

Welcome to the Kingsthorpe College newsletter.



# Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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## Dear Parents

It's been another week of reflection and hard work here at the College. Students have received their progress monitoring data sheets this week and as always, these come with the message from the College that target grades are neither a guarantee nor a limitation. At the College, we are firm believers that it is hard work not luck which results in success, and students should view these targets as both challenging yet achievable with the right work ethic and attitude.

The target grades we set our students are based on national data, and it is our aspiration that all our students achieve in line with the best performing students nationally. As we continue to raise the bar and narrow the gap for all of our students, regardless of starting point, it is important that the College benchmarks itself against the very best schools. The data sheets will be followed up with conversations by tutors, and subject teachers, and we would like to take this opportunity to remind you to get in touch with us should you have any queries or concerns about your child's progress. The assessment landscape for all schools is undergoing significant change at the moment, and with this in mind, KC will be ensuring that you receive all the information you need to, as a parent, in relation to this. An information leaflet will be distributed shortly, and this will be followed by an information evening which will give you the opportunity to further understand how the changes to assessment will impact on your son or daughter.

On Tuesday, we held a very successful Post 16 Open Evening. After a short introduction which outlined KC's ethos and approach to sixth form life, students and parents were given the opportunity to chat to both current students and teachers about the wide range of courses we have on offer at our Post 16. It was a busy night, and we were delighted to welcome so many external students. We were keen to emphasise that for us, sixth form life is about so much more than just gaining academic qualifications. Of course this is important to us, but we are just as keen to develop our students' wider skills and we are proud of the varied opportunities we can offer to help nurture our students to become resourceful, investigative, and enterprising citizens who are happy to give back to the wider school community. We saw a great example of this earlier this week when one of our year 13 students happily gave up his time to share his personal statement and ambitions with a fellow year 9 student who also wished in the future to explore a career in paramedic science. This is typical of the attitude of all our KC students and really does make the College a special place to work.

Following the Post 16 Open Evening, all year 11 students will now receive an individual interview with members of the senior team to talk in more detail about their plans following the completion of their GCSEs. Whilst the vast majority of our students remain with us at KC, some students do make the decision to continue with their education elsewhere. Regardless of their choice of destination, we make sure that we speak personally with each and every student to ensure that they have the appropriate guidance and support at what is an extremely important point in their educational life.

Finally from me, I was incredibly proud to hear this week from the English Contact Karate Association that one of our year 11 students, Chloe Thompson, has been selected to represent not only her club, but also her country at the Irish Open 2017 in Dublin. The Irish Open is an annual event and one of the largest on the martial arts calendar. It is attended by over 4,000 competitors from all over the world. We wish Chloe all the best of luck!

**Mrs Giovanelli**

Acting Principal

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## Stars of the week

### **Red House**

#### **Noyanna Flynn Year 7 R8**

Noyanna has made a fabulous start to year 7. She consistently works hard and displays exemplary behaviour around the College. Noyanna is now working hard towards fundraising for the Red house charity and we look forward to supporting her in her efforts. Well done, Noyanna!

## **Green House**

### **Declan Sloan Year 9 Gr6**

Declan is a member of St John's Ambulance and recently took part in the Remembrance Parade. His future aspirations are to become a paramedic and he now is fully committed to his education to ensure he reaches his goal.

Green House is very proud of you Declan, keep going, believe in yourself and you will get there!

## **Gold House**

### **Filip Grabowski Year 7 Go6**

Filip has been nominated for star of the week this week by our EAL department. Filip always works incredibly hard despite finding some of the written work, within school, a real challenge. He is bright and cheerful and is a pleasure to have in the EAL classroom. When Filip is supported in his timetabled classes, he works hard and always appreciates the support he receives. By nominating Filip for star of the week, we would all like to acknowledge his great attitude and work ethic. Well done Filip, you are a star!

## **Blue House**

### **Jamie Dunkley Year 13 B8**

Jamie was asked if his personal statement could be shown to a Year 9 student who is interested in paramedic science, which is what Jamie is applying for at University. Jamie not only gave his permission but also kindly offered to meet with the student, mentor him on a weekly basis and having had just one meeting with him, has now arranged work in the library and maths tutoring. He's also going to speak to the student's teachers to let them know where he is struggling and help him to do his homework. You are an inspiration Jamie!

## **Purple House**

### **Finlay Moore Year 9 P3**

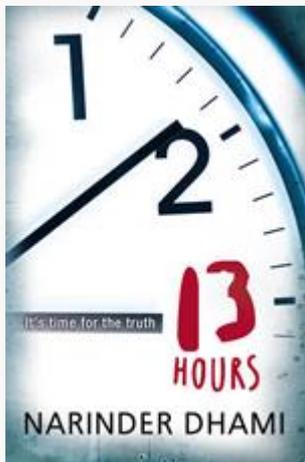
Finlay has been really enthusiastic about participating in House competitions and he has already made some exciting decorations for the

House office. He is always up for taking on new challenges and he has been an instrumental part of the House Council. Finlay is always cheery and helpful and he often pops by just to say hello. He has a number of commendations and I have had some very good feedback from his class teachers. Well done Finlay.



# Book of the Week

## **Thirteen Hours by Narinder Dhami (BL 5.3)**



One of this year's Bookbuzz titles *Thirteen Hours* is a fast paced, action packed thriller. Twelve-year-old Anni never really questions why her frightened, ill mother won't leave their once grand but now dilapidated house. She makes them live barricaded on the ground floor, with Anni's mum terrified of some unnamed danger.

Then, one day, 13 hours before the prime minister will be driven past the house, mum's worst fears are realised.

In this exciting, page-turning story, we find out the real motives behind the attempt to jeopardise the prime minister's visit - and the astonishing reason why Anni's loving mother has demanded so much of her and kept so much secret.

For those students who have participated in this year's scheme don't forget to cast your vote to see which book will be voted best BookBuzz book of the year. You can cast your vote in the library and also on the Bookbuzz website.

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# The word of the week is...

## “Irrevocable”

**Definition:** Not able to be changed, reversed or uncovered.

*Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is:  
"The jury's decision was irrevocable because of the serious nature of the crime."*

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## The literacy challenge winner this week is...

Katie Weldridge B10

Please come to the library to collect your prize.

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## Reading Hero of the Week – Keira Henschke (Year 7)

This week our reading hero is Kiera Henschke. She has really embraced the Accelerated Reader programme this term and regularly takes quizzes in her own time after school. So far she has read a very impressive 16 books which equates to 640,900 words read. She has also busted her

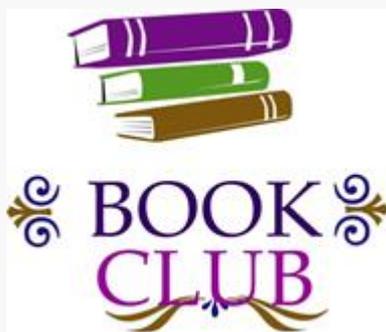
points target twice and has received prizes for her efforts. Well done Keira you are doing an amazing job, keep it up.

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## Bought a book and finished it?

**Want to swap your Bookbuzz book?  
Don't know what to do with it?  
If you've Read It, Swap It!**

In the library we have started a book swap scheme for those students who would like to swap some of their old books from home for something different. Just pop into the library with the book you wish to swap and exchange for one of the book swap books we have available.



Book club meet every Wednesday lunchtime and we are always looking for new members to join. If you love reading and books, come along to the library. We are also looking for new members from years 7, 8 and 9 who would like to be a part of the team to compete

in the County Literature Quiz 2017.

**For more information please come in and speak to Mrs Broadbent.**

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## Coats reminder

As the weather is now turning chilly and can be unpredictable, could students ensure that they always bring their coat to school which should be clearly marked with their name. A reminder that hooded tops do not form part of the College uniform and should not be brought into school.

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## Kingsthorpe College/ Kingsthorpe Upper School Photo Archive

We are starting to gather an archive of old photos and videos to provide some fascinating insights into life at Kingsthorpe over the years. If you have any photos from school before the millennium, we would be really grateful if you could share some of them with us. We are hoping to create a photo timeline on our website to show Kingsthorpe through the years.

Please send any photos to [alexandra.bennett@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk](mailto:alexandra.bennett@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk)

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# Young Leader Development Squad



The 20 newest members of our Young Leader Development Squad received their initial Young Leader training on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November. The training had both theory and practical aspects which focussed on building up their confidence to run activities as well as looking at desirable qualities of a leader. The students worked in small groups to plan and prepare sporting activities. We threw them straight in the deep end by inviting 75 year 5 children from local primary schools over in the afternoon for a multi-sport festival. The young leaders rose to the challenge and all ran their activities for the primary school children.

We are so proud of all the students involved as they were enthusiastic and responsible leaders throughout the event. The year 5 children had a brilliant time and it was lovely to receive some fantastic feedback from the primary school staff.

A BIG well done to all of you!

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# Great Success in Design Technology



Year 7 have been making Emoji style cushions for their first ever Textiles project. The students really enjoyed the project and stayed afterschool to complete their cushions ready for them to take home. Enough to put a smile on anyone's face! Huge well done to 7P3!

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**Interview with Buggy (Aydan O Keefe) & Blousey (Kiera Henschke) prior to our production of Buggy Malone on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December 2016**



Q: Let's start at the beginning – how was the audition?

K: Nerve-racking! I wasn't sure what was going to happen.

A: Pretty good and thrilling that I got the part.

Q: Did it help that you knew each other already?

A: Yes because we had a lot of chemistry but if we hadn't, it would have taken a lot of time to get our heads round each other.

Q: Have you done anything like this before?

K: Yes in primary for our end of year 6 show we did Buggy Malone and I got the same part.

A: I got Leroy in Fat Sam's gang so I had a bit of experience but I've never been a main part.

Q: Have you made new friends doing this?

A: Yes and it's a big opportunity to make new friends and get to know each other more.

Q: How have rehearsals been?

K: Ok but there's a lot of lines to learn and you have to go over them regularly.

Q: What's been the best part so far?

A: The end when we get to pie each other! It's all going to go mad. So much fun!

K: Being able to do my singing.

Q: How is the line learning?

A: Ok. I've been going over them with my family.

K: I know most of them but I've been performing it in front of family too.

Q: If you had to advertise the production and encourage people to come to see you, what would you say?

K: It's going to blow your mind! It's going to be sh-mazing!

A: It's excellent, fun, jazzy, well-timed and it's going to blow your mind!



DECEMBER 2016

7:15PM, MAIN HALL,  
KINGSTHORPE  
COLLEGE

TICKETS:  
CONCESSION: £4  
ADULT: £6

TICKETS AVAILABLE  
FROM THE FINANCE  
OFFICE

BUGSY  
MADNESS



# Economics professor Amrit Judge visits Kingsthorpe College



Year 12 and 13 Business and Economic students had the privilege of a special guest speaker on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, when Amrit Judge, Associate Professor of Finance in the Business School at Nottingham University, visited the college. Amrit spoke about his experience in the world of Finance so far, touching on the impact of the Brexit vote and how the markets reacted to the shock news. Amrit attended a state school from a relatively modest background, and was keen to get across the message to students that working hard and reading as much as possible about finance and economics is the key to success. He has been a guest speaker at many industry-based conferences around the globe (having just got back from Singapore last week), and has worked for many of the biggest companies in the world of finance and banking.

Amrit offered students his personal email address if they had any further questions, and a personal tour of the university if they would like to visit Nottingham at any time.

You can find out more about Amrit here:

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/business/people/lizapj.html>

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## Post 16 transition day and open evening



Students in year 11 had the opportunity to become sixth formers for the day on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, as they took part in Post 16 transition day. Many students used this as an option to try out brand new subjects that they will not have experienced before, for example, learning about cultural stereotypes in Sociology, how loans works in Finances Studies, and what makes people become violent in Psychology. It was also an opportunity for students to do taster sessions in subjects they currently do study, and experience just how different subjects like History, Maths and Science may be at level 3.

In the evening we had an exceptional turnout of almost two hundred parents and students for the open evening. The year 12 dance students started proceedings with a fantastic performance created especially for the evening, before talks about KC Post 16 from the student leadership team, Mrs Giovanelli, and myself.

Students then had the opportunity to speak to staff and current Post 16 students about all the different options available to them at Post 16. We also had representatives from the University of Northampton and the company '3aaa', who specialise in working with students who are seeking apprenticeships, on hand to answer any questions about future pathways.

Year 11 students now go back to focusing on their current studies, with exams taking place in December. We will then interview all students in January as they start to make definite plans for their future – exciting times ahead!

Paul Pomerantz  
Director of Post 16

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## Christmas Fair

The Kingsthorpe College Christmas Fair is back again this year! It will be taking place on **Saturday 3 December, 12-3pm**. We already have 60 stalls confirmed selling 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.

In addition to stalls, there will also be a variety of festive performances to entertain the crowds including musicians, dancers and a choir. The face painting and games will mean there will be plenty of things to entertain the kids!

The Christmas Fair is completely free to enter and everyone is welcome. We hope you will be able to join us for this fantastic event.



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## Exam Invigilators needed!

We are in need of some additional Exam Invigilators to join our team to support during both mock and external exams throughout the year. Further details can be found on how to apply on the college website. Please feel free to share with friends and family that might be interested. Full training will be given.

<http://www.kingsthorpecollege.org.uk/workwithus>

## 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!

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Art Trip to Compton Verney

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Year 12 & 13 Travel & Tourism Trip to Cadbury World

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Year 9 & 10 Technology trip to the Clothes Show Birmingham

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