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Dear Parents

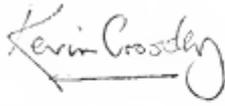
As you are aware, Mrs Giovanelli was appointed last term as Acting Principal at Kingsthorpe College whilst a new permanent appointment was advertised.

The process of recruitment to the post has concluded following national advertisement and interviews. The Collaborative Academies Trust (which sponsors Kingsthorpe College) and the Governors are delighted to confirm the appointment of Mrs Giovanelli to the substantive post with immediate effect. She has indicated a preference to use the title of Headteacher rather than Principal to recognise her own passionate commitment to teaching.

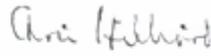
Our new Headteacher will work with The Collaborative Academies Trust,

governors, staff, parents, students and the wider community and spearhead our drive to 'Be Outstanding'.

Yours sincerely,



Kevin Crossley
Chief Executive Officer
The Collaborative Academies Trust



Chris Hilliard
Chair of Governors
Kingsthorpe College

Dear Parents

This week at the College, we have continued with two themes which have underpinned much of our work during this academic year – teamwork and determination. These are closely linked to two of our core values - responsibility and aspiration - and we have spent time this week, as both a staff body and in the work we do with students, reflecting on how these values translate into day to day practice at the College.

Building on Mr Jackson's assembly on Connections earlier this term, Mr Baines delivered another thought provoking assembly which encouraged us all to reflect on how the actions we take as individuals will affect our future as the community of Kingsthorpe College. Using some well known examples of famous people, and a quotation from Bruce Wayne from the Batman film, we were all asked to consider how the decisions and actions we take on a daily and weekly basis affect the way people perceive us – and whether these perceptions were an accurate reflection of ourselves. At KC, we take responsibility for our actions and we care about how decisions we all make impact not only on those closest to us, but also the wider College community. It was a timely reminder from Mr Baines about the importance of teamwork and the determination it requires from all of us to shape our future.

Myself, Mr Wade and Mr Baines have met with key subject leads this week to ensure we are doing everything we can to make sure that we have the highest expectations of our students. We will continue to meet with

all subject leads over the next week, and our key message has been that we expect nothing but the best for our students. We recognise that each of our students are unique and have individual ambitions and interests, but we are all committed to expecting the very best of everyone – our students and teachers. On this note, students in Year 11 will be receiving their latest Progress Cards in tutor period on Monday. These cards show the latest predictions that subject teachers have submitted for each student taking into account the trial examinations. Please discuss these with your son or daughter as your support at home is a vital part of ensuring success.

I have written previously about the support we will be offering those of our students who are sitting examinations this summer and we would like to invite our Year 11 students to a launch event for our “Class of 2017” initiative. This fantastic launch event will take place on Tuesday 21st February from 3-4pm in the main hall, and as part of this interactive event, students will receive a personalised exam pack full of useful resources. We would also like to take this opportunity to invite all parents and carers of both Year 11 and Year 13 students to our two revision workshop sessions on Thursday 9th February and Thursday 27th April in the Learning Hub from 6-7pm. These sessions will focus on effective revision skills and time management which will be imperative in the remaining weeks before the first exam. The sessions will also give you, as parents/carers, practical strategies and resources to help you support your son or daughter through the busy and stressful exam period. Letters will follow shortly and we hope to welcome as many of you as possible at one of these sessions.

Finally, it was with delight and pride that I became substantive Headteacher of the College this week. It was an interesting experience being an ‘external’ candidate for the day, and it was absolutely evident to all candidates what a very special place Kingsthorpe College is. My favourite part of the interview process was the student voice panel, and the students on the panel reflected the qualities of all of our students in abundance – honesty, insightfulness, humility, and above all, a real passion for KC. I share that passion and I am really looking forward to continuing to work with everyone linked to our team at Kingsthorpe College so that we make a difference to our young people.

Mrs Giovanelli

Headteacher

Stars of the week



Blue House

Ellin Baldock Year 8 B7

Ellin has been nominated by a member of our Senior Leadership Team. Whilst on a walk through in the Maths Department he looked at Ellin's exercise book which was described as "amazing! I have never seen such attention to detail and high personal standards."

Keep up the amazing work Ellin!

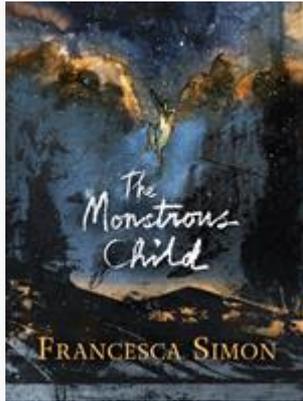
Purple House

Tinotenda Maminimini Year 11 P6

Despite only being with us a short while, Tinotenda has thrown herself into the ethos of the school. She is hard working and she has taken no time at all to get on track with her subjects. Tinotenda wants to do well, she is enthusiastic and determined, and fully demonstrates a perfect purple pupil.

Well done Tinotenda, we are delighted to have you in Purple House!

Book of the week: The Monstrous Child



Shortlisted for the Costa Book Awards, Children's Book category, 2016. Francesca Simon has chosen a heroine for her first novel for teenagers. Hel is Queen of the Norse underworld. She never wanted to be queen, but being a normal teenager wasn't an option either. She is the daughter of a giant and a god and she's stuck ruling the underworld for eternity. She doesn't want your pity but she does demand you listen it's only fair you hear her side of the story.....This ancient anti-heroine is given a fierce modern voice in this story of gods, monsters and growing up.

This is an extraordinary novel, it is original, funny and sometimes dark. You will really like this book if you enjoy fantasy and stories about mythology.

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

Bailey Fitzpatrick Gr4

The word of the week is...

“Fortuitous”

Definition: Happening or produced by chance; accidental.

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is:

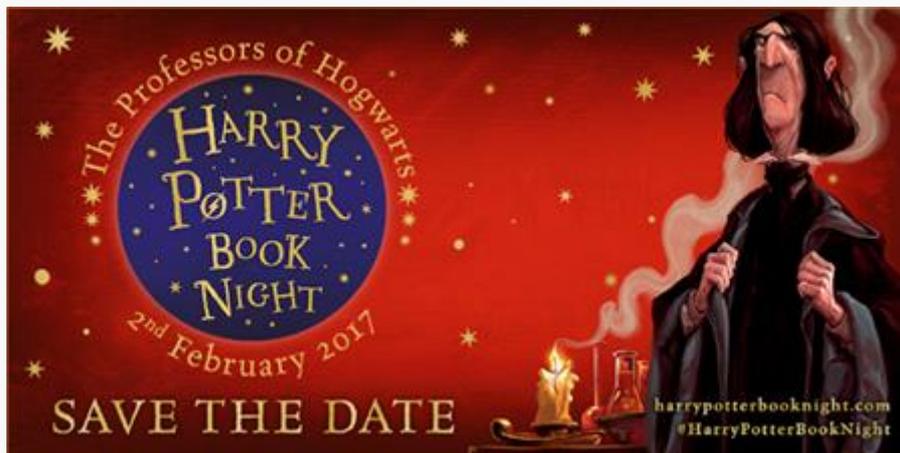
It was fortuitous that we met. We hadn't seen each other since primary school.



Our reading hero this week is **Kelvin Kwarteng – Year 8**. Kelvin earns the title of reading hero this week as he regularly takes quizzes in his own time, before and after school. Kelvin is a prolific reader and particularly enjoys reading funny books. This year he has so far read an astounding 35 books. Keep up the great work Kelvin, you are doing an amazing job. Don't forget to collect your prize for being this week's reading hero.

We're celebrating Harry Potter Book Night

At Kingsthorpe College Library
Thursday 2nd February 3pm – 5pm



Thursday 2nd February will see the third annual Harry Potter Book Night celebrated throughout the world and here at Kingsthorpe College, we're getting ready to host an unforgettable night themed around 'The Professors of Hogwarts'. 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, 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, transfiguration games, potion lessons, a Hogwarts Hall of Fame Quiz along and a visit to Honey Dukes sweet shop. Each child who attends will receive a free Harry Potter goody bag. We shall also be holding a fancy dress competition and the library will be running competitions to win Harry Potter goodies throughout the week.

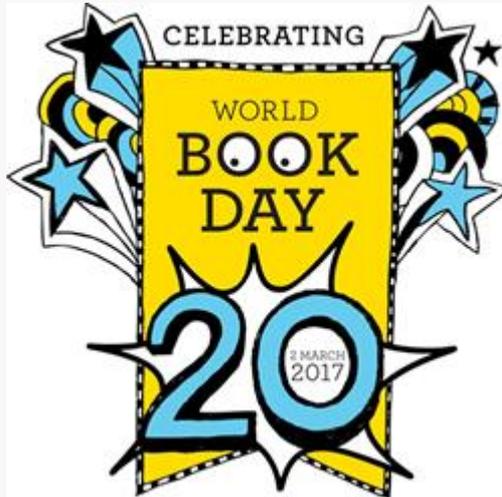
You can find out more about Harry Potter Book Night at www.harrypotterbooknight.com #HarryPotterBookNight

We only have a limited number of spaces, if your child would like to take part in this event please collect a letter from the library and return the permission slip signed before the 27th January 2016.

Whilst we have lots of fun we would also like to support J. K. Rowling's charity Lumos. This charity supports eight million children worldwide. All we ask is that everyone who attends donates £1 to this worthwhile

cause.

If you would like more information about this event please contact Mrs Broadbent, Library Manager.



This year sees the twentieth anniversary of World Book Day. It will be held on Thursday 2nd March and it is a day that is set aside each year to celebrate books and reading. 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 also be giving away 200 free books during World Book Day week. Watch

this space for more information about the free books on offer and how to enter lots of amazing competitions.



Parents' Revision
Workshop Thursday 9th February or
Thursday 27th April 6:00-7:00pm 2017



We would like to invite you to our parents' revision workshop which will be held on the 9th February and the 27th April.

The workshop will focus on effective revision skills and time management. This will be crucial in the remaining weeks before the first exam, and the session will give you practical strategies and resources to help you support your son or daughter.

Further details regarding this event will be sent home to all students in years 11, 12 & 13 this week.



Northamptonshire Police - 50:50 Scheme Introduction



Between November 2016 and January 2017, a number of Kingsthorpe College students were invited to attend the 50:50 change management programme. This programme was run by Police Officers and external providers to aid the students in achieving the best possible outcomes for their future.

The programme delivered high levels of support yet also high levels of challenge to enable all the students to reach their potential. The programme was made up of 12 sessions over a 6 week period. The sessions were delivered both on site at the College, but also with some of the programme being delivered offsite. There were a number of different elements to the programme - each designed to assist the student in their learning. Core skills that were developed were:

- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Perseverance

- Empathy

The programme was not designed to be easy and therefore the students needed to be prepared to apply themselves fully. Our students did not let us down in this regard and at the end of the programme, the students were invited to a presentation evening where they gave their new 'statement of intent'. This statement was written and read out by the student giving them the opportunity to say what they had learnt, and how they now intend to be as a person going forward. This was the climax of the event and a highly enjoyable experience for all.

PC 442 Gareth Cox



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

Thursday 9th February 2017 – Year 11, 12 & 13 Parents' Revision Workshop

Thursday 16th February 2017 - Year 12 & 13 English trip to Playhouse Theatre Northampton (during half term week)

Monday 20th February 2017 – Year 10 & 12 Technology trip to Northampton University

Wednesday 22nd February 2017 – Year 11, 12 & 13 – Creative & Digital Media trip to Watford and Milton Keynes

second hand exchange
programme. Thank you!

Thursday 23rd February 2017 – Year 10 & 11
English trip to the Playhouse Theatre
London

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