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Dear Parents

As we return from the October break into what is an important second half-term of the Autumn Term, we continue to move forward as a College with pace and passion.

We have now had almost 20% of the academic year and this half-term will see the first of a series of trial examinations for those of our students who will be undertaking formal examinations at the end of this year. There will be a range of support and information coming out shortly to help support both you and your son or daughter. It is also worth making a note that our Post 16 Open Evening will take place on Thursday 30th November - this will be an excellent opportunity to look at the courses and sixth form provision we have on offer at KC. Our sixth form results continue to improve year on year and we are proud of the diverse and

personalised curriculum we can provide.

Mr Baines, Deputy Headteacher, delivered our assemblies this week and, as usual, his assembly contained a range of props and audience participation! Mr Baines used the allegorical tale of the long spoons to illustrate the value and importance we place at KC on helping support each other to be the best we can be. Mr Baines made the important point that in order for everyone to succeed, it is critical that we make choices and undertake actions which positively benefit us all at KC. I have been reminded myself this week of the very real need to have teams around us who can both challenge and support, and I know that all leaders and governors at the College share the same commitment to providing the very best for our students whilst working with integrity, openness, and transparency.

Uniform standards have remained high this week and I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring that our students arrive to College on time, and equipped for learning. A reminder please that hooded tops are not part of our uniform policy and should your son or daughter wish to wear one on the way to College, they will need to remove this at the College gate.

It's set to be another busy week and I look forward to updating you all again next week.

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher



Out of Heart by Irfan Master

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

It was a fallacy that you could 'wing it' in the test – you really needed to revise.



Our reading hero this week is Arif Miah (year 7). Arif has been doing some fantastic work on the Accelerated Reader programme. Since joining us in September he has read the entire series of Harry Potter books and this equates to an astonishing 1,084,625 words read. He is one of our newest student millionaire readers and this week also won a golden ticket to the Intofilm festival on the 15th November to watch Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them. Well done Arif keep up the great work.

Irfan Master Author Event 7th November 2017



On Tuesday 7th November our Year 8 and 9 students will be attending a talk and book signing by the YA author Irfan Master.

He will be coming into college to talk about his latest book *Out of Heart*

For more information about our winners questions and for some great recommended book titles for students to read visit www.nationalbooktokens.com/young-readers-vote



We are really excited to announce that we have secured tickets for some 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 15th November to watch one of this year's chosen films. Watch this space for more information.

Young Enterprise Employability Masterclass Monday 30th October



Year 10 Business students took part in an 'Employability Masterclass' which was delivered by representatives from Young Enterprise. This element forms part of their studies for their coursework for BTEC Business. Annabelle from Young Enterprise spoke about how important it is to always write positively in your CV. She also discussed with students how they now have to think about what they can do to make

themselves stand out to future employers; what have they achieved to date, if they struggle to think of something then maybe they need to think about how they can get involved with something now that will have an impact on their CV.

All students were engaged and enjoyed the workshop with lots of positive comments from students such as, “It has improved my confidence”, “I had not thought about what employability skills I have, I will need to think now how I can improve them”.

Overall a great success and thanks go to Robin and Annabelle from Young Enterprise for delivering the workshop.

An evening to remember for one of our year 7 students!

One of our year 7 students, Charlie Leonard-Pepin, was fortunate to be given the opportunity to perform on stage at the Royal & Derngate with the world’s number one musical theatre group Collabro. Charlie told us about his experience of performing:



“Last night I was lucky enough to perform on stage at the Royal & Derngate Theatre with the 2014 Britains got Talent winners Collabro. They are currently on their UK tour and I was part of the Open Stage junior choir that was picked to sing with them. We sang two songs, Circle of Life from The Lion King and Bui-Doi from Miss Saigon. We had 4 weeks to rehearse ready for the concert. It was a great experience and I enjoyed every minute of it”.

We need your empty crisp packets

Our Year 12 Young Enterprise Company **KRISPIKRAFTS** desperately need your help. They are just starting out on their new business venture

as part of Young Enterprise Company Programme which enables students to experience what it's like to set up and run a company. Running throughout one academic year, students make all the decisions about their enterprise, from deciding on the name and product to creating a business plan, managing the student company finances and selling to the public at trade fairs. For this to happen they need everyone's help as their product is going to be based around Crisp packets. **Please save your empty crisp packets and bring them into school.** There will be collection points for you to pop them in or deliver them to the 6th Form centre or Miss Fisher in V1.

Watch this space to see what they will be turned into and you can then decide **“What's your Flavour”**



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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