

# Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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## Dear Parents

It doesn't seem as if it has only been a week since we welcomed our students back after the half-term break! We have been really pleased with the focused start that all students have made, and in particular, the message we gave students about hooded tops before the break has clearly been listened to – many thanks for your support with this.

It was a privilege on the first day back to be invited to a Year 8 High Tea. This was part of a Technology project which involved some of our Year 8 students researching, planning and preparing a traditional High Tea. The food was delicious and it was a lovely opportunity to sit down and enjoy a cup of tea whilst listening to the reasons for the students' menu choices. A huge thank you to Mrs Ainscow for organising this. The food theme continued later in the week when myself and Mr Hancock

invited a range of students for lunch to discuss our current provision for rewarding students. It was a really interesting and productive lunch, and we talked about all aspects of our reward system including the frequency of rewards, different types of rewards, ways for students to gain rewards, and much more. Mr Hancock and I left with lots of ideas – some of which we will trial this half-term – and we were both reminded how articulate and engaging our students are.

It was fantastic to see so many of our Y11 students at the Class of 2017 launch on Tuesday after school and we were really impressed with just how many students gave up their own time to commit to the launch. Students were shown a series of inspirational video clips and engaged in focused group discussions about making the most of the next few weeks in the run up to the summer exam season. The students were also made aware of the wide variety of strategies we will be supporting them with over the next few weeks.

All Y11 students received an exam pack containing post it notes, marker pens, flash cards and other useful revision aids. This pack also included, most importantly, a personalised USB drive containing a wide variety of subject specific resources to help support their learning while revising for their exams. The exam timetable is now live on the College website and individual exam timetables have been sent out this week so please discuss this with your son/daughter and check all entries have been made and that there are no errors.

As a follow up to this launch, a large number of parents attended the revision workshop on Thursday evening where a number of revision strategies were shared by members of the senior leadership team to help parents support their son/daughter through the stressful exam period. This workshop will be repeated later on this term.

We will continue this half-term to work on our priorities of ensuring that all students are able to achieve their potential by having an attendance of at least 96%, and on providing excellent teaching and learning opportunities which raise the bar and narrow the gap for all our students. We will, of course, update you on how you can help support us in these areas as this term progresses.

I look forward to continuing to work with you this term – as ever, please do get in touch if there are any further ways we can help support your son or daughter.

**Mrs Giovanelli**

Headteacher

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## Stars of the week

### **Red House**

#### **Neil - Year 10 R7**

Neil has been concerned about a member of the KC Staff Team recently and as a result of his constant reminders to her regarding her voice, in the end he persuaded her to go to the doctors. The end result is that she is having exploratory surgery. She was overwhelmed with Neil's concern and he thoroughly deserves to be our Red House star of the week! We are proud of you Neil!

### **Green House**

#### **Aime - Year 11 Gr10**

Aime has been taking a mature and dedicated approach to her GCSE revision. She has regularly been attending revision sessions for a number of subjects including English. We're really impressed by her general attitude and commitment to achieving the best possible results this summer. Well done Aime, keep up the hard work!

### **Gold House**

#### **Alex - Year 7 GO10**

Alex is a consistent attendee at lunchtime Table Tennis club and he is always the first student to offer assistance with getting out equipment and packing away at the end. Alex's assistance makes the club a lot easier to run and shows what a helpful and responsible young man he is. Thank you from all the PE staff Alex, your help is very much appreciated.

## **Blue House**

### **Mirran - Year 7 B10**

Mirran is polite, conscientious, and incredibly hard working and since the beginning of the year she has made great progress in all her subjects.

Both Mirran's teachers and her tutor speak very highly of her and this week she has especially impressed Miss Bedford.

Mirran is a credit to Blue House!

## **Purple House**

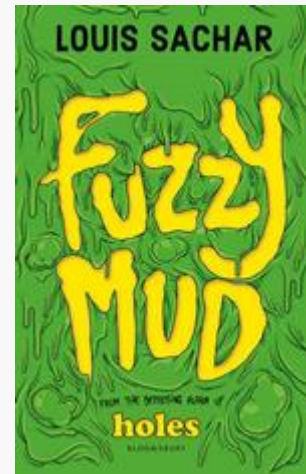
### **Georgia - Year 7 P4**

Georgia has an excellent attendance record and she has commendations in almost every subject. She is hard working and she has a brilliant attitude to learning. Georgia has impressed her teachers since the beginning of Year 7 and Purple House are certain that she will have a very successful future at Kingsthorpe College. Well done Georgia and keep up the good work.



**Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar  
(BL 5.0)**

The bestselling author of *Holes* tells a cracking new story in *Fuzzy Mud* featuring some truly terrifying genetically modified mud.



Tamaya is on a scholarship to the prestigious Woodridge Academy and every day she and seventh-grader Marshall walk to school together. They never go through the woods. And when they arrive at school they stop talking to each other - because Marshall can't be seen to be friends with a little kid like Tamaya. Especially not with Chad around. Chad-the-bully, who makes Marshall's life utterly miserable. But today, hoping to avoid Chad, Marshall and Tamaya decide to go through the woods ...And what is waiting there for them is strange, sinister and entirely unexpected. The next day, Chad doesn't turn up at school - no one knows where he is, not even his family. And Tamaya's arm is covered in a horribly, burning, itchy wound. As two unlikely heroes set out to rescue their bully, the town is about to be turned upside down by the mysterious Fuzzy Mud ...

This book is a funny, thought-provoking comic thriller.

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

Shane Green B7

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## **The word of the week is...**

“vindicate” (verb)

**Definition:** clear (someone) of blame or suspicion  
Show or prove to be right, reasonable or justified

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is:  
***She will be completely vindicated by the evidence.***

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Our reading hero this week is Caylan Blaney (Year 8). From the beginning of this year we have been so impressed with Caylan's attitude and enthusiasm toward reading. In January he was absolutely determined to bust his points target this term and we were so pleased this week when he did. To achieve this Caylan has been reading and taking quizzes in his own time and coming into the library before and after school. This term he has read an amazing 22 books. Well done Caylan! We are very proud of you and you have really worked hard this term to achieve your goal. Keep up the great work.

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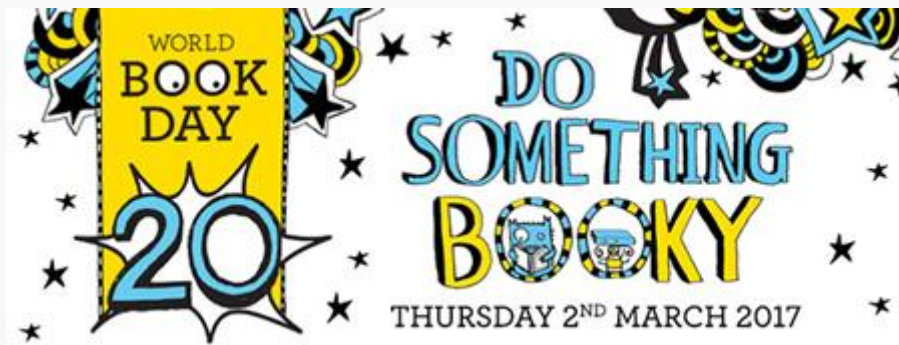
## Love to play chess?

Why not join our brand new chess club. It is being held in the library every Tuesday lunchtime. The club starts at 1.20pm. Please sign up at the library desk if you are interested in joining. Alternatively speak to Kyle Robinson and Corey Churchman our sixth form students who are helping us to run the group. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch.

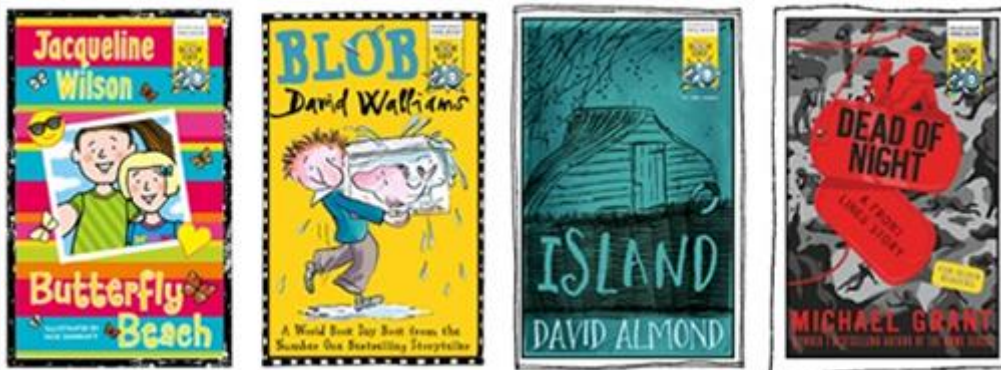


Also, if you are participating in the eCAT Programme this is one of the many extra-curricular activities that are recognised by the scheme.





World Book Day will be on Thursday 2nd March; it is a day that is set aside each year to celebrate books and reading. This year it is the twentieth anniversary of World Book Day and here at Kingsthorpe College we will have lots to celebrate, as not only will our students be receiving their World Book Day Tokens, but the library will be giving away 200 free books. The books that we are giving away are:



Students can use their book tokens at participating retailers to either exchange for a free World Book Day Book or use as £1.00 discount against any book costing £2.99 or more.

We are running a competition to design a National Book Token. First prize for the college winner will be a World Book Day Goody Bag. All entries will then be sent on to compete in the national competition where students will have the chance of winning £100 of National Book Tokens.

We shall also be running lots of competitions to win packs of book themed goodies. Don't forget to collect competition entry forms from the

library. The closing date for all of the competitions is Friday 10th March. So get creative and get involved!

Students should also check out the World Book Day website which is filled with resources, competitions, games, videos, ideas and inspiration to help celebrate books and reading all year round.

[www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)

Wishing you all a Happy World Book Day from  
your school librarians, Mrs Broadbent, Mrs Ingman and Mrs Potter.

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## Class of 2017 Launch Event



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**The KC Careers Fair!**

Join us in the Main Hall  
Tuesday 28 February  
3-5pm or 6-8pm  
for  
Independent Advice and Guidance  
Open to students Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13,  
Bring your parents too!  
Light refreshments available

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## Maths Challenge Results

A group of 20 Year 9 students took part in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust Maths Challenge on the 2nd of February. The results have come in and I'm proud to say 3 students received certificates for their achievement Dane Gooing a Gold Certificate, Ashwin Suresh a Silver, and Saif Ali a Bronze certificate. A special mention for Dane as he has now qualified for the next stage the Intermediate Mathematical Kangaroo stage on the 16th of March.

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# Primary School Archery



On Thursday we had children from Parklands Primary and All Saints Primary come across to Kingsthorpe College for an inclusive Archery session. The aim of the session was to introduce the children to 'Arrows Archery' and prepare them for an upcoming inter-school competition. Northamptonshire Sport provided us with an Archery coach who worked with our year 7/8 Young Leaders to run a variety of archery based challenges. Many of the leaders were new to the sport but quickly picked it up and before long they were all confidently running activities for the primary school children. Overall the event was a huge success and all our visitors had a great time. We wish them all the best of luck in their upcoming competition.

## **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!

Saturday 25th February - Year 12 Dance  
Performance at Corby Cove/Cube

Wednesday 1st March - Year 9 Big Bang

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