



# THE KINGSWAY STAR

The Newsletter of The Kingsway Academy

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## WELCOME TO THE KINGSWAY ACADEMY

Welcome to the first issue of The Kingsway Academy newsletter. We hope you find it interesting and that you enjoy reading about all the exciting activities that our pupils have been involved in and the many things that they have achieved.

Since the first day of the new term as The Kingsway Academy pupils have arrived dressed extremely smart in their new uniform. They have been fully equipped and prepared for learning and excited by the new opportunities that the academy will offer them.

The Academy logo visible on the pupil's blazers, was created by a former Sixth Form student who won a competition, open to all pupils, to design the new identity for the academy. Fighting off over 100 entries, the winning design symbolises the link between The Kingsway Academy and the other schools within the Northern Schools Trust based in Liverpool.

In particular we'd like to welcome our new Year 7 pupils who have settled in quickly and are benefitting from the clear standards and expectations that have been set for all our pupils at the academy, as well as the caring and supportive environment provided for them.

**Principal, Amanda Cawood**

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD SUCCESS

We are delighted to inform you that The Kingsway Academy has been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award (ISA) in recognition of our work to bring the world into the classroom. The Award is an internationally recognised accreditation, awarded to schools that do outstanding work in international education, such as creating links with partner schools overseas.



Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need to live and work as global citizens.

The British Council's assessor report stated: "Your school is a shining example of how to guide international work through clearly planned and delivered activities across an extensive cross-curricular platform".



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## ENHANCED FACILITIES THANKS TO THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER FOUNDATION

The Academy has been awarded a £4000 grant from the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation towards an update of its theatre's digital sound and lighting system. The Academy was the only school amongst 10 other professional theatre groups and trusts to be awarded the grant, which will ensure that all pupils can benefit from the enhanced facilities within the Department of Visual and Performing Arts. The grant has also led to the establishment of an extra-curricular club where interested pupils can develop skills in Technical Stagecraft (Lighting and Sound).



## SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR LUCKY PUPIL

A pupil from near-by Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Moreton attended the Academy's open evening in September. During his visit he took part in a creative writing competition, run by the English Department and also entered a free prize draw on the evening to win an Apple iPad Air.

At a recent assembly, the lucky pupil received a surprise visit from the Academy's Principal, Amanda Cawood and newly appointed Head Boy, Declan Murphy who drew the winning entry and presented him with his prize.



## ART EXHIBITION FOR LIDL SHOPPERS

In September, The Kingsway Academy unveiled an art 'banner' at the local Lidl store on Leasowe Road, Moreton. The mounting of the banner was thanks to the support of the Momentary Art Project, which has been set up to discover, facilitate and promote local art opportunities in New Brighton and across Wirral.

The unveiling of the banner, which showcases pupil's Spanish Cultural work, was attended by the Mayor of Wirral and the Mayor's consort as well as the Regional Manager of the supermarket chain. A number of the Academy's Sixth Form Performing Arts students also attended the event and entertained dignitaries and on-looking shoppers with a number of musical pieces on vocals, keyboard and guitar.

This is the second of the Academy's recent art exhibitions. A'Level Art and Textiles pupils also exhibited their exam pieces in a unit kindly offered by Neptune in New Brighton throughout the summer, which received a wonderful response from the public.

## SPORTS ENGLAND RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the PE Department who have been awarded Sportsmark Bronze status.

Sportsmark is Sport England's scheme for secondary schools which recognises their provision for sport and physical education.



## INVITATION TO ALL YEAR 11 PUPILS

Sixth Form Open Evening

18 November 2014, 6.30pm-8.30pm