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Friday 31 March 2017

### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 18 April 2017**  
Training Day

**Wednesday 19 April 2017**  
Academy re-opens to pupils

**Tuesday 16 May 2017**  
Parent Forum 5.30 pm—6.30 pm



### ABSENCE REPORTING 01536 741857

**Years 7 — 11: OPTION 1 Sixth Form: OPTION 2**

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 to our latest newsletter.

With Easter almost upon us there is a 2 week and 2 day (for pupils) period away from the Academy. Of course, for our Year 11s and Sixth Form it will be a time of feverish revision as the examinations loom ever closer. However, with thorough and proper preparation the exams are nothing to fear. To be sure it is a stressful time, but not as worrisome as if going in to them underprepared!

As always there is much to celebrate within the Academy: the excellent Live Lounge evening event, our Red Nose Day celebrations including mufti-day on the last day of term (£1638 has been raised so far to be donated to Comic Relief), and sporting successes to name but a few.

I would also like to draw your attention to the external reviews that have been taking place here at the Academy. The Regional Schools' Commissioner and the Trust's Standards, Safeguarding and SEN teams have all been in to see if we are making progress and I am pleased to report that they are encouraged with what they are seeing going on – our improvement journey continues at pace!

Lastly I would like to ask your opinion on the future of the newsletter itself. There is a proposal to replace our fortnightly publication with a richer newsletter that comes out at the end of every term (6 per year). We would then send out a much shorter bulletin every week with key information and dates for the week ahead. If you have any strong opinions on this then please let me know by emailing:

[ksapincipal@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org](mailto:ksapincipal@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org).

I wish you an enjoyable Easter break.

**Mr A Burton**  
Principal



## YEAR 11 'THE FINAL PUSH' PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Many thanks for all of those who came to the Year 11 'The Final Push' Parent Information Evening on Tuesday evening.

Along with reports and examination entries being issued there was lots of advice and resources provided. If you missed the evening and would like a copy of the presentation then please contact [sjohnson@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org](mailto:sjohnson@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org). A big thank you too to parents for the very positive feedback here are some of them :

Providing information on pupils' usage of GCSEPOD etc.

Good to know what you are advising re number of hours of study – thank you

I was not completely aware of all the resources available to the pupils. There is an abundance of resources. I consider this to be excellent.

Very useful to have the information aimed at parents, as my son will not tell me anything that is going on at school.

"Yes I feel that the Academy is doing everything it can to support my child. I am happy that the Academy are also there to help me support my child. The information is incredibly useful. GCSEPOD is amazing. A fantastic resource. Mentoring from staff is very useful"

## EMERGENCY CADETS

We are delighted that so many pupils have shown an interest in joining our Emergency Cadet detachment. The Police have completed a selection and information process in the Academy and the first lucky 15 cadets have been selected. We will launch this initiative on 26 April 2017 with a surprise series of events, which will include the local press and senior members from all three emergency services. The cadets will train alongside professionals from the Police, Fire and Ambulance service, we will be able to use their equipment and visit their facilities. Cadets will also be able to wear their uniforms to the Academy on their training day.



## RED NOSE DAY

Ben Porter, Steph Gore and the other Academy Ambassadors did a great job organising our Red Nose Day. The sixth form students completed many activities including leg waxing, a sponsored silence and sold over £500 of red noses around the Academy.



## RAF 'FUN WITH FLIGHT' ROADSHOW

On Tuesday 21 March our Academy was lucky enough to host the RAF 'Fun with Flight' road show.

The presentation was given to Years 8 and 9 pupils about flying and engineering. The pupils experienced such things as: a drone flying over their heads, finding out how the Cuanda effect keeps things in the air, experience a rollercoaster using virtual reality and to see a real-life jet engine being fired at up to 600°C and 30,000 rpm! By all accounts an excellent day was had by all. Below is a write up from one of our pupils, Leah Grant of 8KSY :

*"The RAF Engineers show was really interesting yesterday. They did several fascinating experiments, including the VR (virtual reality) experiment. Using the virtual reality headset they connected it to a screen and the audience saw what was showing. It was a fair ride, which went upside down many times and the Year 8 student who had the headset on moved their head around to see what was happening.*

*They also talked about thrust, lift, drag and weight. Thrust and lift were the positive ones and drag and weight were negative. I learned that if you change one of these things, for example lift, then it would change the other three. I also learned out of 33,000 RAF members only 2,000 of them were pilots. You can do many jobs in the RAF, including chefs, nurses, engineers and many more! Women and men can go for all the jobs, and it is not just for men. Some women are pilots and many others have different professions in the RAF.*

*It was a good experience and a lot of my friends said they really enjoyed it!"*

## Exam Invigilators

Ref: 16-17/KSA/013 Casual £7.93 an hour

Closing date: 19 April 2017 at noon, with interview week commencing 24 April 2017

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 have an interest in education, will be able to relate positively to all learners, be extremely diligent and adaptable, and have good verbal communication skills. Candidates will be employed on a casual basis, with hours and days of work subject to the timings of each exam.

The person specification, application form and job description are available on our website. Please complete an application form and return to [vacancies@greenwoodacademies.org](mailto:vacancies@greenwoodacademies.org) before the closing date if you would like to be considered for the position.



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