



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

I'd like to start by thanking you all for your support with ensuring our students maintain the highest standards of uniform, particularly in relation to my message last week about hoodies. Our Chair of Governors was on site on Tuesday as our students left the College and he commented to me how smart our young people looked - even at the end of a busy day!

An aspect of our day to day school life which changed significantly from last week was the introduction of our no notice restorative (NNR) sessions. These take place at the end of every day and involve a restorative conversation between the member of staff and student who

has received a C3 or C4. This replaces our traditional detention and so far we have been really pleased with the impact that the new approach is having and we have received positive feedback from both our students and staff. A reminder that it is your son or daughter's responsibility to let you know they are required to attend NNR through the notification slip which will be given to them by their teacher. You should have received details of the process in writing from Miss Eddy, our Assistant Headteacher, earlier this week. Should this communication not have made its way to you, a copy of the letter can be found on our website.

We were delighted to welcome Wendy Trout who represents Gaia Innovation to the College on Thursday. Wendy is representing Thurlow Nunn - one of the largest Vauxhall dealerships in the country. Wendy met a number of our Year 11 students who are interested in an apprenticeship as part of the "Search for a star" programme (#searchforastar). We are thrilled that a number of our students have been invited to the next stage of their selection programme, and we will keep you updated about their progress as they continue through the next stages.

The middle of my week contained a really exciting meeting with Dr Trish Turner from Ambition Schools Leadership to discuss a forthcoming collaboration between work at the College and Ambition Schools Leadership. We will be the first school in the country to take part in a pilot project which is aimed at developing a coaching leadership culture within our school. The project will be bespoke to the College and will align with the work on leadership behaviours and talent management that we have been working on for the past year. Both myself and Dr Turner are passionate about the possibilities of the pilot project and at looking at whether the approach which has been so successful in sectors outside of education, such as the NHS and Local Government, has the same transformative effect in schools. Dr Turner's visit was timely as I was also asked this week to share the work we have done in relation to leadership development and talent management through a contribution to the spring edition of the Leading Edge journal. This journal shares best practice from high performing schools across the country. Whilst we know we have much still to do in making sure that we offer the very best of all aspects of education at the College, I am really proud that what we do here at KC is starting to be recognised beyond our immediate community.

A heads up to some events which are scheduled to take place over the next couple of weeks. We are eagerly anticipating our annual careers fair this Thursday which is aimed at students and parents of Years 9, 10, 11 and Post 16. We are running 2 sessions: 3-5pm and 6-8pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to visit a large number of both local and national companies and more information can be found on [Career Letter to Parents](#).

Also a reminder that Simon Aston, the Northants County Council Online Safety Officer, will be running an informal parents' workshop with Mr Wade, Deputy Headteacher, on Tuesday 6th February from 6-7pm on how to stay safe when using online technologies. Further information can be found on [Parents Workshop Letter](#).

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming parents of our Year 7s to the Year 7 Parents' Evening on Thursday 8th February. To make an appointment online please use our booking system as below:

<https://kingsthorpecollege.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

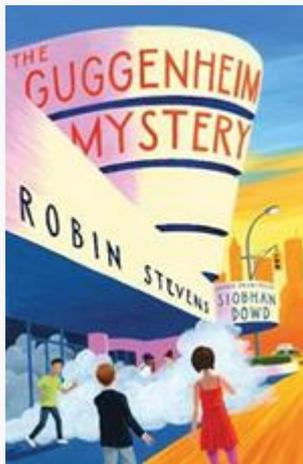
It looks set to be another busy week and I am particularly looking forward to attending the Board meeting of The Collaborative Academies Trust on Tuesday where myself and Mrs Gant, Deputy Headteacher, will be presenting a proposal which looks at ways in which we can ensure that we continue to support and promote a culture of high aspirations and expectations for all.

I look forward to updating you all again next week.

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher



The Guggenheim Mystery by Robin Stevens based on an idea by Siobhan Dowd (BL 5.0)



My name is Ted Spark. I am 12 years and 281 days old. I have seven friends. Three months ago, I solved the mystery of how my cousin Salim disappeared from a pod on the London Eye. This is the story of my second mystery. This summer, I went on holiday to New York, to visit Aunt Gloria and Salim. While I was there, a painting was stolen from the Guggenheim Museum, where Aunt Gloria works. Everyone was very worried and upset. I did not see what the problem was. I do not see the point of paintings, even if they are worth £9.8 million. Perhaps that's because of my very unusual brain, which works on a different operating system to everyone else's. But then Aunt Gloria was blamed for the theft - and Aunt Gloria is family. And I realised just how important it was to find the painting, and discover who really had taken it.

If you love action adventures stories, with plot twists with a little bit of mystery thrown in then you should try this book.

Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

Arani Ramesh 10G.

The word of the week is...

“Tempest” *noun*

Definition: A violent, windy storm

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is,
The tempest raged across the island causing damage to power lines and buildings.



Our reading hero this week is Kae Crisp (Year 7). Since joining us in September Kae has been doing some outstanding work on the Accelerated Reader Programme. She has read a fabulous array of fiction and has been reading lots of books by J.K. Rowling and Jacqueline Wilson. To date Kae has read an astonishing twenty eight books which equates to 2,313,000 words read. Well done Kae, what an achievement a double word millionaire, keep up the great work.

We're celebrating Harry Potter Book Night at Kingsthorpe College Library

Friday 2nd February 3pm – 5pm



Friday 2nd February 2018 will see the fourth annual Harry Potter Book Night which is celebrated throughout the world. Here at Kingsthorpe College, we're getting ready to host an unforgettable night. This year's theme is Fantastic Beasts. 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, readings 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, readings from our favourite Harry Potter books, Transfiguration games and a Hogwarts Hall of Fame Quiz. Each child who attends will receive a free Harry Potter goody bag! We shall also be holding a fancy dress competition and we will be running competitions to win Harry Potter goodies throughout the week.

You can find out more about Harry Potter Book Night at:

- harrypotterbooknight.com
- **#HarryPotterBook Night**

Whilst we have lots of fun we would also like to raise money for our Year 8 charity – The Children's Air Ambulance service. All we ask is that everyone who attends donates £1 to this worthwhile cause.

We only have a limited number of spaces, so if you would like to take part in this event please collect a letter from the library or contact Mrs Broadbent, Library Manager.



A big thank you to everyone from The Hope Centre

Tuesday, 23 January 2018

To all at Kingsthorpe College,

Thank you very much for your donation of clothes and food. Your support and generosity for our work is very much appreciated.

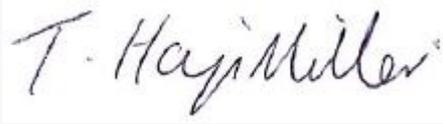
As you may know, we have provided support for disadvantaged and homeless people in Northampton for over 40 years and we could not continue this work without the generosity of our supporters and donations like yours.

Thanks to people like yourself we are able to provide hot food, drinks, showers, clothing and workshops to local people who are most in need throughout the winter months.

The Trustees, staff and clients at the Hope Centre are extremely grateful for your support and generosity.

Hope you all have a happy and healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely



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