



# Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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## Dear Parents

It's been an incredibly busy end to the term here at the College but it has been characterised by the pace and passion which underpins everything we do.

Our commitment to developing artistic, athletic and academic excellence has been clearly evident over the last week with some exceptional performances from students and staff in both Hairspray and Carols by Candlelight. The artistic talent that so many of our students and staff display is really quite staggering, and it has been lovely to see students of all different year group engage with each other and staff in these productions. The development of students' confidence and social skills

through these kind of performances is one of the most rewarding aspects of the work we do.

Students have been focused and working hard despite the inevitable excitement about the impending holidays, and we were pleased to reward all those students who had excellent attendance and conduct with an early preview of the staff Christmas video! This is fast becoming an annual tradition at KC and once more, Mr Baines demonstrated his directing expertise as he orchestrated a KC staff production of a classic Christmas track. There were some standout performances, and both staff and students enjoyed the video which featured the whole KC team.

My grateful thanks to all of the support which you continue to offer the College as we continue on our journey to excellence, and we look forward to welcoming our students back on Thursday 4th January.

Wishing you and your families a very happy Christmas.

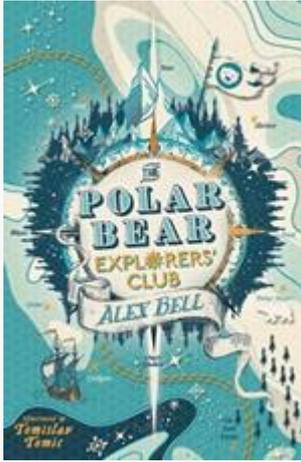
**Mrs Giovanelli**

Headteacher

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## The Polar Bear Explorers' Club by Alex Bell



In the tradition of fairytale heroes Stella is an orphan, brought up by the explorer who discovered her abandoned as a baby. Though she looks like a snow queen with her white hair and blue eyes, Felix and his relaxed, happy upbringing have given her a warm heart, something that turns out to be very important. Stella longs to be an explorer too and, against the strict rules of the Explorers Club, Felix takes her on a trip to the Icelands; but it's when she and three other children are separated from the grown-ups that the adventure really begins. Can Stella, Shay, Beanie and awful Ethan make discoveries, and make it home?

If you love magical stories, packed with action and adventure then why not give this book a go.

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## Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

Joshua Brown 90.

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## The word of the week is...

“prerogative” noun

**Definition:** a right or a privilege, power

Try and use this word in a sentence this week.

My sentence is, *it was his prerogative whether he completed the task*

*now or at the weekend.*

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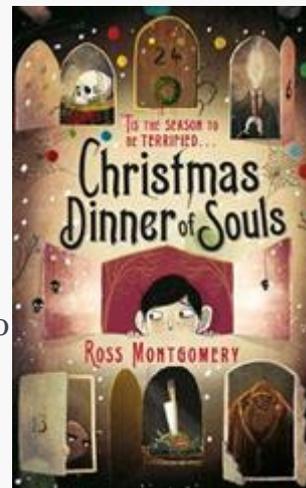


What an amazing term we have had on the Accelerated Reader programme. All of our year 7 and 8 students participate in the programme and they have been doing some phenomenal work on their reading skills. So far this academic year we have taken 3,446 book quizzes and we have read an astonishing 70,455,926 words. We also currently have 17 student word millionaires. Well done everyone and remember to keep reading over the holidays. There will be lots of prizes and special events to look forward to in 2018.

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## Ross Montgomery Rescheduled Kingsthorpe College Library Tuesday 9th January

We have rescheduled Ross Montgomery's visit for the New Year, it will now be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Our year 7 students are in for a real treat as Ross will be coming in to talk about his horror story collection, Christmas Dinner of Souls, which this week was featured as The Times children's book of the week. Our students will get to be a part of a really spooky story telling session, followed by an audience and author Q & A session.



As part of the event there will be a chance for students to buy books from the booksellers Pea Green Boat Books. Should you wish to purchase books, you can pre-order securely online at [www.pgbb.co.uk/premontgomery](http://www.pgbb.co.uk/premontgomery). Alternatively, students will be able to pay in cash at the event. Books are £8.99 each.

For more information about his work please visit his website. [www.rossmontgomery.co.uk](http://www.rossmontgomery.co.uk)

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## Year 7 BookBuzz Challenge

Throughout December and January we are challenging all of our year 7 students to take up the BookBuzz Challenge. All of the challenges centre around the BookBuzz books we have given to each year 7 student. Students have to complete all of the categories on the grid and once they have done so they should hand in their completed work to either their English teacher or the library. The winning student will receive £20 of gift vouchers, plus we have BookBuzz runner-up prizes to give away too.



# The Schoolwear Shop

## Christmas hours

The run-up to Christmas has never been a time when parents are keen to consider purchasing school uniforms, as such the shop is very quiet. The Schoolwear Shop will close down as usual for one week from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December and re-open after the bank holiday on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December. Any web orders received during the close down will be actioned upon re-opening on the Wednesday.

I wish everyone an enjoyable Christmas break.

Kind regards

**The Schoolwear Shop**

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## GCSE / GCE 2017

### Examination certificates

Your official exam certificates are now available for collection from the exams office at Kingsthorpe College. All certificates must be collected in person. Please remember you will require these certificates as proof of exam results for Colleges, Universities and Employers. Any certificates which are not collected will be returned to the exam boards in 24 months and you will have to apply to the boards to have another printed which will incur a cost. We also have a large number of certificates from 2015/2016 still awaiting collection.

Any unclaimed certificates prior to 2015 can be collected from the archives, these will require 48 hours notice and there will be an administration cost of £5.00.

All certificates older than 2015 if uncollected will be destroyed in March

2018 as schools/colleges are only required to retain certificates for a period of 12 months from the date of issue.

Replacement certificate costs vary per board and are per series (a series is a set of exams taken in the same period, e.g. all your GCSEs taken in one summer or winter sitting). Exam boards will require a minimum of 6 weeks notice to produce replacement certificates and applications for these are all done on line through the relevant exam board websites.

<b>Exam Board</b>	<b>Cost per certificate</b>
AQA	£43.00
Edexcel/Pearson	£43.00
OCR	£44.30
WJEC	£35.00
CIE	£43.77

Please note: some exam boards may also charge a courier fee.

Should you require any additional information or would like to arrange an archived collection please contact me by email [Jane.Moore@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk](mailto:Jane.Moore@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk)

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## Tutor Christmas Charity Reverse Advent Calendar!

This year we are holding a whole school Christmas Charity Appeal. All items will be donated to Northampton Hope Centre who support the homeless in our community.

In your tutor group you need to find, decorate and fill an empty box.

Items will be collected in tutor groups and a tutor prize awarded for the most festively decorated box.

*Last Day*

**Monday 18th December**



- Tinned Soup
- Baked Beans
- Tinned Vegetables and Beans
- Tinned fish, ham or chicken
- Pasta
- Instant coffee (no decaf please)
- Tins of assorted biscuits
- Small boxes of chocolates
- Sweets
- Biscuits
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Socks
- Toiletries

All donations to be brought into school and placed in the decorated box in your Tutor Rooms by Monday 18th December 2017.

**Knife Amnesty**

Turn your knife in before someone turns it on you

If you have a knife or other bladed item that could be used as a weapon, you can surrender it safely and without any repercussions during our knife amnesty

Friday 15 December  
10am - 6pm

Mobile Police Station  
The Racecourse  
Northampton

@NptonPolice  
#NotInOurTown

In an emergency call 999  
For non-emergencies call 101  
Visit [www.northants.police.uk](http://www.northants.police.uk)  
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