



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Here at Kingsthorpe College, we are always working hard to develop successful learners, confident individuals, and responsible citizens – and all three of these aspects of our Trust’s mission statement have been on display this week.

Saturday 3rd December 2016 saw the now customary, annual Christmas Fair held at KC. Open to all members of the community and completely free, the main hall was packed with students, families and community members alike. There were a huge range of stalls representing every stakeholder within the Kingsthorpe Community, as well as some superb live performances from a range of student groups. It was great to see so

many of our own staff and students in attendance helping run stalls or just enjoying the event. Huge thanks to Miss Bennett for organising such an excellent event.

At the end of this week, we had a visit from Mr Richard Sutton, our School Improvement Partner. Mr Sutton spent some time working with some of our senior staff, our middle leaders, and he also spent some time talking with our students. All of the students he spoke to were very positive about their KC experience – and it's always pleasing for us to hear our students report this openly and honestly to external visitors. Myself and Mr Baines, Assistant Principal, spent a day working with our Learning Directors earlier in the week looking at ways in which we can make the curriculum even more relevant and exciting for our young people, and also looking at ways in which we can continue to develop and innovate in the classroom to ensure all our students have a first class experience in their lessons. We are looking forward to continuing this work over the coming academic year.

Students performing in our annual production of Bugsy Malone spent the day rehearsing on Wednesday and we are now getting really excited about the live performances on the 12th and 13th December. It was a hard day for all of the cast as we perfected lines, put final touches to choreography, and practised our songs but it was definitely worth it. We hope to see as many of you at the show as possible.

A reminder that this week on the 6th December we are holding our senior team drop in session between 4:00-6:00pm. You do not need to make an appointment but please do come along if you would like to ask us any questions, share any concerns, or give us any feedback. We will be based in the main reception area.

The weather has certainly now got a very wintry feel to it. Can I please ask for your support in ensuring that our students continue to adhere to our uniform expectations in this colder weather. In particular, students are not allowed to wear hoodies and outdoor coats should be worn over the blazer. A reminder also that jumpers worn under blazers should be knitwear jumpers and not PE jumpers which should only be worn in PE lessons. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Finally from me, our year 11 and sixth form students will be sitting trial examinations this week – this will give us the opportunity to give students some personalised feedback on how they are doing in relation to their exam courses. A full timetable and further information can be seen later in the newsletter. After the Christmas break, the count-down really will begin and we have a series of workshops, activities, and support opportunities planned for both students and parents from January onwards. We look forward to sharing these with you very shortly.

Mrs Giovanelli

Acting Principal

Stars of the week



Red House

Chloe Thompson R5 Year 11

Chloe Thompson is one of our amazing year 11 role models. She has recently been selected to represent her club and also the country at the English Contact Karate Association at the upcoming Irish Open 2017 in Dublin. The Irish Open is an annual event and one of the largest on the martial arts calendar. It is attended by over 4,000 competitors from all over the world. Chloe is also a star in the classroom and is set to do well and achieve fantastic grades in her GCSEs. Chloe, you are awe-inspiring and we are all incredibly proud and wish you the best of luck for the future.

Green House

Bianca Cerezo Gr9 year 7

Bianca has made an exemplary start to her time at KC. Her behaviour and attendance is perfect and she is excelling in all of her subjects. Bianca is an incredibly conscientious student who consistently displays our core values of optimism, determination and thoughtfulness. You are a real credit to Green House Bianca, well done!

Gold House

Samuel Goldsmith Year 7 G01

Sam has been a great addition to Gold House since joining us in September. Whenever I see Sam around school he is always happy and smiling and has clearly made an excellent transition into secondary school. This week in particular Sam took part in the 'Great Gold House Bake Off' and made an amazing cake which we have been able to sell off to other students to help raise money for our house charity, Teenage Cancer Trust. Well done Sam, we are very proud to have you as a member of Gold House.

Blue House

Toby Perrin Year 7 B3

Toby has had full stamps since the start of the year and is doing fantastically! He is a pleasant student to have in form and is always meeting and exceeding expectations. You can always trust Toby to do the right thing and this is exactly what we want from a Kingsthorpe College student. Well done Toby!

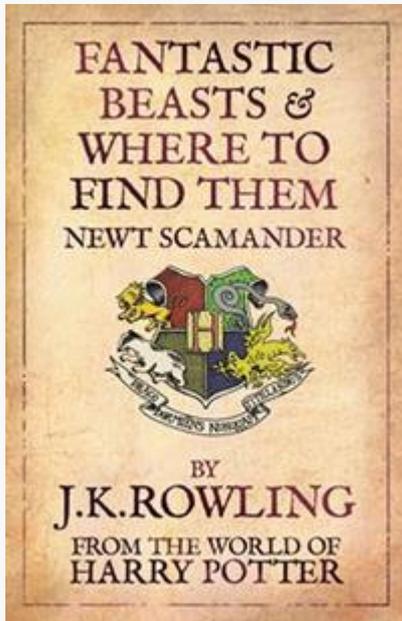
Purple House

Oscar Hanmer Year 7 P10

Oscar has worked hard on improving his behaviour this half term and through doing so he is making greater progress across his subjects. He has gained commendations from a number of subjects and I have had a number of positive reports from his teachers. It is very pleasing to see that Oscar is becoming more responsible for his behaviour. Well done Oscar, keep up the excellent work.

Book of the Week

Fantastic Beasts & Where To Find Them - By J.K. Rowling (BL 8.8)



As featured in the first year set texts reading list in Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* is an extensive introduction to the magical beasts that exist in the magical, non-Muggle world. Some of the animals featured in the A-Z you will have already met in the existing Harry Potter books and others you certainly won't have. As Albus Dumbledore says in his introduction, this set text book by Newt Scamander has given the perfect grounding to many a Hogwarts student.

If you have seen the movie why not read the book that has inspired a new series of adventures in the wizarding world of Harry Potter.

The word of the week is...

"Conciliation"

Definition: To overcome distrust of, to win over.

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is, "***They reached conciliation and put their differences behind them.***"

Library Christmas Competition



Enter our library competition to be in with a chance of winning a Fantastic Beasts Goody Bag. We also have 2 runner-up prizes to give away too! To be in with a chance of winning this prize collect a competition entry form from the library.

The literacy challenge winner this week is...

Kerrie Masters (P1)

Please come to the library to collect your prize.



Reading Hero of the Week – Philip Tarbuck (year 7)

Since the beginning of year 7 Philip has read a very impressive 41 books which equates to 1,129,990 words read and has become our tenth Accelerated Reader Millionaire this term. He regularly takes quizzes in his own time during break times and afterschool. He has worked extremely hard on the Accelerated Reader programme so far this year, well done Philip you are doing an amazing job, keep up the good work.

Bought a book and finished it?

Want to swap your Bookbuzz book?

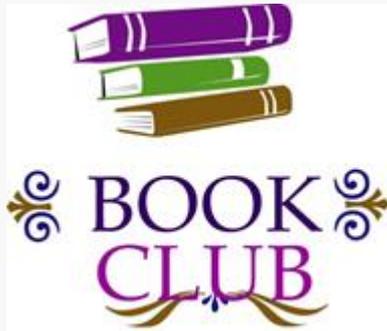
Don't know what to do with it?

If you've Read It, Swap It!

In the library we have started a book swap scheme for those students who would like to swap some of their old books from home for something different. Just pop into the library with the book you wish



to swap and exchange for one of the book swap books we have available.



Book club meet every Wednesday lunchtime and we are always looking for new members to join. If you love reading and books, come along to the library. We are also looking for new members from years 7, 8 and 9 who would like to be a part of the team to compete in the County Literature Quiz 2017.

For more information please come in and speak to Mrs Broadbent.

Tracy's Monthly Mantra

I believe that I have wonderful, harmonious relationships with everyone, where there is mutual respect and caring on both sides.

I know that I can live with dignity and peace and joy.

As this year comes to a close, I feel a circle of love enveloping the entire planet, and I let my heart open so that I have a space within me of unconditional love.

Kingsthorpe Christmas Tree Festival

Here at Kingsthorpe College we consider our relationship with the local community to be of great significance and value. We are regularly getting involved in community events, running a variety of projects for local people, and providing facilities for clubs and groups. Most recently, we

chose to get involved with the Kingsthorpe Christmas Tree festival that is taking place at St John the Baptist Church in Kingsthorpe Village. Our students created a variety of decorations for our tree which is now on display at the church until Sunday afternoon. Rebecca Swindell (Yr8), Mayson Hawes (Yr7), Phoebe Evans (Yr7) and Ruby King (Yr7) were invited along to the Christmas Tree Festival on Thursday to set up the Kingsthorpe College Tree. They had a brilliant time decorating it and they really enjoyed looking around the other trees that were on display. It was great to see so many local groups and people represented in one place, showing that we are one community.

Please pop down to St John the Baptist Church this weekend to have a look at all the wonderful trees on display.

Helping homeless people and animals of Northamptonshire



During tutor time this term, we've been encouraging students to think of others less fortunate than themselves.

Sadly, not everyone in Northampton has a place to call home and many, through no fault of their own, may have to sleep rough in these freezing temperatures. Fortunately, help is on hand via the Hope Centre, a local charitable organisation which seeks to help those who have fallen on hard times. We are asking for donations of tinned and packet food and clean, unwanted clothing to be brought to school by next Friday, 9 December. Donations should be given to the tutor in the first instance.

We are also appealing for any spare dog / cat food, toys, old towels and blankets to support Northamptonshire Animals Needing Nurturing and Adoption (NANNA), the animal sanctuary in Irchester. Unfortunately, many animals are abandoned at Christmas and the shelter receives no

funding other than donations from the public. With the downturn in temperatures, any old dog coats would also be very gratefully received.

Any donation, no matter how small, will make a difference to the lives of the people and animals helped by the Hope Centre and NANNA. Thank you very much for your kind help.

STEM careers visit



Dr Chris North surrounded by Kingsthorpe physics students

Where can physics take you? Quite literally into space!

Year 12 physics students took part in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) day in November at the National Space Centre in Leicester.

We had a great day learning about careers in places as varied as Rolls Royce, the Met (weather) Office and the RAF. Did you know that most weather the universities of Birmingham, Warwick and Leicester about some of the research they carried out and all of it linked to space

exploration.

The keynote speaker was Dr Chris North from Cardiff University. He spoke about the discovery of gravitational waves and the challenges of measuring a disturbance to Planet Earth less than one thousandth of a diameter of the atom's nucleus across that's just 0.000 000 000 000 000 001 metres.

The students were a credit to themselves and the College. If you want to know anything about high level physics, you know who to ask. Thanks too to Mr Campbell who accompanied us on the trip and looked after all.



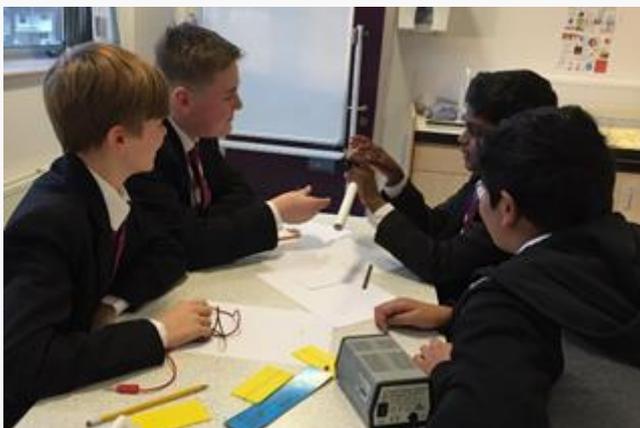
This week our more able students in year 8 had the opportunity to interact with real life scientists in a live web chat. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to find out more about what it involves to be a scientist in the real world. The students asked the scientists questions about their job in the energy sector, what inspired them as scientists, what their job involved and the path they took to get there.

On Monday 7th November, seven of our year 10 gifted and talented students had the opportunity to visit Pembroke College at the University of Cambridge. Prior to this visit the students completed an independent research project over the summer holidays which was assessed by University professors and all of the students received excellent feedback. As part of the visit the students found out more about University and higher education, spoke to real life students at University, and had a tour around the college buildings, the library and research museums that the Students at Cambridge University use to aid their studies



This term, approximately 30 of our year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students have started working towards CREST bronze and silver awards. CREST is a UK award scheme that recognises success, and enables students to build their skills and demonstrate personal achievement in project work.

A CREST award gives the students the opportunity to explore real-world science, technology, engineering and maths projects in an exciting way. There are a huge range of projects so far; ranging from the construction of a wind powered car to the making and testing of bath bombs.



Alongside this, our post 16 students and science team have planned and delivered some outstanding workshops to gifted and talented year 5 students from our feeder primary schools. The primary school

students will be completing seven workshops over the next seven weeks towards a CREST megastars award. So far the students have made cheese, found out about the extinction of the dinosaurs, investigated the effect on temperature on the diffusion of tea and made and tested different recipes of glue. This week they will find out about the science of fireworks and how exercise effects our body.



Year 5 students from the cluster primary schools have continued to work towards their CREST project. This week they have learnt about the chemistry of fireworks and the acidity of sweets.



This week also saw 14 of our most able year 11 students involved in a Science in Action trip to the University of Warwick. As part of the day, they experienced 6 engaging lectures on different areas of current science linked to the GCSE science specification. The lectures stretched their understanding beyond the GCSE curriculum and gave them real life application to the science. They learned about the importance of science experiments by medical teams at high altitudes for hypoxic patients, the scientific evidence behind the Big Bang Theory, and the links of forces to the Bloodhound project.



The KC science team entered two teams of strong chemists into the regional heats of the Top of the Bench Chemistry Competition at Bedford School. The students had to work collaboratively to solve practical chemical problems linked to the Rio Olympics; drug doping and water pollution in the swimming pools. The students who participated were:

Team 1

- Dane Gooing, year 9
- Megan Robinson, year 9
- Poppy Moses, year 10
- Jess Wakelin, year 11

Team 2

- Ellis Mock, year 9

- Hennrita Opoku, year 9
- James May, year 10
- Macsen Haynes-Parry, year 11

It was a very difficult competition, with the students competing against the best chemists in Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire, team 2 came 14th out of 24 teams and team 1 18th. Well done everyone!



December PPE Exam Timetable

Date	Start	Length	Component Title	Level
Mon 05 Dec	08:40	01:45	Y11 GCSE English Language	GCSE
Mon 05 Dec	08:40	01:45	Y13 Media Studies	GCE
Mon 05 Dec	08:40	02:00	Y13 Business Studies Paper 1	GCE
Mon 05 Dec	08:40	02:00	Y13 Economics Paper 1	GCE
Mon 05 Dec	08:40	01:30	Y12 GCE English Language	GCE
Mon 05 Dec	11:20	01:30	Y11 GCSE Mathematics F Paper 1	GCSE
Mon 05 Dec	11:20	01:30	Y11 GCSE Mathematics H Paper 1	GCSE
Mon 05 Dec	11:20	01:30	Y13 Biology Paper 1	GCE
Mon 05 Dec	11:20	01:30	Y13 Physics Paper 1	GCE
Mon 05 Dec	11:20	01:15	Y13 Sociology Paper 1	GCE
Mon 05 Dec	11:20	02:00	Y12 Computer Science	GCE
Mon 05 Dec	14:00	01:00	Y12 Sociology	GCE
Mon 05 Dec	14:00	01:00	Y11 Travel & Tourism	GCSE
Tue 06 Dec	08:40	01:30	Y11 GCSE Mathematics F Paper 2	GCSE
Tue 06 Dec	08:40	01:30	Y11 GCSE Mathematics H Paper 2	GCSE
Tue 06 Dec	08:40	02:30	Y13 History Paper 1	GCE
Tue 06 Dec	08:40	01:30	Y12 Mathematics Functional Skills	FSKL
Tue 06 Dec	11:20	01:45	Y11 GCSE Literature	GCSE
Tue 06 Dec	11:20	01:45	Y13 English Literature	GCE
Tue 06 Dec	11:20	01:45	Y12 GCE English Literature	GCE
Tue 06 Dec	11:20	01:30	Y13 Chemistry Paper 2	GCE

Tue 06 Dec	14:00 01:00	Y11 GCSE Geography Foundation Paper 1	GCSE
Tue 06 Dec	14:00 01:00	Y11 GCSE Geography Higher Paper 1	GCSE
Tue 06 Dec	14:00 01:00	Y12 Health & Social	GCE
Wed 07 Dec	08:40 02:00	Y11 GCSE History Paper 1	GCSE
Wed 07 Dec	08:40 02:00	Y13 Travel & Tourism	GCE
Wed 07 Dec	08:40 02:00	Y13 Maths	GCE
Wed 07 Dec	08:40 02:00	Y13 Geography Paper 1	GCE
Wed 07 Dec	08:40 02:00	Y12 Economics	GCE
Wed 07 Dec	08:40 01:30	Y12 Chemistry	GCE
Wed 07 Dec	11:20 01:00	Y11 GCSE Core Science Foundation	GCSE
Wed 07 Dec	11:20 01:00	Y11 GCSE Core Science Higher	GCSE
Wed 07 Dec	11:20 01:30	Y13 Biology Paper 2	GCE
Wed 07 Dec	11:20 01:30	Y13 Physics Paper 2	GCE
Wed 07 Dec	11:20 01:30	Y12 Biology	GCE
Wed 07 Dec	11:20 01:30	Y12 Physics	GCE
Wed 07 Dec	14:00 01:00	Y11 GCSE Philosophy & Ethics Paper 1	GCSE
Wed 07 Dec	14:00 01:30	Y13 History Paper 2	GCE
Wed 07 Dec	14:00 01:00	Y12 History	GCE
Thu 08 Dec	08:40 01:30	Y11 GCSE Mathematics F Paper 3	GCSE
Thu 08 Dec	08:40 01:30	Y11 GCSE Mathematics Paper 3	GCSE
Thu 08 Dec	08:40 02:30	Y13 Geography Paper 2	GCE
Thu 08 Dec	08:40 02:00	Y12 Business	GCE
Thu 08 Dec	11:20 01:30	Y11 GCSE History Paper 2	GCSE
Thu 08 Dec	11:20 01:30	Y13 Chemistry Paper 1	GCE
Thu 08 Dec	11:20 02:00	Y13 Psychology Paper 1	GCE
Thu 08 Dec	11:20 02:00	Y12 Travel & Tourism	GCE
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Fri 09 Dec	08:40 02:00	Y11 GCSE Geography Foundation Paper 2	GCSE
Fri 09 Dec	08:40 02:00	Y11 GCSE Geography Higher Paper 2	GCSE
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Fri 09 Dec	08:40 02:00	Y13 Business Studies Paper 2	GCE
Fri 09 Dec	11:20 01:00	Y11 GCSE Philosophy & Ethics Paper 2	GCSE
Fri 09 Dec	11:20 01:30	Y11 PE GCSE	GCSE
Fri 09 Dec	11:20 02:00	Y13 Psychology Paper 2	GCE
Fri 09 Dec	11:20 01:30	Y13 Geography Paper 3	GCE
Fri 09 Dec	11:20 02:00	Y12 Maths	GCE
Fri 09 Dec	11:20 01:00	Y11 PE CNAT	GCSE
Fri 09 Dec	11:20 02:00	Y11 Textiles	GCSE
Fri 09 Dec	14:00 01:00	Y13 Sociology Paper 2	GCE
Mon 12 Dec	08:40 01:20	Y11 GCSE French	GCSE
Mon 12 Dec	11:20 02:00	Y11 Technology - Product Design	GCSE

Mon 12 Dec 11:20 02:00	Y11 Statistics	GCSE
Tue 13 Dec 08:40 01:20	Y11 GCSE German	GCSE
Tue 13 Dec 11:20 01:20	Y11 GCSE Spanish Mock	GCSE
Tue 13 Dec 08:40 Day	Y11 Art Day1	GCSE
Wed 14 Dec 08:40 Day	Y11 Art Day2	GCSE

You will need to come prepared with any equipment you will need for the exam in a clear pencil case. Black pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener - maths equipment: protractor, a pair of compasses and a scientific calculator.

You must write in black biro (no gel pens). Only water in a clear bottle is allowed in the exam

NO IPODS, MOBILE PHONES MP3/4 PLAYERS SMARTWATCHES NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone, is a serious offence and could result in **DISQUALIFICATION** from your examination and your overall qualification.

Warning to Candidates

- You **must** be on time for all your examinations.
 - You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
 - You **must not**:
 - sit an examination in the name of another candidate; have in your possession any unauthorised material or equipment which might give you an unfair advantage.
 - **Possession of a mobile phone** or other unauthorised material **is breaking the rules**, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.
 - You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
 - You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.
 - If you are in any doubt speak to the invigilator.
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Don't throw out your old uniform!

If you have KC uniform that you no longer need or use and it is still in good condition, please bring it in to school. We can use it for emergencies and for our second hand exchange programme. Thank you!

Monday 5th December

Year 9 & 10 Technology trip to the Clothes Show Birmingham

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