

# Newsletter Summer Term



## Key Dates / Events:

### A Level results day

Thursday 17th August

9:00am-11:30am - Year 13

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

### GCSE results day Thursday

24th August

9:00am-11:00am - Year 11

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

Year 7 and Year 12 start date - Tuesday 5th September.

All other year groups return on Wednesday 6th September.

All curriculum information will be shared in our **Term 1** newsletter.

### Advanced vaccination dates:

Year 7-11 Influenza vaccine - Monday 13th November 2023

Year 9 Teenage booster/ meningitis - Tuesday 26th March 2024

Year 8 HPV - Tuesday 16th July 2024

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## Message from the Principal: -

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we reach the end of another incredible academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the outstanding achievements and remarkable growth we have witnessed together at Kingswood Secondary Academy.

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. It has been an honour to serve as the principal, and I am continually amazed by the talent, dedication, and resilience of our students.

Over the past year, we have witnessed remarkable accomplishments and celebrated countless milestones. Our students have embodied the spirit of determination and excellence. They have consistently demonstrated their intellectual curiosity, creative thinking, and unwavering commitment to their studies.

Our dedicated staff have been instrumental in fostering an environment that encourages personal growth and academic achievement. Their tireless efforts, passion, and commitment have undoubtedly played a pivotal role in shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the support and encouragement from our parents and guardians. Your active involvement, collaborative partnership, and trust in our school community have been vital in nurturing a positive and enriching educational experience for our students.

As we embark on a well-deserved summer break, I encourage you to cherish these precious moments with your children. Reflect on their growth, celebrate their achievements, and create lasting memories. The summer holiday offers an invaluable opportunity for them to explore new passions, engage in meaningful experiences, and recharge for the exciting journey that lies ahead.

Looking ahead, I am filled with anticipation for the upcoming academic year. We are dedicated to further enhancing our programmes of study and providing an inclusive learning environment that continues to empower our students to reach their full potential. We will continue to embrace challenges with resilience, adaptability, and a growth mindset.

In conclusion, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for your continued support, trust, and partnership. It is because of our collective efforts that we have created an exceptional learning community at Kingswood Secondary Academy. I am confident that together, we will continue to nurture a generation of confident, compassionate, and accomplished individuals.

Wishing you all a lovely summer.

With warm regards,  
Gary Carlile



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### Enrichment:

Why is enrichment so important?

Enrichment:

- Helps children develop their interests and talents.
- Enables children to develop their character, confidence and independence.

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 who help 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:

We recently celebrated Cultural Week in the Academy. We displayed our flags which adorned our atrium with a rainbow of colours. Each day Denise and her catering team prepared and cooked some culinary delights including Scotch Pie and Clapshot; a hearty Scottish dish of mashed swede and potato (or neeps and tatties), Spanish Meatballs, German Frankfurters and Schnitzels along with hamburgers from the USA and onion bhajis and chicken tikka masala from India. Each day in form time students learned about the different cultures with facts about the history and geography of all the places.

### Our future students

On Friday 7th July we welcomed our future Year 7 students. They had an enjoyable day getting to know one another and exploring the Academy. We look forward to seeing them again in September.



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## Year 7 visit to Lincoln Castle and Cathedral

On Monday 26th June our 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, walked the castle walls and had some time for silent reflection in the cathedral. Several members of the public commented on their positive behaviour and conduct. Well done to all students who attended.



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## Year 8 visit to Duxford

On Friday 14th July our year 8 students visited Duxford Imperial War Museum. During the visit they explored the massive B-52 Stratofortress, got face-to-face with the Blackbird - the fastest jet aircraft ever made - and climbed aboard Concorde. Many students experienced what it was like to participate in a 'dog fight' by going on the Spitfire simulator. They listened to the stories of those who lived and worked at historic Duxford, and learned more about Duxford's role in the Battle of Britain by visiting the Ops Block. It was an enjoyable day out.



## 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 in form time, 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 pupils who took part in front of a live audience of their whole year group! After a fierce battle of spelling words ranging from 'flamboyant' to 'colonel' we awarded our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in both year groups with chocolates and a top prize of a voucher for 1<sup>st</sup> in the year.

### Year 7 Winners

- 1st Tracy Sowunmi
- 2nd Louis Szekely
- 3rd Blake Lewis

### Year 8 Winners

- 1st Cassie Dalziel
- 2nd Mikayla Collins
- 3rd Demi Jackson



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Pupils and staff were also treated with a video of Mr Robertson's poem...

## **Spelling B...?**

They're always telling me  
"There's a point to spelling."  
Yeah? In their opinion, maybe.

See, as far as I'm concerned  
You're on your own  
With the letters you've learned  
Like, how come 'cow' and 'bough' can rhyme  
But 'cough' and 'sow' don't anytime?  
And even 'sow' could well be 'sow',  
How the heck are we to know?  
There's a subtle doubt they're hiding 'Bs',  
Knowing where 'K's' go can weaken the knees  
And a special assignment for smuggling 'G'  
Can align with the need for a strong cup of tea

And don't get me started on February!

They say start with the basics, like 'I before E'  
Then my neighbour pops round and it's all gone to seed  
For plurals: end with 'S', or 'IES' you could try  
But then octopus gangs must be called 'octopi'  
And this is before all the big stuff is reached  
Like indictments, arraignments and getting impeached

Polysyllabic verbal gymnastics  
Make lexical warriors iconoclastic  
Transubstantiation in word catechism  
Through antidisestablishmentarianism!

Too far,  
Too much,  
Too intense, I can tell

Let's just settle, relax,  
And rest for a spell.

**We look forward to continuing this tradition next year in Year 7, 8 and 9! Get reading everyone... it's the best way to learn new vocabulary!**



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## **Kingswood definitely has Talent!**

Kingswood recently hosted an evening of talent. Thank you to Lauren Milne (Year 11) for organising the event. Well done to all students and staff who participated and thank you to our judging panel who gave up their evening to watch an array of talent before deciding on the overall winner. We raised a total of £194.20 for Cancer Research. Thank you to all who donated: your generosity is always appreciated.

Thank you also to Mr Crawford and Mr Moring who also arranged a badminton event and pizza party. An additional £232.15 was raised for Children in Need. Events like these are fantastic for the students and leave them with long lasting memories.

Congratulations to Olga Cretu who delivered a breathtaking dance performance. Olga choreographed her routine and received top praise from all judges.



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## An evening of celebrations:

On Thursday 29th June we gathered at Corby Cube for an evening to honour and celebrate the exceptional achievements of our students. Teachers nominated students for their effort and attainment across all Key Stages (a full list of winners can be found on the next few pages). We were entertained by our wonderful year 7 and 10 dancers and the mayor of Corby, Leanne Buckingham, delivered a motivational and inspiring speech before helping our Heads of Year to present the awards.



## The Principal's Award 2023

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 2023 was awarded to Bianca Dinu. Bianca has consistently demonstrated excellence in every aspect of her academic life and beyond. She supported younger students with their mathematics and represented the students as Head Girl. Bianca performed highly at the UKMT, achieved a 1<sup>st</sup> class Honour for their Brilliant club project, volunteered and presented at open evenings, volunteered at Kettering General hospital and worked at Tresham College so that she could learn computer coding languages. Bianca has secured a place at Warwick University to study Computer Science. We wish her the best of luck with her next journey.





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Congratulations to the following Year 7 students:

| Subject                  | Effort                | Attainment          |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Maths                    | Zain Promubol         | Logan O'Hara        |
| English                  | Theo Benfield         | Inez Zielinska      |
| Science                  | Sara Dumitriu         | Wiki Krol           |
| Geography                | Franchesca Cunningham | Leyton-Ray Jones    |
| History                  | Fineas Ciuclea        | Leighla Vennard     |
| Religious Studies        | James Duncan          | Noah Cook           |
| Spanish                  | Evie Kilgour          | Natalia Carlton     |
| French                   | Jorja Pettitt         | Kalib O'Rourke      |
| IT                       | Hanna Kruszko         | Elizaveta Zemlakova |
| Girls' PE                | Brooke Keenleyside    | Shyloh Kamambo      |
| Boys' PE                 | Callum Keenan         | Andrias Ulm         |
| EPA                      | Bianca Vatafu         | Nadia McRobbie      |
| Art                      | Miley Elms            | Adelola Adegbola    |
| Textiles                 | Shivani Nair          | Azariah Rockson     |
| Music                    | Amy Rouse             | Fineas Ciuclea      |
| Hospitality and Catering | Pixie Reid            | Freya Ratcliffe     |
| PASTORAL                 | Jotham Zozo           | Hanna Kruszko       |





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Congratulations to the following Year 8 students:

| Subject                  | Effort                  | Attainment       |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Maths                    | Kye Cunningham          | Erbjona Cupi     |
| English                  | Dominika Ivainen        | Jessica Lesniak  |
| Science                  | Cassie Dalziel          | Mikolaj Kopernik |
| Geography                | Cayden Ogden-McGuinness | Alice Long       |
| History                  | Julian Partridge        | Lucy Coleshill   |
| Religious Studies        | Freya-Leigh Groom       | Lexi Kyle        |
| Spanish                  | Miley Robb              | Emme Hill        |
| French                   | Kian Cullen             | Arin Scurtu      |
| IT                       | Ava Sommerville         | Ella Munro       |
| Girls' PE                | Lucy Tough              | Ellie Hill       |
| Boys' PE                 | Celiss Matei            | Louie Hagan      |
| EPA                      | Samuel Soltz            | Gavin Naude      |
| Art                      | Amelia Kulikowska       | Taela Cashford   |
| Textiles                 | Tia Brownbill           | Chloe Dredge     |
| Music                    | Ellis Macleod           | Roxanne Thornton |
| Hospitality and Catering | Jada Cuffy              | Reuben Hansford  |
| PASTORAL                 | Lachlan Sinclair        | Ava Gordon       |
| SHINE                    | Zain Umar               |                  |





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Celebration of achievement:



Congratulations to the following Year 9 students:

| <b>Subject</b>                   | <b>Effort</b>        | <b>Attainment</b>   |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Maths                            | Elizabeth Taylor     | Braden Coates       |
| English                          | Shae Hamill          | Toby Batchelor      |
| Science                          | Vivien Boldizar      | Marley Sontag       |
| Geography                        | Kieran Brown         | Verity Mason        |
| History                          | Beatrice Marciuc     | Briana Pap          |
| Religious Studies                | Caitlyn Stevenson    | Amelia Rodrigues    |
| Spanish                          | Shamiso Chinembeza   | Morgan Delgarno     |
| French                           | Brooklyn Nicholson   | Malwina Limanowska  |
| CNAT H & S care                  | Brooke Argyle        | Isabela Ignat       |
| CNAT Enterprise and marketing    | Dylan Watson         | Noah Benson         |
| Cambridge National IT            | Harry Chambers       | Artur Vysotiuk      |
| CNAT Child Development           | Ashley Weeks         | Lisandra Ulm        |
| Cambridge National Sport Science | Callum Sexton        | Imogen Green        |
| Girls' PE                        | Busie Gwebu          | Tallulah Castanha   |
| Boys' PE                         | Alfie McQueen        | Jayden Wilson       |
| EPA - Dance                      | Autumn Grant         | Layla-Mai Lansberry |
| EPA - DRAMA                      | Donna-Mae Chambers   | Arsenie Secrieru    |
| Art                              | Mia Kukic            | Beau McNally        |
| Textiles                         | Alexandra Poklembova | Jason Loakes        |
| Hospitality and Catering         | Ella Bramley         | Theo Mashakeng      |
| PASTORAL                         | Autumn Grant         | James Simpson       |
| DSP                              | Joshua Stanton       | Alex Kelly          |





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Celebration of achievement:



Congratulations to the following Year 10 students:

| Subject                          | Effort                | Attainment  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Maths                            | Darcie Fernandes      | Ella McKeown  |
| English                          | Paige Barker          | Language - Layla Hall<br>Literature - Dana Serakova |
| Science                          | Jenni Studders        | Adema Hill  |
| Statistics                       | Lisandra Kadzakumanja | Isla McNamee  |
| Geography                        | Conllyn Hamill        | Mia Yousofy   |
| History                          | Jack Wildish          | Jacob Maly  |
| Religious Studies                | Lisandra Kadzakumanja | Kashaunia Rochester                                 |
| Spanish                          | Daniella Handyside    | Harli-Luiz Simpson                                  |
| French                           | Joseph Buckle         | Deanne Quaye  |
| CNAT Health & Social care        | Tadiwanashe Mashanda  | Aoife Bremner                                       |
| CNAT Enterprise and marketing    | Nicole Courtney       | Isla McNamee  |
| Cambridge National IT            | Jake Chandler-Cobb    | Joseph Buckle                                       |
| CNAT Child Development           | Erica Betts           | Paige Barker  |
| Cambridge National Sport Science | Courtney-Paige Barnes | Adam Berry  |
| PE                               | Kaiden Champion       | Ben Nicholas  |
| EPA - Dance                      | Heidi Lewell          | Ellie Thompson                                      |
| EPA - Drama                      | Jessica Routledge     | Caitlin Steele                                      |
| Art                              | Mia Hill              | Skye Burns  |
| Hospitality and Catering         | Rose Farren           | Abbie Wookey  |
| PASTORAL                         | Kai Coleman           | Molly Munro   |
| SHINE                            | Erin Brooks           |   |
| Duke of Edinburgh award          | Caitlin Steele        |   |





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Congratulations to the following Year 11 students:

| Subject                          | Effort               | Attainment  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Maths                            | Harrison Swan-McCay  | Ethan Wright  |
| English                          | Rishika Bjj          | Lanugage - Oliwia Janicka<br>Literature - Celie Tew |
| Science                          | Blossom Mutch-Logue  | Alexis Greenland                                    |
| Statistics                       | Kade Flynn           | Sarah Lasekan                                       |
| Geography                        | Deimante Gedvilaite  | Cameron Steele                                      |
| History                          | Christina Kane       | Zivojin Cikovac                                     |
| Religious Studies                | Faith Ballantyne     | Chloe Ratcliffe                                     |
| French                           | Adele White          | Zuzanna Bojko                                       |
| CNAT Health & Social care        | Livia Coates         | Raie Dixon  |
| CNAT Enterprise and marketing    | Max Mulgrove         | Krishawn Palmer                                     |
| Cambridge National IT            | Alexandra Schrik     | Sarah Lasekan                                       |
| CNAT Child Development           | Sophie Thompson      | Mia Simeunovic                                      |
| Cambridge National Sport Science | Isla Jobson-Mitchual | Macy Webber   |
| PE                               | Luka Mirkovic        | Daniel Stephens                                     |
| EPA - Dance                      | Olivia Kent          | Sophie Thompson                                     |
| EPA - Drama                      | Alex Stobo           | Jack Druce  |
| Art                              | Jemma Birds          | Weronika Murawska                                   |
| Textiles                         | Kenzie Champion      | Brooke Collins                                      |
| Music                            | Jessica Bolsunova    | Austin Holt   |
| Hospitality and Catering         | Grace Brandon        | Carlie Reynolds                                     |
| PASTORAL                         | Krishawn Palmer      | Bethany Mead  |
| Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award | Rishika Bjj          |   |





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Celebration of achievement:



Congratulations to the following Year 12 students:

| <b>Subject</b>                             | <b>Effort</b>          | <b>Attainment</b>      |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| Maths                                      | Artiom Crilev          | Eamonn Oliff           |
| English                                    | David Saranut          | Kimberley Gunfield     |
| Science - Biology                          | Amira Stefania Tudor   | Evie McKay             |
| Science - Chemistry                        | Mikolaj Zakrzewski     | Molly-Rose Johnston    |
| Science - Physics                          | Ethan Murdoch          | Agatha Zoccoli         |
| Geography                                  | Adorn Jobi             | Brendan Bremner        |
| History                                    |                        | Evie McKay             |
| Sociology                                  | Maizie Newton          | Oluwasesifumi Showunmi |
| Criminology                                | Millie Dalziel         | Nicoleta Grigoras      |
| Cambridge Technical Business               | Fayaz Derry            | Agatha Zoccoli         |
| Cambridge Technical IT                     | Iulia Vlas             | Krisztian Jonas        |
| Cambridge Technical Health and Social Care | Patience Mundoma       | Ruby McEachran         |
| Cambridge Technical Media                  | Luca Thomas            | Kayleigh Chye          |
| PE   | Lydia Robinson         | Luke Taylor            |
| EPA  | Ruby McEachran - Dance | Ellie-Marie Booth      |
| Art  | Lia Secrieru           | Layla Finnegan         |
| PASTORAL                                   | Luca Thomas            | Evie McKay             |





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Celebration of achievement:



Congratulations to the following Year 13 students:

| Subject                                     | Effort                        | Attainment                                      |
|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Maths                                       | Luke Best                     | Bianca Dinu                                     |
| English                                     | Leah Neal                     | Daniel Parker                                   |
| Science                                     | Anya Thompson (Biology)       | Denisa Medrea (Biology)                         |
|   | Dragana Tomasevic (Chemistry) | Bianca Dinu (Chemistry)                         |
|   | Luke Best (Physics)           | Prince Gajera (Physics)                         |
| Further maths                               | Arrik Collins                 | Bianca Dinu                                     |
| Geography                                   | Lachlan Mackenzie             | Harvey Mawbey                                   |
| History                                     | Casey Ann Seymour             | Antonia Haycocks                                |
| Sociology                                   | Meggie Modesto                | Cory Gourley                                    |
| Criminology                                 | Shayne Foya                   | Casey Ann Seymour                               |
| Cambridge Technical Business                |                               | Louis James                                     |
| Cambridge Technical IT                      | Luke Best                     | Grzegorz Murzynowski                            |
| Cambridge Technical Health and Social Care. | Daisy Ncube                   | Dragana Tomasevic                               |
| Cambridge Technical Media                   | Culleen Jones                 | Taylor Clarke                                   |
| PE  | Luke Taylor                   | Anya Thompson                                   |
| Art   |                               | Culleen Jones<br>Klaudia Liro<br>Meggie Modesto |
| PASTORAL                                    | Cory Gourlay                  | Bianca Dinu                                     |
| Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award            |                               | Bianca Dinu<br>Arrik Collins                    |



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Communication and Celebrations:



## Year 10 Geography fieldwork visit to Hunstanton

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 45 Year 10 and 4 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, enjoying the sunshine and investigating 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. 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 landslides which we then drew, many students revealing stunning art skills. Watching students leaping from rock to rock and balancing on the wave cut platform was just the perfect way to spend a morning.



After a lunch of fish and chips, or squid for the more discerning palate, 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 car survey using registration numbers 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.

Students behaved in the most amazing way they could, representing our school in the best possible manner: we couldn't have been more proud. Well done and thank you to Miss Grace and Mrs Jarvis for organising such a fun but productive day for us all.

Mrs Hardy.



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## Our Academy cadets

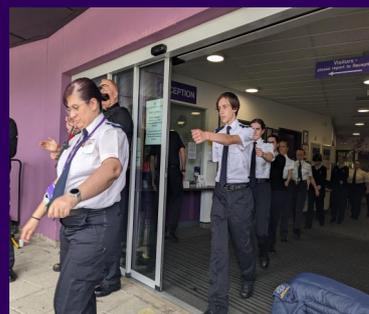
During Term 6 our Cadets visited the Northamptonshire custody suite where they had the opportunity to see how prisoners are treated with fairness and how they spend their time.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> June our Cadets assisted in the first Pride parade in Corby. During the event they supported local groups, organisations, and performers and demonstrated a commitment to creating a tolerant and fair society for all.

The event started at Corby Cube at 12pm with a parade that finished in Coronation Park. Our Cadets offered their support throughout the event.



On July 5th we were extremely proud to watch our Cadets take part in their passing-out ceremony. They demonstrated the skills learned throughout their training and took part in a mock emergency to demonstrate their expertise. They were then presented with First- and Second-Year certificates of qualifications by Anne-Marie Lawson (the Citizens in Policing Manager for Prevention and Community Protection at Northamptonshire Police). Thank you to all our guests: Chief Constable Nick Adderley, Councillors from Corby Town, Corby Lions, representatives from Fire, First Aid Responders, and the Cadets' families.



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Communication and Celebrations:



## Sixth form success

Three of our Year 12 students have been accepted onto Sutton Trust Summer School Programmes following a rigorous application process. Congratulations to:

David Saranut **The University of Nottingham: Law, Politics and International Relations 9-14<sup>th</sup> July**  
Amira Tudor **University College London Crime and Forensic Science 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July**  
Evie McKay **The University of Nottingham Medicine and Medical Sciences 9-14<sup>th</sup> July**

Congratulations to Lachlan MacKenzie (Year 13) who has secured a degree apprenticeship with Cambridgeshire Police. This has been a long process for Lachlan and we are delighted for him and wish him the very best of luck!

Following on from his successful 'Get into Teaching' experience in the autumn term, Cory Gourley has just completed five weeks of a teaching enrichment programme - he only took the weekend off after finishing his year 13 final exams before starting. It has confirmed for Cory that he would like to teach English once he completes his English degree at Durham university. Well done Cory, we have learned a lot from you.

## Sixth form debating qualification

22 Sixth formers recently completed their ESB debating qualification, which is worth between 8 and 12 UCAS points. There were three debates, all chosen by our students:

Should the Monarchy be abolished?  
Should social media be regulated?  
Is it time for the NHS to be privatised?

The external assessor was impressed by the standard and maturity of our students and commented that it was clear that the students were well-prepared and were enjoying themselves.

Well done to all!



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## Sixth Form prom

We recently held our Sixth Form prom at the Ritz in Desborough. Thank you to all the staff members who attended. The students really appreciated the staff turn out - you could tell that from the number of emotional conversations spread around the venue. The students organised their own rewards and there were memorable speeches throughout the evening. It was lovely to see the students celebrate their success and dance the night away.

A special thank you to Kaye Alexander and the Sixth Form events team for putting together the perfect send off.



## Alumni day

We were so very pleased to see so many of our students from 2019/2020 through to 2021/2022 return to pass on their knowledge and experience to our Year 12 and Year 10 students. Thanks to all the teachers who were able to pop up to Sixth Form and catch up with them. They are a fantastic advert for Kingswood and show our students what is possible to achieve with hard work and commitment.



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## Year 11 prom

It was lovely to see our Year 11 students arrive in their wonderful attire and enjoy their evening. The rain did not dampen their spirits 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 Browning and Mr De Kock for organising the event and thank you also to the prom committee.



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## **Our future coders!**

Our Year 7 students recently had the opportunity to learn and develop the skills of computer programming including game design. Thank you to Fuze for visiting and delivering an inspiring day and thank you to Mrs Hardy for organising.



## **A wonderful opportunity for Evie!**

Congratulations to Evie Kilgour (Year 7) who recently qualified to play football for Peterborough United Elite under 12s. We look forward to hearing more about this wonderful experience.



## **Medical Mavericks!**

Thank you to the Medical Mavericks who delivered a workshop to our KS3 students. This was an interactive experience enjoyed by our students. Thank you Medical mavericks for inspiring our students into the world of medicine!

## **Our very own gymnast:**

Congratulations to Jessica McMahon (Year 9) who recently competed in a gymnastics event in Derby. Jessica won two Gold Medals, two Silver medals, the Judges' Award and a trophy for coming first in the whole event. This is an amazing achievement Jessica, and we are all very proud of you.



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## Successes in PE

Well done to all students who participated in a range of activities throughout the academic year. Congratulations to the following in particular:

GAT Trust Boys Basketball winners with Girls securing 3<sup>rd</sup> place

GAT Trust Boys and Girls football winners (Years 7 and 8)

Year 9 boys runners-up in the Football District league final

Year 10 Girls District Futsal winners

Flag Football National final (Year 7 and 8)

Year 7 and Year 8 Sports hall athletics Schools Games representatives for Corby

Our County athletics representatives - Kayla Douglas, Amy Vanstone, Busie Gwebu, Kai Manson, Deimantas Simkus

Also, well done to all year groups who participated in our recent sports days. It was lovely to witness our students working in teams and playing football, tennis, basketball and choreographing their own dance routines. They battled with all types of weather and showed resilience in the process.



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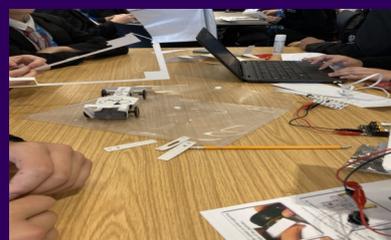
## Young Person of Courage

We are extremely proud of Raeanna Gilder-Wilson, a Year 11 student, who won one of five 'Young Person of Courage' awards from the Corby Phoenix Rotary Club. Raeanna is a courageous individual who has shown resilience and determination throughout her life and time at Kingswood. She recently completed her GCSEs and will be going to college to study childcare in September. We all wish her the very best of luck and know she will be amazing.



## Our visit to the University of Northampton

Mr Moring and Dr Simpson recently had the pleasure of taking twelve of the top performing Year 9 students to the University of Northampton for a STEM day. They were split into two teams of six and during the day they participated in a number of different STEM based activities, from creating their own motors, building hovercraft, programming robots, designing and creating their own gliders and racing F1 cars which they had built. Over the course of the day our intrepid students battled against 12 different schools and 20 different teams, in each of these categories scoring points based on their performance. Both of our teams very proudly finished in the top half of the table, with Kingswood Team 2 coming second overall. Well done!



## Career Mark Gold!

It's wonderful to have all the hard work of Kingswood staff recognised in achieving Career Mark Gold. Most of all, this is fantastic news for our students - that their Careers Education is recognised as being of such high quality. Particular recognition should go to Mrs Hardy who leads our Aspiration and Careers work with such passion and dedication. A 'shout out' to Mr Doherty from Prospects who does the most amazing job of providing the independent advice and guidance that our students deserve. We are one of only three schools in our Trust to achieve this award, and indeed only 29 schools nationally have managed it! The great news is that we have been developing significant plans to develop our Aspiration and Careers work further, not least with a Careers Fair to be hosted at Kingswood this coming academic year. Watch this space...



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## **Building project update**

We are delighted to report that building work on our new dining facility commenced on 10<sup>th</sup> July and should be completed by Christmas this year. This facility is being constructed in our current courtyard (but will occupy less than 50% of this area) and will provide additional seating for at least 168 students. There are various associated kitchen modifications e.g., enlarging the food serving area. Fundamentally, we want all students who want to, to be able to sit down with proper plates and cutlery to enjoy their meal. Environmentally, this should also mean a very significant reduction in litter and disposable packaging.

The facility will particularly be for Year 7 and Year 8 and will ease the strain on our main Atrium. However, it will also provide a flexible space that we will be able to use for other activities e.g., after school MasterClasses, lectures, sporting opportunities etc. It has been quite a journey to get to this point and we are very much looking forward to the handover of this new facility from our contractors.

## **Shine project update**

As many of you are aware, we offer a facility at Kingswood to support students who may have difficulty managing their emotions and/or behaviour. We call this department: Shine.

As part of our commitment to inclusivity, we are investing in this department to enable us to support as many students as possible and will be able to provide a bespoke package of therapeutic services to support a wide range of need.

Part of this investment includes a complete redevelopment of the site that the department occupies to include three new classrooms to allow for small class sizes, two counselling rooms and a new kitchen to allow us to teach nutrition and cookery skills. We have also built a new Forest School area on the school grounds which the students currently attending Shine have been instrumental in developing.

Shine and the Forest School are unique amongst secondary schools in Corby and the work being carried out by the Team in Shine is seen as a beacon of what is possible within a mainstream setting.



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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/?>

Soupa Salads CIC is based at The Cons on Cottingham Road, Corby and provides healthy, home cooked food to the public for affordable prices.

For the last hour of service each day (4pm to 5pm) they will be offering free meals to the homeless or families and vulnerable people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families.

They work in partnership with Corby Foodbank to offer anyone who has vouchers for the Foodbank a free meal. They will also be working with the Job Centre, Corby Homeless Project, Northamptonshire Mind and other Health and Social Care organisations.

For further information, contact:  
Tel: 07399502612  
Email: [shona@soupasalads.co.uk](mailto:shona@soupasalads.co.uk)



## **Parking and access to Kingswood Secondary Academy:**

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.

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>



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## Kingswood Secondary Academy – Uniform Requirements

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

Our Academy uniform consists of:

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

Physical education kit for all years:

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



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## UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

In order to reduce perfectly good uniform ending up in landfill, Kingswood Secondary Academy will be hosting its first ever swap shop!

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

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of July  
11am-1.30pm in the atrium at  
Kingswood Secondary Academy



## SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Holiday Activities available across North Northamptonshire during the school summer holidays.

Find out more  
[www.northnorthants.gov.uk/holidayactivities](http://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/holidayactivities)

Do something cool with your Summer!

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