



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

It's been another busy week, and I would like to start by thanking you all for your engagement and support with the work we are undertaking here at the College. I have met several parents this week and the feedback that we have been given will really help to continue to drive forward improvements at KC.

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage you to please get in touch with us if you wish to discuss any aspect of your son or daughter's education. If your question is related to a subject area, then please contact your son or daughter's subject teacher in the first instance. If they are unable to help, the Learning Director of the subject area is your next port of call, and then the Leadership Team link attached to the subject area. If your question is related to an aspect of our pastoral provision, or a general query, then your son or daughter's form tutor should be contacted first. Following this,

the Achievement Director of your son or daughter's House will be able to help, and again, each House has a Leadership Team link. I have put details of the key contacts later in the newsletter which I hope will be of use.

I had the pleasure of having breakfast with a small cohort of students this week and we talked about how we could make sure that students felt welcomed back when they returned from an absence, as well as how we could help students catch up on any work they had missed. Each day missed can generate a significant amount of work to catch up on, and the students had some innovative and interesting suggestions about how we can help them when they return. If your son or daughter does have an unavoidable absence, can I please reiterate the importance of contacting the College's absence line to let us know as it is really important that we can account for the whereabouts of all our students.

We took the opportunity to reflect during assemblies this week on what we have achieved so far this academic year, but also more importantly what we have found a challenge. Myself, Mr Wade and Mr Baines shared our own personal learning points and we also talked about the importance of dreaming big, working hard, and staying humble. We are all capable of changing history – some of us will do this on a large scale, some on a smaller, more personal level but we all have the ability and power to create our own story, and we asked our students to consider, "What's your story?"

We will continue to shape KC's story and history together as a community, with the support of our governors and The Collaborative Academies Trust, and I look forward to meeting with many more of you in due course.

Mrs Giovanelli

Headteacher

Stars of the week

Green House

Kelly GR8 Year 8

Kelly is a lovely young lady who always tries her best and has a fabulous attitude to learning. She has received commendations in Art, History, English & P.E. and Green House are very proud to have Kelly in their house. Kelly has a quiet confidence about her and is an inspiration to others. Keep up the good work Kelly!

Gold House

Yahya Yr 7 GO4 & Yousuf Yr 11 GO2

Brothers, Yahya and Yousuf, are both part of Northampton Amateur Boxing club and have earned success within the sport due to their hard work, effort and application. Yousuf has recently claimed an East Midlands title in the 53kg category. Achieving this in only his fifth bout is a great achievement, particularly considering he beat an opponent with significantly more experience, having been involved in 29 previous bouts. Yahya in the 39kg category, is also displaying his talents and earned a points victory over his opponent. Well done to both students on the success they are having in their chosen sport.

Blue House

Zoe Year 11 B3

Zoe has been nominated by a member of KC staff who advised “She will often stop me in the corridor to ask me how my day is going and have a bit of a catch up. Yesterday she came into my classroom at lunch time purely because she wanted to share her sweets with me which I think is one of the sweetest things I’ve seen in a long time. Zoe is kind, considerate and caring which is exactly what I like to see in our KC students.” We are proud of you Zoe!

Purple House

Taylor Year 10 P4

Taylor has a very positive attitude towards school and she tries hard in all of her lessons. Purple House have had many emails from her teachers explaining what a pleasure it is to teach Taylor. She is a very hard-working student and perfectly demonstrates the very best of Purple House. Well done Taylor, keep working hard.

Red House

Lauren Year 11 R10

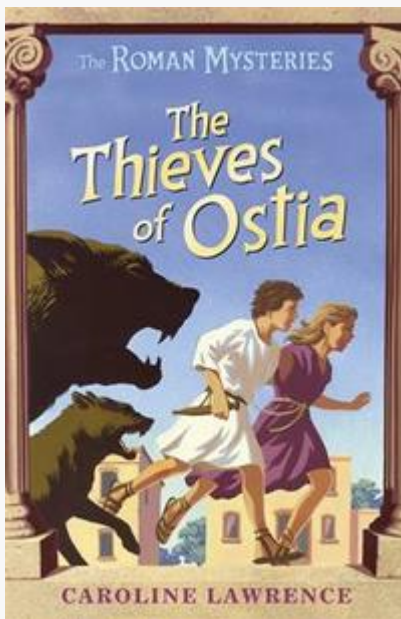
Lauren has been nominated as the Star of the Week as she was an excellent ambassador during last week’s Options Evening. She explained perfectly what Philosophy & Ethics is about and how it may be beneficial to the students considering the subject as an option.

You are an excellent role model Lauren, we are proud of you!



Book of the Week

The Thieves of Ostia by Caroline Lawrence (BL 5.2)



This week a group of our Year 7 students will be meeting and working with the international bestselling author Caroline Lawrence at Northampton High School. So in honour of this we have chosen *The Thieves of Ostia* as our book of the week. This book is the first in the very popular Roman Mysteries series which has sold over 1 million copies and has been recognised as having an exemplary combination of entertainment and education.

The story begins with Flavia Gemina who is a natural at solving mysteries. She is the daughter of a ship's captain living in Ostia, the port of Rome, in AD79. She and her three friends, Jonathan, Nubia, a slave girl; and Lupus, a beggar boy, must work together to discover who is beheading the watchdogs that guard people's homes and most importantly why these terrible acts are being carried out.

If you love mysteries and stories about ancient Rome, then this is the book for you.

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

Amelie Blackshaw GO7

The word of the week is...

“Destination”

Definition: The place to which a person or thing travels or is sent.

Try and use this word in a sentence this week.

My sentence is: *My destination is clear – I will work hard and be successful.*



This week our reading hero is Blake Yexley (Year 8). Blake is our newest student to achieve Millionaire reader status. She has read an impressive 23 books on the Accelerated Reader programme with a remarkable word count of 1,042,471 words read. This term Blake has worked extremely hard on her reading and has concentrated on passing her quizzes. She regularly takes quizzes in her own time and afterschool. She has recently discovered a real passion for books written by the YA author Mary Hooper. Well done Blake, congratulations on becoming our newest millionaire reader, keep up the good work.

Love to play chess?

Why not join our brand new chess club. It is being held in the library every Tuesday lunchtime. The club starts at 1.20pm. Please sign up at the library desk if you are interested in joining. Alternatively speak to Kyle Robinson and Corey Churchman our sixth form students who are helping us to run the group. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch.



Also, if you are participating in the eCAT Programme this is one of the many extra-curricular activities that are recognised by the scheme.

Key contacts

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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!

Events

Tuesday 14th March - Year 11 Assessment for GCSE PE at NSB Pool

Wednesday 15th March - Year 12 Science G&T trip to Cambridge University

Friday 17th March - Year 13 Geography revision conference in London

Friday 24th March - Gold House Rewards trip to Ten Pin Bowling at Sixfields

Tuesday 28th March - Year 12 Science G&T trip to Birmingham HE conference

Thursday 30th March - Year 7 trip to the Globe Theatre London

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