



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

It's been another week characterised by the commitment we all have at the College to supporting artistic, athletic and academic excellence.

One of the highlights of the week took place on Tuesday when we welcomed colleagues from the BookTrust, along with the filming company Chocolate Films, to help make this year's BookBuzz film. We were extremely privileged to be the **only school in the country** chosen to participate in this project. Our students gained a real sense of what it was like to work in front of and behind the cameras, and over the course of the day our students became adept as presenters as they made seventeen short filmed book reviews. From September, this film will be shown in every secondary school across the UK that participates in this year's Bookbuzz scheme.

This year through our collaborative work with the BookTrust on raising the importance of reading for secondary school students, we have been recognised as a BookTrust Ambassador School. Over the coming months we will continue to work with practitioners and the BookTrust to promote the importance of reading for pleasure for all students. A huge thanks to the students who took part on Tuesday, as well as to our library staff - particularly Mrs Broadbent - who have been so integral to this work.

The end of the formal examination period for our Year 11s and Year 13s is almost at an end. For our Year 11s, this will be celebrated with our annual Prom which this year will be held at Brampton Heath Golf Club on Thursday night. This is always a fantastic event where students and staff have the opportunity to reflect on what has been an amazing 5 year journey. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Bunker, Mrs Kinsella and Miss Heath for all their hard work in arranging the Prom which I have no doubt will be a fabulous way to end the academic year for our Year 11 students. We also have our Year 11 Leavers Assembly on Friday at 9.40am where we will celebrate the achievements of the year group and also take a more lighthearted look at the time our Year 11s have spent with us! This is also a chance for students to collect their Leavers Hoodies and get their school shirts signed. We would also ask that if students have any unwanted uniform which is in good condition and that we can make use of in College, that this is also brought and left with us on Friday.

Year 12 students undertook trial examinations this week and Monday marks the start of our Year 10 trial examination week where students will have trial exams in the majority of their subjects where appropriate. The individual exam timetables went out last week and the exam schedule can be found on the link below:

<http://www.kingsthorpecollege.org.uk/documents/FinalYear10PPETimetable.pdf>

Once more this week, our students have been demonstrating in the wider community the responsibility and care for others which is so important to us at KC. Two of our Year 9 students were in Northampton Town at the bus station when a lady fainted due to low blood pressure. Both girls were incredibly calm and stayed with her whilst phoning an ambulance,

and even waited when the paramedics got there to make sure she was looked after and that her belongings were safe. Well done girls – we are very proud!

It's also set to be a busy week ahead. On Monday 6.00-7.30pm we have the Fashion Show run by the Textiles department where they will be showcasing Year 11 GCSE Dresses and Year 12 A Level Dresses submitted as part of the exam portfolio. There will also be a Dance show case from Year 7 and 8 students. Tickets are on sale from the Finance Office for £1. I would like to thank Miss Miles, Mrs Hannent and Mrs Ainscow for organising what I'm sure will be a memorable night.

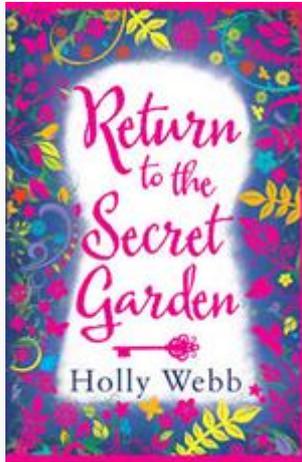
We also have the annual Northamptonshire Youth Awards on Wednesday held at Wicksteed Park where some of our students have been successful in reaching the finals of a number of categories. Our Head Boy, Connor Cotter, has been nominated for the Young Role Model Award, Callum Burnham has been nominated for the Take Charge of your Life Award, and Project Take Flight has been nominated for the Project or Campaign of the Year Award. We wish all nominees the best of luck, and this serves as another reminder of just how talented our students are.

I look forward to letting you know how we get on in the next edition of the newsletter!

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher



Return to the Secret Garden by Holly Webb (BL 5.3)



Return to Frances Hodgson Burnett's timeless classic, *The Secret Garden*, in this magical sequel by bestselling author Holly Webb. It's 1939 and a group of children have been evacuated to Misselthwaite Hall. Emmie is far from happy to have been separated from her cat and sent to a huge old mansion. But soon she starts discovering the secrets of the house - a boy crying at night, a diary written by a girl named Mary, and a garden. A very secret garden...

If you love stories about mystery and magic then this book is definitely for you.

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

Stephanie Wakefield B4

The word of the week is...

“Extravaganza”

Definition: an elaborate and spectacular entertainment or production

Try and use this word in a sentence this week.

My sentence is:

The book week festival will be an extravaganza of fun and entertainment for all of our Year 7 students.



Congratulations to Grace Ingram (Year 7) who is our reading hero this week. We are really excited to have another millionaire reader. Grace is our 31st word millionaire. She has read a vast array of books across different genres, ranging from horror, to comedy to classic titles. So far this year Grace has read an amazing 23 books which equates to 1,188,692 words read. Well done and keep up the fantastic work.

Don't forget there is still time to become a word millionaire this year. If you achieve 'millionaire' status before we break up you will be invited to our Millionaires' Garden Party which will be held the last week of term.



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. Our Book Fair will be available for students to browse at lunchtimes and afterschool until 4pm every day.

County Literature Competition – Sir Christopher Hatton Academy – Friday 30th June 2017

We would like to wish the following students lots of luck as they will be competing for the college in the County Literature Competition this week. They are: Anusha Attiganal, Fahmida Ahmad, Chelsi Bouher-Theakston, Elli Baldock, James Farrow, Harrison Copp, Jessica Iftene, Ellie Swannell, Mayson Hawes, Ikars Daksa, Toni Amato, Grace Stronnar and Faith Oldfield-Clout. They have all worked extremely hard over the past six months and have had to read over 80 books to take part in the

competition. Well done, you are all amazing!

K.C. Book Festival is here! Monday 26th June – Friday 7th July

We are really excited to start celebrating our book festival. This time has been set aside to encourage students to use non-fiction books, to help them with reading and research, and to bring books alive. We have lots of activities planned for our students and throughout the next two weeks we will also be holding lots of competitions and giving our students the opportunity to win lots of fabulous prizes. Up for grabs this year we will be giving away signed copies of books by the authors; Dan Freedman, Bali Rai, Cathy Cassidy and Robin Stevens. There are also lots of competitions to win goody bags. Please come to the library to collect your entry forms for a chance to win one of these fantastic prizes.



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Anna Dever, Schools Project Manager for the BookTrust commented that,

I wanted to thank Kingsthorpe College for your incredible support in making the Bookbuzz film and resources. My colleagues and I were struck by how enthusiastic, well-mannered and respectful your students were and they were an absolute joy to work with. From speaking to the students, it was clear how much they loved reading and how much they gain from being part of a school that has a real reading culture at its core. This is a true credit to the school and to the school library who have clearly inspired a love of reading in their students.

Kingsthorpe College is certainly a BookTrust ambassador school and we were privileged to spend the day with you all. We can't wait to share the film with you and look forward to hearing more about the reading successes from Kingsthorpe!

Anna Dever

We can't wait to share the film with you all, watch this space for more information. For those students who are joining us in Year 7 in September, you will all be participating in this year's Bookbuzz scheme.



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out your old
uniform!**

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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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