



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of our final term of the 2016-17 academic year which we expect to be no less busy than the previous ones!

We have taken the opportunity this week to speak to all students about the importance of maintaining basic expectations at all times during the school year. Here at Kingsthorpe College, we strongly believe that the small things count, and we do not underestimate the impact of getting the basics right. Therefore, we have launched our 'back to basics' drive with a series of assemblies to students in Years 7 to 10 to remind our students of our expectations in the key areas of attendance, punctuality, uniform, equipment, mobile phones and general behaviour.

It is important to us that home-school communication is at the forefront of everything that we do and all parents will have received a letter detailing our expectations at the end of this week. It is our belief that if we commit to working together – teachers, students and parents – then we will continue to make strides towards a community we can consistently be proud of.

On this note, it was with huge pride that we received a phonecall from the Deputy Headteacher of a local primary school earlier in the week informing us of the actions two of our students took in relation to a member of her staff. The consideration, care, and bravery both students showed in looking after the lady was exceptional. 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 respectful, kind, determined, and responsible citizens who understand not only their rights, but also their responsibilities to other people. Of even more importance to me, is that everyone at KC does the right thing even when no one is looking – this is exactly what those students did.

Our Year 11 and 13 students have continued to sit formal examinations with the same determination and commitment they showed prior to half-term, and both year groups will be looking forward to the formal celebration of their hard work at the annual proms in the very near future. Students in these year groups have been given details of how and where they can purchase tickets and we look forward to celebrating with them in due course. In the meantime, it is important that students make the most of the revision sessions that are on offer and continue to attend all lessons where they have yet to sit an examination. These last few lessons really can make a difference.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr Wade and Miss Bailey who ran a very successful revision workshop for parents of our Year 10 students this week. Our Year 10 and Year 12 students will soon be undertaking end of year examinations and it is important that students revise thoroughly for these as they are important indicators of how students are progressing,

and will help inform next steps for both the students and their teachers.

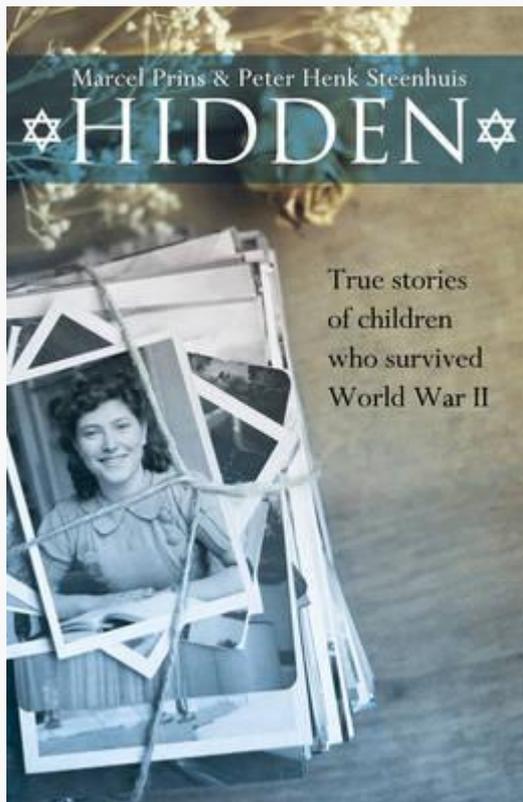
I look forward to updating you again next week.

Mrs Giovanelli

Headteacher



Hidden by Marcel Prins and Peter Henk Steenhuis)



Our book of the week this week is one that we have been sharing with our year 7 and 8 students as they have been reading novels set in WWII.

Hidden tells the stories of 14 young people who were hidden throughout the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands during World War Two. Their stories create a wider picture of what it meant to be Jewish and living in Europe at this time. Whilst we have all heard of the story of Anny Frank this book reflects on how so many other children had to go into hiding to

survive the Nazi regime.

How and where did they go? Were they separated from their families? Did they ever find each other again?

This book is a compelling true story of young peoples' bravery and courage during World War II.

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

Harrison Copp GR1

The word of the week is...

“Answerable”

Definition:

- To be responsible

Try and use this word in a sentence this week.

My sentence is:

He was answerable for his results, if he didn't work hard, they would be his fault.



Huge congratulations this week goes to Bill Hitchcock (year 7) who has become our newest Accelerated Reader Millionaire. He now takes our total of millionaire readers up to 30. Bill is a huge Harry Potter fan and not only has he read the entire series but he has also loved reading and quizzing on Harry Potter and the Cursed Child and Quidditch Through

the Ages. He has also read a fabulous array of non-fiction books bringing his total so far to 21 books read which equates to a word count of 1,246,289. Great work Bill, keep it up you are doing an amazing job.



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>

Big Thank You



We would like to say a big thank you to Ms Cockerill and our students for helping us to transform the outdoor area attached to the library. The space was looking a bit tatty and tired, but with the help of our Duke of

Edinburgh student volunteers, some kind donations of plants and a lick of paint we have created a really nice, relaxing space for our students to use. A huge thank you to all of those who helped.

Support for parents worried about radicalisation

The [NSPCC](#) has published a short film encouraging parents to use its helpline to talk through any concerns they may have about their child being radicalised. Warning signs include: talking as if from a scripted speech; unwillingness or inability to discuss their views; a sudden disrespectful attitude towards others; increased secretiveness, especially around internet use. However, these signs do not necessarily mean a child is being radicalised.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOis5CFU8vs&feature=youtu.be>

As well as talking to your child, you could raise the issue with their teachers or a friend or family member who know them well. Explain your worries and find out if they have noticed anything out of the ordinary. Hearing another perspective may help you decide if something is wrong.

Your local police force or local authority can also provide advice and support. If your child has not committed a criminal offence, you shouldn't need to worry that you'll get your child into trouble by speaking to the police or a local authority. They will discuss your concerns with you and suggest how to best protect your child. Some local authorities have dedicated officers who work on preventing extremism and they will be able to provide you and your child with specialist support and advice. They might suggest referral to the Channel programme – a voluntary government-funded programme which aims to safeguard children and adults from being drawn into terrorist activity.

If you think a child is in immediate danger or see or hear something that may be terrorist related, call 999 or the confidential Anti-Terrorist

Hotline on 0800 789 321.

STATEMENT



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STATEMENT FROM ACC JAMES ANDRONOV ON THE RAISED THREAT LEVEL TO THE UK

"Our communities in Northamptonshire should be reassured that the Force is responding speedily to the tragic events in Manchester less than 48 hours ago and the decision by the Prime Minister to raise the threat level to the UK to critical, meaning a further attack somewhere in the UK is assessed to be imminent.

"At present there is no specific threat to Northamptonshire, but this cannot be discounted. As such, our approach to policing in the wake of the ongoing threat will be to focus on patrolling crowded places, transport hubs and large events.

"You will see heightened levels of visible patrolling, in some cases using overtly armed police officers in the way we did across Northamptonshire in the run-up to Christmas. This is aimed at deterrence and increasing intelligence, reassurance and engagement with the communities we serve.

"The Government has also invoked a national operation called "Temperer", allowing for military personnel to be deployed alongside police officers to reassure the public and to deter, disrupt and prevent terrorist activity.

"Despite the increase in the threat level of further terrorist attacks in the UK, there are no immediate plans to deploy military personnel onto the streets of Northamptonshire.

"We will also be liaising with the managers of key venues and organisers of public events due to be held in the coming weeks, to ensure proportionate security arrangements are in place to protect the public.

"We are aware that following incidents such as this, there can be an increase in hate crimes within our communities. It is communities that defeat terrorism and over the coming days and weeks we will be reaching out to reassure and strengthen bonds with the many diverse communities we serve. We depend on information from the public, who can be our eyes and ears, in our efforts to keep us all safe.

"We understand that people may be fearful of being targeted as they go about their lives, and I want to reassure you that we do support you, and do want to know about any incident of hate crime that takes place. We will be monitoring levels of hate crime in Northamptonshire in the coming days to see if there has been any increase in incidents and will work closely with partners to tackle any particular issues that emerge.

"If you have been attacked, threatened, bullied or suffered physical or verbal abuse because of who you are, please report it to us on 101 or via the online reporting site True Vision. You can also report incidents anonymously Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

In the UK, there has been an increase in hate crime following previous terrorist attacks in other countries. Northamptonshire Police treat any report of hate crime seriously. Abuse or violence because of who you are, whether physical or verbal, is a criminal offence. In no way is it right for someone to be threatened, abused, assaulted or targeted in any way because of someone else's prejudice.

If you have been attacked, threatened or have suffered physical or verbal abuse because of who you are, or have witnessed a hate crime or incident take place, please report it to Northamptonshire Police on 101 or via the online reporting site True Vision (www.report-it.org.uk).

You can also report incidents to your local council or reporting centres available in Northamptonshire, or Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

If we can be of further support to you or your community, please contact your local Safer Community Teams or Community Engagement team, DC Rachel Packman (Rachel.packman@northants.pnn.police.uk) and PC Christian Buckenham (Christian.buckenham@northants.pnn.police.uk) or call 101.

Post 16

Post 16 students go to the polls

Post 16 students took part in their own elections recently, after a week of watching all five of the main political party broadcasts and then spending time debating their manifestos. Students in year 12 and 13 were also given information about registering to vote as well – even those students that are under the age of 18 were encouraged to register, as this means

they will be ready for the next election. The mock election then took place during break time on the 7th June (the day before the real one) and very proudly we had almost 100% voter turnout!

The results saw Labour win with a stunning 90% of the votes (!), and the Conservatives in a narrow second position just one vote ahead of UKIP. Greens and Lib Dems managed just two votes each. It was wonderful to see students fully engaged in the voting process, as it was to hear the many discussions taking place the day after the elections – the myth of younger people not being interested in politics has been well and truly destroyed this week!

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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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