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Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 9 Options Evening on Thursday. It was extremely well attended - in fact, it was the best attended Options Evening we have had in a number of years. We all felt incredibly proud with how well Year 9 students had prepared for the evening with many students able to articulate their possible career paths even at this young age. A reminder to those parents of Year 9 students that the options form needs to be returned to Student Services by Thursday 8th March. All Year 9 students will be interviewed the week after by members of the senior leadership team to confirm students' option choices. In the meantime, please encourage your son or daughter to speak with members of the Year 9 team, and Ms Cockerill and Mrs Fischer from the careers team should they have any questions or queries.

The trial exams started on Monday and it's been great to see the determined attitude of our Year 11 and Post 16 students. We are doing things a little differently this year with all Year 11 students receiving a subject specific briefing prior to their English, Maths and Science exams, before being accompanied to the Sports Hall. This has resulted in a much more focused start to the exams and it has undoubtedly had a positive impact on the students' attitude. The exams continue this week so please ensure your son/ daughter arrives on time fully prepared for their exams after having a good breakfast.

Subject teachers will be feeding back to parents with regards to the trial exam results at the second Year 11 Parents' Evening which will be held on Thursday 19th April. Please note the change of date from previous communication in the newsletter. Another date for your diary is the Year 11 Parents' Revision Workshop on Thursday 26th April where members of the senior leadership team will be going over revision skills to help you support your son/daughter navigate their way through the summer exam period.

It was a pleasure to spend some time on Thursday delivering 'magic moments' to students across the entire age range. Staff nominate students for a 'magic moment' by emailing me to let me know what the young person has done to remind them why they love teaching and working at KC so much. The moments were incredibly wide-ranging this week with recognition for students who had demonstrated polite and courteous behaviour, students who had worked exceptionally hard on their presentation skills, students who had made significant progress in their studies, and students who had presented to the rest of the College. One of the 'magic moments' went to one of our Year 9 students, Grace Nightingale, who was given the amazing opportunity to attend LNR ACF Ski Cadet 2018 which is an annual skiing exercise being held this year in Austria. There were only 10 adults and 43 Cadets that were able to experience this unique training discipline so Grace is a very lucky young lady.

I also had the pleasure of visiting Bishop Stopford School in Kettering this week with Mr Baines, Deputy Headteacher. Bishop Stopford is an outstanding school and we are looking forward to establishing a close

working relationship with the team there to benefit both our schools. We spent some time visiting classrooms as well as talking with the Headteacher about the ways in which we can support the work being undertaken there and how, in turn, we can benefit from their expertise. I will of course share more details with you in due course.

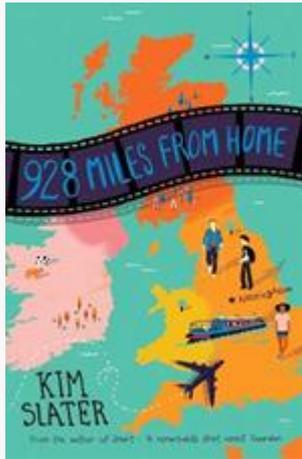
Finally, all staff at the College got together on Tuesday afternoon to reflect on our progress and next steps in relation to the ambition we have to create a calm and consistent approach to our interactions in College. We talked about the need for all adults and students within the College to be ready, respectful and safe in the behaviours they demonstrate on a day to day basis, and we talked specifically about the role we play as adults in ensuring this is the culture which prevails. In a large school like ours, consistency is not something which happens without determination, thought, and deliberate practice. Whilst we know we have more to do in this area, I am confident that we have the right foundations for this to become a reality.

I look forward to updating you again next week.

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher



**928 Miles from Home by
Kim Slater**



Fourteen year old Calum Brooks has big dreams. One day he'll escape this boring life and write movies, proper ones, with massive budgets and A-list stars. For now though, he's stuck coping alone while his dad works away, writing scripts in his head and trying to stay 'in' with his gang of mates at school, who don't like new kids, especially foreign ones.

But when his father invites his new girlfriend and her son, Sergi, to move in, Calum's life is turned upside down. He's actually sharing a room with 'the enemy'! How's he going to explain that to his mates?

Trapped at home after an accident, Calum is forced to ask Sergei for help investigating a series of break-ins at the local community centre. But Calum can't help feeling that Sergei is hiding something.

If you love a story with a mystery to solve then why not give this book a try.

Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

Vlad Arbidans 10N.

The word of the week is...

“Clamber”

Definition: Move with difficulty, sometimes using hands and feet.

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is:
I had to clamber up the steep, uneven path.



Our reading hero this week is Lewis O'Neill, Year 8. Lewis has been working extremely hard on the Accelerated Reader programme and has been really challenging himself with the books that he has been reading. He is working hard to improve his reading skills and has been doing lots of reading in his own time. So far this year he has read 33 books. Well done Lewis, you are doing a great job, keep up the hard work.



Kingsthorpe College joins challenge to read for 100 million minutes!

Here at Kingsthorpe College we have joined the national campaign to eradicate illiteracy and build a brighter future for children and young people.

From the 1st March 2018 (World Book Day) – we will join early years settings, schools, colleges, community groups, parents and carers across the UK in trying to read for a collective 100 million minutes. The campaign is run by the charity, Achievement for All, which works in

partnership with schools and communities to improve outcomes for all children and young people vulnerable to underachievement.

Throughout the month-long campaign, our Year 7 and 8 students will be challenged to read for as many minutes as they can. Students will then be asked to keep a log of their reading minutes.

Prizes will be awarded to schools who achieve the highest average number of reading minutes per student. Certificates will also be available to individuals who reach key reading targets during the challenge.

Next week students will be given a bookmark so that they are able to log their minutes, we will also be giving a very special school prize for the student that logs the most minutes read during the competition.

For further information on the challenge visit 100MillionMinutes.org.

The use of aerosols within school



Please be aware that students are not allowed to use aerosols of any kind in school e.g perfumes, body sprays and antiperspirants. We have a number of students in school who are highly allergic of the particles within the sprays and therefore spraying them in school can cause a severe allergic reaction. Students are able to use roll-on deodorant after PE.

Any students caught using aerosols within school will receive the appropriate sanction.



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