



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

As a snowy week comes to an end, everyone at the College thanks you for your patience and support with our decisions in relation to opening this week. We always strive to keep the College site open, particularly at what we know is a critical time of year for those students sitting examinations this summer, but our first and foremost concern is always in relation to the safety of our students and staff – both whilst on the College site, and in travelling to and from school.

The inclement weather meant that we sadly had to postpone the Year 9 Options Evening on Thursday and we have rescheduled this for Thursday 8th March from 6-8pm. A reminder that the evening will start with an introduction to the options process in the main hall, with students and

parents then having the opportunity to speak with subject staff to look at the wide ranging opportunities available for students to study in Year 10 and Year 11. Following the evening, students will receive information which will allow them to discuss and consider their choices, before attending a personalised interview with members of the senior leadership team. Due to the postponement of the event, the deadline for the return of students' options forms has been pushed back to Tuesday 13th March.

Whilst the weather meant we had to also postpone some other planned visits and trips, a number of Year 9 students were still able to attend the Big Bang Festival on Wednesday at Silverstone. This whole day event was supported by the Careers Team and was a fantastic opportunity for our students who were able to take part in a variety of interactive events involving STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) run by the University of Northampton.

A reminder also that our second round of trial examinations for Year 11 and Post 16 start on Monday 5th March. Academic mentors have been supporting our students over the past few weeks with subject specific input which focuses on addressing key skills and gaps in knowledge which their mentees have. Tutors have also been delivering subject specific sessions provided by our Learning Directors, and this week the focus was on English. Mrs Gant, Deputy Headteacher, visited all tutor groups on Thursday and was really impressed with the quality of the work and student engagement with these resources. As we rapidly approach the summer, these 20 minute sessions will really help consolidate students' learning.

We look forward to a warmer week and as ever, should you have any questions, concerns or feedback, please do get in touch.

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher



Booked by Kwame Alexander (BL 3.9)



Twelve-year-old Nick is a football-mad boy who absolutely hates books. In this follow-up to the Newbery-winning novel *The Crossover*, football, family, love, and friendship take centre stage as Nick tries to figure out how to navigate his parents' break-up, stand up to bullies, and impress the girl of his dreams. These challenges - which seem even harder than scoring a tie-breaking, game-winning goal - change his life, as well as his best friend's.

Booked is written in free verse and makes for a quick, irresistible read.

Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

Finlay Moore 10S.

The word of the week is...

“Jubilant”

Definition: Feeling or expressing great happiness and triumph

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is:

Jubilant fans ran on to the pitch after Kingsthorpe College scored the winning goal.



Congratulations goes to Frankie Kaiser (Year 7) who is our reading hero of the week. Frankie has been working really hard on the Accelerated Reader programme since she joined us in September. She has read a real diverse range of fiction and has so far read 33 books which equates to 1,037,412 words read. Well done Frankie on all of your hard work you are now our newest member of the 'millionaires Club'.



Kingsthorpe College joins challenge to read for 100 million minutes!

Here at Kingsthorpe College we have joined the national campaign to eradicate illiteracy and build a brighter future for children and young people.

From the 1st March 2018 (World Book Day) – we will join early years settings, schools, colleges, community groups, parents and carers across the UK in trying to read for a collective 100 million minutes. The campaign is run by the charity, Achievement for All, which works in partnership with schools and communities to improve outcomes for all children and young people vulnerable to underachievement.

Throughout the month-long campaign, our Year 7 and 8 students will be challenged to read for as many minutes as they can. Students will then be asked to keep a log of their reading minutes.

Prizes will be awarded to schools who achieve the highest average number of reading minutes per student. Certificates will also be available to individuals who reach key reading targets during the challenge.

Next week students will be given a bookmark so that they are able to log their minutes, we will also be giving a very special school prize for the student that logs the most minutes read during the competition.

For further information on the challenge visit 100MillionMinutes.org.

Enjoy a World of Stories

For those of you who love audio books check out the World Book Day website. This year they have available 20 free full-length audiobooks for you to enjoy. Some of the titles include The Lonely Beast, 13-Storey Treehouse, The Legend of Podkin One-Ear, Fish Boy, A Monster Calls and Rebel of the Sands. The stories are all read by celebrities such as Joanna Lumley, Martin, Clunes and David Walliams just to name a few. If you would like further information click on the link below.



<http://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/?dm t=0,0,0,0,0>



The new menu has arrived!

New menus are now available on our website and now include a key to assist those students with allergies in making their food selections.

The menus can be viewed at: <http://www.kingsthorpecollege.org.uk/our-kitchen>



Read the Construction Newsletter

Secondary Careers and Higher Education Evening 8th March 5.30-8.00 pm

Read about the [careers event](#)

Bicycle Guidance

Last year we relocated the majority of our bike racks to an area behind the security fence and as a result we have not experienced any further issues with bike thefts.

Whilst all personal belongings, including bikes, are brought onto the college site at the owners risk we would like to encourage all bike users to use the bike racks behind the fence and not to use the racks at main reception at the front of the building. It is also important that a strong bike lock is used to ensure it is secure.

If you are a new bicycle user please do remember to complete the Parental Permission Slip and the Bicycle User Contract before you bring you bicycle to college for the first time. Both of these can be found in the Bicycle Policy, along with guidance, available on our website.

Read the [Bicycle Policy](#).

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