



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

It already seems like we have been back for a lot longer than just a week following the Autumn Term break!

You may remember me highlighting how pleased the College was at the end of last half-term with the attendance of our students. This continues to be impressive and we had three consecutive days this week with attendance at over 96%. This is excellent and means that our students are making the very most of their learning and lessons. Congratulations to the 4 students who were rewarded in the raffle draw with a £10 "Love to Shop" voucher on Friday for winning the attendance challenge from last term for gaining a superb achievement of 100% attendance.

In particular, thank you to all those parents of Year 11 students – this week has seen the College’s highest ever attendance levels for Year 11. This mirrors the superb attitude and work ethic of our current Year 11s who continue to impress us all with their determination and desire to do their very best. We were delighted to welcome over 50 people to our first Parents’ Revision Workshop on Thursday evening. This evening gave parents practical strategies on how to help their son or daughter revise, and dispelled some myths about what many people think are effective revision strategies but which are, in fact, ineffective! There are several more of these evenings scheduled throughout the academic year and it was a real pleasure to see such high levels of engagement so early in the year. Just a reminder to parents of both Year 10 and Year 11 students of the benefits of using GCSE Pod. More information can be found here - <https://www.gcsepod.com/parents-benefits/>

As part of our supercurricular programme, we have a wonderful range of activities and opportunities for our students to help challenge their thinking and raise their aspirations. As part of the political strand of this work, MP Michael Ellis visited the College on Friday to meet with a group of students to discuss local, national and international politics. He was very impressed with the knowledge of our students and was taken aback with their level of questioning.

The College students continue to play a full part in sporting events across the town, and this week saw the Year 9 Rugby team narrowly beat Northampton International Academy 29-22 in the County Plate to take their place in the next round. Mr Wright was very impressed with their tenacity and determination - well done to all involved. We have also started rehearsals for our Carols by Candlelight concert which will take place on Wednesday 19th December from 6pm-7:30pm. Mrs Gant and I are very excited about learning a new repertoire of pieces – including some arranged and written by our own staff members!

If you haven't already signed up to the College App, please do so by following the instructions on this link - <http://www.kingsthorpecollege.org.uk/my-ed-our-school-app>. The feedback from those parents who have used it to date has been overwhelmingly positive and we are continually reviewing its

implementation so that we can develop features within the app to make it as useful as possible to you.

A reminder of some important dates coming up:

This year's Christmas Fair takes place on Saturday 8th December 12-3PM. There will be over 50 craft/gift stalls, delicious food stalls and festive performances, alongside children's activities including fairground rides, go karting, face painting and games. Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

Year 9 Parents' Evening Thursday 15th November.

Post 16 Open Evening Thursday 29th November.

Finally, we are looking for exam invigilators for the coming summer examination season so if you are interested please have a look at the link below:

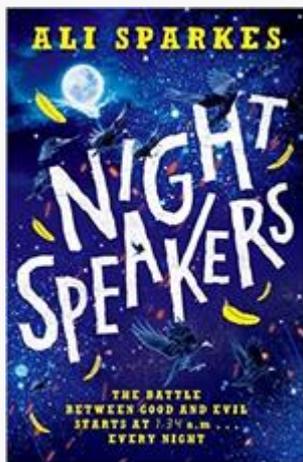
<http://www.kingsthorpecollege.org.uk/documents/InvigilatorJobDescriptionDec2017.pdf>

I look forward to updating you again next week.

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher



**Night Speakers by Ali
Sparkes (BL 5.2)**



Night after night Elena, Matt, and Tima wake at exactly the same time, with no idea why. It's messing them up and fracturing their lives . . . until they venture out into the dark and find each other. And then the sleepless trio realize their astounding power - they can speak any language; they can even communicate with animals. But something is happening over on the industrial estate-something which is emitting sounds that only they can hear, and killing any winged thing that crosses its path. There's nobody to fight it but themselves, for only they can possibly understand it and what it means to do.

If you love fast-paced action adventure stories then why not give this book a try.

Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

- Connor Saysell 9N, Don't forget to come to the library to collect your prize.

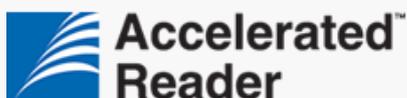
The word of the week is...

“Juncture”

Definition: turning point

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

I think at this juncture we need to decide what to do next.



Reading Hero of the Week – Thomas Ferris Year 7

Congratulations Thomas - you are our reading hero of the week. We have been so impressed with your work on the Accelerated Reader programme. You have been taking reading quizzes in your own time and working hard on the programme. You have read a very impressive twenty five books which equates to 341,936 words read. Keep up the good work and don't forget to collect your reading hero prize. Well done, you are an AR star.



We are really excited to announce that we have secured tickets for 30 of our Year 7 and 8 students to attend this year's Into Film Festival. This festival is supported by the British Film Institute and the National Schools Partnership. It is the world's largest free film and education event for young people and its aim is to inspire the next generation of film makers. We will be taking selected students to Vue Cinema in Northampton on the 9th and 14th of November to watch some of this year's chosen films. Watch this space for more information.

School Ties

Please be aware that the price of a school tie has increased to £5.25.

KC Post 16 hold their first ever Business Breakfast networking event!



We were delighted to hold our first ever Business Breakfast for our Post 16 students on the 17th October. Every student was asked to consider which industries and potential employers they would like to meet with, and then the invites went out – and we waited and held our breath! Working with the company Proactive Education, we were thrilled with the response, hosting representatives from over 40 different local and national businesses and industries. Journalists from the BBC, clinical psychologists, dentists, doctors, members of the police force, bankers, architects, and dancers (to name just a few) came along to discuss their careers with our students – with the majority of students meeting at least two different speakers so they could really get a feel for the different jobs that may be out there.

All conversations were informal and took place in small groups over drinks and pastries. This meant students felt relaxed and able to ask questions and talk freely. We would like to say a massive thanks to Proactive Education for helping us to organise such a wonderful event, and an even bigger thank you to all the people that gave up their time to come along and speak to our students. The feedback has simply been

phenomenal, with our students thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to speak to people about their jobs, what their roles involve on a day-to-day basis, and how they got to the position they are in. Some of our more proactive students also took the opportunity to ask about work experience and shadowing opportunities too.

The Business Breakfast will now become an annual event at KC as we offer our students a wonderful opportunity to really focus on their future careers, and we look forward to more croissants, tea, coffee and conversation this time next year!

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AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS

Hope for the relatives and friends of alcoholics



The effects of alcoholism can be devastating and far-reaching, not just for the problem drinker but for their families, friends and colleagues. Living

with someone else's alcoholism can be a lonely and isolating experience with relationships damaged by secrecy and lies, verbal or physical abuse and despair.

Al-Anon Family Groups provides a safe, caring environment where members can learn to regain some peace of mind, emotional health and happiness, whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not. Al-Anon helps those affected by someone else's obsessive drinking to realise that it is possible to improve the quality of their own lives.

Listening to the experience of others, benefitting from the shared wisdom of the Al-Anon programme and learning about the family disease of alcoholism from those who have lived through it, can turn despair into hope.

Alateen (for members aged 12-17 inclusive) is part of Al-Anon Family Groups. Young people, seeking help with problems that arise when alcoholism afflicts a parent or another close relative or friend, meet to exchange experiences and to gain an understanding of themselves and the alcoholic.

There are around 800 Al-Anon Family Groups throughout the UK and Eire. Alateen is available in most major towns and cities but where there is no Alateen meeting young people over the age of 12 are welcome to attend an Al-Anon Family Group.

For details of all meetings held locally please contact:

National Helpline 020 7403 0888 between 10am and 10pm

Website www.al-anonuk.org.uk

Email: enquiries@al-anonuk.org.uk

Facebook: Al-Anon Family Groups UK & Eire



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 15th November - Year 9 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 29th November - Post 16 Open Evening
- Monday 10th December - Year 11 Options Meetings
- Thursday 13th December - Year 12/13 Parents' Evening
- Friday 21st December – School Closes
- Thursday 17th January - Year 7 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 14th February - Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 14th February - Year 11 & Year 13 Revision Session 2
- Thursday 7th March - Year 9 Options Evening
- Thursday 25th April - Year 10 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 2nd May – Year 11 & Year 13 Parents' Revision Session 3
- Thursday 9th May - Year 8 Parents' Evening

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