



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Thank you to all those parents and students who joined staff at the College on Thursday 30th November to find out more about the options available to students once they have completed their GCSE exams. We were really pleased with the attendance, and it was lovely to see lots of external students who are not currently at KC also attending. We are proud of the diverse curriculum we can offer at Key Stage 5 with a range of academic and vocational qualifications on offer, and we are also proud of our track record in ensuring students leave us at the end of Year 13 to an appropriate destination. Last year, 97% of our students took up study at their first choice university, with a fifth of our students going on to study at the research intensive Russell Group universities. We also had a

number of students accepted onto prestigious apprenticeship schemes. If you were unable to make the evening, please do get in touch with the Post 16 team who will be happy to help further. Students in Year 11 will now meet with members of the Post 16 and Senior Leadership Team to discuss potential choices and options – this will be key in making sure that students are aware of the qualifications they need to gain in the summer to help them take the next step on their journey.

In keeping with thinking about future choices, students in Year 11 and Post 16 will be given the results of their trial examinations this week. These are handed out in the same way as they will be in the summer with students receiving their grades in sealed envelopes. We have found replicating the results day in the summer to be a really effective way to help students in both celebrating and learning from these examinations. Follow up support and conversations will be taking place with tutors and subject teachers following this. Should you have any queries in relation to your son or daughter's results, please do get in touch with their subject teacher in the first instance if the query is in relation to a particular subject, or their form tutor if it is a more general concern.

Sadly I was unable to join students and parents at the Post 16 Evening as Mr Baines and I were in Manchester presenting at a national conference. We had a packed workshop of over 150 people, and the feedback we received was excellent – we were really proud to share the practices we are undertaking at KC and we have already had many requests to come and visit us at the College to find out more!

We were also really pleased this week to find out that we have won the regional award for the National Citizen Service due to the exceptional contribution made by last year's Year 11 students. Representatives from the College are looking forward to collecting the award at Leicester City FC later this month.

We held our annual Christmas Fair this Saturday and we were delighted that so many families joined us to take part in some festive shopping, see some of our talented students perform, and witness the on site! Finally, a reminder about our forthcoming end of term productions – Hairspray on the 13th and 14th December, and Carols by Candlelight on the

19th December. Both are well worth attending.

I look forward to updating you again next week.

Mrs Giovanelli

Headteacher

Safeguarding incident

It has been reported that a man has indecently exposed himself, on Boughton Green Road Kingsthorpe. The incident occurred shortly after 5pm on Thursday evening this week. The incident has been reported to the police who have issued a crime number and are now investigating. Please remain vigilant around this area and report anything suspicious to the police immediately.

Is your child eligible for additional funding?

Dear Parents and Carers

Are you aware that your child could be eligible for additional support via the Pupil Premium fund that the school receives?

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, you will be able to use a given amount to pay towards:

- School day trips
- School residential trips
- School clubs
- Peripatetic music lessons etc.

There are also other benefits such as additional experiences, within and outside school that we hope will enrich the child's learning and life experiences.

So what are the eligibility criteria and how do you apply?

If you are in receipt of any of the following you may meet the criteria for Pupil Premium funding:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Universal Credit

If you meet any of the above criteria or you want to check that you are eligible, please contact me via email

to admin@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk telephone 01604 716106.

Yours Sincerely

Scott Wade



**The Explorer by Katherine
Rundell**



From his seat in the tiny aeroplane, Fred watches as the mysteries of the Amazon jungle pass by below him. He has always dreamed of becoming an explorer, of making history and of reading his name amongst the lists of great discoveries. If only he could land and look about him. As the plane crashes into the canopy, Fred is suddenly left without a choice. He and the three other children may be alive, but the jungle is a vast, untamed place. With no hope of rescue, the chance of getting home feels impossibly small. Except, it seems, someone has been there before them.

If you love action adventure stories with lots of twists and turns then this book is definitely for you.

Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

Selina Ye 8N.

The word of the week is...

“Curious” *adjective*

Definition: eager to know or learn something

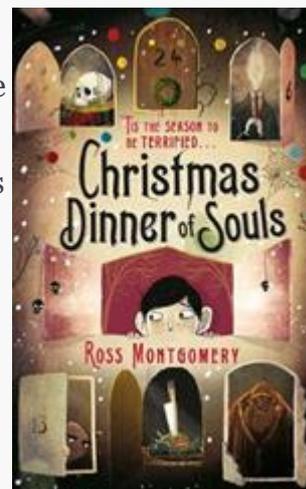
Try and use this word in a sentence this week. *My sentence is, The student was curious to find out the results of the science experiment.*

Our reading hero this week is Bill Hitchcock (Year 8). Bill has been doing some outstanding work on the Accelerated Reader programme this week. He has so far busted his points target a staggering three times already this term and this week he achieved 'millionaire' status. Bill has read a huge variety of fiction books ranging from such authors as Derek Landy, Michael Morpurgo and Rick Riordan to name a few. So far this year he has read 18 books which equates to a word count of 1,160,019 words read. Congratulations Bill, keep up the great work.

Ross Montgomery will be visiting KC Library On the 12th December

Our Year 7 students are in for a real treat as the amazing children's author Ross Montgomery will be coming in to talk about his new festive horror story collection, Christmas Dinner of Souls. Our students will get to be a part of a really spooky story telling session, followed by an audience and author Q & A session.

It will be a wonderful treat for our students to meet such a fantastic author. As part of the event there will also be a chance to buy books which will be signed personally by Ross.



For more information about his work please visit his website.



Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas Fair will be taking place on Saturday 2nd December, 12-3pm.

There will be lots of stalls with a huge range of goods, creating an exciting and diverse Christmas experience. It will be the perfect place to find unique Christmas gifts, homemade decorations and delicious food treats. The activities and performances will mean there is also plenty to entertain the kids.

Attractions include:

- 50 Gift/Craft Stalls
- Outdoor Animal Zone - with a variety of animals including a Shetland Pony, Donkey, sheep, chicks, rabbits, etc.
- Food & Refreshments
- Activity Zone - Fete Games, Kids Activities & Face Painting

- Performance Arena - Live dance & musical performances

FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING – ALL WELCOME!



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