



Striving for Excellence

Cirencester Kingshill School

Head: Christine S. Oates

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2010

Dear Parent,

A warm welcome to new Year 7 parents and welcome back to parents of Years 8 to 11. I wish your son/daughter a happy and successful year ahead. I look forward to working with you as parents again this year to ensure that we offer your sons and daughters a first class education here at Kingshill.

The new academic year has started well and our pupils, as usual, have returned with a very positive attitude. Pupils are working hard in lessons and rising to the high standards that staff expect from them. Your support in ensuring that your son/daughter adheres to the high standards of behaviour and uniform is much appreciated.

Miss Christine Oates - Headteacher

New Staff

I am delighted to introduce a number of new staff to Kingshill who will add to the strength of our team.

A warm welcome to the following staff:

Miss J Fair – Teacher of Design and Technology

Mrs Z Culley – Teacher of Religious Studies, PSHEE and English

Dr T Clark – Teacher of Science

Ms A Keys-Clark – Teacher of Science

Miss C Reynolds – Teacher of Science

Mrs T Russell – SEN Administrator

Mrs Z Easley – Teaching Assistant

Mrs S Landa-Font – Teaching Assistant

Mrs E Taylor – Teaching Assistant

Mr A Allard – Sports Assistant

Mrs L Lappington – Mid-Day Supervisor

I would also like to congratulate Mrs L Wood who has been promoted within Kingshill to Head of Year 7.

GCSE Results, Summer 2010

This summer's GCSE grades were excellent, the best results the school has ever achieved with 80 per cent of our pupils obtaining 5 or more GCSE passes at grades A* to C. Out of all our entries 25 per cent were graded at A* or A. Once again, it was particularly pleasing to note that achievement was high at all levels of ability. The pupils and staff were absolutely delighted with the results. They were a true reflection of the hard work put in by the pupils and the high expectations set by the staff.

A fantastic start for Year 7

Year 7 have settled in well and are enjoying their time here at Kingshill. We have been busy electing House captains, tutor and charity representatives and each tutor group has been taking it in turns to present a short piece in assembly about their chosen Charity. We will then decide on our Year group Charity.

Year 7 students have also taken part in their first House sports activity, cross-country, with all pupils who took part earning House points. Well done to you all!

You were able to meet your child's tutor at the first parents evening on Wednesday 13th October 2010. You will be able to meet your child's subject teachers on Monday 7th February 2011.

Staff and students are really looking forward to the forthcoming trip to the pantomime at the end of term.

The Year 7 residential will be at Mill Rythe PGL centre near Portsmouth. The trip will be at the end of June and all parents should have had a letter about the trip outlining details. If you have any questions about the trip please contact your child's tutor.

I look forward to working with you all in the future.
Mrs L Wood – Head of Year 7

Emergency Contact Details

Please ensure you let us know of any changes to telephone/mobile numbers, addresses, place of work etc. It is vital that we can call you in case of illness or emergency.



Behaviour Policy Review

The school's behaviour policy and code of conduct have remained largely unchanged since their last major review back in 2003. Since we now have new populations of pupils, parents and staff, it is appropriate that we fully review the behaviour policy. This will be a comprehensive process taking the whole of this year and considering the views of pupils, staff and parents. The final policy is likely to include sections on:

- The rights and responsibilities of pupils, staff and parents
- Rewards and sanctions
- Classroom management strategies
- The home-school agreement.

Parents will have the opportunity to give their views on the policy draft at a Parents' Forum meeting on Wednesday 8th June 2011.

Mr C Patrick – Assistant Headteacher.

Science GCSE Examinations

All of Year 10 pupils and a number of Year 11 pupils will be sitting Science Modular Examinations on **Thursday 11th November**. It is essential that pupils are present in school for the examinations and that they have thoroughly revised. They will be given revision packs and all have been issued with guides and practice papers. The faculty will also be running some after school revision sessions in the first week after the October break.

Can parents of Year 11 pupils also be aware that they will have formal GCSE science examinations in the Spring term. The paper they will sit depends on the topic they are currently studying. The dates of these examinations are:-

Thursday	13 January 2011	Biology
Monday	17 January 2011	Chemistry
Wednesday	19 January 2011	Physics

If you need any further information please contact Mrs Pearson, Director of Science or your child's science teacher.

Cirencester Kingshill School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

A full version of our Child Protection Policy is available on request

Year 10 Industry Day – 28th & 29th September 2010

The Bright Green Enterprise Company ran an Eco-themed industry event for Year 10 at the school. They covered all aspects of designing a new product, from concept to completion, resulting in a "Dragons Den" style pitch to end the day. The teamwork was excellent as pupils worked in small groups to brainstorm ideas and display their creativity and business skills. It was amazing to see what can be made using a piece of cardboard and some sticky tape, though the £40 cash prize promised at the start of the day to the winning team was a great incentive! The solar powered portable hair straighteners won on day one and on day two, the eco-oven. Well done, Year 10. *Mrs Hicks*



The prototype of the battery charger that connects to a bicycle.

Awards Evening

This year's awards evening was held on Tuesday 20th July 2010. We celebrated the achievements and efforts of one hundred and fifty two pupils as the school year drew to a close. The evening included presentations from Year 7 on their Croft Farm Residential, the Year 8's described their visits to France, Georgia Bew performed her winning public speaking speech and Harry Frost provided the musical entertainment. The evening concluded with drinks kindly provided by Friends of Kingshill and nibbles provided by the school's new caterers, ABM Catering.

The following day continued in the same celebratory theme with our special Year group award assemblies. A further four hundred certificates were presented to our hard working and high achieving pupils. The two events have become a significant event in the school's calendar, allowing a formal recognition of the success of many of our pupils.

Mrs D Christopher – Assistant Head, Head of Key Stage 3

Sporting Successes

Congratulations to the following Year 11 pupils who gained a place in the district rugby squad Ollie Byrnes, Rob Jenkins and Will Armitage. In Year 10 Dan Hill and Callum Richings achieved a place in the U15 district football team and Ellie Ramsey in Year 8 has secured a place in the U14 netball development squad-well done!

Kingshill School hosted a district cross-country event for Years 9 and 10 in September. Pupils have attended district cross-country events in all years. Recently Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 participated in the House Cross Country Competition.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Pupils from across the school will be once again taking part in the shoe box scheme run by Operation Christmas Child.

We are asking pupils to donate goods to fill a shoe box that will be sent to children in countries such as Romania, Ukraine and Swaziland.

Pupils are encouraged to donate the following goods:

✓ **TOYS** - something to love
bear, soft toy, tennis ball, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo.

✓ **EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES** – something to do
pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, rubber, colouring book, notepad.

✓ **HYGIENE ITEMS** – something to use
toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of wrapped soap, flannel.

✓ **OTHER ITEMS** – something to eat or wear
sweets, gloves, scarf.

Filled shoeboxes can be given to your child's tutor or Mrs Wood any time between the 1st and 16th of November. More details can be found at www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

Car Parks

The safety of our pupils is of paramount importance to us. Therefore, could all parents please use the Town Council Car Park next to the school for dropping off and picking up their children at the start and end of the day. Can we please request that parents drive one-way around the Town Council Car Park when dropping off and collecting children at the start and end of the school day to ensure their safety.

Please do not drive onto the school site at the start and end of the school day as it gets very congested with the buses entering the school site at these times. If there is a genuine need to come onto the school site, then please remember there is a one way system in place, again for the safety of pupils.

Help us to Help You

Every term we have a number of items and clothing that arrive in our Lost Property cupboard. We can only return them to the pupils if their names are on them.

Please help us to help you by making sure that uniform and equipment is clearly marked with the pupil's name and class.

I will remind all pupils to check the Lost Property cupboard at the end of each term for their missing belongings, but if they are not collected they will be disposed of.

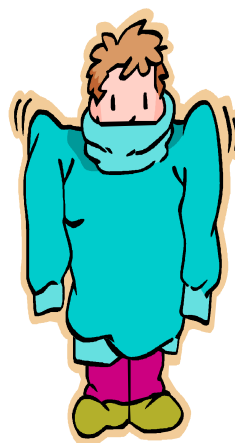
Thank you for your assistance.

Mrs J Johnson - Pupil Receptionist

FRIENDS OF KINGSHILL SCHOOL

**WELCOME ALL PARENTS
TO OUR
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ON
TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2010 AT 7PM
IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM**

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



SCHOOL FLEECES

are available from
Reception at lunchtime.

£20.00

Remember these can be
worn in the concourse and
dining room at social times.

Tae Kwon-Do

All ages welcome

2 Free Lessons

Cirencester Junior School

**Phone Becky
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