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KINGSWOOD TRANSITION TIMES!



Welcome, welcome, welcome to the very first
Transition Times for Year 6 soon to be Year 7 !

Hi Year 6 ! I know this is a very daunting time with all the changes and challenges that we are facing at the moment, but please be reassured that we are doing everything that we possibly can to support you and your families to make this transition as smooth as possible. This newsletter is the first of three which will be winging its way to you over the next month or so to hopefully keep you informed with all the information you need.

Need questions answered?

If you have any questions, however small please do not hesitate to contact the team:

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Next week we'll look at the wonderful staff in our school and Year 7 form tutors



MESSAGE FROM MRS MICHELLE NEWMAN, PRINCIPAL

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted that you have chosen for your child to come to Kingswood Secondary Academy. We are all waiting to welcome them as one of us and we wish them a long and successful association with the Academy.

One of the very first things you will notice about our school is the warmth, openness and friendliness of our staff and students. All members of our community and visitors are welcomed with open arms by our staff and students who are naturally very affable and kind.

We pride ourselves on our local history, our proud traditions, high expectations and our values permeating all we do here at Kingswood. We **RISE** together every day through our mutual **Respect**, our focus on **Independence**, our commitment to **Service to the community** and our **Empathy** towards each other.

What can you expect when your child comes to join us? You can expect that they will be part of a happy and successful Academy, which wants the best for them. We expect your child to play their part to the full – working and playing hard, taking advantage of all the opportunities on offer, and making the most of their time with us. The Kingswood Secondary Academy has a good reputation. Your child can be a part of that reputation, giving us their very best during their time here.

I hope your child will soon settle in and find their way around. Please tell them to not be afraid to ask for assistance – they'll find everyone is ready to help. I look forward to meeting you and your child soon.

Best wishes

Mrs M Newman

Principal

Transition To Do List!

You may be thinking that there are lots of things to remember and to do when you are coming to secondary school, but don't worry it's only just going to a bigger school! Remember if you don't find what you are looking for, we're only an email away.



Have you:

Visited the school website to look for information about transition?

Have you visited Kingswood and know what it looks like and where it is?

Read through our uniform information?

Had a go at doing a tie?

Had a go at the activities in the transition booklet?

Have you:

Made a list of your concerns?

Made a list of the staff or students in school you already know and could ask for help?

Researched all the subjects that Kingswood offers?

Looked at our sporting facilities?

Contacted your friends who are also joining our Kingswood community?

CORBY SECONDARY SCHOOLS

BIG READ 2020!

THE BOOK OF
HOPES

Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain Children in Lockdown



Edited by
**KATHERINE
RUNDELL**

With Contributions from over
100 Children's Authors
& Illustrators

We all know that reading is such an important skill we need to function in school and life. I absolutely love reading; it is my favourite past time. Since the lock down, I have been to Nigeria, Alaska, Victorian England, the Ukraine and Strawberry picking in Dorset!! Reading takes you to places that you never thought existed and you get a little glimpse into another world.

Kingswood along with Lodge Park, Corby Business Academy, CTS and Brook Western have all teamed up together to make sure that ALL Year 6 students have the same information and support so we have all came up with a brilliant idea of the BIG READ.

In conjunction with The Literacy Trust, Bloomsbury Books have published *The Book of Hopes: Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain Children in Lockdown*. It is a fantastic collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures with contributions from more than 110 top children's writers and illustrators, including Lauren Child, Anthony Horowitz, Greg James and Chris Smith, Michael Morpurgo, Liz Pichon, Axel Scheffler, Francesca Simon and Jacqueline Wilson.

The Book of Hopes is currently available to **read online for FREE** and will be published in hardcopy in the autumn.

It can be accessed here:

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book->

Over the next few weeks and probably months, we will be sending you recordings of our favourite stories and poems with some activities to do and hopefully spark some creativity within you to write/draw your own story of Hope.



Kingswood's response to COVID

Since all our schools closed, Kingwood and its wonderful site staff have been working hard thoroughly preparing our Academy, following all the guidelines to make sure it is totally safe for all our students and staff to return.

From the 8th of June, Kingswood started an onsite provision for children of Key workers and our more vulnerable children within our school community . This support is for children whose parents need to work to keep our hospitals and supermarkets running; their work is vital and therefore we all need to do our bit to help, this provision is open from 9 till 3 and we currently have 24 students attending

Last week, 15th June, we have opened our school to our fantastic Year 10, who are in classrooms of eight and working really hard at their studies but also remaining socially distanced– it is a very hard task. However, as our CEO Wayne Norrie keeps reiterating, 'slow and steady wins the race' and although we are not in a race, we are taking every safety precautions to ensure ALL our staff and ALL our students are safe and comfortable coming back into school– that is our number one priority.



Over the next coming weeks and months hopefully when more restrictions are lifted, we will be allowed more students in. However, Year 6 for the moment, will not be allowed to enter the building. It is not fair to expose them to what could be a very daunting building with all the restrictions and health and safety guidelines, and we do not want them any more stressed than they probably all ready are. Please be reassured you will be informed as soon as possible when your child is allowed to visit.



Looking after you! Some wellbeing projects.

Action for Happiness have a fantastic website that gives you one small, simple daily task that can really improve your well being – so simple, but very effective - have a go!

JOYFUL JUNE (EVEN IN DIFFICULT TIMES) 2020

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| 1 Decide to look for what's good, even on the difficult days | 2 Re-frame a worry and try to find a positive way to respond | 3 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down | 4 Show your appreciation to those who are helping others | 5 Smile and be friendly, even while you're social distancing | 6 Notice the upsides during the lockdown, however small | 7 Find a joyful way of being physically active (indoors or out) |
| 8 Write a letter to thank someone for what they did | 9 Find the joy in music today: sing, play, dance or listen | 10 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it | 11 Say positive things in your conversations with others today | 12 Make a plan with friends to do something fun together | 13 Appreciate the joy of nature and the beauty in the world around | 14 Do three things to bring joy to other people today |
| 15 Rediscover a fun childhood activity that you can enjoy today | 16 Ask a loved one what they feel grateful for at the moment | 17 Be kind to you. Treat yourself the way you would treat a friend | 18 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement | 19 Create a list of favourite memories you feel grateful for | 20 Make time to do something playful today, just for the fun of it | 21 Enjoy trying a new recipe or cooking your favourite food |
| 22 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you | 23 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it | 24 Thank a friend for the joy they bring into your life | 25 Eat food that makes you feel good and really savour it | 26 See the upside in a difficult situation you learnt from | 27 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh | 28 Create a playlist of your favourite songs and enjoy them |
| 29 Take time to do something that makes you happy today | 30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to them) |  <p>"Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day" ~ Alice Morse Earle</p> | | | | |

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



www.actionforhappiness.org

30 actions to look after ourselves and each other as we face this global crisis together

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

Further Information

Look at our website for other information:

<https://www.kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org/>

Link to our transition website page:

<https://www.kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org/page/?title=Year+6+Transition&pid=603>

If you do need further advice or are unsure about any details of transition, please do drop the team a message through email or we are now staffed on reception so you can now call and leave a message.

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