



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

As we approach the end of the first half-term of this academic year, we were delighted this week to receive confirmation that Kingsthorpe College is performing as one of the best schools within Northampton Town. Provisional performance tables were released this week and these confirmed that KC was not only performing as the second best school within the town, but was also performing above the national average. The new performance measure assesses how much progress schools add to the starting point of students when they enter secondary education. We know that our students make great progress whilst they are with us, but it is nice to have this validated both locally and nationally!

This information was very timely given Mr Baines' assembly this week which was centered on the theme of excellence and challenge. Mr Baines talked to us all about why challenge was important when we learn – particularly in terms of making learning stick. He shared the idea of productive struggle with us and that in order to learn best, we need to be stretched just enough to find something difficult. He put our memories to the test, and asked us to complete a couple of mental challenges which proved his point perfectly! He ended the assembly by sharing with students what challenge looks like in the classroom. We will be working with our students over the next half-term to help make sure that everyone is working, in all lessons, at just the right amount of challenge to help everyone learn best.

Unfortunately this week, the College has been one of a number of schools locally to be affected by the theft of property (bicycles in our case) from our site. The police are aware of the issue and are investigating the incident both in relation to KC and the other schools affected. We have done everything we can in relation to aiding their investigations, and following the incident at the end of this week, we are currently looking at how we may be able to prevent a similar event happening in the future by adapting our bicycle racks. Can I please take this opportunity to remind all parents that students' property is brought onto the College site at their own risk.

A couple of final things from me. Firstly, Mr Jackson has been the first person to beat Mr Wade's weekly step count - Mr Wade is determined this won't happen again! Secondly, the report from our recent OFSTED visit will be published on Tuesday October 18th, and we are really looking forward to sharing this all with you next week.

Mrs Giovanelli
Acting Principal

Stars of the week



Red House

Jade Legg Year 8 R5

This term, Jade has made a remarkable start to the beginning of the academic year. She is one of our most improved students and has shown that with hard work and commitment, it is possible to overcome and remove any barriers to learning. This has also impacted positively on Jade's attendance, which is well above the expected College and national requirements. All in all, Mrs Watts and Mrs Patel are very proud of you and hope we can continue to map your success throughout the remainder of this academic year.

Green House

Natalie Morton Year 8 Gr9

Natalie was one of our students who ran the multi-sport festival. We had 75 year 6 pupils come from a variety of local primary schools. All the activities were run by our year 8/9 sport leaders and they all did a fantastic job but Natalie really stood out. She is a natural leader and showed brilliant confidence, organisation and enthusiasm throughout the event. I had 3 members of staff from the primary schools come up to me throughout the event to say how blown away they were with her. We are very proud of you Natalie!

Gold House

Mansur Chowdhury Year 7 Go7

Mansur has made a brilliant start to KC and within his first term at KC has already received numerous commendations, from a variety of subjects. In particular, Mansur has received special recognition for the English work he has been producing. Well done Mansur - you are a great addition to Gold House and a real star.

Blue House

Eliot Memaj Year 8 B2

Eliot's nomination comes from his tutor because she in particular, has seen a huge change in Eliot. He is working hard in his lessons and has already received 17 commendations and no behaviour points. Eliot has shown a very different attitude this year and is demonstrating that he wants to do his best, and the commendations are the evidence of that. Eliot is an asset to Blue House and is a role model to others. As a house we are very proud of you Eliot. Well done Eliot - a well deserving star of the week!

Purple House

Nadia Addison Year 9 P10

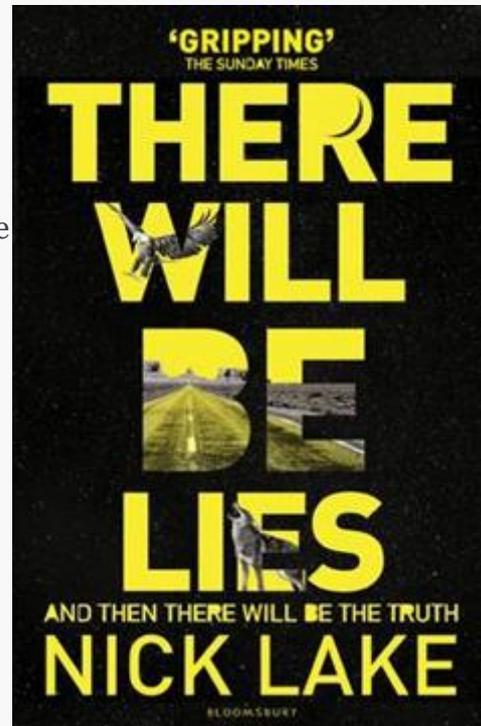
Nadia works incredibly hard in all of her lessons and she always gives her work 100% effort. Nadia has already been awarded a high number of commendations and this shows us that she absolutely wants to do her very best. Nadia is determined to succeed, she has even created her own History revision guide. In tutor time she has helped to create a brilliant tutor display board and she is always keen to help other students. Nadia is an amazing student and she is a real asset to Purple House. Well done Nadia, keep up the fantastic work.

Book of the Week

There will be lies by Nick Lake (BL4.8)

Our book of the week this week was recommended by one of our students Chelsi Bouher-Theakston. She absolutely loved it and said, “I recommend this book because there are so many twists and turns in the plot. Every page brings a new surprise. There are lies and then there are the shocking truths!”

Award-winning Nick Lake tells a complex story fusing two strands of narrative into a richly woven single thread. Seventeen-year-old Shelby Cooper has always been very protected by her mother; she guesses it is partly because she is deaf, partly because her dad is dead and partly she had a terrible accident when she was a baby. But when she is knocked over by a car, her life takes a whole new turn. Suddenly she and her Mom are on the run and everything that she has known about her life before is suddenly questioned. What is the truth? And will she ever discover it?



We recommend this book for year 9+ readers.

The word of the week is...

“Disposition”

Definition: Outlook or mood.

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is:
"He had a very polite disposition and always saw the best in people".

The literacy challenge winner this week are...

Lexus-Brooke Tweed GO10 and Skirmante Kuklyte GR11.

Please come to the library to collect your prize.

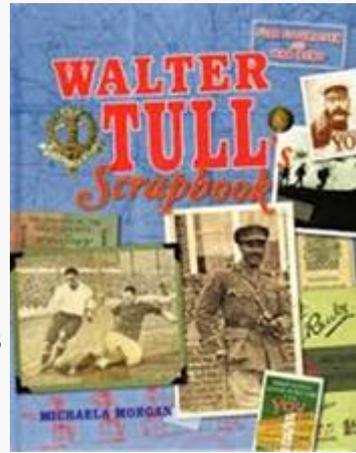


Reading Hero of the Week – Mayson Hawes (Year 7)

Congratulations Mayson you are our reading hero of the week. We have been so impressed with your work on the Accelerated Reader programme this week. You have been taking your quizzes at break and lunch times and have been so enthusiastic about reading and quizzing. You have read a very impressive ten books and have already busted your reading targets for the term! Keep up the good work and don't forget to collect your reading hero prize. Well done, you are an AR star.

Michaela Morgan Event - 1st November 2016

On Thursday 1st November our Year 7 students will be attending a talk and book signing by the award-winning author and poet Michaela Morgan. As we lead up to a week of remembrance, and to mark the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, Michaela will be talking to students about her acclaimed book Walter Tull's Scrapbook. This book has been voted in the Guardian Book Awards as one of the best culturally diverse children's books written in the last 50 years and it has also been shortlisted for the Blue Peter book of the year award. Please follow the links here:



<http://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/gallery/2014/oct/18/walter-tull-scrapbook-footballer-world-war-one-hero-black-history-month>

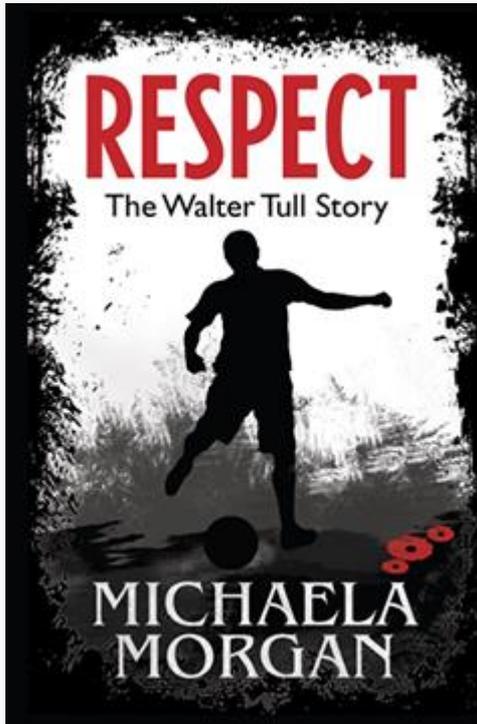
<http://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/2014/oct/13/50-best-culturally-diverse-childrens-books>

Michaela's talk will be an interactive session where students will be given a real sense of who Walter Tull was, his links with Northampton and about how much he accomplished in his lifetime. It will be a very informative, thought provoking talk and there will be a chance for students to ask lots of questions.

I hope you will agree this is a wonderful treat for our students to meet an author who has written over one hundred books for children. As part of the event there will also be a chance to buy books which will be signed personally by Michaela at a cost of £6.99. If you would like to purchase a book to have signed they can be pre-ordered in the library or students can purchase on the day.

Mrs J Broadbent

Library Manager



For a chance to meet award-winning author Michaela Morgan and to win a signed copy of 'Respect' pop into the library and collect a competition entry form. The competition closes on Friday 21st October.

Year 11 Parents' Evening Thursday 20th October

We are all set for the Y11 subject specific parents' evening on Thursday 20th October in the Main Hall. Appointments can be made by logging onto the website via the link below or through the College website.

<https://kingsthorpecollege.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>

A step by step user guide can be found below:

<http://www.kingsthorpecollege.org.uk/documents/ParentGuide.pdf>

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the School Office who will be happy to help you. Alternatively, ask your child to get a

booking sheet from Student Services and then they can contact their teachers personally to book an appointment.

Appointments can be made up until midnight on Wednesday 19th October. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the School Office.

Tea and coffee will be provided during the evening. We look forward to seeing you all!

Post 16 Information Evening

We were delighted to have had such a big turnout for our Post 16 information evening, with well over one hundred parents and students coming along on the night. Director of Post 16, Paul Pomerantz, gave a talk welcoming year 12 parents to the latest chapter in their son or daughter's education career, explaining the expectations of what being a Post 16 student at Kingsthorpe College involves. Sue Haines, a member of the Extended Senior Leadership Team responsible for Enterprise Education, also spoke to parents, focusing on work experience opportunities and how students can stand out from others during their time in the Sixth Form, ensuring they take advantage of every opportunity available. Year 13 parents were then welcomed, with attention turning to university applications and student finance, before Sue Haines spoke about apprenticeships and how students can look for jobs after finishing their education. The evening finished with general advice on how parents can support their children over what promises to be a tough - but ultimately rewarding - nine months.

Thank you to everyone who attended and made the evening such a success!



Rehearsals for Buggy Malone are now well underway and the students are working really hard. We had a fantastic audition with over 70 students really impressing the staff involved. We now have our talented cast together and are blocking scenes, choreographing dances and perfecting songs. If anyone has any props or costumes that they would like to donate, please let us know. Local businesses are already being very kind and supportive.

REMINDER: the shows are Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th December. Tickets will go on sale in December.

COMING SOON: Photo shoot and an interview with Buggy and Blousey!

Ms Townsend

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!

Thursday 20 October – 29 October

Gymnastics Judging Training – The Duston School

Thursday 20 October – 29 October

Year 13 – Project Take Flight – USA

Friday 21st October

Post 16 – Secondary Sports Leaders Conference – MA Academy

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

Half Term Holiday

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