



# Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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## Dear Parents

Another busy week here at the College with much to be proud of. It was great to see so many parents and students at this week's Post 16 parents' evening. As an English teacher of two Year 13 classes myself, the evening reminded me just how important open and honest communication between school and home is in ensuring that our young people achieve their potential. I love all aspects of my job as Headteacher but Thursday's parents' evening confirmed that at my core I am a teacher first and foremost! We will now be opening the online booking system for the Year 7 parents' evening which is being held on Thursday 8th February from 4-7pm.

Another highlight of the week was watching the performance of A Sign of Four by 4 final year students from The University of Northampton. The students came in to College to perform this for Year 11 as it is one of their examination texts. The 4 extremely talented students delivered an assembly to the whole year group and then delivered workshops. The students were fantastic and the whole of Year 11 really enjoyed the sessions. This will be a huge benefit for them as they come ever closer to the summer exams.

Whilst on a theatrical theme, I am delighted that we had a group of KC students audition for the new youth company which Northampton Musical Theatre Company have set up. The students worked incredibly hard and were accepted not only into the company, but they also got parts in the company's upcoming show Les Miserables which will be performed in May. Congratulations go to: Lois Wilson, Baylea Gamble, Violet Clarke, Lily Jackson, Shanay Rowlands Bradshaw, Harvey Warren and Robson Scott. They all auditioned outstandingly and should be very proud of their achievement.

I'd like to take the opportunity now to focus on some practical aspects of College life. Information about these aspects have been shared with students during assemblies this week, and letters have also gone home. Details can also be found on our website.

The first relates to a new approach we are taking to make sure that high quality relationships are at the heart of all our work at KC. To this end, if a student receives a consequence and a detention because of this, they will be given a notification slip and will undertake this within 48 hours of receiving it. The student and member of staff who issued the consequence will be expected to have a restorative conversation during the detention so that the next lesson is productive and models a fresh start mindset. There is much research to show that this approach is really effective and many outstanding schools adopt a similar system.

The other aspect relates to hoodies. As you know, hoodies are not part of the KC school uniform and currently students are asked to take them off at the gate when they enter school and place them in their school bags. Sadly, a minority of students are then choosing to wear them throughout the school day. This presents a health and safety risk as we are unable to

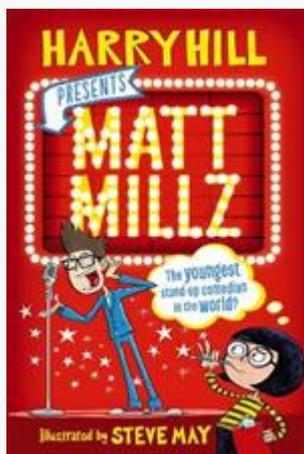
identify students as quickly and effectively as possible when this is necessary. Therefore should students choose to wear a hoodie to and from school, they will be required to hand this to a member of staff at the gate upon entry, and will be able to collect it at the end of the school day.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support with both of these aspects, and I look forward to updating you again next week.

**Mrs Giovanelli**  
Headteacher



## Harry Hill Presents Matt Millz



Matt Millz LOVES stand-up comedy. He's studied the best. He's memorized all the advice. He spends hours writing new gags and thinking up crazy sketches . . . So when the school run a talent contest, of course he's going to enter. What he doesn't count on is: Last minute total meltdown ... his best mate pulling out zero seconds before going on ... teeny tiny Kitty Hope and her own bonkers ambitions ... his stepdad's own 'funny' ideas ... and his headmaster, Meredith Pavey.

If you enjoy laugh out loud funny stories, then this one is definitely for you.

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## Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

Mia Souter 9O.

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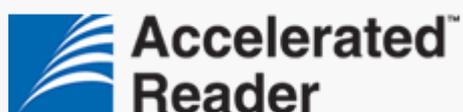
## The word of the week is...

“Practice” *noun*

**Definition:** you can refer to something that people do regularly as a practice

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is, It takes a lot of practice to be a good musician.

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Our reading hero this week is Jessica Iftene (Year 8). She has been doing some amazing work on the Accelerated Reader programme this term and is currently managing to read a book a day! She has read a vast array of fiction which has included books written by Patrick Ness, Mary Hooper, Jaqueline Wilson and Charlotte Brontë. Since the start of Year 8, Jessica has read a remarkable 20 books which equates to 1,059,431 words read, which means that this week Jessica also became our twentieth word millionaire. Well done Jessica, keep up the great work.

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# We're celebrating Harry Potter Book Night at Kingsthorpe College Library Friday 2nd February 3pm – 5pm



Friday 2nd February 2018 will see the fourth annual Harry Potter Book Night which is celebrated throughout the world. Here at Kingsthorpe College, we're getting ready to host an unforgettable night. This year's theme is Fantastic Beasts. The fun kicks off in the school library at 3pm and finishes at 5pm.

On Harry Potter Book Night, we'll be sharing the wonder of J.K. Rowling's unforgettable stories and, most excitingly, introducing the next generation of readers to the magic of Harry Potter. Here at Kingsthorpe College, young wizards, witches and muggles will be treated to an evening of games, activities, readings and quizzes. It all begins when the Sorting Hat decides who will be in which house and students will compete for house points throughout the evening's challenges. These will include a treasure hunt, readings from our favourite Harry Potter books, Transfiguration games and a Hogwarts Hall of Fame Quiz. Each child who attends will receive a free Harry Potter goody bag! We shall also be holding a fancy dress competition and we will be running competitions to win Harry Potter goodies throughout the week.

You can find out more about Harry Potter Book Night at:

- [harrypotterbooknight.com](http://harrypotterbooknight.com)
- **#HarryPotterBook Night**

Whilst we have lots of fun we would also like to raise money for our Year 8 charity – The Children’s Air Ambulance service. All we ask is that everyone who attends donates £1 to this worthwhile cause.

We only have a limited number of spaces, so if you would like to take part in this event please collect a letter from the library or contact Mrs Broadbent, Library Manager.



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## Toilet Facilities at KC

We have been working with our students to look at ways we can improve the toilet facilities for them here at KC. Unfortunately due to a number of incidents of damage to the toilet facilities, we have had to take steps (in line with a number of other schools) to reduce the number that are open during lesson times. It is however, important to us that we ensure appropriate and sufficient access to students’ toilet facilities during the day as it is essential to their health, well-being, and learning. To clarify, the following toilet facilities will be available for students to use:

Toilet facilities that are open during lesson time:

- There will be one cubicle toilet open on each floor for students to use.

- Courtyard toilets

Toilet facilities that are open during break & lunch times:

- Modern Foreign Languages corridor
- Courtyard toilets

We would always discourage the students, wherever possible, from using the toilets during lesson time, however we do recognise that toilet needs are highly individual so those students with a toilet pass or signed approval from the teacher may be allowed to leave class.

If you have any concerns regarding the toilet facilities please email [admin@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk](mailto:admin@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk)

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## Young Leaders



Our Young Leaders have been busy already this term running a number of sports events for local primary school children.

Last week we took a group of 14 Year 7-9 students to Benham sports arena to run a Badminton Festival for Year 3/4 children. The leaders were provided with training by Alex Dunn from the Northamptonshire Badminton Association. They learnt a number of badminton themed activity stations which aimed to develop children's badminton skills and understanding of the sport. Over the course of the day, the young leaders ran activities for children from 16 different primary schools. The leaders were absolutely phenomenal! They were enthusiastic, confident and professional for the whole day. We received so much praise for them from staff from other schools. Well done each and every one of you!

On Tuesday this week, 9 of our Year 7/8 students ran a multi-sport festival here at Kingsthorpe College for Year 4 children from local primary schools. They organised a variety of multi-skill and teambuilding activities for the children to take part in. These included, badminton, bench ball, races and teambuilding challenges. All the primary school children had a fantastic time.

Later in this term our young leaders will also be helping to run an Arrows Archery competition and a year 3 multi-sport festival.

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## Extra-Curricular Clubs (Jan 2018)

The table below shows the timetable of extra-curricular clubs that will be running this term. If you would like further information on any of the clubs, please speak to the relevant department. All clubs are free to attend.

The library is open from 8.00am-8.30am in the morning and 3.00pm-4.30pm afterschool for students to come in and do homework or read.

	<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>Afterschool</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Drawing Club (Library) EAL lunchtime club (L2i)	Defined Dance Company (seniors)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chess Club (Library) EAL lunchtime club (L2i)	Trampolining (Y7-9) Drama Club (all years) Science WOW Club (all years, week A only)

<b>Wednesday</b>	Table tennis (all years) Lego Film Animation Club (Library) EAL lunchtime club (L2i)	Year 7/8 Boys' Football Club Year 9 Dance Film Club (Library) SEN Homework Clubs
<b>Thursday</b>	Badminton (all years) Multi Gym (Y10-Y13) Choir (all years) General Knowledge Quiz (Library) EAL lunchtime club (L2i)	Girls' Basketball Club (all years) Year 7/8 Dance
<b>Friday</b>	Street Crew (Boys' Dance) Mrs B's Book Group (Library) EAL lunchtime club (L2i)	Duke of Edinburgh (H6)

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## Gymnastics Competition

On Monday 15th January some of our Year 7, 8 and 9 students competed in a gymnastics competition against the Duston School. They have been working extremely hard over the last term to prepare for this competition. Each student performed a vault and floor routine in front of

the judges (in Novice, Intermediate or Advanced Levels). For many of our students this was their first experience of a gymnastics competition and we are so proud of every single one of them.

We are delighted that both our Novice and Intermediate teams won their team competitions!

Some of our students also won medals in the individual competitions:

- Dixie Leah (Year 7) – Gold medal in the Novice competition
- Briana Tancau (Year 8) – Bronze medal in the Novice competition
- Lucy Lowe (Year 7) – Gold medal in the Intermediate competition
- Emily Hamilton (Year 7) – Bronze medal in the Intermediate competition

We organised and hosted this competition, and are looking at organising some similar competitions in the near future in both gymnastics and trampolining. If your son/daughter would be interested in getting involved, please tell them to see

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