

Newsletter

Sixth Form Term 3



Key Dates / Events:

18th January 3pm-6pm -
Careers Fair. Everyone
welcome.

CTEC Exams - 8th January -
19th January.

Year 12 PPE1 - w/c 5th
February.

Year 13 PPE2 - 5th February
& w/c 12th February.

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Message from the Principal: -

Welcome to this the half term's newsletter. Coming off the back of the best 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. Many of our Sixth Form students are busily preparing their University applications and attending their respective interviews.

As you know, I am leaving Kingswood at Christmas to take on a new challenge. This was a difficult decision for me to make, particularly due to the warm and caring Kingswood community that I have experienced here. Mr Gamble steps up to lead the Academy after 14 successful years as a Senior Leader at Kingswood. This appointment, combined with other recent additions, provides equal measures of stability and dynamism from which to propel the Academy forward from its existing strong position.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support as we pull together in the same direction to ensure the best possible experience and opportunities for the children here at Kingswood Secondary Academy. I wish you all a peaceful Christmas with your loved ones and a Happy New Year.

Gary Carlile

Message from Mr Eley (Head of Sixth Form): -

Year 12 mentoring programme:

This term, twenty-one Year 12 students began the Oppidan mentoring programme to train as peer mentors for our academy. They spent a day training with Oppidan at Stanground Academy. The training gave our Year 12's the opportunity to undertake group activities and role play about the role of a mentor and how they are valuable support for younger students here at Kingswood. Issues around confidentiality and safeguarding were also covered to ensure that students are fully aware of their role and responsibilities. From January, they will be putting this training into action by mentoring a selected group of Year 7s.



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Message from Mr Eley (Head of Sixth form) continued: -

Medical alumni visit:

In December, two ex-students returned to mentor the next generation of healthcare professionals. Mateus and Aimee are both training in medicine at the universities of Leeds and Nottingham (via Lincoln) respectively. They hosted workshops for both Year 11 and Sixth form, providing valuable insights into the profession and the application process. Our academy has developed a strong pathway into medicine for our students and we are both proud and thankful that our alumni continue to play a significant part in it.

I wish you all a restful break and a very Happy Christmas!



Sixth Form applications:

Thank you to all parents and students who attended our recent Sixth Form Open Evening. I hope that we were able to give you some insight as to how we have become such a successful Sixth Form for our students. If you were unable to attend, a copy of my presentation has been sent to you via email. It contains links to our prospectus and websites that will help you and your child to choose appropriate courses based on their interests. Applications will open in January; we hope that many of you choose to continue your educational journey with us.



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Year 12 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. 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 3: Year 12 subjects	Curriculum, independent learning topics and assessment focus	Useful website links / additional information
Art	Unit 12: Fine Art Materials, Techniques and Processes. Unit 1: Visual Recording and Communication. Artist link: Varied Skills: Using skills from workshops and applying them to exam topic.	Unit 1 exam released mid Jan) https://www.pinterest.co.uk/
Biology (OCR H420)	Exchange surfaces Transport in animals Transport in plants	https://web.uplearn.co.uk/learn/biology-ocr-1 https://snaprevise.co.uk/ https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/biology-revision/a-level-ocr-a/
Business (Cambridge Technical)	Unit 4 Customers and Communication Unit 1 The Business Environment	https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/294550-customers-and-communication.pdf https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/294523-the-business-environment.pdf
Chemistry (OCR H432)	Module 2: Ch 6. Shapes of molecules Module 3: Ch 7. Periodicity	https://www.savemyexams.co.uk/a-level/chemistry/ocr/17/revision-notes/4-core-organic-chemistry/4-2-alkanes/4-2-1-introduction-to-alkanes/ https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/chemistry-revision/a-level-ocr-a/module-2/



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Criminology (WJEC 4543QD)	Unit1: Changing Awareness of Crime Unit 2: Criminological Theories	https://www.brainscape.com/subjects/wjec-criminology
Drama: Performing Arts Pearson UWH94	Unit 2: Understand, develop, apply and review acting styles and techniques	Works set by the exam board.
English Literature	Preparation for PPE1 'Othello' by William Shakespeare 'The Great Gatsby' by F Scott Fitzgerald Unseen Poetry Poetry Anthology	https://padlet.com/cwood85/AlevelLit https://www.massolit.io/courses/shakespeare-othello-john-mcrae https://padlet.com/ben_eley24/othello-ix62kaqjarbo9w28 https://www.massolit.io/courses/fitzgerald-the-great-gatsby
Geography (AQA 7037)	Global Governance	Antarctica: A Virtual Reality Exploration National Geographic Society Antarctica National Geographic Society Global Economy: Trade National Geographic Society
Health and Social Care	Unit 3: Re-sit exam for selected students. Unit 10: Planning a healthy diet plan and assessing sustainability.	Exam papers on the shared area. See SharePoint for assignment sheets.
History (OCR H505)	Italy Early Tudors	https://www.audiopi.co.uk/subjects/history/a-level/ocr/italy-1896-1943/ https://www.audiopi.co.uk/subjects/history/a-level/ocr/the-early-tudors-1485-1558/
IT	Unit 17: Internet of Everything	https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/267469-internet-of-everything.pdf



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Maths AQA 7356	Algebra, geometry, probability and statistics, ratios and rate of change	https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-11 https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/ https://corbettmaths.com/ https://hegartymaths.com/login/learner
Media	Unit 2: Pre-production and planning LO1 Understanding planning factors, LO2 Understanding briefs and client requirements LO3 Understanding planning techniques and documentation LO4 Creating and evaluating planning	See task and assignment briefs on email.
PE (OCR H555)	Sport Psych - Learning styles and impact on Practice in Sport. Soc/His - The creation and impact of the Olympic Games. Phys - respiratory system and energy Systems.	www.theeverlearner.com
Physics	Chapter 4 - Forces in action Chapter 4 - Forces in Action Chapter 8 - Electrical Charge & Current Chapter 9 - Electrical Circuits Chapter 11 - Waves	https://www.youtube.com/@physicsgirl
Psychology (AQA 7182)	Attachment Memory	https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/psychology/Attachment flashcards Memory
Sociology (AQA 7192)	Education: Social groups Health	https://revisesociology.com/ https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192

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Art BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate In Art and Design	<p>Portfolio Component: Students chose a title from AQA Final Exam paper</p> <p>Artist link: Varied (student choice)</p> <p>Skills: A portfolio of developed work plus final piece. Submission must include an essay 1,500-3,000 words.</p>	https://www.pinterest.co.uk/
Biology (OCR H420)	<p>Communication, homeostasis and energy.</p> <p>Genetics, evolution and ecosystems.</p>	<p>https://web.uplearn.co.uk/login?returnTo=%2Flearn%2Fbiology-ocr-1</p> <p>https://snaprevise.co.uk/</p> <p>https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/biology-revision/a-level-ocr-a/</p>
Business	<p>Unit 8: Human Resource.</p> <p>Unit 16: Principles of Project Management.</p>	<p>https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/294558-introduction-to-human-resources.pdf</p> <p>https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/505851-principles-of-project-management.pdf</p>
Chemistry (OCR H432)	<p>Module 5 Ch. 22: Enthalpy and entropy.</p> <p>Module 5 Ch. 23: Redox and electrode potentials L1 and L2.</p>	https://www.savemyexams.co.uk/a-level/chemistry/ocr/17/revision-notes/6-organic-chemistry--analysis-a-level-only/6-1-benzene--aromatic-compounds/6-1-1-benzene/



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Criminology (WJEC 4543QD)	Unit 3: Crime scene to courtroom Unit 4: Crime and punishment	https://www.brainscape.com/subjects/wjec-criminology https://www.brainscape.com/
Performing Arts Pearson (UWH94) Dance and Drama	Unit 27: Musical theatre techniques	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/performing-arts-2016.html
English Literature	Preparation for PPE 2 'A Streetcar Named Desire' 'The Handmaid's Tale' by Margaret Atwood 'The Feminine Gospels' Carol Ann Duffy NEA	https://padlet.com/cwood85/AlevelLit https://www.massolit.io/courses/atwood-the-handmaid-s-tale https://www.massolit.io/courses/williams-a-streetcar-named-desire
English Language and Literature	'The Great Gatsby' by F Scott Fitzgerald NEA	https://www.massolit.io/courses/fitzgerald-the-great-gatsby
Geography (AQA 7037)	NEA and Revision for global governments and hazards.	AQA AS and A-level Geography Assessment resources Global Economy: Trade National Geographic Society Wildfires National Geographic Society
Health and Social Care	Unit 3 re-sit exam for selected students.	Exam Papers on the shared area.
History (OCR H505)	Civil Rights NEA	https://www.audiopi.co.uk/subjects/history/a-level/ocr/civil-rights-in-the-usa-1865-1992/ https://www.audiopi.co.uk/subjects/history/a-level/ocr/ocr-a-level-coursework-y100/



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Maths	<p><u>PURE MATHS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Algebra 2 -Sequences -Trigonometric Identities -Differentiation 2 -Integration and differential equations -Numerical methods <p><u>MECHANICS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -2D motions -Forces 2 <p><u>STATISTICS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Probability and continuous random variable 	<p>https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/newalevel.html</p> <p>https://integralmaths.org/</p> <p>https://amsp.org.uk/teachers/a-level-mathematics/resources/</p>
Media	<p>Unit 2: Pre-production and planning</p> <p>LO1 Understanding planning factors</p> <p>LO2 Understanding briefs and client requirements</p> <p>LO3 Understanding planning techniques and documentation</p> <p>LO4 Creating and evaluating planning</p>	See task and assignment briefs on email.
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Physics (OCR H556)	Chapter 20 - Cosmology Chapter 22 - Electric Fields Chapter 21 - Capacitors	https://www.youtube.com/@physicsgirl
Psychology	Schizophrenia Relationships	https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/psychology Schizophrenia Relationships
Sociology (AQA 7192)	Paper 2: Beliefs in society - Religious organisations Paper 3: Crime and Deviance	https://revisesociology.com/ https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192

Additional resources:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/post-16>

<https://www.ted.com/>

<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/libraries>

<https://www5.open.ac.uk/library/referencing-and-plagiarism/quick-guide-to-harvard-referencing-cite-them-right>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/>

<https://royalhistosoc.org/>

<https://www.britisoc.co.uk/>

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Year 9 residential visit to the Somme: Thursday 16th November – Saturday 18th November 2023

Some Year 9 students and teachers recently visited the Somme Battlefields in France. After an early morning rainy ferry crossing, they spent some time at a chocolate factory and sampled some chocolate delights – the beans tasted bitter without sugar, but this didn't stop our students from trying them. Here they practised their French speaking skills and even sang some French songs.



They stayed in **Chateau du Broutel** which dates back to 1714 and is situated in more than 40 acres of beautiful grounds. The Chateau was occupied by the Nazis during WWII and is rich in history. Here our students dined and tried frog legs (cuisses de grenouille) and snails (escargots). The students said the frog legs tasted like chicken. The teachers avoided this delicacy apart from Mr Mayne who was brave enough to try and quite enjoyed his dinner.



During the visit our students explored the **Albert Museum**. With displays of weapons and personal items found on the battle fields, there was plenty to explore. At **Lochnagar Crater** (the largest crater on the Western Front) students learned that when the explosions went off it was supposedly so loud that they were heard in London!

They also visited Ulster Tower (Northern Ireland's National War Memorial and one of the first memorials to be erected on the Western Front), **Thiepval Memorial** which remembers the 72,337 missing British soldiers who died in the Battle of the Somme and have no known grave and **Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial** which remembers the Canadian soldiers who died here on the first day of the Somme. Here students had time to reflect and remember those who lost their lives in battle.

Students had time for some shopping before the return journey home. Thank you to Miss Magee for organising such a worthwhile trip.



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Remembrance Parade

Our Cadets took part in the Remembrance Sunday parade on November 12. They started at the Corby Air Cadet Centre and marched towards the War Memorial in Corby High Street. After the parade, there was a service of Remembrance and wreaths were laid at the War Memorial to honour those who died in the First World War as well as the battles and conflicts thereafter.



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Youth Organisation Spirit of Corby winner!!

We are delighted to announce our Northamptonshire Emergency Services Cadets as the overall winners in the Youth Organisation Spirit of Corby category.

The Spirit of Corby 2023 Awards took place on November 17th at the Holiday Inn and welcomed individuals and groups who make significant contributions to the local community. The Northamptonshire Emergency Services Cadets delivers a curriculum that allows our students to develop skills across the emergency services, as well as social and life skills. Our cadets are regularly introduced to the workings of the emergency services and take part in mock exercises that are overseen by professionals.



Ana Pereira (our Cadet leader) said: "It's actually quite amazing and I think this award is going to be so good so that the students and the cadets and everyone can actually be proud of what we have done because sometimes we don't realise that. They don't see the power of actually being part of all the emergency services."

"The police, the ambulance, and fire, they have been so helpful in everything and actually showing the skills to all of the cadets and even if they don't join the emergency services, at least they get the knowledge of actually doing it and I am really proud of all of them and everyone."



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Sixth Form success

Rishika Bjaj (Year 12) has been accepted on to the Sutton Trust Pathways to Consulting programme. Rishika had to produce a personal statement explaining her plans for the future and her suitability for the programme. Well done Rishika.

The Pathways to Consulting programme is completely virtual and runs over two academic years and finishes before their exams in year 13. Alongside an online work experience placement with a leading employer (Bain, McKinsey, BCG, and Oliver Wyman), there is a programme of after-school online skill workshops and information sessions, mentoring opportunities, and networking events with universities and leading professionals, all packed full of opportunities to develop skills needed to access a career in consulting. Rishika is very much looking forward to starting this programme.

University visit

Our Year 12 students visited De Montfort University on Monday 27th November for a taster session. They attended a presentation on higher education, participated in a wonderful English language taster lecture by Dr Keith Scott, had an accommodation tour and ate lunch in the fantastic canteen.

This was an inspiring day and visits to higher education establishments help our students decide if university is the correct pathway for them.



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STEM Club

Some of our year 9 and year 10 students attend STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) club and are currently working on building their very own flight simulator. They have started to solder pieces together and hope to have the project completed in the New Year.

We are also planning to nominate our students for a CREST award in science to recognise their hard work and dedication to the subject.

For more information, please visit <https://www.crestawards.org/>

Mr Moring and Mr Jones will share more details next term.



BookTrust's Bookbuzz programme

Every year Kingswood takes part in BookTrust's Bookbuzz programme, which aims to get children reading. Our students in year 7 get to choose their own book to keep out of the sixteen Bookbuzz titles. Each book is introduced by its author through the Bookbuzz film. This year's favourite book chosen by year 7 was *Dread Wood* by Jennifer Killick, with *Striking Out* by Ian Wright & Musa Okwonga coming in a close second.

The aim of Bookbuzz is to encourage our students to read more frequently, which will improve their wellbeing, spark interesting conversations and inspire creativity.

To find more about BookTrust visit <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>



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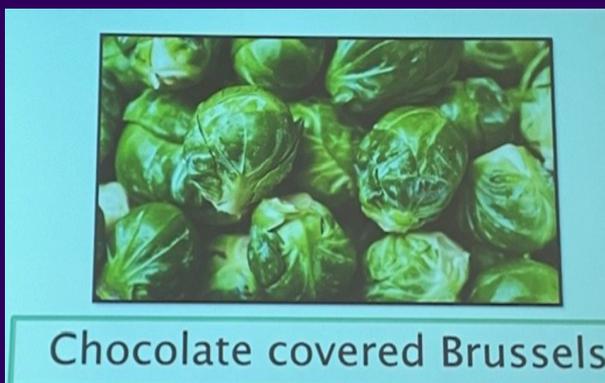
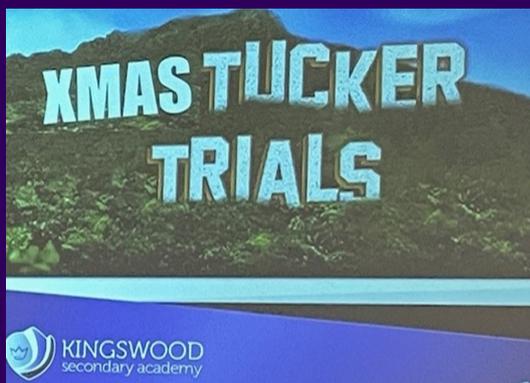
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Kingswood 'Christmas Tucker Trials!'

Years 10 and 11 recently participated in our very own 'Christmas Tucker Trials'. They sampled a variety of intriguing foods including tomato and octopus soup, kebab delight, cauliflower and radish, minted meat feast, chocolate envy and fish surprise. Well done to all students who volunteered and took on the challenge of eating to win points for their tutor group. It was a real battle and some even enjoyed the chocolate-covered Brussels sprouts!



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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/?>



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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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.

