

Newsletter Year 9 Term 1

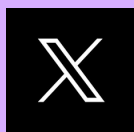


Key Dates / Events:

Open Evening for prospective Year 7 pupils in 2024 - Thursday 28th September 4-7pm.

Open Days for prospective Year 7 pupils in 2024 - 4th and 5th October 11:45am and 12:45pm. Please contact Reception on **01536 741857** to book a tour.

Wednesday 27th September - Tempest photography.



Join us on X (Twitter)
@KingswoodAcad

Message from the Principal: -

Welcome back to the beginning of another academic year. I am pleased to report that students have returned ready to learn and have settled back in quickly. We are looking forward to building upon the great work and achievements from the previous year which included record academic outcomes for year 11 students (despite the national picture of decline), meaning that, yet again, Kingswood students achieved comfortably above average progress over their five years. None of these and the many other wonderful achievements and accolades would be possible without the support from yourselves and our staff. Together we are a powerful force in shaping the future of our young people and together we are proving to be successful in ensuring that they have bright and fulfilling futures packed with opportunity.

We continue to focus on our school values: Respect, Independence, Service to our community and Empathy. We are always proud of our students who demonstrate our values within the academy as well as supporting our local community. This term we will continue to celebrate student success with plenty of exciting opportunities and look forward to sharing more information with you next term.

Mr G Carlile

Message from Head of Year 9: -

Welcome back Year 9! I hope you have had an amazing summer. I hope you feel refreshed and ready to get back into the routine of school work. This year is particularly important for you as it is the year you will choose your GCSE option subjects and start your next chapter here at Kingswood. Both Mrs Forsyth and I are excited to see what amazing things you will achieve. Remember just be your best as this is all we ask of you!

Miss O'Malley & Mrs Forsyth



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Year 9 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 term one in our PSHE lessons it's all about learning about who our young people are, where they live and how their peers can influence them in a positive or negative way.

All year groups are learning about:

Peer pressure, friendships respectful relationships, online safety, resilience with health and wellbeing. This term is about how they fit into their community, society and the wider world. Form time activities and assemblies will also focus on the dangers of vaping.

October is Black History month.

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

Whilst we full appreciate that the unusual hot weather is causing some difficulties for our students, 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 are encouraged to take their blazers off in lessons, break and lunchtimes while they are outside, use the water fountains to fill up water bottles and our air conditioning units are in full swing! As we know with our changeable British weather it will no doubt be raining next week, and we want to ensure all our students are wearing full uniform consistently from week 1 to week 39!



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Year 9 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 9 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 1: Year 9 subjects	Curriculum, independent learning topics and assessment focus	Useful website links / additional information
English	Gothic Literature Frankenstein by Mary Shelley Disturbed Voices Poetry	https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/gothic-literature-8196 https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/frankenstein/ https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/introduction-to-poetry-335c
Maths	Straight line graphs Forming and solving equations Testing conjectures	https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-3/subjects/maths
Science	Group A (9x1, 9x3, 9y2) Biology – molecules, progress test science, cells, populations, interdependence and photosynthesis. Group B (9x2, 9y1, 9y3) Chemistry – atoms, progress test science, periodic table and elements, atomic structure, bonding and chemical structures. Group C (9x4, 9y4) Physics – particles, waves, force and acceleration, atomic nuclei and radioactivity and fields (actions at a distance)	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z4kw2hv Cells Photosynthesis Interdependence Atoms and molecules Periodic table Elements, compounds and mixtures Waves Forces



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Year 9 Curriculum continued:

Term 1: Year 9 subjects	Curriculum, independent learning topics and assessment focus	Useful website links / additional information
Geography	Climate Change (Physical)	What Is Climate Change? United Nations
History	World War II and the Homefront	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zk94jxs/articles/z6vff82?course=zc3rg7h
Religious Studies	Marriage and family	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zrr7y9q/revision/1
French	Choc-Attaque (Part 1) Revisiting the core knowledge from Y7 and Y8 and the importance of Languages (French) in the workplace.	https://quizlet.com/gb/822023112/y8-top-100-words-for-y8-french-flash-cards/?i=559tf1&x=1jqt https://quizlet.com/gb/822017815/y7-top-100-flash-cards/?i=559tf1&x=1jqt
Spanish	Module 1: Me, my family and hobbies	https://quizlet.com/gb/822023905/y9-baseline-100-spanish-flash-cards/?i=559tf1&x=1qqt
Art	Topic: Colour theory Artist link: Varied illustrators/artists Skills: Vocabulary, painting, colour mixing, Tints and Shades understanding, labelling Colour wheel.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z9bbk2p/revision/1
Dance / Drama	Blood Brothers (Drama). To explore social issues and real life scenarios. OR Carman (Dance). To explore the physical elements needed to be professional dancer.	Drama https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/keystage3-ks3-english-literature/keystage3-ks3-english-literature-prose-contemporary-prose/blood-brothers-modern-literature-ks3-literature-reading-ks3-english-english-ks3-ks4
IT	Python Programming	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zts8d2p/revision/1



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Music	Topics include Film Music and Reggae	https://www.teachwire.net/news/sound-on-screen-what-can-your-pupils-learn-from-music-in-film/
PE	Boys: Football and Table Tennis Girls: Netball and Basketball	Basketball https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jB5CyaAyXNM Netball https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvMKhmQn_o
Technology Groups rotate every 7-9 weeks	Food: Health and safety in the kitchen. Cooking techniques and cook a variety of simple dishes. Textiles: An Art Textiles based project with sewing machine and other key skills. Finance Skills: Pupils are taught about real life finance skills and using an online programme. Vocational Studies A – Pupils look at nutrition and the promotion of a food product. Vocational Studies B. Pupils look at marketing and packaging of a food project.	https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/recipes/ https://www.nutrition.org.uk/



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Year 9 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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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>

Our Academy Cadets

We are always proud of our Cadets and how they help to support our local community. During the summer they attended a family fun day at West Glebe Park in Corby and helped North Northamptonshire Council with parking; making sure all families in attendance had an enjoyable time.

Announcement:

Cadets will start on Wednesday 13th September and we are look forward to welcoming new recruits. Please speak to Mrs Pereira for more information.



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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GCSE and A-Level Results (2023)

We have celebrated our best ever results over the last few weeks, with students achieving and exceeding more target grades than ever before. Kingswood is now securely above national average which is a brilliant achievement from our students and the wonderful Kingswood staff. Perhaps unsurprisingly, this has led to a significant number of applications for Sixth Form places, and we are delighted to welcome back many of our Year 11 students as they begin the next stage of their journey with us. This is a good news story, and it should give all students the encouragement to know that with great attendance, enthusiasm, and hard work, they can achieve the highest grades and access the broadest opportunities in the future.



Attendance

The evidence clearly shows the link between good attendance (95% and above) and attainment and we are grateful for your support in ensuring that your child attends regularly and makes the most of their opportunities. As parents/carers you have a huge impact on your child's educational future and ensuring that your child attends school is one of them. We hope that this will also explain why we will be placing such a strong focus on good attendance this year and will be rigorous in our approach to supporting our students and getting them into school.



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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 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.

