

Welcome to the Kingsthorpe College newsletter.



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 a part of Team KC. Mr Jackson delivered thought-provoking assemblies this week focused on the connections that we all have, and the importance of these connections

in building relationships and making the most of the opportunities we are presented with. Mr Jackson had mapped out all the connections that exist between our students, staff, and community, and we reflected on how these connections draw us together as one KC team.

There have already been many successes to celebrate this term despite only being back such a short time. Huge congratulations go to Ellie Morgan who heard this week that she has been accepted to read Egyptology at Oxford University. Many of our other Post 16 students have also now received offers to their first choice University and this reflects the College's determination to continue to raise the bar and narrow the gap for all our students. Huge thanks go to Mr Pomerantz and Mr Campbell who have supported students through this process, and particular thanks also go to Miss Maund who so ably supported Ellie and our other students who were applying to the research intensive universities.

Regular readers will be aware of the fantastic opportunities and activities that take place in our LRC, but we were delighted to hear just before term started that Mrs Broadbent has been invited to take part in a series of workshops based at the University of Edinburgh. Academics from the University of Edinburgh and University of Dundee will be meeting with policymakers, external organisations, local authority representatives and practitioners to explore aspects of reading and literacy.

The end of the week saw snow and it was lovely to see our students on the field at break enjoying it both safely and with good humour. 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.

Finally, I had the pleasure of watching some of our talented music and dance students practising on Friday for a performance next

week. Readers may remember that just before we finished for the summer holidays, the College was successful in a bid it made to help promote the Creative Arts. This project is now well underway and we are really excited to be working with some of our nearby primary schools to help develop the Arts in their curriculum as we strongly believe in the importance of creativity in the curriculum and the many benefits it can offer students as both learners and individuals. On this note, we are delighted that our year 12 dance students have gained an auditioned entry into the county dance showcase N:Dance at the Corby Cube on Saturday 25th February. Watch this space!

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

Mrs Giovanelli
Acting Principal

Stars of the week



Red House

Josh Pacey Year 9 R1

Josh has made a fantastic start to his Year 9 studies. He has shown that he can make the right choices and display high levels of effort and attitude to learning. It is hoped that he will continue to demonstrate a positive work ethic and fulfil his true potential (even when the going gets tough). Josh, we are very proud of you, keep the good work up!

Green House

Mason Gibbins Year 10 Gr9

Mr Brook was very impressed with Mason this week when he provided real assistance to staff & students during the lunch period. Mason demonstrated care and responsibility for both the College and the environment, and that should be commended. We are very proud of the mature behaviour he displayed. Well done Mason!

Gold House

Theo Christodoulou Year 7 GO10

Theo has been nominated as the Gold House star of the week this week after some fantastic success last term! Theo achieved 20 commendations from his lessons last term, ranging from producing great work as well as giving some brilliant contributions to class discussions. Well done Theo, you are a star!

Blue House

Mirran Fletcher Year 7 B10

Mirran took part in our cake bake recently and came a very close second place. She is always very helpful to staff and students alike and has received a number of commendations. Mirran always has a positive outlook and is described by her tutor as a real star!

We are proud of you Mirran, keep up the good work!

Purple House

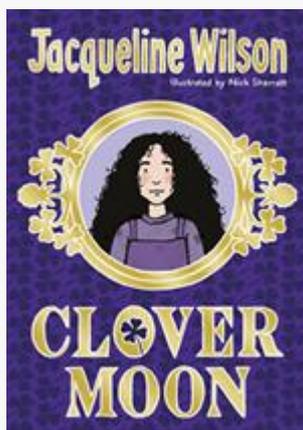
Emily Hills Year 9 P8

Emily consistently works hard and she is always pushing herself to

achieve more. She is a diligent and conscientious student and she takes pride in all that she does. She is a lovely girl and she is determined to do well. I have no doubt that Emily will continue to do well. Well done Emily.



Clover Moon by Jacqueline Wilson (BL 5.0)



In a nutshell this book is a gripping historical drama with an irresistible heroine. Clover Moon is a typical Jacqueline Wilson heroine: she's bright, more than able to think for herself and stands up to the problems facing her with resilience, determination and an optimism that owes lots to her ability to imagine a better future.

The problems facing Clover are really tough as she lives in Cripps Alley, which is a slum in Victorian London. Readers will be completely gripped by Clover's story as they follow her trials and tribulations. The setting is vividly described, and the book is full of fascinating characters too.

If you enjoy historical fiction and if you love Jacqueline Wilson then this book is for you.

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

Carla Welch R1

The word of the week is...

“Peruse”

Definition: To read through with thoroughness or care
Try and use this word in a sentence this week.

My sentence is, *"I will peruse your coursework and then give you feedback"*.



Congratulations to our 100% prize draw winners from the end last term. They each win a £10 WH Smith voucher. Don't forget it's the start of a new term so every time you score 100% on a book quiz you will be entered into the prize draw.

Year 7 winner - Laila Gray R4

Year 8 winner - Eloghosa Oduware GR6

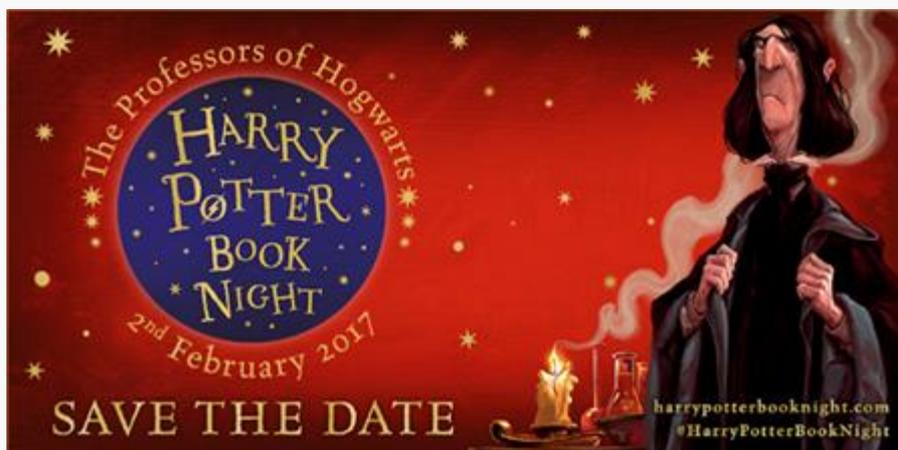
Each month our year 7 and 8 English classes compete to see who can pass

the most Accelerated Reader Quizzes. Congratulations to Mr Arterton's 7g1 class who passed 99 quizzes and to Ms Cockerill's 8g1 group who passed 48 quizzes.

Our reading hero this week is Harry Hutchinson-Owen – Year 7. He has worked extremely hard on the Accelerated Reader programme since the start of year and regularly takes quizzes at break and lunchtimes. It is a real pleasure to see that Harry has read such a diverse range of fiction; from classic gothic horror to the latest Wimpy Kid books Harry is always enthusiastic about the books he reads. Last term he was also selected as one of our students who worked with the BookTrust to help to develop a new national reading programme. Well done Harry, keep up the good work, you are doing a fantastic job.

We're celebrating Harry Potter Book Night

At Kingsthorpe College Library
Thursday 2nd February 3pm – 5pm



Thursday 2nd February will see the third annual Harry Potter Book Night celebrated throughout the world and here at Kingsthorpe College, we're getting ready to host an unforgettable night themed around 'The Professors of Hogwarts'. 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, 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, transfiguration games, potion lessons, a Hogwarts Hall of Fame Quiz along and a visit to Honey Dukes sweet shop. Each child who attends will receive a free Harry Potter goody bag. We shall also be holding a fancy dress competition and the library will be running competitions to win Harry Potter goodies throughout the week.

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

We only have a limited number of spaces, if your child would like to take part in this event please collect a letter from the library and return the permission slip signed before the 27th January 2017.

Whilst we have lots of fun we would also like to support J. K. Rowling's charity Lumos. This charity supports eight million children worldwide. All we ask is that everyone who attends donates £1 to this worthwhile cause.

If you would like more information about this event please contact Mrs Broadbent, Library Manager.

E Safety at Kingsthorpe College

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may have seen in the media last Friday the Police launch of Kayleigh's Love Story. This video depicts a young girl who is groomed on line and then murdered. It is sadly a true story. (I have attached the link below).

Please view the clip. You may feel that it would be useful to watch the clip together with your son/daughter.

<https://leics.police.uk/categories/kayleighs-love-story-film>

We have arranged for Simon Aston the County Council E Safety Office to run a parents information evening on Tuesday 28th February 6-7pm in the Learning Hub. This interactive session will cover some of the dangers of social media and will help you as parents and carers to keep your son/daughter safe on line.

Letters have gone out this week regarding the evening, please return the reply slip to student services.

Scott Wade
Vice Principal

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Results of a Recent Survey

- 1 in 2 children aged 5 to 11 in Northamptonshire would go and meet someone they met on the internet.
- 1 in 10 11 to 15 year olds in this County have been asked to send sexually explicit images.
- 1 in 10 children in this County are playing games rated 18.
- 83% of young people in Primary schools in Northamptonshire have unsupervised use of the internet compared to 88% of Secondary students.
- A recent study by the Internet Watch Foundation showed 88% of self generated images have been collected and put onto other sites.
- Online grooming is going on in this County over webcams, social media and gaming platforms such as Minecraft and Call of Duty.
- Almost 1 in 5 children and young people have been bullied online and half of these report being affected by it.
- A third of parents in Northamptonshire would like more information on keeping their families safe online.

Ashleigh Hall: 'one mistake' cost the teenager her life.
Ashleigh Hall told her mother she was going to sleep at a friend's house when she arranged a secret meeting with a stranger posing as a teenage boy on a social networking site.

The UK's first Youth Police and Crime Commissioner, Paris Brown, resigned from her post following criticism of messages she posted on Twitter.
Police are investigating tweets she posted 2 years before being offered the job.

Abusers posing online as children, talk victims into sharing images, then threaten to send pictures to the child's family and friends.

Want to know more? And how to keep your family safe?

A parent session run by the County Council E-Safety Officer Simon Aston is taking place here!

When: Tuesday 28th February - Learning Hub, Kingsthorpe College
Time: 6-7pm

Year 11 Revision Timetable

	Lunch (1:20-2:00)	(Afterschool 3:00-4:00)
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Science • Photography • Computer Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Additional Science • GCSEP PE • Geography • Health and Social Care
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Photography • Computer Science • Textiles • Geography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics • History • Computer Science • Science • Textiles • Spanish
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Photography • Computer Science • Product Design • French 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Additional Science • Product Design • English
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Photography • History • English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics • Business • PE(Cambridge National) • Maths • Religious Education
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Photography • RE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music • Maths

Year 3/4 Gymnastics competition



We had 9 local primary schools represented here at Kingsthorpe College on Wednesday evening for the Northampton Year 3/4 Gymnastics Competition. The pupils competed in a variety of gymnastics disciplines including floor, vault and body management. Year 11 and 6th form students gave up their evening to judge the competition. It is a very challenging role and they were all brilliantly and remained very professional throughout. A huge congratulations to all the children that took part. We are looking forward to welcoming the schools back for the year 1/2 competition in a few weeks' time.

**Don't throw
out your old
uniform!**

Monday 16th January 2017 - Year 12 & 13 trip
to Saatchi Gallery & V&A

Thursday 19th January 2017 - Year 13
Geography trip to Northampton Museum

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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