



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to all our students. The first full week back has been characterised by the usual energy, commitment, and positive relationships which typify all of our work at the College.

As we start the new calendar year, we have been taking the opportunity to reflect with students and staff on what it means to be part of Kingsthorpe College. Mr Jackson and Ms Law delivered extremely thought-provoking assemblies this week focussed on the importance of ensuring we are all ready, respectful, and safe in the way we conduct ourselves. Your son or daughter may have mentioned to you that teachers are now shaking their hands as they enter classrooms, and the assemblies this week highlighted

why we feel this is so important. Through the story of 'Derek' and 'Dave', Mr Jackson and Ms Law explained that regardless of what is going on outside of school and the inevitable pressures this places on our young people, that each time they enter a classroom they will receive a fresh start and a chance to demonstrate the very best of themselves by being ready, respectful, and safe. Using a handshake, which is a universal symbol of respect, is our way of both our staff and our students committing to these principles every lesson. Our Honour Roll helps us celebrate the successes of our students and we are delighted that so many of our students are well on their way to receiving one of our awards – an update is provided at the end of the newsletter.

You may be surprised to know that we have actually had about 40% of our academic year – and an even greater percentage for those students who are sitting external examinations this summer. We are therefore ensuring that we make the most of every moment we have, and parents of students in Year 11 and Post 16 will be aware of the support and opportunities that are already underway. A reminder that it is Parents' Evening for Post 16 students on Thursday 18th January and appointments can be made through the online booking system. I would encourage all parents of sixth form students to attend with their son or daughter as this will be a critical opportunity to discuss current progress as well as sharing what your son or daughter needs to do to ensure they meet their potential in the summer.

Regular readers will be aware of the fantastic opportunities and activities that take place in our LRC, and this week was no different with author Ross Montgomery visiting the College to talk to our Year 7s. Further details of this visit can be found later in the newsletter with additional photos on our Twitter account. Some advance notice of some exciting and useful events we have coming up this half-term. The first is an Online Safety Workshop on Tuesday 6th February led by the County Council Online safety officer from 6-7pm. This workshop will give specific advice in relation to social media. We are hosting the event for the whole of Northants as part of The Safer Internet Day 2018 and we would encourage you to come along if you can. The second is our Careers Fair at Kingsthorpe College on Thursday 1st February. This is aimed at students and parents of Years 9, 10, 11 and Post 16 students. A large number of local and national companies/businesses have accepted our

invitation to attend. More details will follow shortly.

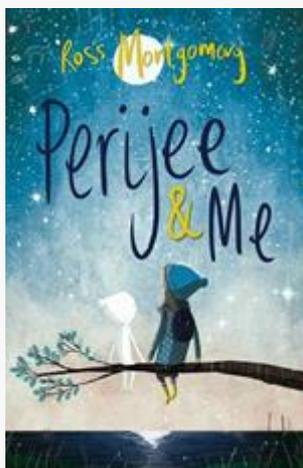
As the weather continues to be cold, a reminder please that students need to have appropriate coats and jumpers. Hooded tops are not permitted, and school PE jumpers should not be worn as part of the classroom uniform. Further details of our uniform policy can be found on the website.

We have another busy week ahead of us and I look forward to updating you all next Friday.

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher



Perijee & Me by Ross Montgomery



Ross Montgomery came to talk to all of our Year 7 students this week so in honour of his visit our book of the week this week is Perijee & Me.

When 11-year-old Caitlin discovers a shrimp-like alien creature on the shores of her island home, she takes responsibility for teaching it about the world. Mostly, this just involved stopping little Perijee from eating everything! Caitlin becomes increasingly close to her alien friend, treating him like a brother.

There's only one problem - Perijee won't stop growing.

Then the authorities try to hunt him down and through his fear, Perijee disappears and starts causing trouble. Caitlin must leave home and travel across the country to try and convince Perijee to stop destroying everything before it's too late.

If you love stories that are exciting, filled with adventure and plot twists, then why not give this book a go.

Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

Jacob Milencius 7R.

The word of the week is...

“outset” *noun*

Definition: start, opening.

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is,
Decide at the outset what kind of revision programme will suit you best.



Congratulations to our autumn term 100% prize winners, who each win a £10 WHSmith voucher. Also congratulations to Stan Hitchcock who this week became our newest 'millionaire' reader. Well Stan what can we say, you have read over a million words in Year 7 and you have achieved this again in Year 8, amazing. Stan has been reading a real diverse mix of authors this year ranging from Derek Landy, to James Dashner to Enid Blyton and by choosing different authors and trying different genres this has really helped him to read a million words. Well done what a fantastic achievement. Keep up the great work.



Ross Montgomery visit Tuesday 9th January



This week we were really honoured to have the author Ross Montgomery visit the college library. All of our Year 7s had the chance to listen to Ross read the first chapter of his spooky book Christmas Dinner of Souls. This was followed by a really interesting and informative Q & A session where our students had the opportunity to ask lots of fantastic questions about his life, his work and what it takes to become a successful writer. Ross gave our students lots of hints and tips to help each of them with their own creative writing. He also left our students really inspired to go onto to read different genres on their reading journey.

We're celebrating Harry Potter Book Night at Kingsthorpe College Library Friday 2nd February 3pm – 5pm



Friday 2nd February 2018 will see the fourth annual Harry Potter Book Night which is celebrated throughout the world. Here at Kingsthorpe College, we're getting ready to host an unforgettable night. This year's theme is Fantastic Beasts. The fun kicks off in the school library at 3pm and finishes at 5pm.

On Harry Potter Book Night, we'll be sharing the wonder of J.K. Rowling's unforgettable stories and, most excitingly, introducing the next generation of readers to the magic of Harry Potter. Here at Kingsthorpe College, young wizards, witches and muggles will be treated to an evening of games, activities, readings and quizzes. It all begins when the Sorting Hat decides who will be in which house and students will compete for house points throughout the evening's challenges. These will include a treasure hunt, readings from our favourite Harry Potter books, Transfiguration games and a Hogwarts Hall of Fame Quiz. Each child who attends will receive a free Harry Potter goody bag! We shall also be holding a fancy dress competition and we will be running competitions to win Harry Potter goodies throughout the week.

You can find out more about Harry Potter Book Night at harrypotterbooknight.com
#HarryPotterBook Night

Whilst we have lots of fun we would also like to raise money for our Year 8 charity – The Children’s Air Ambulance service. All we ask is that everyone who attends donates £1 to this worthwhile cause.

We only have a limited number of spaces, so if you would like to take part in this event please collect a letter from the library or contact Mrs Broadbent, Library Manager.

Year 7 BookBuzz Challenge

Throughout December and January we are challenging all of our Year 7 students to take up the BookBuzz Challenge. All of the challenges centre around the BookBuzz books we have given to each Year 7 student. Students have to complete all of the categories on the grid and once they have done so they should hand in their completed work to either their English teacher or the library. The winning student will receive £20 of gift vouchers, plus we have BookBuzz runner-up prizes to give away too.



Kingsthorpe College named Champion School by NCS

We have been awarded Champion School status by the NCS EM1, the regional provider of the National Citizen Service (NCS), a flagship youth programme for 16 and 17 year olds. The status has been given to those institutions who, like ourselves have excelled in promoting the programme and recruiting young people to take part over the last academic year.



The award was presented at the NCS EM1 Champion School Awards Ceremony, held at a Leicester City Football Club on 6 December 2017. The awards recognise the schools and colleges across Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire, who have excelled in endorsing and promoting NCS to their students.

To find out more information about NCS or to sign up to NCS visit NCSEM1.org.uk . Like us on [facebook.com/ncs](https://www.facebook.com/ncs), follow us on Twitter @ncs or subscribe to NCSYes channel on YouTube.

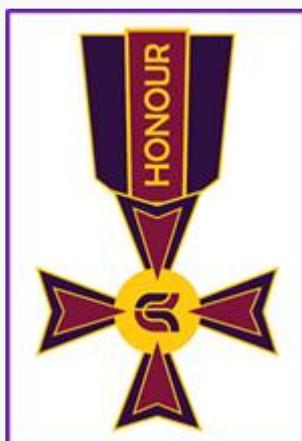
Our Talented EAL Students



Here is a photo of our EAL (English as an additional language) board which is located near the lunch hall and was created by two of our talented EAL students. Iarina (Year 9) and Briana Tancau (Year 8) put a great deal of hard work and effort in to helping make our school look beautiful and up-to-date.

They are both very inspiring individuals, we are very proud of you!

KC Honour Roll - Update



Student success on the KC Honour Roll has continued as we move into 2018. The students listed below have now reached the first threshold on the Honour Roll and achieved the Copper Award by gaining over 200 achievement points. This brings our total to 69 students who have achieved the Copper Award since the start of the academic year. We also have a number of students who are well on their way to achieving the Bronze Award by gaining over 400 achievement points.

Surname	Forename	Year	Reg
Adan	Khalid	Year 8	8T
Addison	Monica	Year 8	8O
Ashpole	Izzy	Year 7	7I
Attiganal	Anusha	Year 10	10T
Bailey	Liam	Year 7	7N
Bayliss	Olivia	Year 7	7S
Beckett	Kacey	Year 7	7O
Begum	Toslima	Year 7	7I
Byrne	Hannah	Year 8	8G
Campanaro	Emilia	Year 7	7R
Casey	Isobel	Year 10	10N
Chapman	Carter	Year 8	8G
Chowdhury	Mansur	Year 8	8O
Coleman	Archie	Year 7	7O
Cook	Samuel	Year 7	7G
Coulson	Jailee	Year 7	7R
Covaci	Andreea	Year 8	8I

Footitt	Ella	Year 7	7N
Hudici	Oana	Year 8	8N
Jolil	Shafee	Year 7	7N
Kaiser	Frankie	Year 7	7O
Kamarunas	Titas	Year 8	8G
Keenan	Kacey	Year 7	7S
Kisira	Sean	Year 10	10H
Lane	Jacob	Year 7	7I
Lay	Scarlett	Year 7	7I
Lee	Lauren	Year 7	7N
Leonard-Pepin	Charlie	Year 7	7I
Liburd-Hamilton	Precious	Year 7	7S
Mahamoud	Ayub	Year 8	8P
Mallard	Keira	Year 7	7N
Matthews	Tyler	Year 7	7K
Mwai	Jeslyn	Year 8	8I
Nedelcu	Mario-Rafael	Year 8	8S
Paul	Kieren	Year 7	7T
Perera	Minoli	Year 7	7G
Perrin	Andrew	Year 7	7O
Perrin	Toby	Year 8	8N
Read	Sophie	Year 8	8G
Robins	Frankie	Year 10	10S
Robinson	Aidan	Year 10	10S
Spatcher	Curtis	Year 8	8H
Sproson	Samuel	Year 7	7G
Stapleton	Jessica	Year 7	7I

Sula	Dimitru	Year 7	7N
Wakefield	Stephanie	Year 10	10K

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