



# Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

*Edition 130*



## Dear Parents

The highlight of this week was our Year 6 Open Evening on Thursday which gave us the opportunity to share with over 600 people just why we think Kingsthorpe College is such a great place to learn and work. Once more, there was standing room only as we were joined by prospective Year 6 students and their parents, our governors, our staff, and some of the students already with us, to talk about what's important to us as a College, what we believe in, and what any young person wishing to join us in September 2018 can expect from their time with us.

The evening began with a formal presentation. This included a welcome from our Head Boy and Head Girl, a presentation by myself, a talk by

Miss Bennett our Transition Co-ordinator, and several talks by our new Year 7s who have only been with us for a few weeks. The formal part of our evening was compered and hosted by two of our Year 8 students. Everyone at the evening was blown away by the confidence, passion, and commitment that all our students demonstrated in their talks, and I was so proud of them all – it's some feat to be able to stand up in front of over 600 people and share your experiences!

Following the formal part of the evening, the Year 6s and their parents were able to tour all areas of the College with or without a student tour guide, and experience a fantastic array of activities and taster sessions which gave a flavour of every area of our curriculum, including our brilliant Learning Resource Centre. Our pastoral teams were also on hand to answer any questions or allay any fears the Year 6s might have, and Miss Bennett explained our first rate transition programme which begins as early as March for those students who are lucky enough to be offered a place with us. We have seen a significant increase in the number of students applying to KC under our visual and performing arts aptitude criteria, and we are looking forward to welcoming these students to the College on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

The feedback we received from everyone in attendance was overwhelmingly positive, and the atmosphere across the College was one typified by warmth, engagement, and a real sense of excitement and optimism about what we already do at the College, but also about what we are striving to achieve in the future. Both staff and students really did present the very best of Kingsthorpe College to our community.

I came into teaching because I wanted to make a difference to young people – both in terms of the qualifications I helped students achieve, but also in terms of the character I wanted to help develop within the students I taught. One of the most important things to me as a Headteacher, is that our young people leave us as confident, creative, and determined citizens who are willing to go above and beyond to help both themselves and others to progress. This is exactly what everyone involved at the event demonstrated on Thursday night and it reminded me of one of the very many reasons that I am so privileged to be Headteacher at the College.

Whilst Open Evening was a significant part of the week, we continued to go about our day to day business at the College as normal. Another highlight of the week was our Year 11 Prefect Interviews. I shared this exciting new development to our Student Voice at the College in an earlier newsletter, and we were really impressed with both the quality and time that had obviously gone into the preparation of the interview for those who were successfully shortlisted. The elected prefects will be announced on Monday 9th October.

Uniform standards continue to be high but can I please remind you that as the weather begins to become more inclement, that hoodies are not allowed on the College site. Should a student choose to wear a hoodie to school, this needs to be removed at the College gate before entry and should not be seen on the College site during the day. Can I also take this opportunity to remind any student who rides a bike to school, that they need to be aware and mindful of keeping themselves and others safe. We will be introducing a Bicycle Safety Policy to ensure that we can help achieve this, and further details will be given to students and shared on the website very shortly.

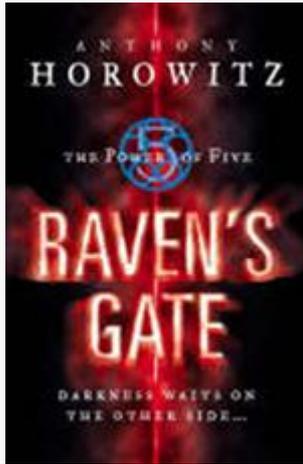
Wishing you all a restful weekend.

**Mrs Giovanelli**  
Headteacher

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**Raven's Gate by Anthony  
Horowitz (BL 4.4)**



Written by one of Kingsthorpe College's favourite young adult writers Raven's Gate is a sinister story of the supernatural. This is the first of five in a thrilling series by this number-one best-selling author. Matt has always known he has unusual powers. Raised in foster care, he is sent to Yorkshire on a rehabilitation programme, only to find himself in the midst of sinister goings-on. Matt investigates and uncovers a terrible secret - eight guardians are protecting the world from the evil ones, beings banished long ago by five children. But an underground movement want to let the evil ones back in. Does Matt have what it takes to save the world?

If you love fast-paced, action-packed adventure stories then why not give this thrilling series a try.

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## Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

Millie Fitzell 10N

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## The word of the week is...

“Strive” *verb*

**Definition:** To try hard.

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. *My sentence is, At Kingsthorpe College we strive to do our best every day.*



We have had some amazing results so far on the Accelerated Reader programme. Our Year 7s are really well underway reading books and taking quizzes and our Year 8s are also getting into full swing with the programme. With this in mind it has been really difficult to find an outright winner this week, however this week's award goes to **Mia Duncan (Year 7)**. Mia has made an amazing start to the year, she has read twenty three books which equates to 830,053 words read. We have no doubt that Mia will achieve word millionaire status soon. Well done and keep up the good work.

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## Open Morning Wednesday 11th October 2017

We are pleased to announce that we are now able to offer an Open Morning for any families that were not able to attend our open evening. This will be taking place on Wednesday 11th October from 9.00am and will provide families with another opportunity to meet our staff and students and have a tour of the school. We want to give prospective parents the opportunity to come and have a look around Kingsthorpe College during the school day so they can see us in action and see what we are all about.

We look forward to seeing you!

# Open Morning

Wednesday 11th October



*Prospective families are invited to come and see Kingsthorpe College in action. Join us at 9.00am for the chance to meet our staff and students, and take a tour of the school.*

Call **01604 716106** now to book your place.



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## Photos from our Open Evening 2017!



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