



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

The week started with a visit from an advisor for Pivotal Education as part of our commitment to continuing to sustain a positive culture throughout the College. The Pivotal approach aligns very closely with our own philosophy in terms of the importance of high quality relationships between the young people and adults within the College, the need for consistency, and the power of a restorative approach. The advisor spent the day visiting lessons, talking with students, walking the site at lunchtime, and also visiting students who were taking part in our range of provisions outside the classroom. She fed back to the senior team at the end of the day and we were delighted that she confirmed our views that:

- relationships within the College were of the highest quality, with all students telling her how much the staff at the College cared, and went out of their way to help them.
- a positive culture of rewards existed and all students commented positively on the Honour Roll which we have introduced this year.
- the restorative practices within the College are well established and have impact.

We discussed ways we could develop further and the advisor agreed with us that we need to continue to fine tune our meet and greet practices particularly to lessons, and look at how we can simplify our rules so they are closely aligned with the values which we promote. Hannah will be joining us for the morning of our training day this week to share her findings with all our staff, and also facilitate work on how we move forward with this important aspect of our work.

Trial examinations have been taking place all week and it is important that students understand that part of the purpose of these is to establish the routines and expectations in relation to entry and exit from the exam hall, including the exam board regulations which now disallow students from wearing watches. These examinations will continue into next week and we will share next steps following these with you shortly.

There have been a number of interactions which have taken place outside of the College which have directly impacted within the College throughout the week, and I would ask once again that if you have any concerns or are aware of any situations outside of the College, that you let your son or daughter's pastoral team and form tutor know so that we can help support all our students. A reminder in particular that we would encourage you to monitor your son or daughter's use of social media carefully to ensure that they have positive relationships. The College takes any abuse of the use of social media very seriously and will involve the police where necessary.

Rehearsals have been continuing for our end of year production of Hairspray, as well as practice really getting underway for our Carols by Candlelight Concert which will take place on Tuesday 19th December. Mrs Gant and myself were treated to a taster performance by

some of our brass players at the end of the week and we are excited about the talent that will be showcased at both of these events.

Finally, a reminder that the College has a teacher training day on Friday 24th November and as such, students are not required to come to school. I look forward to updating you again next week.

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher



Cloud Busting - Malorie Blackman (BL: 3.3)



Written entirely in verse Cloud Busting is a really moving story about difference, friendship and the consequences of bullying. Davey is the new boy in school, he's a bit different and he's not like the other boys in his class, at first Sam cannot stand him. However circumstances throw the two boys together and Sam soon discovers that Davey is actually a great person to be around. He's very kind and caring, he's funny and he's a good friend. All is well until one day Sam shares Davey's secret and something terrible happens.

This week we have used this book as one of our top reads for Anti-Bullying week. It is a story about bullying but it is also a story about the consequences of our actions, it's about standing up for what is right, it's about being brave and not following the crowd.

Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

Robson Scott 8S.

The word of the week is...

“Sincere” *adjective*

Definition: free of deceit, honest

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is,
She was sincere in her promise to apply herself and produce her best work.



Our reading hero this week is **Jessica Stapleton (year 7)**. Well done Jessica this week she became our newest Accelerated Reader millionaire. She has been working extremely hard on the programme and has so far read an astonishing 31 books which equates to 1,194,631 words read. Jessica regularly reads and quizzes in her own time and this week was one of the students who won a place at this year's Into Film Festival. Well done Jessica keep up the fantastic work, you are doing a great job!

Into Film Festival

This week some of our year 7 and 8 students attended a special screening



of the movie Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them at Vue Cinema Northampton. This screening was part of this year's Into Film Festival. This festival is supported by the British Film Institute and the National Schools Partnership and is the world's largest free film and education event for young people. Its aim is to inspire the next generation of film makers and our students were certainly inspired by what they saw. Each had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. All of the students who attended were also given a free cinema ticket to use at their leisure to watch a film of their choice.



BookBuzz

This week we will be giving all of our year 7 students the books that they have chosen on the Bookbuzz reading programme. The programme is supported by the Booktrust and all of the books have been especially chosen to appeal to year 7 readers. Its aim is to inspire excitement about reading and allows our students to discover new books and authors.



To find out more about this year's titles, and other books that your children will enjoy, please visit the website. You will also find that it is filled with competitions, quizzes and fun activities to encourage reading at home. www.bookbuzz.org.uk



A brilliant start to the year with year 8's Julian Opie project!

Students have mastered a set of skills based on the Artist Julian Opie and have created their own portrait using these. Examples of their creative pieces can be seen below.

Well done everyone, amazing work!



Post 16

KC Post 16 Open Evening

As students in Year 11 complete their mock exams and look forward to taking their final assessments in the summer of 2018, it is now time for them to turn their attention to the next stages of their education career. On the 30th November we will be holding our Open Evening for students and parents in Year 11 to come and have a look at what options are available to them at Kingsthorpe College in Sixth Form. This will be followed up by each student being interviewed by a member of the Post 16 or Leadership Team during December.

Please do come along on the 30th to see what we can offer. Starting with a short talk at 6pm, there will then be a chance to visit stands with all of the different subjects that students can consider studying. Each stand will have the main subject teachers, and also students currently studying the course who will be able to give you a real overview of what that subject is like from a student's point of view. There will be a prospectus to collect on the evening with all the relevant information about applying for Sixth Form and entry requirements, and each subject stand will also have an additional information guide for you to pick up about that subject.

If students are unsure about where their future may lie, or even currently thinking it may be away from Kingsthorpe College, we would still highly recommend students (and parents) come along on the evening - we have various new courses that are not on offer to Year 11 students to find out about, and being fully informed about future options is vitally important for such an important decision!

If you have any questions in advance please don't hesitate to contact us for more information.

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Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas Fair will be taking place on Saturday 2nd December, 12-3pm.

There will be lots of stalls with a huge range of goods, creating an exciting and diverse Christmas experience. It will be the perfect place to find unique Christmas gifts, homemade decorations and delicious food treats. The activities and performances will mean there is also plenty to entertain the kids.

Attractions include:

- 50 Gift/Craft Stalls
- Outdoor Animal Zone - with a variety of animals including a Shetland Pony, Donkey, sheep, chicks, rabbits, etc.
- Food & Refreshments
- Activity Zone - Fete Games, Kids Activities & Face Painting
- Performance Arena - Live dance & musical performances

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