



# Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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## Dear Parents

It's been a thoroughly enjoyable first full week back with a tangible sense of optimism and determination right across the College. This positive atmosphere was noted by our School Improvement Partner who visited us this week, and we were really pleased that he was as convinced as we are, that we are well on the way to excellence in all areas.

I talked to all students this week in assembly about the importance of focus and attention. Contrary to popular belief, we looked at why you couldn't focus on two things at once, and we considered the impact that choosing a particular focus would have on our success this year. Every year group was equally astonished when they realised that the short clip they had been watching contained a moonwalking bear!

Our Honours Roll 2017 has got off to a great start too and it has been brilliant to see so many of our young people being rewarded with achievement points. Teachers have also been nominating students for a “magic moment” and it has been a real highlight of my week delivering these to students across classrooms in the College. There is no criteria for a “magic moment” - other than something which reminds our staff why we came into the teaching profession. We have seen magic moments this week from students who have been kind, produced excellent work, had a really positive start to the year, and who have raised money for charity.

Two areas of focus will underpin our work with staff, students, and the community this year – positive relationships, and aspiration. In keeping with this, and following feedback from yourselves, we will be holding our Meet The Tutor evening for all year groups this week. Further details are included later in the newsletter. I would encourage you to make an appointment, particularly with our move to horizontal tutoring groups, as even if your son or daughter has been with us for some time now, the pastoral team working with your child may have changed. The importance of the relationship between your son or daughter’s form tutor and yourself is critically important in ensuring a successful journey with us at the College. I would also encourage you to sign up to receiving the newsletter by email – it’s a really easy way to keep up to date with what’s going on in the College and I know from my own experience that having my daughters’ newsletter delivered straight to my inbox is the best way to make sure I read it!

You will see from the articles later in the newsletter that our Learning Resource Centre continues to inspire and motivate our young people with both reading and learning. We were thrilled to be the only secondary school used in Bookstart’s national campaign and our students and LRC staff did us proud. It’s quite a feat that KC will feature in material delivered to all secondary schools up and down the country.

Finally, we’ve had almost two full weeks now at the College and our newest additions to the KC family have made a fantastic start. We would love to hear feedback from parents of our Year 7 students and there is a link to a short survey later in the newsletter which we would be really grateful if Year 7 parents could complete.

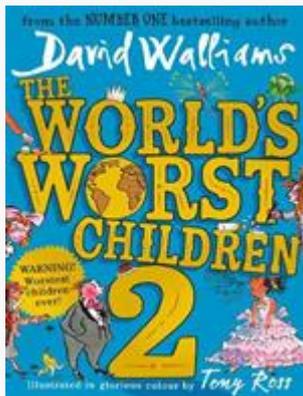
In next week's newsletter, I will be taking the opportunity to introduce you to some of the new staff members at KC, and also share the meet and greet habits which we would like to embed this year.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**Mrs Giovanelli**

Headteacher

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## The World's Worst Children 2 (BL 4.7)

The brilliant follow-up to David Walliams' bestseller *The World's Worst Children!* Ten more stories about a brand new gang of hilariously horrible kids from everyone's favourite children's author, illustrated in glorious full colour by Tony Ross. If you thought you had read about the World's Worst Children already, you're in for a rather nasty shock. The beastly boys and gruesome girls in this book are even ruder, even more disgusting and WORSE than you could ever imagine! This collection of ten stories will make you snort with laughter and thank your lucky stars that you don't know anyone like Gruesome Griselda or Fussy Frankie in real life. It also features a special appearance from fan-favourite Raj! Gloriously illustrated in full colour throughout by artistic genius Tony Ross, *The World's Worst Children 2* is a side-splitting companion to David's blockbuster hit, *The World's Worst Children*.

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## Our literacy challenge winner this week is Courtney Perry GR1

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### The word of the week is...

"Initiative" *noun*

**Definition:** An introductory act or step.

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is,  
He took the initiative and asked the teacher for help with his homework.

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At the end of the summer term we held a special celebration to congratulate those students who had read over one million words on the Accelerated Reader programme. Our students were treated to a special afternoon tea party which included lots of games and prizes. At the end of the last academic year we had the highest number of millionaire readers that we have ever had. Well done to all of our students who

achieved 'millionaire status'. This year we hope to see even more of our students achieve this goal in their reading.



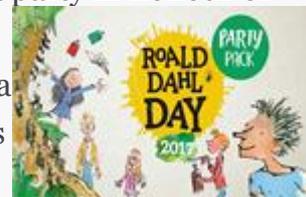
During the last week of term we also discovered that Ms Hitchon's 7p1 English class had achieved Accelerated Reader Master Class Status. This is the first time ever that a class at Kingsthorpe College has been awarded this prestigious title. To put this in perspective, to achieve a place on the Accelerated Reader Schools Honour Roll meant our

Year 7s students had to first and foremost work as a team as it requires 100% participation from the class. Each student had to read for a minimum of 25 minutes per day for at least 25 weeks continuously. They also had to achieve 85% or above on every single Accelerated Reader quiz that they took. Huge congratulations to you all for achieving this in your first year on the programme. You all have worked phenomenally hard and we are all really proud of you.

It wasn't just 7p1 who got involved and at the end of last year our Year 7 and Year 8 students read an amazing 8,781 books. This equates to a massive 147,818,857 words read. Our challenge this year is for our students to exceed this target - so don't delay and start your reading journey today.

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K.C Library were privileged to host an afternoon tea party in honour of the master storyteller Roald Dahl. Our students were treated to an array of games, activities, crafts, a treasure hunt and afternoon tea. All of our students had a wonderful afternoon but our overall winning team were The Witches A. Whilst we were having fun, we also raised money for Roald Dahl's Marvellous children's charity which helps to make life better for seriously ill children in the U.K.





This week we were so excited to roll out the red carpet for those students who helped us to make the film for this year's BookTrust BookBuzz 2017 campaign. We were the only school in the U.K. to have been asked to make the film and it was a real privilege to share with the students and their families the finished film in its entirety. Our students were treated to a special Popcorn Film Premiere and got to see first hand their amazing presenting skills. The film will now form part of the national BookBuzz campaign that begins this week and will be watched in secondary schools across the U.K.



# Year 7 students get ready for.....



## What is BookBuzz?

This year the library is giving all of our Year 7 students the opportunity to participate in the Bookbuzz reading programme. This scheme gives each student the chance to choose a **free** book from the list of specially selected titles (see below). Over the next two weeks, all of our Year 7 students will be asked to make their choice.

The programme is supported by the Book Trust and all of the books are specially chosen to appeal to Year 7 readers. Its aim is to inspire excitement about reading, and allows students to discover new books and authors. We have been introducing our students to the programme and we would like to encourage all of our Year 7 parents to have a look at the BookBuzz website. Here you will be able to find out about this year's titles, and other books that your child will enjoy. You will also find that it is filled with competitions, quizzes and fun activities to encourage reading at home. [www.bookbuzz.org.uk](http://www.bookbuzz.org.uk).



# New Year 7 Students

Moving up to secondary school can be a daunting time for many children. Here at Kingsthorpe College we are committed to supporting children through this period of transition. Not only do our staff go out and visit Year 6 students at their primary schools, but we also invite students to Kingsthorpe College to take part in a huge range of activities such as a welcome party, transition days and a summer school.

The summer school runs every August for our new Year 7 students. It provides an opportunity for them to find their way around the school, get to know their peers, and meet some of our staff prior to joining us in September.

Our summer school this year was run from 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> August by a selection of Kingsthorpe College staff, and supported by some of our Post 16 students. We had a phenomenal uptake with over 100 students attending the summer school. They took part in a variety of fun and engaging activities aimed at settling nerves and making them more confident about starting secondary school. These activities included science, history, geography and technology. In addition to these, the students also took part in a range of teambuilding games such as a treasure hunt around the school, and making a tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows. It was great to see the students making new friends and demonstrating fantastic teamwork throughout the summer school.

The Year 7 students have now been with us for a couple of weeks and it's great to see them settling in so well. As always, we welcome feedback from everyone involved with Kingsthorpe College. We would be really grateful if parents/carers of our new Year 7 students could complete a short questionnaire to let us know what we did well regarding your child's transition to Kingsthorpe College, and what we could do even better. Please follow the link below to complete the questionnaire.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BW5HYNW>

Thank you in advance for taking the time to give us your feedback.



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# Meet the Tutor Evening

## **Dear Parents/Guardians**

We hope your son/daughter has settled well into the new horizontal tutor system. As a reminder, the College moved away from the vertical system as a result of feedback from students and parents, and we are extremely pleased with how the students have adapted to the new system. Early feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from students, parents and teaching staff.

To help support your son/daughter, and again as a result of parental feedback last year, we are introducing a "Meet the Tutor Evening" on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 3.30pm - 6.00pm. This evening will give you the opportunity to meet with your son/daughter's form tutor to discuss any issues or in many cases celebrate success. It might be that you want to take the opportunity to share information with their form tutor, or discuss a subject based matter with them which they can share with subject staff.

Each year group will also have a subject specific parents' evening later in

the year where you will be able to discuss academic progress in each subject.

All meetings will take place in your son/daughter's form room and their attendance is strongly encouraged so they can take part in the three-way conversation.

The college uses an easy online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments.

Appointments can be made from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and the booking system will close on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Please visit <https://kingsthorpecollege.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> or go to the college website to access the online booking system to book your appointments. Login with the following information:

Student's First Name:	«Forename»
Student's Surname:	«Surname»
DOB:	«DOB»

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to help you.

Yours Sincerely

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