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Tuesday 17 January 2017

Diary Dates

Friday 20 January 2017

Year 11 Mock Results Day

Tuesday 24 January 2017

Year 11 PE Trip to Loughborough University

Thursday 26 January 2017 4.30pm-7.00pm

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Monday 30 January 2017

Leicester Diabetic Centre

Health and Wellbeing student ambassadors

Tuesday 31 January 2017 5.30pm-6.30pm

Parent Forum



ABSENCE REPORTING

01536 741857 — OPTION 1

Please report pupil absences as early as possible each day on the main Academy telephone number—01536 741857. Select option 1 (Please note — a call to the Academy is necessary on **EACH** day of absence).

Welcome back and a Happy New Year. I trust that Christmas was enjoyable and restful and that Father Christmas managed to bring you something you wanted.

Last week I spoke to all pupils about the idea of New Year resolutions. I have never been a fan of them always thinking that if something needs to change or improve then why wait for January. Nevertheless, some of us do find it a good time to reflect on the year just gone and plan for the year ahead. This is particularly pertinent for the current Year 11 pupils. They shall shortly receive their mock examination results which will represent a snapshot of where they are in relation to where they need to be. Those that have worked hard and revised properly will be looking at some good indicative results of which they can be proud. Of course, the reverse is also true!

And so for those pupils that did not perform as hoped, the start of 2017 is a very important time to take stock and make the changes now that will ensure success in the summer. As I have said before in a previous newsletter, there is no short-cut to success. Hard work and application lead to pupils achieving good results. The reality is that no school or Academy can prepare pupils effectively in the 25 hours of teaching that pupils receive each week of term. Independent study, and the motivation to complete it, are essential. To that end I would like to remind everyone about the Study Hub that runs after the Academy day ends on Mondays to Thursdays in the Sixth Form Centre. All pupils are welcome to attend but particularly Year 11 pupils. We run it with specialist Maths and English staff who are there to help with any questions pupils may have and to offer support. There are also computers and internet and network access in the hub. We shall also be running 'master classes' after school on particular topics that pupils found difficult in the mock exams. Maths and Science will be the main contributors to this programme, though all subject areas make themselves available after the normal Academy day to help pupils revise, complete coursework and prepare for the summer exams.

However, as with all additional support, we can not compel pupils to attend. We need them to be motivated to attend and for our supportive parents to encourage and cajole their sons and daughters to participate. In order to help you do this we shall be publishing dates on the website that detail the various sessions that will be taking place.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible this year at our parent evening and celebration events. The next few weeks are very important for Year 11 in particular with the parents' evening and report issue on the 26th January, following on from the Sixth Form courses evening on the 12th January.

I hope that 2017 is a happy and healthy year for you all.

Regards **Andy Burton, Principal**



IT'S TIME TO PLUG IN

GCSEPOD IS HERE!



We are very pleased to announce that GCSEPod is now available at Kingswood Secondary Academy!

We have subscribed to the award-winning service to give your child access to thousands of hours of professionally produced, audio-visual content which will benefit them throughout the coming year.

GCSEPod has over 4,000 teacher-written, audio-visual pods which have been produced specifically for learning, homework and revision. The Pods contain all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams that your child needs for GCSE success. They won't need to use GCSEPod for long to see the impact; in fact, consistent use of just 10 minute chunks is proven to support achievement whatever your child's target grade is.

The GCSEPod website can be viewed on mobiles, tablets and PCs and the Pods can be downloaded for offline viewing. The Pods are mapped to the curriculum and students can access pre-set exam playlists which collate all the Pods relevant to a specific exam into a neatly organised list.

Parent information letters have been distributed to pupils in Years 9,10 1nd 11 and for more information select the link on the Academy homepage or alternatively visit www.gcsepod.com.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

The following girls won their county cup game against Weston Favell 6-3. All goals were scored by Alex O'Neill, but there was excellent support from the whole team. All in all, a great team performance! This win secures their place in the semi-finals!

Their next game is with Moulton, the date has yet to be announced, however we will publish this when known.

Well done to all the following girls :

Alex O'Neill	Alanah Chalmers	Maddy McGivern	Georgia Summerfield
Macy Mulgrove	Shelbie MacLeod	Sophi McCardie	Sasha Law
Chloe McKay	Daria Kot	Leah Holloway	Jade Clark



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‘MILK’

The replacement for ‘SHOW MY HOMEWORK’

You may have noticed on the Academy web site that the ‘Show My Homework’ icon has been replaced by ‘Milk’.

Milk will enable you to monitor your child’s homework in the same way as Show My Homework, and will also allow you to monitor your child’s attendance as well as their achievement and behaviour points. You don’t need a smartphone to use Milk. It is available for desktops, as well as IOS and Android devices.

All pupils have received their own log in details, plus a letter for their parents explaining ‘MILK’ and how to log on to the system.

If you have not received these details please do not hesitate to contact Miss K Martindale, Assistant Principal at:

kmartindale@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org.

YEAR 10 HISTORY TRIP TO THACKRAY MEDICAL MUSEUM, LEEDS

The History Department is organising a day trip for Year 10 pupils to visit the Thackray Medical Museum in Leeds.

The trip, which is planned for Monday 6 March 2017, is designed to fit in with the GCSE examination on ‘Medicine Through Time’. This very interesting museum houses exhibits about the history of surgery and a recreated Victorian Street complete with authentic ‘smells’.

Letters have now been issued to pupils regarding this exciting trip,

please therefore follow the instructions on the letter when returning the reply slip. Please note that places are limited to 60 pupils and will be issued on a first-come first-served basis.

If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Paul at the Academy or by email on:

zpaul@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org.



Exam Invigilators

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Closing date: 3 February 2017 at noon

We require Exam Invigilators to join our friendly team to supervise pupils and ensure a perfect examination environment during examination periods throughout the academic year. The role will involve invigilation of individuals and groups of learners undertaking written exams or on-line tests.

The successful Exam Invigilators will be able to relate positively to all learners, be extremely diligent and adaptable, and have good communication skills. Candidates will be employed on a casual basis, with hours and days of work subject to the timings of each exam.

For application forms and further information, please ask at reception or visit our website.

<http://www.greenwoodacademies.org/vacancy/11695/>

THE JOURNEY TO AND FROM THE ACADEMY

The journey to and from the Academy are two parts of the day when children are not closely supervised by either their parents or Academy staff. It is essential that they remain safe during the journey to and from the Academy whether they walk or travel by bus. Please consider the following:

- Is your child wearing sufficient clothing to keep warm?
- Are their shoes sensible and appropriate to cold icy weather?
- Do they walk alone or should they be with friends?

Remember, those playing football/sports for the Academy or those attending clubs, may well be walking home in the dark. Have you considered this, and do you need to make arrangements for their collection?

The new building site on the old Upper Kingswood School site has now become active. There have been numerous meetings to discuss health and safety, especially with regards movement of vehicles during the times when your children are coming to and leaving school. The contractors, Keepmoat, have assured me they will enforce a no movement period for all vehicles between 8.15am - 8.40am and 3.00pm — 3.30pm. **Even with these precautions in place, it is imperative that all parents bring this to the attention of their children and tell them to take extreme care when crossing in front of the old school gates.** Those who deliver /collect their children by car are warned that additional parking restrictions will be in place during this time and that the Police will be monitoring traffic throughout.

YEAR 9 HISTORY TRIP TO IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM AT DUXFORD

The History Department is organising a day trip for Year 9 pupils to visit the Imperial War Museum at Duxford.

The trip will take place on **Friday 21 April 2017** and is designed to fit in with the Year 9 Module on 20th Century History. Letters for this trip have now been issued, therefore please ensure you follow the instructions on the bottom of the letter when returning the reply slip. Places are limited to 60 pupils and will be issued on a first come first served basis. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Miss Magee, History Department, at the Academy or by email on:

Imagee@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org .



TALK 1: Woods in the Global Context – 19th Jan 7-8.30pm Coronation Park Pavilion, Corby, NN17 1SZ

Against a backdrop of global deforestation, urban woodlands like Corby's are vital. Find out more with international forestry and climate change expert Katharine Thoday. Afterwards enjoy an informal chat over a drink and home-made cakes.

Katharine is currently Director of Cities Clean Air Partnership in Manila and is stopping off in Corby on a trip to the UK especially to deliver this talk for 'Our Woods'. Prior to her work in the Philippines Katharine was Programme Manager at the Centre for Sustainability Leadership at Cambridge University. She is passionate about addressing issues of climate change and resource management and in particular focuses on rural resilience, sustainability and minimising the impact of supply chains. She has been an advisor to the UK Government on forestry and climate change and when she has spare time enjoys coppicing in her local woods.



TALK 2: A Sky Full of Birds - 26th Jan 7-8.30pm Coronation Park Pavilion, Corby, NN17 1SZ

Britain is a nation of bird-lovers but how many of us really appreciate the sheer diversity and drama of our feathered friends? Join Matt Merritt, author of a Sky Full of Birds to find out more and afterwards enjoy an informal chat over a drink and home-made cakes. Poet and nature writer Matt Merritt shares his passion for birdwatching by taking us to some of the great avian gatherings that occur around the British isles. He shows how natural miracles can be found all around us, if only we know where to look!



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