



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

It has been another busy week here at the College and the term seems to be flying by.

This week has very much been characterised by 'sticking at it'. The latter part of the Autumn Term is always an important one in terms of making sure that key routines which were set at the start of the academic year are maintained, and that the momentum of learning is sustained. To this end, all students have been issued this week with a uniform card. High expectations in relation to how our students present themselves in all aspects of their school life is extremely important to us just as it is to organisations and employers beyond our school gates in the 'real world'. Students are expected to carry their uniform card with them at all

times, and all students who maintain a blank uniform card because there have been no issues with their uniform will be given achievement points to recognise this important aspect of College life.

On Friday, the staff at KC spent the morning reflecting on how we can continue to build a culture within the College which is based on uncompromising expectations delivered with kindness and respect, and we were delighted to be joined by a trainer from Pivotal Education to facilitate a workshop which allowed us to reflect on our current practices both inside the classroom, and around the College more generally. We spent a lot of time thinking about visible practices which were centred around our commitment to ensuring that everyone within the College was ready, respectful, and safe in everything that we undertake. Every staff member committed to a 30 day pledge to embed a routine and we are looking forward to sharing more of this important work with you in due course.

We were pleased to welcome parents of our Year 9 students on Thursday for Parents' Evening. This is an important year for our Year 9s as they start to think about the option choices they will make in Year 10 and 11. We are proud of the opportunities and guidance we are able to offer all our students at the College in relation to the pathways which are available to them, and our Level 2 Post 16 students had the chance this week to work with Andrew Kunman. Students took part in a work based scenario which developed a range of skills and is part of funding from the Sir Thomas White Foundation.

A reminder about our Post 16 Open Evening this week - we would encourage all Year 11 students and parents to attend on Thursday 30th November to find out what options are available next year. The evening will start with a short talk by Mr Sim (Deputy Headteacher) and Mr Pomerantz (Director of Post 16) before students are given the chance to visit our subject specific stands. This Thursday, myself and Mr Baines (Deputy Headteacher) are looking forward to presenting at a national conference in Manchester where we will be sharing our leadership of learning and teaching during a 45 minute workshop. The conference has over 1000 delegates and we are excited about sharing what we do at Kingsthorpe College as well as looking forward to learning from other colleagues.

As ever, if there is any feedback you wish to give us, please do get in touch.

Mrs Giovanelli

Headteacher



Piglettes by Clementine Beauvais

A wickedly funny and life-affirming coming-of-age roadtrip story - winner of France's biggest prize for teen and YA Fiction Mireille.

Astrid and Hakima have just been voted the three ugliest girls in school by their classmates on Facebook. But does that mean they're going to sit around crying about it? Well, maybe a little, but not for long! Climbing onto their bikes, the friends set off on a summer road trip to Paris. The girls will find fame, friendship and happiness on their journey, and still have time to eat a mountain of food along the way. But will they really be able to leave all their troubles behind? Piglettes is a hilarious, beautiful and uplifting story of three girls who are determined not to let online bullying get them down.

Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

Dawid Galka Wozniak 7N.

The word of the week is...

“**Conduct**” noun

Definition: personal behaviour, way of acting

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is,
His conduct was excellent, he worked really hard.



Our reading hero this week is Muhammad Rizwan (year 7). This week Muhammad has been working extremely hard on the Accelerated Reader programme. He regularly reads and takes quizzes in his own time and has read an amazing 25 books which equates to 145,875 words read. Muhammad has also been working on the programme at tutor times and is a valuable member of our champions of reading scheme. Well done Muhammad keep up the great work.

BookBuzz



This week our Year 7 students have been given 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

Meeting Jim Kay



On Monday evening our Year 8 student librarians were given the amazing opportunity of meeting the award winning illustrator of A Monster Calls and the Harry Potter series, Jim Kay.

We were treated to a really inspirational talk about his work followed by a very informative Q & A session. It was a very special evening as he shared with our students his amazing stories about his life, his work and his books.

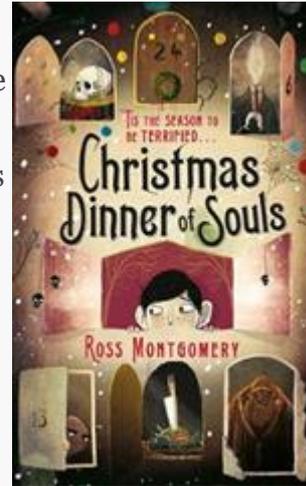
Our students were extremely privileged as Jim drew an individual picture for each of them to keep. It was amazing to be so close and watch him work, it was a truly fantastic experience.

I must say a huge thank you to Quinns Book Shop in Market Harborough for allowing our students to attend this event.

Mrs Broadbent
Library Manager

Ross Montgomery will be visiting KC Library On the 12th December

Our Year 7 students are in for a real treat as the amazing children's author Ross Montgomery will be coming in to talk about his new festive horror story collection, Christmas Dinner of Souls. Our students will get to be a part of a really spooky story telling session, followed by an audience and author Q & A session.



It will be a wonderful treat for our students to meet such a fantastic author. As part of the event there will also be a chance to buy books which will be signed personally by Ross.

For more information about his work please visit his website.

www.rossmontgomery.co.uk

KC Honour Roll

This year has seen the launch of our new reward system the KC Honour Roll, where students earn achievement points throughout the year, and work towards the different point thresholds of the Honour Roll.

The first threshold is 200 achievement points, earning students the Copper Award. When students achieve the Copper award they receive a certificate, a letter home, an invite to a Movie afternoon as well as 1 week of 'Jump the lunch queue passes'.

We are extremely proud to share the first students to gain this award, and they will be receiving their rewards over the next 2 weeks.

Forename	Surname	Tutor Group
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Kamron	Ali	7O
Georgia	Anderson	7G
Alex	Banning	8G
Nikita	Bonsu	7G
Emma	Flynn	7N
Oscar	Hanmer	8G
Anais	Lovell	7T
Rhys	Maloret	7H
Nedas	Masalskas	7N
Arif	Miah	7H
Hodeifa	Mooge	8T
Joseph	Murray	7G
Bradley	O'Dwyer	7N
Emmanuel	Okunsebor	8T
Eduard	Paulet	7H
Ellie	Peck	8O
Keshini	Ramesh	7I
Lauren	Slinn	8G
Briana-Timea	Tancau	8R
Hamish	Thomas	7I
Leo	Thomas	7S
Gabrielius	Vaitkevicius	7G
Alana	Whitney	8K

Honours	Rewards
Platinum 2000 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trophy and platinum certificate. - Letter from the governors. - Lunch with Headteacher and Chair of Governors. Parents invited to attend. - Platinum perks for the following academic year (indefinite queue pass, eligible for rewards trip etc.) - High street vouchers. - Free reward trip. - Special award on awards evening. - Year 11: Free prom ticket. - Year 11: Free leavers' hooded top.
Gold 1000 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gold badge and certificate. - Letter from SLT link. - Special award on awards evening. - Lunch with Headteacher. Parents invited. - Indefinite jump the queue pass. - 1 term Xbox room pass. - Eligible for special reward trip. - Year 11: Reduced price prom ticket. - Year 11: Reduced price leavers' hooded top.
Silver 600 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Silver badge and certificate. - Letter from achievement director. - Eligible for special rewards trip. - Invited to special awards evening. - Access to all movie afternoons. - 20 x queue jump pass. - Pizza lunch with Achievement Director.
Bronze 400 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bronze badge and certificate. - Letter from form tutor. - 10 x queue jump pass. - 5 x Xbox room lunch pass.
Copper 200 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certificate. - 5 x queue jump pass. - 1 x movie afternoon.



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

FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING – ALL WELCOME!



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