexander and the Sixth Form Events Team for putting together the perfect send-off.



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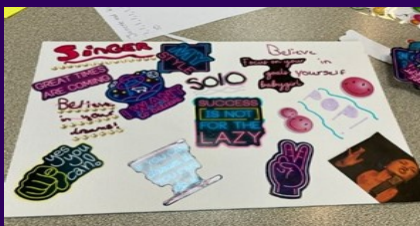
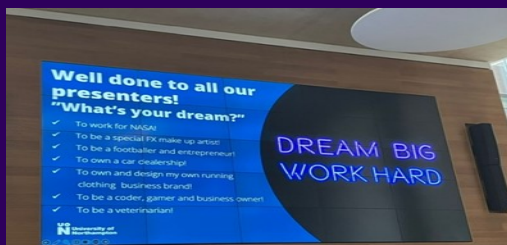
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Careers and Aspirations

Over two weeks Year 8 students participated in a University of Northampton event, "Pathway Pioneers". The whole year enjoyed an assembly and workshop with a student who was able to give them a real insight into University life. Selected students then created a mood board to showcase their own chosen career and visited the University where two students, Ajay and Rares presented their ideas to a panel of University staff; they did exceptionally well and were praised for their confidence and attitude towards the task. The whole cohort was praised by university staff and the day was a fantastic opportunity for all students to get involved in thinking about their futures.

A selected group of Year 10 students travelled to Northampton College for a day looking at Apprenticeships, assessment centres and writing CVs. All students participated so well in the activities where they met employees and apprentices from Barclays Bank, Ricoh and ICAEW who praised our students for their focus and interest in the day and for the questions they wanted to ask. Students were given such a good opportunity to develop skills that will help them as they move from Year 10 to Year 11 and after GCSE's.



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Year 10 Geography fieldwork visit to Hunstanton

On Thursday 3rd July, 99 Year 10 and 6 Year 12 students arrived in Hunstanton to conduct their fieldwork. For the morning, we avoided the tide and measured the height of sand on the beach, enjoyed the sunshine, and investigated how well the wooden groynes work. We looked at the sea wall and asked people in the town what they thought was the most effective sea defence for the town. Some students gained confidence in speaking to people they did not know and exploring the physical features of the area with its striking Hunstanton red rock and Carstone wave-cut platform. We drew the beach to show the advantages of the groynes and compared this with the beach that has been washed away since the removal of the concrete groynes.



After a lunch of fish and chips, an ice cream or two, and a trip to the fair or arcade, we walked up into town to investigate the types of shop and facilities available within the town. We stopped to conduct a vehicle and pedestrian survey to determine how many people in the town were tourists and how many were locals. Many students were surprised at how modern the town was in contrast to many shops that had closed. We conducted a survey of house prices and completed environmental quality surveys. Ms Coleman was a super sleuth in finding information about the local area including the bus routes and their efficiency.

Students behaved in the most amazing way they could, representing our school in the best possible manner; we couldn't have been prouder. Well done and thank you to all of you.



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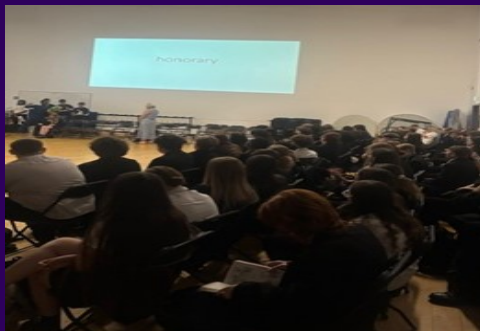
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Our Archery Champion

Sheryl did an amazing job in the Junior National Outdoor Championships which took place on the 5th-6th July. She was awarded second place in the Junior Ladies Compound for under 14 years of age on the first day and finished just 1 point behind the winner in what was the closest competition of the day.

On the second day, with her incredible determination, Sheryl won the Championships! We are really amazed by how dedicated and passionate she is about archery. Well done Sheryl!!



The Great Kingswood Spelling Bee!

This term has seen the final of The Great Kingswood Spelling Bee in both Years 7 and 8.

All students took part by completing a spelling test, from which nearly 40 students in both year groups earned their place in the two finals, which took place in the last two weeks of term.

A huge 'well done' goes to all the students who took part in front of a live audience of their whole year group! After a fierce battle of spelling with words ranging from 'acquaintance' to 'colonel' for the Year 7 students and 'transient' to 'metamorphosis' for the Year 8 students, we rewarded our 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in both year groups with medals.

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Gold: Coco Chan-Earle

Silver: Grayson Jacques

Bronze: Nikol Indrikova

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Gold: Dovydas Macys

Silver: Amelia Richards

Bronze: Alfie Whitty



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An evening of celebrations:

On Thursday 3rd July we gathered at Corby Cube for an evening to honour and celebrate the exceptional achievements of our students. Teachers nominated students for their achievement and progress across all Key Stages. Throughout the evening we were entertained by our talented group of dancers, a stunning solo dance performance by Daisy De Bell, and we were in awe of the sensational performances by our gifted school choir. Callum Reilly, the Mayor of Corby, shared his experiences as a student and delivered an inspiring speech about resilience and striving for success. Thank you to all Heads of Year and our Senior Leadership team for presenting the awards. A special thank you to Hajra Saeed and her support team for organising the whole event, and thank you to all staff, students, parents/carers and family members for supporting such a delightful evening.



The Principal's Award 2025

Amidst all the incredible talent and outstanding accomplishments, there was one student who truly exemplified what it means to be the best in everything they do. The Principal's Award 2025 was awarded to Joshua Walkden for his valuable contributions to the Academy. Josh will now commence his journey into Astrophysics at university and we wish him the very best of luck with his future ventures.



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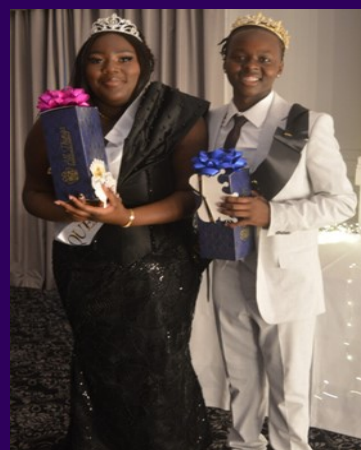
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Year 11 Prom

Our Year 11 Prom was held at the Holiday Inn on Friday 11th July. It was lovely to see our students arrive in their wonderful attire and enjoy their evening. The sunny weather highlighted the beauty and elegance as they made their grand entrance to the long-awaited Prom. It was a joyful evening, culminating in an Awards ceremony, and much fun was had on the dancefloor. A special thank you to Mrs Campbell and Mr Nightingale for organising the event, and thank you also to the Prom Committee.



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Year 7 visit to Lincoln Castle and Cathedral

On Tuesday 15th July 90 year 7 students visited Lincoln Castle and Cathedral. They had a fun day exploring the castle grounds. They visited the prisons, viewed the Magna Carta and walked the castle walls - the rainy weather did not stop them taking full advantage of the available activities. They also had some time for silent reflection in the Cathedral, with some students lighting candles and pausing to pay their respects. The students enjoyed visiting the Discovery Centre where they attempted to build giant arches, and some dressed up in medieval attire. Well done to all students who attended: we had a thoroughly enjoyable day.



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New student lockers

Our current lockers have come to the end of their life cycle and we have been working on providing a more modern, robust and secure solution. We have also been keen to improve the functionality e.g. booking, problem resolution (including when students lose their keys), and the cleaning and sorting of items left in lockers by students at the end of the year. After consultation with the Trust and speaking with colleagues at other schools which have used the supplier, we have now installed new student lockers that are now available to rent.

Having a student locker can help our students to reduce carrying equipment and avoid misplacing important school items. The normal price for the hire of one of these lockers for a year is £35, however we have negotiated this price down to £25 for our students / families. Please read the flyer below for more information about how the new system will work:

secure locker rental
thinking outside the box

Two simple ways to rent your locker

Simple, safe, secure...

Visit www.locker.rentals **or** **Scan this QR code**

Once on the web app do the following:

- Enter your **location**
- Choose your **preferred locker area** from the drop down menu (if available)
- Click on **check availability**
- Where prompted enter your details and read and agree to the terms and conditions
- Click on **rent locker** and follow the instructions for entering your payment details
- You will then be emailed a locker code and the number of your locker compartment.

How to Access your Locker:

- Go to the locker number detailed on your confirmation email
- Enter the **4 digit code** detailed on your confirmation email and open the lock
- Should you forget your code it can be reissued by visiting www.locker.rentals and clicking on the re-issue my locker code link.

For all other enquiries, please email enquiries@securelockerrental.uk



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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:

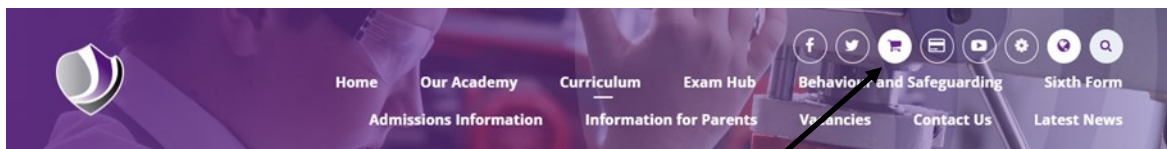
[Kingswood Secondary Academy - Job of the Week](#)



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.

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 [Kingswood Secondary Academy - ParentPay & Shop](#) 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 Tutor group. Once we have received payment notification, we will process your order and your son/daughter will be advised when they can collect their items from Reception. Items will not be posted home.



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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 (see below) – 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.
- **From September 2025** we have introduced a **new skirt** which will be available for purchase from **Price and Buckland**, (our uniform supplier - **order by August 1st to ensure delivery for September**). **From Monday 1st September 2025**, any student who chooses to wear a skirt must wear this approved style purchased from Price and Buckland. Students who prefer not to wear a skirt may continue to wear **tailored black trousers**, which should meet the guidelines outlined in our current uniform policy.
- 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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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, in turn then blocking 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:

Tower Hill Road is a no stopping area between Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm and this is clearly sign posted on the road.

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.

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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UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

In order to reduce perfectly good uniform ending up in landfill, Kingswood Secondary Academy will be hosting its swap shop for the third year running!

If you have any of the following items in a good state of repair and would like to donate them to our swap shop, please bring it to reception before we close for the summer holidays. We are looking for:

- Blazers
- Jumpers
- PE tops
- PE trousers
- PE shorts
- Shirts
- Ties
- Coats
- School bags
- Pencil cases/stationery items
- Shoes with soles intact with good tread
- Trainers with soles intact with good tread



Swap Shop – Donate or Take!

Thursday 24th and Friday 25th of July

11am-1.00pm in the atrium at Kingswood
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You do not need to donate items to take items. Please come along!



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER

THINK BEFORE YOU POST

SHARE FEEL-GOOD CONTENT & LEAVE POSITIVE COMMENTS

NEWS
DOUBLE CHECK STORIES - DON'T FALL FOR FAKE NEWS!

USE CAUTION ON PUBLIC WIFI

MAKE THE MOST OF THE OUTDOORS

Stay off devices just before bed

BE KIND & BE TOLERANT

ENJOY SCREEN-FREE ACTIVITIES

TAKE FREQUENT BREAKS

ENABLE PRIVACY SETTINGS

BE CAREFUL WITH IN-APP SPENDING

KEEP YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS PRIVATE

AVOID BINGE STREAMING AND ALL-DAY GAMING

Report bullies & ignore trolls

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