

Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Another week has flown by for both staff and students at the College, and it really has been a week where we've all been reminded of the importance of working together as a community to facilitate success for our students.

We started the week by holding some extraordinary assemblies. The purpose of these was to share some of the refinements we have made to our reward system following the discussion that Mr Hancock and I had with students the previous week. The philosophy behind the rewards is very much about recognising the huge number of students we have at the College who attend well, do their best, and demonstrate our core values day in, day out. Our very own KC student lotto enables 3 students each day (provided they are in school and have received no behaviour points)

to choose from a selection of rewards, and our most popular reward so far has been the use of our rewards room at lunchtime. There are also weekly rewards for the top two tutor groups with the best weekly attendance over 96% in each House. We are continuing to promote positive attendance as we know how vital this is in securing achievement outcomes for our students, and every student who has 100% attendance this term will be entered into a draw for an iPad mini – again, a reward our students told us they would value.

There was a wonderful atmosphere in the College on Tuesday when we met with over 60 families to discuss how we can best help support our students. It's really important to us that we provide plenty of varied opportunities for you to come and meet with us, and we have plans for a series of informal coffee mornings where you will be able to drop in and meet members of the leadership and pastoral teams to chat about how we can help support you and your son or daughter. Details of when these will be held will be communicated next week.

We held a really successful e-safety evening on Tuesday, and it was great to see parents and students engaging with what we know is a very important aspect of safety in today's society. We also welcomed a huge number of students and parents to our Options Evening on Thursday. Our Year 9 students are about to embark on what is both an exciting and potentially daunting time as they start to think about which subjects they will choose to study at GCSE. The evening was a great success and this will now be followed up with personalised interviews with members of the College Leadership Team to discuss the options students have chosen. It is very much our philosophy that our students should choose options which are right for them and their chosen pathway / career, and we will therefore be ensuring our students study a broad and balanced curriculum, yet one which is personalised to their needs. Many thanks to Mr Wade, Deputy Headteacher, for organising both events.

Finally, we were delighted this week to find out which Year 6 students will be joining us in September and we are all looking forward to meeting our newest recruits to Team KC later this month. Once again, all our Year 7 places have been allocated and Mrs Bennett has outlined what happens next for the students who have been lucky enough to gain a place with us later in the newsletter.

So as we look forward to next week and what it will bring, a big thank you from me for all that you continue to do to help us support your son or daughter in the best way that we can. Please do get in touch if you have any ideas as to how we can further develop our communication with you.

Mrs Giovanelli

Headteacher

Stars of the week

Green House

Bubble Atkins Year 11 Gr5

Bubble has been taking a dedicated approach to her GCSE preparation and is determined to be successful. She has been attending revision sessions and making use of a range of resources to ensure she achieves her full potential. Bubble is a polite and considerate individual who acts as an excellent role model for younger students in Green House. We are incredibly impressed by her independence and resilience; she has a bright future ahead of her. Well done Bubble, keep up the great work!

Gold House

Kayleigh Meadows Year 8 Go10

Kayleigh has started this term with a really positive attitude and after moving into a number of different classes, she has coped with this with great maturity. She has settled into her new classes well, and has even been awarded commendations for her effort, attitude and work. Well done Kayleigh!

Blue House

Katie Jackson Year 7 B4

Katie has been nominated for Blue house star of the week because of her positive attitude towards school and the progress she has made in lessons despite finding some of the lessons difficult. Katie is always pleasant and despite adversity is maintaining her attendance at Kingsthorpe.

What an amazing young lady, we are proud of you Katie!

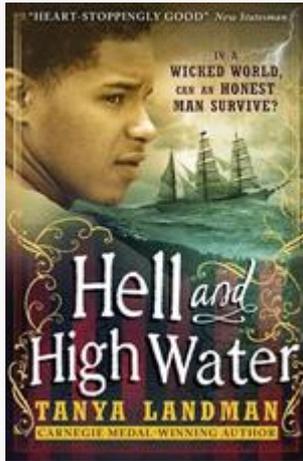
Purple House

Dane Gooing Year 9 P7

Dane was part of a group of 20 Year 9 students who took part in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust Maths Challenge on the 2nd of February. The results have come in and I'm proud to say that Dane received a Gold certificate for his achievement. Dane has now qualified for the next stage of the Intermediate Mathematical Kangaroo on the 16th of March. Well done Dane!



Hell and High Water by
Tanya Landman (BL 5.7)



From the Carnegie Medal-winning author of *Buffalo Soldier* Tanya Landman comes this heart-stopping tale of a young man's attempt to clear his father's name. When his father is arrested and transported to the Colonies, Caleb is left alone. After a desperate journey in search of an aunt he's never met he receives a strange, cold welcome. Then a body washes up on the nearby beach and Caleb is caught up in a terrifying net of lies and intrigue. Soon he and his new family are in mortal danger.

This powerful story holds the reader in suspense as it charts the growth of a frightened boy into a brave young man.

If you love swashbuckling thrillers, adventure stories and historical fiction, then this is the book for you.

This week's literacy challenge winner is....

James Kennedy – P10

The word of the week is...

“malleable”

Definition: (of metal or other material) able to be hammered or pressed into shape Easily influenced, pliable)

Try and use this word in a sentence this week.

My sentence is: ***A malleable metal can be beaten into a sheet.***



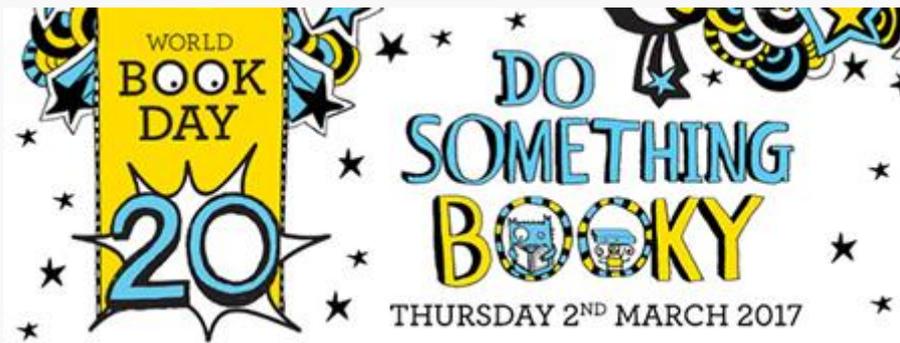
Our reading hero this week is Kamile Laurynaite (Year 8). This term Kamile has worked very hard on her reading. She regularly takes quizzes in her own time and last week she read an amazing four books. She also passed four quizzes achieving 100% on each book read. Kamile has found a series of books which she loves and this has definitely shone through in her reading results. It also spurs her on to keep reading more books by one of Kingsthorpe College's favourite writers Rachel Renee Russell. So far this year Kamile has read 16 books and has read a very impressive 496,135 words. Keep up the good work, you are doing a great job.

Love to play chess?

Why not join our brand new chess club. It is being held in the library every Tuesday lunchtime. The club starts at 1.20pm. Please sign up at the library desk if you are interested in joining. Alternatively speak to Kyle Robinson and Corey Churchman our sixth form students who are helping us to run the group. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch.



Also, if you are participating in the eCAT Programme this is one of the many extra-curricular activities that are recognised by the scheme.



To celebrate world book day this week we have given away 200 world book day titles to our students. We have also given out the World Book Day tokens which students can now use at participating retailers to either exchange for a free World Book Day Book or to use as £1.00 discount against any book costing £2.99 or more.

Our World book day competitions will be running until Friday 10th March, so you still have plenty of time to enter. Please collect entry forms from the library.

Students should also check out the World Book Day website which is filled with resources, competitions, games, videos, ideas and inspiration to help celebrate books and reading all year round. www.worldbookday.com, Here are some of our Year 7 students, who participate in the Champions of Reading Scheme, working with and

receiving their World Book Day books.

Year 12 Dance Competition



Year 12 dancers performed at N:Dance on Saturday 25th February. This is an auditioned entry into the county showcase for youth dance across Northants. The dancers performed a piece called Rihla which explores issues associated with being a refugee. They danced so well on the day and really improved against tough competition. Well done to all.

Primary School Cross Country



Pupils from All Saints, Parklands and Kingsthorpe Village Primary Schools came to Kingsthorpe College on Monday for a cross country

competition. There were nearly 200 children competing in 6 races throughout the afternoon. The event was made slightly more challenging by the extremely wet weather, but this didn't dampen our spirits! It was great to see the children (and teachers!) remaining positive and persevering throughout the competition. There were some spectacular runners taking part who completed the course in record time. A special thank you needs to go out to the Year 7/8 young leaders who volunteered their time to help out. They provided support to runners as they went round the course and provided the encouragement some of the children needed to complete their race. Congratulations to All Saints Primary School who won the event and went home with the trophy.

New intake 2017

Wednesday was a very exciting day for Year 6 children across Northampton as it was the day they found out which secondary school they will be going to in September. We are full again this year, so a huge congratulations to all the pupils who have been successful in gaining a place at Kingsthorpe College.

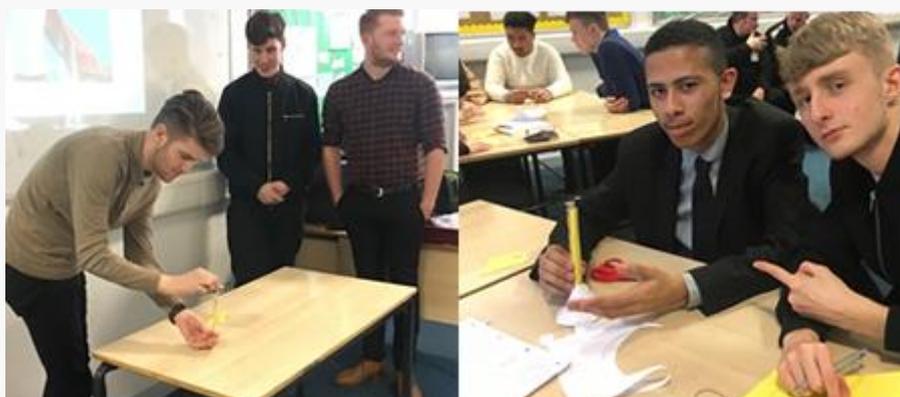
We know that moving up to secondary school can be a daunting time for both children and their families. We have lots of activities and events planned between now and September to help our new students settle in and feel confident about starting here. A welcome letter from Mrs Giovanelli has gone out this week, along with an invite to our Welcome Party on 23rd March. It will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to make friends, meet staff and have some fun.

It has been lovely to receive letters from pupils and their parents telling us how excited they are to have been successful in gaining a place with us.

'I am sooooo excited because I'm finally a part of the Kingsthorpe College team. I can't wait until I meet all of the teachers and make new friends. Look out Precious is coming and we're going to have a fantastic time!!'

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Coca Cola apprenticeship workshop for year 13 students



Year 13 students who are not intending to apply for university took part in a two hour workshop run by Coca Cola on Thursday 2nd March. The workshop included a talk on the types of apprenticeships available with coca cola, and a demonstration on the type of activities that students may be expected to do at interviews as part of the selection process. Students were invited at the end of the session to apply for a Supply Chain apprenticeship at Coca Colas Brackmills warehouse. Interviews for this will take place at the end of March. The session was extremely positive, with all enjoying the experience and now also having ideas about what other apprenticeship opportunities may be available.

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!

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