

Welcome to the Kingsthorpe College newsletter.



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

It's been another week of both individual and collective success here at Kingsthorpe College.

On Friday, the validated performance tables for secondary schools were released, and we are delighted that Kingsthorpe College is ranked 6th out of the 52 secondary schools within the county, in terms of the progress that we add to our students from their starting points. This is testament

to all the hard work, commitment, and care that is demonstrated day in, day out by our students and staff.

I am sure I don't need to remind our year 11 and Post 16 students that the summer examination season is approaching at speed. On Tuesday, we handed out the trial examination results to the students and we recreated exactly what will happen in the summer on the results days to help familiarise them with the examination process. The students received a wealth of information on their results sheet including their trial examination results, their current working at grade, and the forecast grade which their teachers have predicted if they continue to make a similar amount of progress.

It was great to see so many smiling faces in the dining hall, but momentum must continue over the next few months. The most important thing that students need to do with the information they have received this week is to identify what they can and can't do in relation to the knowledge and skills which they need in each of their subjects. Even more importantly, students need to know how to close this gap and over the coming months, the College will be providing both resources and opportunities for students and parents. Year 11 students will shortly receive an examination pack which will include a personal USB drive containing past examination papers, exemplar resources, and revision aids. All students undertaking examinations will receive guidance and support on how best to revise, including a revision pack which will contain key resources to help students carry out the activities we will be sharing with them. Finally, the College has scheduled a series of workshops for both parents and students where we will be sharing best practice and current research in relation to memory techniques and effective learning.

It's also been a successful week for two of our talented students lower down the school who both entered writing competitions and experienced success! The work of Jessica and Iarina is showcased later in the newsletter and is well worth a read. We also celebrated with those

students who successfully graduated from Project Redemption – an innovative project delivered in collaboration with Northamptonshire police. We look forward to sharing further details of this project, and hearing from the students themselves in next week's newsletter.

Finally, in our continued drive and determination to inspire students beyond the classroom, our super-curricular programme is now underway. Led by Miss Maund, this programme is aimed at our more able, gifted and talented students, as well as those students who have a particular interest in learning about a curriculum area far beyond that covered in the classroom. Students have signed up to sessions for subjects that they have a passion for, as well as other sessions that fall well outside the normal curriculum, such as metallurgy. The first session took place last week and gave students a fascinating insight into how chemistry is used in the medical world. This week's session was led by Stefan Gant, a Fine Art lecturer from the University of Northampton, who led an excellent session on Haptic Drawing. The students were shown how to draw using only touch to guide their drawing tool and the results were incredible. We also heard from Stefan about the many people who use drawing in subject disciplines we may not necessarily expect - such as surgeons, pilots and archaeologists. It was a brilliant session for both the students and staff, and we look forward to the delivery of the remainder of the programme. If you would like further details of the sessions, please contact Miss Maund at the College.

I look forward to updating you again next week.

Mrs Giovanelli
Acting Principal

Stars of the week

Red House

Armando Beqaj Year 11 R10

Armando is always motivated and engaged during his EAL lessons with Miss Pitt and Miss Foyle. As a house, we are proud of him for persevering and working hard towards completing his GCSE studies. Armando has risen to the challenge and as a result is overcoming the language barriers he faces on a daily basis and we hope he continues to improve his language skills. Armando, you are a true inspiration to us all, keep smiling and we wish you the best for the future.

Green House

Tom Betts Gr3 Year 10

Tom is a polite, positive and hard-working member of Green House who has made an excellent start to his GCSEs at KC. Tom always embraces new challenges with determination. His academic achievement so far shows his commitment to success and his desire to learn. Tom is very thoughtful and always willing to lend a hand to students and staff. We are sure Tom has a bright future ahead of him and we look forward to his future successes.

Gold House

Kaiyuki Crisp Year 7 Go5

Kaiyuki represented the school this week in a year 7 town indoor athletics competition. Kaiyuki did exceptionally well in all of the events he participated in and showed some real talent in the area of athletics. We look forward to testing Kaiyuki's abilities further when the summer outdoor athletics season begins. Well done Kaiyuki, you are a star!

Blue House

Matthew Slinn Year 11 B2

Mattie has gained a scholarship at the Cobblers. This is an incredible achievement and puts him well on his way to becoming a professional

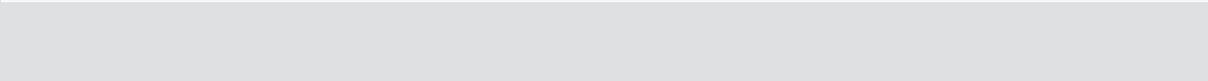
footballer. What an amazing, talented young man!
We are very proud of you Mattie.

Purple House

Hope Tokpah Year 11 P1

Hope did fantastically in her mock exams. She is a hard-working and diligent student and both her Director of Achievement and her form tutor are very proud of her results. Hope is a shining example of a Purple House student and we know that she will continue to do well.

Well done Hope!



Book of the Week

Book of the week: Marvel Iron Man: The Gauntlet by Eoin Colfer



An exciting original Iron Man novel written by hugely popular Artemis Fowl author Eoin Colfer. Tony Stark is known as many things: billionaire, inventor, Avenger, but mainly for being the invincible Iron Man! People expect strength and pizzazz from him at all times and he's not about to let them down. But when he heads to an international eco summit, he detects an anomaly off the coast of Ireland. Stark decides to investigate and that's when the party really starts. Find out how he tackles both inner and outer demons in this all-action adventure from Eoin Colfer, the best-selling author of Artemis Fowl.

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

Meggan Algar P3

The word of the week is...

“Resilient”

Definition:

1. (of a person or animal) able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.
2. (of a substance or object) able to recoil or spring back into shape after bending, stretching, or being compressed.

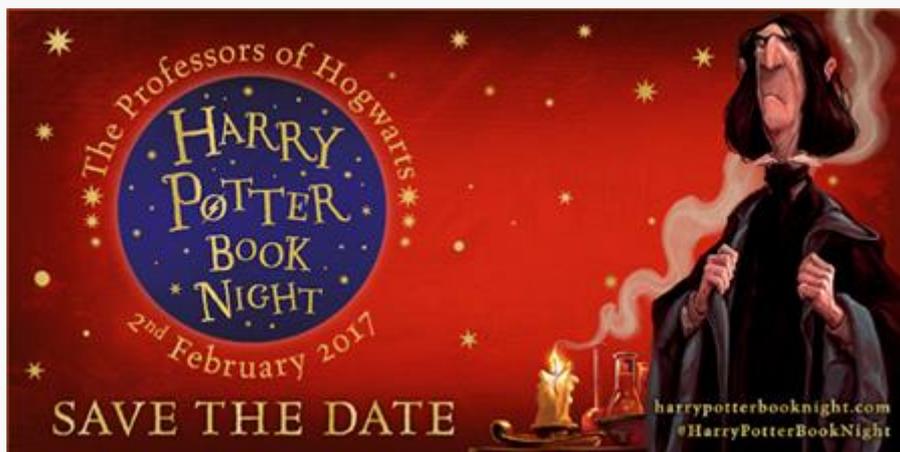
Try and use this word in a sentence this week. *"My sentence is: Babies are generally far more resilient than new parents realise".*



Our reading hero this week is Eloghosa Oduware – Year 8. Eloghosa joined the college at the beginning of year 8 and he has made remarkable progress on the Accelerated Reader programme. He is a huge fan of the authors Derek Landy and J.K. Rowling and has so far read an amazing 22 books which equates to 1,446,725 words read. He recently became one of our newest Accelerated Reader millionaires and last term won a £10 WH Smith voucher for winning the 100% prize draw. Well done Eloghosa you are an AR Star! Keep up the good work

We're celebrating Harry Potter Book Night

At Kingsthorpe College Library
Thursday 2nd February 3pm – 5pm



Thursday 2nd February will see the third annual Harry Potter Book Night celebrated throughout the world and here at Kingsthorpe College, we're getting ready to host an unforgettable night themed around 'The Professors of Hogwarts'. 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, 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, transfiguration games, potion lessons, a Hogwarts Hall of Fame Quiz along and a visit to Honey Dukes sweet shop. Each child who attends will receive a free Harry Potter goody bag. We shall also be

holding a fancy dress competition and the library will be running competitions to win Harry Potter goodies throughout the week.

You can find out more about Harry Potter Book Night at www.harrypotterbooknight.com #HarryPotterBookNight

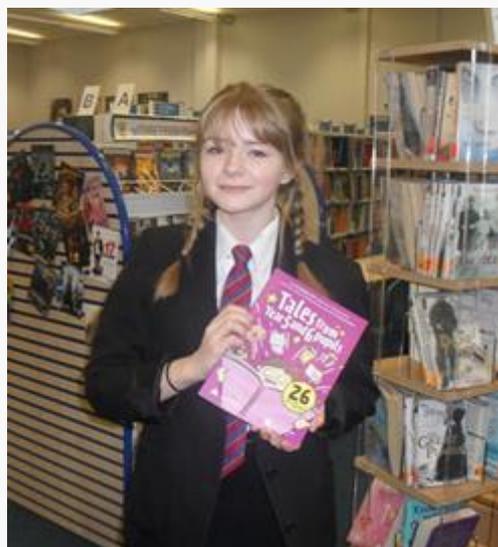
We only have a limited number of spaces, if your child would like to take part in this event please collect a letter from the library and return the permission slip signed before the 27th January 2016.

Whilst we have lots of fun we would also like to support J. K. Rowling's charity Lumos. This charity supports eight million children worldwide. All we ask is that everyone who attends donates £1 to this worthwhile cause.

If you would like more information about this event please contact Mrs Broadbent, Library Manager.

Race to the top short story competition 2016

Congratulations go to Jessica Hewett (year 7) who, at her primary school, entered the Race to the Top short story competition ran by Northamptonshire County Council. Jessica's story, 'Whiskerella', was one of only 26 short stories that were chosen for the anthology. She beat over 300 entries to make it to the final published book. This week Jessica received her very own copy and Northamptonshire County Council also donated one book to our school library. It is a real pleasure to have our students' published work on display. Well done Jessica on such a great achievement.



Young Writers' competition

One of our talented year 8 students Iarina Tancau has been awarded a certificate for a Young Writers' competition that she entered. Iarina's poem 'The Life of a Cupcake', which can be seen below, was one of the successful 26 shortlisted candidates, from over 300 entries. The 26 shortlisted stories have now been published into a book.

Iarina is a very hard working young lady who came to Kingsthorpe College just over a year ago. When she arrived her English was very

limited but she has flourished and has become very confident in her abilities and this award reflects the amount of effort and dedication she puts into her school work. Well done Iarina!

The Life Of A Cupcake

They put me in the oven to bake
Me, a deprived and miserable cake
Feeling the heat I start to bubble
Watching the others I knew I was in trouble...
They opened the door and I started my life
Frosting me with a silver knife
Decorating me with candy jewels
The rest of my batch looked like fools
Lifting me up, she took off my wrapper
Feeling the breeze, I wanted to stop her
Opening her mouth with shiny teeth inside
This was the day this cupcake had died!

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Sportshall Athletics Competition



The Northampton Sportshall Athletics competition took place at Northampton School for Girls on Monday evening. We entered two teams into the competition, a year 7 girls team and a year 7 boys team. Sportshall Athletics is an indoor programme of adapted track and field events. The students were an absolute credit to the school! They behaved impeccably and supported each other in all of the events. The girls came 3rd out of 8 teams and the boys came 3rd out of 6 teams. A massive congratulations to all the students that competed.



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!

Thursday 16th February 2017 - Year 12 & 13
English trip to Playhouse Theatre
Northampton (during half term week)

Monday 20th February 2017 – Year 10 & 12
Technology trip to Northampton University

Wednesday 22nd February 2017 – Year 11, 12
& 13 – Creative & Digital Media trip to
Watford and Milton Keynes

Thursday 23rd February 2017 – Year 10 & 11
English trip to the Playhouse Theatre
London

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