



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

It has been nearly two weeks since we launched our 'back to basics' drive and I am pleased to say that the vast majority of our students have risen to this challenge. We continue to have the very highest expectations for all our young people and we are encouraging them to play their part in our journey by taking responsibility for their own behaviour and learning. Kingsthorpe College students should:

- **Be on time to school:** The school day starts at 8.30am for all students and we expect students to be in their first lesson by 8.40am.
- **Be on time to lessons:** Students who arrive at lessons after the majority of the class will be registered as late to lesson.

- **Be in uniform:** Please make sure your child is kitted out with full school uniform. Bags must be able to fit an A4 file.
- **Be equipped:** Please make sure your child is fully equipped with a well-stocked pencil case including 2 pens, pencil, ruler and rubber. Your child will also need a calculator and a geometry set for their mathematics lessons. We will continue to be making sure students have all the basic equipment every day.
- **Use mobile phones responsibly:** Mobile phones and tablets are to be used responsibly during breaks and lunches.

As you will be aware, a key focus has been uniform. Whilst we continue to strive towards complete consistency with our expectations, last week, our primary focus has been on ensuring that every student in the school is wearing the correct trousers, skirts and shoes. Shoes should be black and polishable, skirts should be tailored and knee length, whilst trousers should be tailored and loose at the ankle. We issued a letter to all students on Friday with photos of appropriate trousers and details of where these can be purchased from. For the remainder of this term, we will continue to monitor uniform expectations under our zero tolerance approach. If students arrive without the full uniform, including blazers and shoes, unless they accept the numerous spares that we have on offer, they will have their free time at break and lunch taken away until the uniform issue has been corrected. If you have any urgent problems please contact us.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support in relation to this issue which has demonstrated that if we commit to working together – teachers, students and parents – then we can achieve so much more.

We are coming very close to the end of the Year 11 and Year 13 exams and I just wanted to say how impressed we all are with the attitude of our students. Attendance at holiday and after school revision sessions has been impressive, along with the large numbers attending the breakfast revision sessions prior to the morning exams. We also provided extended revision lessons prior to exams in the afternoon. We are all aware of how stressful the exam period can be but the students have coped extremely well and fingers are crossed for a great set of results. We would also like to thank the support that you, as parents, have given to your son/daughter and to us as a school. Finally, all this wouldn't have been

possible without the high level of dedication and determination shown by the teaching staff. We are always blown away with the level of commitment of our teachers, giving up their own time during the holidays and after school to put on extra revision sessions.

The next fortnight sees trial examinations for Year 10 and Year 12 students. Students will be following the formal exam process with all exams taking place in the sports hall under formal exam conditions. Students have been briefed by their subject teachers in relation to dates and times and as to what content will be examined so they can prepare. The individual exam timetables for Year 10 will be going out this week. Mr Wade has included some revision hints and tips later in the newsletter.

The College is now making final preparations for our Year 6-7 transition days which happen very shortly and we are looking forward to welcoming the newest additions to our KC family. Miss Bennett has visited all of those young people who will be joining us, and we are excited about the talent and commitment to their learning which these students have already demonstrated.

Finally congratulations to Chelsi Bouher–Theakston in Year 8. The British Association of Teachers of Dancing is celebrating its 125th Anniversary in June 2017 and after a successful audition in January, Chelsi will be taking part in a Showcase of Dance on the evening of Friday 16th June which is taking place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Glasgow. Chelsi and her dance teacher are very honoured that she has been given this opportunity to represent her dance school.

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher

Revision Hints and Tips

Twitter is a fantastic resource with hundreds of useful resources. We strongly recommend the following:

@EzyMaths

@BartonMaths

@Corbettmaths

@MrBruffEnglish

Youtube also has thousands of clips that will help consolidate learning in a variety of subject areas. We strongly recommend the use of revision guides which we will be selling shortly at a reduced price. (Details to follow).

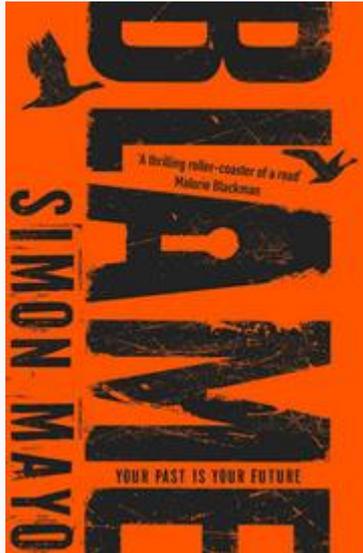
GCSEPOD is also a key resource that students really benefit from using. The interactive video clips help consolidate learning in short bitesize chunks. Students have been using this both at home and in school and pods can be downloaded to their phones and tablets. To access the website go to www.gcsepod.com The link below will direct you to a specific page for parents where you will find a variety of resources and helpful tips to help support your son/daughter through the exam period.

<https://www.gcsepod.com/parents/>

As a College we realise this is a stressful period and to help alleviate the stress, I recommend parents read through the NSPCC document on the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/beat-exam-stress.pdf>

Blame by Simon Mayo (BL4.6)



What happens when society puts you in prison for a crime your parents' committed? That's the situation in which Ant finds herself - together with her little brother Mattie and their foster-parents, she's locked up in a new kind of family prison. None of the inmates are themselves criminals, but wider society wants them to do time for the unpunished 'heritage' crimes of their parents. Tensions are bubbling inside the London prison network Ant and Mattie call home - and when things finally erupt, they realize they've got one chance to break out.

Everyone wants to see them punished for the sins of their mum and dad, but it's time for Ant to show the world that they're not to blame...

This is a new nail-bitingly taught YA suspense thriller, from author of the bestselling ITCH series, Simon Mayo. If you love books like the Hunger Games and Divergent then why not try this tense, action packed thriller.

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

Megan Thomson R8

The word of the week is...

“Forebears”

Definition: Ancestors

Try and use this word in a sentence this week.

My sentence is: *Her forebears would be proud of her success.*



This week our reading hero has been nominated by Miss Pitt, well done Aylin Cuteanu (year 8) you are this week's winner. Miss Pitt has nominated Aylin as she always strives to do well with her reading and works extremely hard. She has had an amazing term and consistently takes her reading practice quizzes. So far this year she has read 15 books and this week she did some amazing work on her reading test. Keep up the great work Aylin you are doing a fantastic job!



Help us to win £5000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and win £100 for yourself! Just enter the competition online, it only takes a minute and the more people that enter the more chance we have of winning.

<http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>



Scholastic Half Price Book Fair 28th June – 5th July

We are really looking forward to holding our school book fair. This will be based in the library and will give our students the opportunity to purchase some amazing books all of which are being sold at half price. There are over 200 titles to browse through, and with fantasy, thrillers, non-fiction, comedy and lots more there is sure to be a book for everyone to enjoy. Students will also have the opportunity to enter our competition to win one of five £5.00 vouchers to spend at the event. Our Book Fair will be available for students to browse at lunchtimes and after school until 4pm every day.

Year 7 Cycling Competition



On Thursday 8th June a group of our Year 7 students took part in the Northampton School Sport Partnership Level 2 Cycling Competition. The event was run by British Cycling and the students competed in a variety

of races including sprints, endurance and relay races. All the students did absolutely brilliantly. It was a really windy day which made the races even more challenging. Every single student we entered into the competition won a medal! We won a variety of individual medals and the teams we entered came away with Gold and Bronze positions. Six of these students are now going forward to represent Northampton in the Level 3 County Finals that will be taking place at Moulton College on Thursday 6th July. Good Luck!

Year 3/4 Athletics Festivals



On Friday 9th June we hosted an Athletics festival for Year 3/4 pupils. 10 primary schools from across Northampton took part in the event. The pupils competed in a variety of track and field athletics events; all of which were run by Kingsthorpe College Sport Leaders. The leaders were an absolutely

credit to the school. They ran the activities with confidence and remained enthusiastic for the whole day.

Here are the overall team results from the competition:

1st - Abington Vale Primary School

2nd - Lings Primary School

3rd - Boothville Primary School

Year 2 Multi-Sport festival



We ran a Multi-Sport festival this Tuesday for Year 2 pupils from our cluster primary schools. We had a total of 90 Year 2 children attend the event. They took part in a variety of activities run by some of our Sport Leaders. The activities included races, football, archery and multi-skills. The leaders were absolutely fantastic and came up with some brilliant activities that the Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed. We received lots of positive feedback from the primary school staff about how well our students did, especially as they are all only in Year 9 or below.

Arts Update

We have another packed term in the various arts activities at KC.

The art department have been showing their work to young visitors from All Saints Primary as part of their arts week. Our very own Simon Cowell, Mr Jones, also went to judge their art competition!

Miss Heath is continuing our arts partnership work by doing street dance masterclasses at All Saints, Kingsthorpe Village and Sunnyside. KC students will be going along to help, as they did last term with our performance project.

The choir and dancers are performing at **Kingsthorpe Village Fayre** on Saturday 24th June at 2pm. We are privileged to be opening the fayre and will entertain for 40 minutes.

We're very excited to be dancing at the **KC fashion show** on Monday 26th June which focuses on the swinging sixties.

And finally, it is our end of year show '**Best of British**' on Tuesday 18th July at 7:15pm. We have been busy auditioning lots of talented acts and the show is shaping up to be of a very high standard. Tickets will be on sale from the finance office from July 1st at £3/2.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish all our instrumentalists good luck in forthcoming exams and to all our dancers in shows and festivals that are coming up soon. We wish you the very best!

Ms Townsend

Art of the week!



Hand thrown pots by Aaron Chan in year 9 made on the potter's wheel. Aaron has used his lunchtimes and after school to learn this difficult skill.

Project Take Flight Update



During the half term, myself and Abi went to Warwickshire to a Flyball tournament hosted by the Northants Falcons Flyball team, captained by Claire Desborough, where we held a tombola and cake sale which raised us a total of £112 to go towards our funds. Not only this, during half term we also delivered leaflets to surrounding neighborhoods in Daventry for the company Viridian International who kindly donated us £500 in return for our trip. We are extremely grateful for this donation, and are very appreciative for all the support we have been given for the trip so far.

We were also very grateful to receive grants from the Wilson Foundation who, like the Sir Thomas White Charity, have kindly supported last year's trip as well as ours this year.

Currently, we are working hard on organising our biggest fundraiser yet, the 'Take Flight' Dinner Dance at Sedgebrook Hall on the 30th June. Abi and Harvey have been busy coming up with ways to decorate the venue, locate tables and find auction prizes in order to ensure the evening will be to the best possible standard! We are also currently planning to hold a raffle at the Technology department's fashion show on the 26th June, which Corey and I are looking into prizes for. We already have a few raffle prizes including a pair of tickets for our Dinner Dance. Lastly, we are organising another quiz evening on school grounds on the 12th of July; more information will be coming soon.

Finally, we were excited to find out that Project 'Take Flight' has made the finals of the Youth Ambition Awards for the second year running. We are all looking forward to attending the Awards Evening on June 26th.

Thank you for all the support, we are all honored to be a part of this project and to have the opportunity of building the legacy that the original project created. Thank you for reading,

Olivia Boyce



The poster features a central white box with a black border containing text, set against a background of a fashion show runway with a purple and pink light effect. The Kingsthorpe College logo is at the top.

Kingsthorpe College

Fashion Show

26th June 2017
6:00pm – 7:30pm

Featuring...
Year 11 GCSE Dresses
Year 12 A Level Dresses
&
A dance show case from Year 7 & 8

****Tickets available from Finance £1 each****



The advertisement has a dark background with a red and white light flare effect on the left side. It features illustrations of three people representing different generations: a man, a young woman with a skateboard, and an elderly woman with a cane.

SUPER SMART FAMILIES WANTED FOR A BRAND NEW QUIZ SHOW!

Ready to take on the nation and prove that you're the smartest family around?

Our brand new quiz needs teams of 3 family members, consisting of a child aged 11 -16, plus two relatives from different generations.

Get in touch now for an application form:
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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!

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