

Newsletter

Year 11 Term 3



Key Dates / Events:

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

PPE2 - w/c 12th February
& w/c 26th 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 Head of Year 11: -

Year 11 have been working hard to bridge gaps in knowledge from their year 11 PPE1 results. In lessons they have been focusing on improving their responses and using their revision guides to promote progress. It was lovely to see so many students and parents / carers at the year 11 Parents' Evening and I hope you gained some valuable information regarding your child's next steps to success.

The Prom Committee will be working hard to fund raise for the year 11 Prom on 12th July 2024 at the Holiday Inn, Corby. More information around this will be communicated later this term. It is an important term with the final set of PPEs soon approaching, so please encourage students to use the 'Eat the Elephant' sheets provided to them. Master Classes continue to run this half-term, so please remind students of the benefit these extra classes will have on their overall progress. As a year group, attendance has dipped, and this is something we will continue to monitor and prioritise. Please let me know if your child is struggling in any way. These last few weeks before the official exam period will have a massive impact on the next steps for year 11 students, so please let me know if any further support is needed.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2024.

Mrs Zoe Bradley



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

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.

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.

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.



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Year 11 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:

Term 2 at Kingswood has been non-stop for students and staff. With Year groups performing assemblies on the importance of Charity, Protected Characteristics and Coping with Grief, our Year 9 students having a really valuable educational experience in our Multi-Agency Day, our Christmas lunches and charity work - it really has been an extremely busy term!

On the 7th December we hosted an immersive experience for our students which involved the police, the judiciary, Youth Offending team, Youth Service and Aquarius - the drug and alcohol support group - who came in and worked with our students talking them through the process when a young person has been arrested. It was an excellent experience for our youngsters with quite a few looking at careers in the courts and police.

From Monday 11th December we had our traditional whole year group Christmas lunches for all the students and their form tutors. The fantastic lunch provided by our wonderful canteen staff is always a great hit; with Christmas jumpers and carol singing competitions our students really do embrace what it means to be part of the Kingswood community.

Kingswood would not be the beacon of the community without our Barclaycare Christmas project - again we have had the great fortune of our families winning their Christmas gifts and food.

Finally, we have a new charity venture this year run by Mr Feely and the Year 8 team. All the form groups have been collecting shoe boxes to fill with gifts to take to the sick children at the Skylark Ward in Kettering. This wonderful act of charity goes to show how Kingswood really does embrace what it means to contribute to our community.



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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 RN/HW			
Netball Courts / Gym	Netball Club – All Years ACO/RO			
Main Hall			Table Tennis Club – All Years PH/SRD	
Sports Hall		Y9, 10 & 11 Basketball Club PH	Y7 & 8 Dodgeball Club LF	Y7 & 8 Girls' Basketball Club SM
Fixtures / Revision (See teacher)		Y9 Netball Fixtures Y10 Netball Fixtures ACO/ROM/SM	Y7 & 8 Girls' Football Fixtures ACO/RO/SM GCSE PE Masterclass (T2) SM	Y10 Boys' Football Fixtures SRD CNAT Sport Science Masterclass (T2) PH (T1) ACO/RO



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Year 11 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 3: Year 11 subjects	Curriculum, independent learning topics and assessment focus	Useful website links / additional information
English	Revising 'An Inspector Calls' and Power and Conflict Anthology for Literature Language Paper 2	https://padlet.com/cwood85/GCSERevision2022 https://www.bl.uk/works/an-inspector-calls https://www.massolit.io/courses/power-and-conflict-aqa-poetry-anthology
Science (Combined)	Homeostasis and response Waves Using resources	Homeostasis and response Waves Using resources
PE - Core	Pupils are offered and individualised programme based on offered on site.	UK Sport UK Sport
Art BTEC/GCSE/AQA 8202	Component 3 Topic: Exam TBC Artist link: Varied illustrators/artists Skills: Varied	http://www.Pinterest.co.uk



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Maths (OCR J560)	<p>Higher</p> <p>Numbers and ratios Rate of change Velocity time graph Equation of circles Probability and statistics 1. Length of arc & area of sector: clips 167 and 149 2. Functions incl. inverse & composite functions: clips 214a, 214b and 215 3. Growth & decay problems.</p> <p>Foundation</p> <p>1. Multiples, factors, prime numbers, writing numbers as product of its primes: clip 28 2. HCF and LCM and real life problems: clips 80 3. Percentages.</p>	<p>https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/</p> <p>https://corbettmaths.com/contents/</p> <p>https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.html</p> <p>https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/key-stages/ks4/subjects/maths/programmes</p>
Child Development	<p>RO57 Exam</p> <p>'Health and Well-being for child development'</p>	<p>TA1: Factors affecting pre-conception health https://www.womenshealth.gov/pregnancy/you-get-pregnant/preconception-health?scrlybrkr=4d01f6be</p> <p>TA2: Types of contraception methods https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/contraception/</p>
Dance	<p>Component 3</p> <p>Responding to a brief</p>	<p>https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/btec-tec-awards/performing-arts/2022/specification-and-sample-assessments/btec-tech-award-performing-arts-spec.pdf</p>
Drama	<p>Component 3</p> <p>Responding to a brief</p>	<p>https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/btec-tec-awards/performing-arts/2022/specification-and-sample-assessments/btec-tech-award-performing-arts-spec.pdf</p>



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Enterprise and marketing	R067: TA1 Characteristics of business TA2 Market research	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zmfw8xs/revision/1 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zjyjd6f/revision/1
French	Theme 1: Identity and culture. Theme 2: Local, national, international, and global areas of interest	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z778scw https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zddct39
Geography (AQA 8035)	Resource Management and food as a resource	The challenge of resource management - GCSE Geography Revision - AQA - BBC Bitesize
Health and Social Care	R032: Communication methods used in Health and Social Care to ensure that needs are met effectively.	Communication in Health & Social Care Role & Importance (highspeedtraining.co.uk)
History (Edexcel 1H10)	American West and Early Elizabethan England revision	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z29rbk7 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/znhkpg8/revision/1
Hospitality and catering	Revision Coursework Lead up to cooking practical exam	GCSE Hospitality (CCEA) - BBC Bitesize This website has relevant information.
IT	RO50: IT in the digital world	https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/610951-specification-cambridge-nationals-it-j836.pdf
PE – GCSE (AQA 8582)	Human movement / Practical moderation	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/znyb4wx



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Religious Studies (Edexcel 1RBO ZN)	Islam: Peace and Conflict Revision: Christianity/ Islam	https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-4/subjects/religious-education https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh7bxyc https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf64pg8
Spanish	Speaking Exam preparation and revision. Revision grammar focus: Preterite tense Speaking Exam topics: Holidays, Town, Shopping, Family and friends Photocard and role play	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zhwgmfr/revision/1 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zb3g2sg/revision/7 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zd8wscw/revision/6 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zvfjvhv/revision/6 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/znq2382/revision/6
Sports Science	R180: Reducing the risk of sports injuries and dealing with common medical conditions	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/ztkcdmn/revision/1
Textiles	Students respond to the exam paper released January 1st and create a body of work plus a 10-hour exam piece.	http://www.Pinterest.co.uk



All students can access GCSEPod to watch subject specific videos. The videos focus on subject content and help students to learn and develop their knowledge and understanding as well as develop confidence in their units of study. Please use <https://members.gcsepod.com/login> and follow the instructions to login. Students can request their login details and password resets from their Form Tutors.



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Year 11 Masterclasses 3:10pm - 4:10pm Monday to Friday.



All Year 11 students can attend Masterclass sessions. The sessions are led by specialist staff who focus on exam preparation, strategies, practice questions and revision content. We encourage all students to attend the sessions to develop their independent learning and to reinforce good study habits.

Masterclasses 3:10pm- 4:10pm	Venues and specialist teachers
Monday	English Literature: Mrs Wood - The Mezz Silent study: Mr Robertson - E6 English Language: Mrs Wiley - E8 Dance / Drama: Mr Dawson and Mrs Geoghegan - EP1 & EP2
Tuesday	Science - Sc1: Mr Mkhabela 11y3 Sc2: Dr Simpson 11x1 Sc3: Ms Cunningham 11y1 Sc4: Ms Meredith 11x2 Sc5: Ms Champion 11x3 Sc6: Ms Thaliwal 11y4 Sc7: Mr Cartwright 11y2 Sc8: Ms Thebe 11x4 Art / Textiles: Mrs Evans - A1-3
Wednesday	Maths - 11x1: Mrs Saeed - M3 11x2: Mr Pierce - Wednesday Break 2 11x3: Mrs Boulton Roe - M2 11x4: Mr Moring - M6 11y1: Mr Okono - M4 11y2: Mr de Kock - M7 11y3: Mr Sam - M5 11y4: Mrs Byczkowska - M1



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Masterclasses continued 3:10pm-4:10pm	Venues and specialist teachers
Wednesday continued	GCSE PE Mrs Meekcom - ME1 Hospitality and Catering Mrs Regan-Kellett - ME1
Thursday	Geography Grade 6+ Miss Grace & Mrs Hardy - H8 Grades 2-5 Mrs Jarvis / Mrs Markie - H7 RS Miss Hodgkins - TT1 Spanish Miss Woodford - L2 History Grade 6+ Mr Mayne & Miss Magee - H5 Grades 2-5 Miss Etherington & Mrs Paul - H4 CNAT Sport Science Mr Hope - T2 Miss Copson / Mrs Last - T1 Health and Social Care Mrs George - IV1 Business Mr Dineen / Miss Somaza - IV4 IT Mr Braoua - IV6 Child Development Mrs Bradley - ME1
Friday	French Mrs Reid - L3



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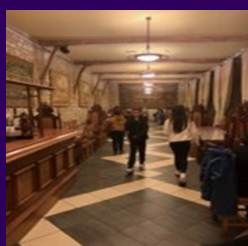
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Year 9 residential visit to the Somme: Thursday 16th November – Saturday 18th November 2023

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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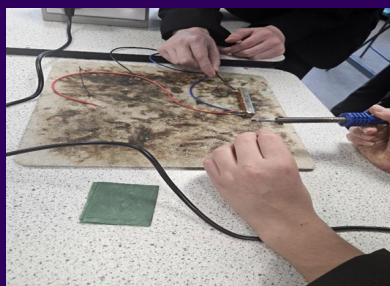
STEM Club

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.

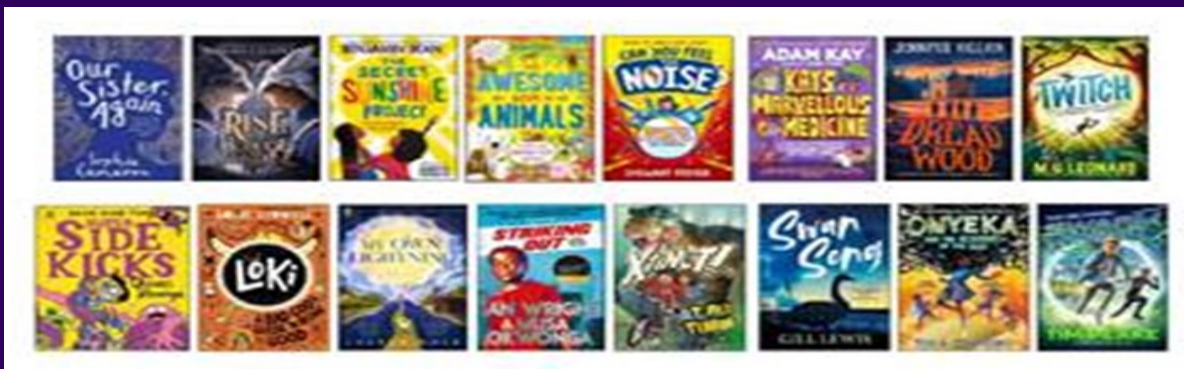


BookTrust's Bookbuzz programme

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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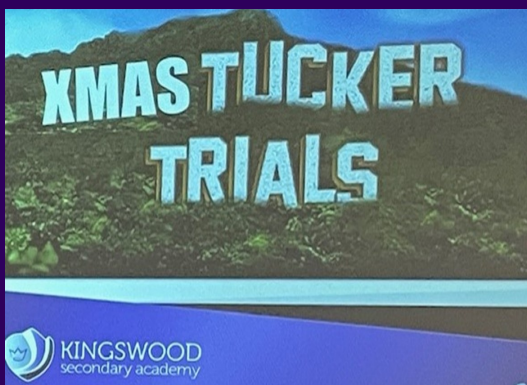
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Kingswood 'Christmas Tucker Trials!'

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!



Chocolate covered Brussels



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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:

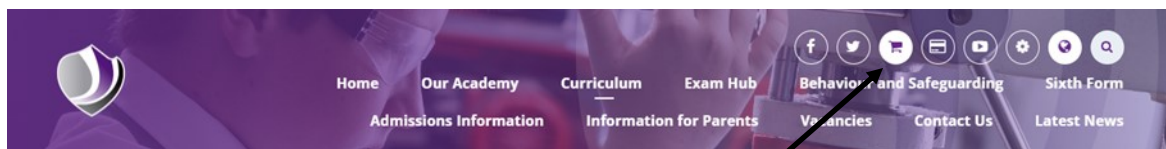
<https://www.kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org/page/?title=Job+of+the+Week&pid=615>



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 off a few hundred metres from school and they walk the short distance in.

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

Collecting your child at the end of the day:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 for PE from Mrs Meekcom

I am asking for your support in preparing your child for the colder weather as it approaches. In PE all pupils have one indoor lesson and one outdoor lesson as we only have two indoor facilities, and we try to make access fair for all. All pupils can wear as many layers as they wish as long as they are completely plain black or white and under their Kingswood PE clothes. They can be long sleeved T-shirts/jumpers/base layers but not hoodies as the hood can be used in sport to drag players back and cause significant harm.

The items worn must be under normal Kingswood shirts or Kingswood ¾ zip tops. The ¾ zip top was added to the optional PE kit in response to pupil feedback last year and can be worn in every lesson except Rugby (due to the zip) where the rugby shirt is the alternative. Pupils can only wear the Kingswood leggings and tracksuit bottoms from Price and Buckland as we do not allow branded items in any of our school uniform. If pupils wear their own leggings/tracksuit bottoms they must wear a Kingswood branded item over the top e.g., shorts, as some items can be seen through or branded.

The boys have Rugby this term and the girls will move onto Rugby next term. As the lessons progress the level of contact will increase, as is appropriate for the progress of the group. For that reason, we are making you aware that there can be some small knocks and bruises because of the contact element. We recommend that all pupils wear a gum shield, and we do have a small supply you can buy via ParentPay or alternatively you can purchase one from an alternative sports store. They are not essential, but recommended if you are worried or concerned.

May I take this opportunity to ask you to check that all the kit for your child is clearly labelled. We do see a large amount of kit unreturned due to having no names in, including socks and trainers. All the unnamed PE kit that is left is placed in a lost property box under the office window next to the changing rooms. All named kit is taken to the main Reception who will try to return it to the child. Can we also ask: if you have any items that pupils have outgrown can you please leave them at Reception so we can add them to our swap shop.

We offer a few sports through clubs, and we do change most clubs every half term due to limited daylight and weather conditions. All PE clubs finish at 4.00-4.10pm and can be found on the school website and in this newsletter. All clubs are free, and pupils do not need to sign up for them, they just need to come to the sports hall in advance to get changed.

Thank you for your support.



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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.

