



# Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

*Edition 123*



## Dear Parents

The week got off to a very special start with our Annual Rewards Evening on Monday which celebrated the artistic, athletic and academic excellence of our wonderfully talented students. We were delighted to welcome Ben Cohen, MBE, as our guest speaker and to present the awards. The question and answer session with him at the start of the evening (ably directed by Mr Wade!) was both illuminating and inspiring, and his clear belief in the power of hard work, determination, and team work resonates strongly with us at the College. Feedback from the evening was exceptionally positive and I would like to personally thank our staff, governors, parents, and students for making it such a

memorable evening. A full list of the prize winners is included later in the newsletter.

We have been working hard this week on preparation for our Summer Concert. This is always a fantastic event which demonstrates the thriving creative and performing arts culture within the College. I was lucky enough to walk past rehearsals for one of the dance performances after school on Thursday and if the standard at this stage is as good as I saw, we're in for a treat. The staff and student choirs will also be singing together in a debut performance of a well known musical medley!

On Tuesday, it was a real pleasure to visit our year 10 students as they finished their year 10 mock Art examination. The concentration and commitment to artistic excellence was tangible as you walked down the corridor and visited the classrooms. The quality of the work was breathtaking, and I would encourage you to look on our website and twitter feed to see some examples of this.

We look forward next week to welcoming our newest recruits to KC for our Year 6-7 transition days, and also to the Year 13 Leavers Meal as we celebrate the end of their 7 year journey with us.

As ever, please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns - we will be happy to help.

**Mrs Giovanelli**

Headteacher

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## KC student awards evening July 2017

### **Comments from parents:**

Thank you so much for giving Mickey and Jack their Award. It was lovely that something good came out of a horrible incident. Great evening and

enjoyed seeing all the pupils receive their awards. Great atmosphere.  
Well done everybody.

- The Award Evening was really great and inspirational. Thank you for the award and thank you to the teachers who nominated me.
- Great evening. Very proud of all who won.
- What an amazing evening. Thank you!
- Thoroughly enjoyable evening. Was so proud to see my daughter and all the other students get their awards. Thank you.
- Really great to see and to be part of the School's celebration.
- An enjoyable evening. Thank you.
- Excellent evening. Ben Cohen – Brilliant! Staff and Students – wonderful.
- A wonderful evening of celebration. Superb and well done everyone – excellent staff and students!
- Excellent evening. Quality of Students and staff was breath taking!
- Thank you for a well organised 'KC team' event.
- Great evening. Well organised and went very smoothly. Thank you!
- Really well done to everyone. The evening was lovely, well run and great to see so many happy students. The Birch Family are proud to be a part of this evening.
- I would like to thank KC for a wonderful evening and for the help throughout all these years with my daughter.
- A wonderful night, lovely to see all the children awarded for their hard work!

### **Art**

- KS3 Award - Zenya Powell
- KS4 Award - Kelis Darko
- KS5 Award - Emma Clarke

### **Digital & Performing Arts**

- KS3 Award - Owen Facer
- KS4 Award - Filip Naumenko
- KS5 Award - Elijah McKoy

## **English**

- KS3 Award - Toni Amato
- KS4 Award - Ethan Grande
- KS5 Award - Lauren Kelly

## **Humanities**

- KS3 Award - Harrison Copp
- KS4 Award - Lauren Wright
- KS5 Award - Callum Melay

## **ICT**

- KS3 Award - Kacy Parish
- KS4 Award - Bethany Gates
- KS5 Award - Husam Udin

## **Mathematics**

- KS3 Award - Arani Ramesh
- KS4 Award - Chloe To
- KS5 Award - Vladislavs Tretjakovs

## **Modern Foreign Languages**

- KS3 Award - Mary Morgan
- KS4 Award - Kelsey Garrett
- KS5 Award - Ana Filipa Quaresma

## **Science**

- KS3 Award - Arani Ramesh
- KS4 Award - Charlotte Novakovic
- KS5 Award - Joe Morris

## **Technology**

- KS3 Award - Qaseem Dawlatzai
- KS4 Award - Hollie Jones
- KS5 Award - Kira King

## **Physical Education**

- KS3 Award - Kaiyuki Crisp
- KS4 Award - Charlie Partridge
- KS5 Award - Alice Walker

## **The Marc Birch Award for Special Recognition in PE & Sport**

- Thomas Robinson

## **Young Leader of the Year Award**

- Natalie Morton

## **The Take Flight Award**

- Callum Burnham

## **Contribution to the Community Award**

- Jack Myers
- Mikey Bunning

## **Kingsthorpe College Core Values Award**

- Rosie Dugdale

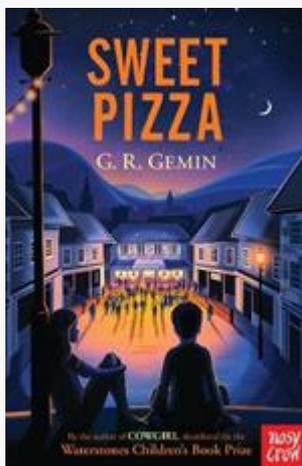
## **Headteacher's Award**

- Harrison Bates
- Robson Scott

- Lauren Whittington
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## Sweet Pizza by G.R. Gemin (BL 3.8)



Joe loves his Italian heritage: the language, the opera, the lasagne! But it's hard to celebrate his Italian roots in Bryn Mawr, South Wales, where his mam is sick of running the family's tatty cafe. Just like his great-grandfather who opened the cafe in 1929, Joe is an entrepreneur. He vows to save the family business, and to spice up the tired High Street with a little Italian flavour!

**Longlisted for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize 2016**, this is a heart-warming story about bringing a diverse community together and the amazing history of Italian immigrants in Wales.

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

Bill Hitchcock P1

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**The word of the week is...**

# “Perseverance”

**Definition:** Steady persistence, keeping going despite things being hard.

Try and use this word in a sentence this week.

My sentence is, *“She persevered with her work to make it the best it could possibly be.”*

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Our reading hero this week is Benjamin Reynolds (year 7). Ben has read a very impressive 21 books this year, with a word count which equates to 1,066,582. He has really enjoyed reading books by Mark Walden and has read the entire H.I.V.E series. He has also read books by the authors Derek Landy, Liz Pichon and David Baddiel. By reading over one million words Ben has also secured his place at the millionaires' party. Well done Ben, keep up the great work.

Don't forget there is still time to become a word millionaire this year. If you achieve 'millionaire' status before we break up you will be invited to our Millionaires' Garden Party which will be held on Tuesday 18th July.



*Help us to win £5000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and win £100 for yourself! Just enter the competition online, it only takes a minute and the more people that enter the more chance we have of winning.*

*<http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>*

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## Scholastic Half Price Book Fair 28th June – 5th July

We are currently holding our half-price school book fair. This will be based in the library and will give our students the opportunity to purchase some amazing books. There are over 200 titles to browse through, and with fantasy, thrillers, non-fiction, comedy and lots more there is sure to be a book for everyone to enjoy. Our Book Fair will be available for students to browse at lunchtimes and afterschool until 4pm every day. Don't forget that every book you buy can help us to get free books for our school.

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## County Literature Competition Sir Christopher

# Hatton Academy – 30th June



A huge congratulations and well done to those students who represented the college at the County Literature Quiz 2017 which was held at the Sir Christopher Hatton Academy. They are; Fahmida, Harrison, Toni, Anusha, James, Ikars, Ellin, Jessica, Mayson, Chelsi, Ellie, Grace and Faith. This event sees schools across the whole of the county compete to win this coveted county literature contest. The questions were extremely tough and students had to answer 120 in total. Our students have worked extremely hard over the past six months and have had to read 80+ books across different categories. The categories ranged from, Roald Dahl, to Vampire fiction, to the Carnegie medal, to animal fiction. We did amazingly well and finished the contest in a very respectable sixth place. Although we didn't win our students have vowed to enter the contest next year and are all really keen to take on the challenge again. Well done to all of you, you are all amazing!

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Join us on Wednesday 13th  
September to celebrate  
Roald Dahl 100



K.C Library are really proud to announce that we will be holding a special afternoon tea party on Wednesday 13th September from 3pm – 5pm. This is to join in with events that are happening across the U.K. and the world to celebrate the world's number one children's story teller Roald Dahl. We have set aside this afterschool event to celebrate Roald Dahl and his books. We will be hosting a Phizz-Whizzing Treasure Hunt, you will be able to play glorumptions games, create dream jars as well as enjoying quizzes and readings from his books. Places are on a first come first served basis so please see your librarians to sign up and get more information.

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## Snapchat Map warning



Schools are warning parents that a new location-sharing feature in Snapchat could put children at risk.

Snap Map lets users share their exact location with people on their "friends" list in real time.

In a letter seen by the BBC, one school said the map raised "serious safeguarding concerns" because children could be tracked on the map. But Snap, the company behind Snapchat, says the feature is opt-in and can be switched off at any time.

## **What is Snap Map?**

Snap Map was launched on 21 June and lets people browse a map of photos and videos that have been shared publicly.

## **What does Snap Map do?**

It also lets people share their exact location with those they have added as "friends" in the app.

Users who are sharing their location appear on the map as a cartoon avatar.

## **What are the concerns?**

Some schools have criticised the accuracy of the location-sharing feature, with one warning that it could be used to "build up a picture of home addresses, travel routes, schools and workplaces".

While location information is shared only with people on your "friends" list, that could include people you do not actually know, such as friends met on other apps and websites.

Others have criticised the way the map was added to Snapchat without a detailed announcement explaining exactly how it worked.

"We know tech companies are constantly developing their platforms and we'd encourage them to provide signposted information for parents and young people, so they know how to keep themselves safe," said Rose Bray from the NSPCC.

"Parents could be given a bit of warning, so they can look up the information before the new feature launches, and have a conversation with their child."

One mother, Paula, told BBC Breakfast she was surprised to find her 11-year-old son had opted in to share his location.

"I didn't know anything about it," she said. "Somebody had told him about it, one of his friends at school.

"I was a little bit worried about the fact that you could be pinpointed. Obviously there are predators, there are bullies."

Paula said she had discussed the feature with her son and they had agreed he would enable "ghost mode" to disappear from the map.

## **What does Snapchat say?**

In a statement, Snap said: "The safety of our community is very important to us and we want to make sure that all Snapchatters, parents and educators have accurate information about how the Snap Map works."

The company stressed that location sharing on Snap Map was off by default, was an opt-in feature and could be switched off at any time.

It told the BBC that the feature had to be accurate so that friends could use it to find one another and meet up.

It added that "the majority of interactions on Snapchat take place between close friends", unlike some social networks that are designed for people to discover and follow new friends.

However, when asked by the BBC why it had not warned users that the map was about to be launched, the company did not comment.

The National Crime Agency's Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (Ceop) has [published guidance for parents](#) who want to know more about Snapchat and Snap Map.

It says parents should encourage children to share their location only in private messaging apps with people they know.

## How can you opt out of Snap Map?

The BBC's Newsround programme has produced this short guide, explaining how to switch off location sharing.

- When in photo-taking mode, pinch the screen to open your Snap Map
- Tap the settings cog in the right-hand corner of the screen
- Tap Ghost Mode to switch off location sharing

**KC PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS**

## **BEST OF BRITISH**



Tuesday 18th July 2017  
@ 7:15pm  
In the Main Hall

£3 adults / £2 concessions  
Available from the finance office



**DS Nickie DEEKS**  
**Public Protection Unit**  
**Police Headquarters**  
**Wootton Hall**  
**Northampton**  
**NN4 0JQ**

Date: 22/06/17

### **Online Safety – App ‘Live.me’**



Northamptonshire Police would like to bring to the attention of parents the app ‘Live.me’. This is a live video streaming app where users can broadcast live-streaming videos and watch others’ videos. The terms of use specify that users must be 18 years of age or have parental permission to use the tool.

We have been made aware of an out of force investigation where a young child has been directed by a suspect to engage in sexual activity and this stream has been viewed over 15000 times.

### **Snapchat**



Parents should also be aware that in relation to the latest Snapchat update, public settings allow users to someone’s exact location. It produces a map which allows you to see their exact location down to the house they are in. Snapchat “hotspots” allow anyone to see snapchats that are set to public, you do not need to have added any of these people to get

and the update is worldwide.

Children and young people are vulnerable for a number of reasons to being sexually exploited through the use of the internet and in particular social media.

The internet is an amazing resource and tool but sadly does come with risk. Northamptonshire Police promote regularly to young people how to use it but safely. Below are some great tips that you can implement within your home to keep your children safe online.

- o **Set up smart-phone free zones: It's impossible to monitor everything and as young people get older they will try and get round blocks and settings. So for example upstairs is always free of technology.**

- o **Be a strong digital role model: Parents Practice what you preach. If you are constantly on a phone or tablet then your children will potentially imitate that behaviour.**

- o **Digital sunset: No technology or devices for at least 30 mins before bed and set firm time limits on all devices. Including parents! Phones, tablets etc are left downstairs and buy an alarm clock, don't go to bed with a phone or tablet.**

Please can we ask all parents to reiterate online safety to their children and be aware of what apps or sites their children are visiting. If parents require any guidance around online safety below are a number of websites that may assist.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online>

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology>

If you identify that your child has been a victim of an online crime please contact Northants Police on 101, ensuring that you secure any devices

used without deleting any correspondence.

**DS Nickie Deeks**

Public Protection Command  
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## **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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