



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

It's been a busy week here at KC with a huge amount of examinations being undertaken by our Year 11 and Year 13 students. A reminder that even though some students may only have a few examinations left, every second counts and we encourage students to continue to make use of the resources and support available to them. It was with great sadness that I said goodbye to my Year 13 English Language classes on Friday following their last A level paper. They have been the most fantastic students I think I have ever taught and I feel really privileged to have been part of their educational journey as a teacher – it has been a real pleasure to see them mature into articulate, polite and kind young men and women.

Mr Baines, Deputy Headteacher, and I were delighted to deliver a

workshop this weekend at Rugby School as part of ResearchEd Rugby. We both learned a lot from the sessions we attended and it was great to share the practices that we are undertaking here at KC – we had lots of positive feedback and we are looking forward to welcoming some colleagues to the school to hear a bit more about what we do.

As we continue to work on developing our careers provision at KC as part of the wider national agenda, the careers team had a very positive meeting on Wednesday with members of Watson and Cox Construction who are based in Wellingborough. The plan moving forward is for them to become part of our Enterprise Advisor team working with our students over the next few years. There are definitely exciting times ahead as we look to develop our careers provision.

It's been a busy time recently for our Year 9 dance students who have been working with Sunnyside Primary School delivering dance lessons to their Year 3 children. The feedback has been extremely positive: "They were very friendly and welcomed the children in. The children were impressed with the Year 9's initial performance and it seemed to act as an inspiration and motivation for the dance they then learnt and created. The students worked at the pace and ability of the children and worked patiently with them to repeat dance steps and show them again when needed. They involved all of the children and praised them for being brave and trying new things. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and have been practising the dance moves they learnt ever since." It's important to us at KC that we encourage our students to contribute beyond just our own classrooms and this is a prime example – we are very proud of all those involved.

The Year 8 tutor groups have been working hard this week creating projects based around recycling. It was amazing to see such exciting ideas developed by the students and Mr Hill and Mr Wade were extremely impressed as each tutor group presented their projects.

We are also really pleased to have been able to take part in some work with the Fire Service. A group of Key Stage 3 students are attending Moulton Fire Station on Tuesdays as they complete their ARC course, and feedback so far has been very positive as the students develop new skills.

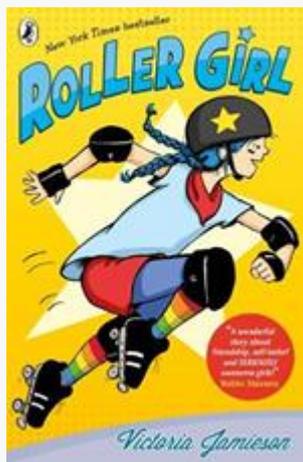
Thursday saw the Book Trust visit our library for the second year running to film our students talking about their love of reading. We were delighted to be invited to be involved once again in this project, and the final film will be shared nationally with schools and teachers. Our students were an absolute credit to the school and they spoke with knowledge, passion, and clarity. I look forward to sharing the film with you later on in the year. Thank you to those staff, particularly Mrs Broadbent, for ensuring the day went so smoothly.

Finally, I am sure you are all aware of the tragic event which happened on Friday 25th May within our local community. All parents should have received a letter detailing the support we are able to offer students who may have been affected by this – details are also on the website and our Twitter account.

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher



Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson (BL 3.2)



Astrid has always done everything with her best friend Nicole. So when Astrid falls in love with roller derby and signs up for a summer camp, she's sure Nicole will be right by her side - until Nicole signs up for ballet camp instead, with Astrid's biggest rival. So begins the hardest summer of Astrid's life, as she struggles to stay on her skates, to learn who she is without Nicole ...and to find out what it takes to be a strong, tough, awesome roller girl.

If you enjoy reading graphic novels then why not give this book a go.

Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

Jessica Iftene 8H

The word of the week is...

“Exhilarating”

Definition: Causing strong feelings of excitement and happiness.
Try and use this word in a sentence this week.

My sentence is:

The skydive was an exhilarating experience.



Our reading hero this week is Kaiyuki Crisp (year 8). Kaiyuki has read a wonderful array of fiction written by Taran Matharu, James Dashner and J.K. Rowling just to name a few. He has read a very impressive 23 books which equates to 2,110,940 words read. Kaiyuki regularly takes quizzes in his own time and has worked hard on the AR programme this year. Well done Kaiyuki, you will be joining us in July for the millionaires garden party. Congratulations on all of your hard work this year.

Scholastic Half Price Book Fair 27th June – 11th July

We are really looking forward to holding our school Book Fair. This will be based in the library and will give our students the opportunity to purchase some amazing books all of which are being sold at half price. 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. Students will also have the opportunity to enter our competition to win one of five £5.00 vouchers to spend at the event. Our Book Fair will be available for students to browse at lunchtimes and afterschool until 4pm every day.



Our school now has access to **The Day** – a daily online news service for schools and colleges that aims to make the news relevant to the school curriculum.

Every student and teacher can access the daily stories and search The Day's extensive archive of articles by visiting www.theday.co.uk and using the following log-in details:

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