



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

The week started with a thought provoking and hard-hitting assembly to our Year 8 students from the Save Lives No Knives Team from Northants Police. The team are visiting all schools over the coming weeks as part of their programme in a county-wide initiative to tackle what is sadly becoming an increasing issue in our communities. The assembly will be followed up in tutor periods and our safeguarding team have made sure that there is appropriate follow up support for any young people who may have been affected by the assembly.

On Wednesday, Robin Neighbour was back in school interviewing over 50 Year 10 students who had put themselves forward to be considered for the Young Enterprise programme. He was blown away by their enthusiasm and ideas for the coming year. Later on that day, over 70

students from all year groups attended auditions for our forthcoming show “Fame”. The performing arts team had a really difficult task when deciding which of our very many talented students would be cast for the principal roles. Students and staff also celebrated the European Day of Languages this week where a wide variety of activities took place involving all year groups. Our students really engaged with the activities provided and it was great to see the level of enthusiasm from our students (and staff!) about the importance of learning a language.

I would also like to thank all those parents and students who attended our annual Meet the Tutor Evening on Thursday. It was incredibly well attended and the feedback was extremely positive. We have decided to simplify our feedback form for this academic year to enable us to really focus on what you consider to be our strengths and our areas for development. The new format also gives you as parents/carers the opportunity to give us some practical suggestions and ideas. I spent Friday morning reading these forms and it was lovely to read all of the positive comments, as well as to consider your suggestions about how we could improve further. I have asked the respective year teams and Senior Leadership links to get back to parents on an individual basis in relation to comments raised as we look to further improve our communication systems. There will be further opportunities to meet with subject specific teaching staff later on in the year and we hope to see as many parents/carers there as possible as we really value your support.

Next week we are looking forward to our annual open evening on Thursday 4th October at 6-8pm. This is always a highlight of the school year and we will be hosting, as usual, an Open Morning the following week for those prospective parents who might not be able to attend on the 4th, as well as for those who want to see the College in action. Our doors are always open for both prospective and existing parents, so please do get in touch if you wish to have a look around.

Finally, having returned to the College site myself at the end of the school day on Monday, I saw firsthand how busy the car park and surrounding roads are. We are looking at how we can help ensure this remains a safe environment but could I please ask that any parents who do pick students up, park in a considerate manner especially in our car park and in the local side roads. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

I look forward to updating you next week.

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher

SPREAD THE WORD



OPEN EVENING

Thursday 4th October
6pm-8pm

Dedicated to ensuring that we make a difference, in any way that we can, to both our community and our young people.

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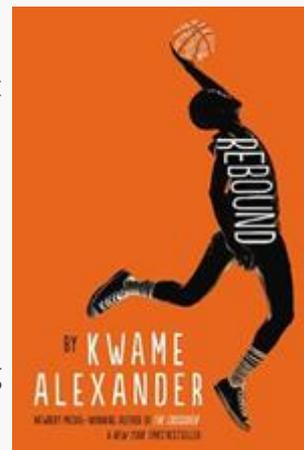
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The banner features a photograph of two students playing tabla drums on the left and the Kingsthorpe College logo on the right.



Rebound by Kwame Alexander (BL 4.3)

It's 1988. Charlie Bell is still mourning his father, and struggling to figure out how he feels for his best (girl) friend, CJ. When he gets into trouble one too many times, he's packed off like the Fresh Prince to stay with his grandparents for the summer. There his cousin Roxie introduces him to a whole new world: basketball. A legend on the courts is born. But can Charlie resist when trouble comes knocking once again?



From the New York Times–bestselling author Kwame Alexander, *Rebound* is a stunning coming-of-age novel in verse about basketball, family and staying true to yourself.

Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

McKenzie Sparkes 100.

The word of the week is...

“Innovation” noun

Definition: Something new or different introduced.

Year 7 students get ready for.....



What is BookBuzz?

This year the library is giving all of our Year 7 students the opportunity to participate in the Bookbuzz reading programme. This scheme gives each student the chance to choose a **free** book from the list of specially selected titles (see below). Over the next two weeks, all of our Year 7 students will be asked to make their choice.

The programme is supported by the Book Trust and all of the books are specially chosen to appeal to Year 7 readers. Its aim is to inspire excitement about reading and allows students to discover new books and authors. We have been introducing our students to the programme and we would like to encourage all of our Year 7 parents to have a look at the BookBuzz website. Here you will be able to find out about this year's titles, and other books that your child will enjoy. You will also find that it is filled with competitions, quizzes and fun activities to encourage

reading at home. www.bookbuzz.org.uk.



This week we were so excited to roll out the red carpet for those students who helped us to make the film for this year's BookTrust BookBuzz 2017 campaign. We were the only school in the U.K. to have been asked to make the film and it was a real privilege to share the finished film in its entirety with the students and their families. Our students were treated to a special Popcorn Film Premiere and got to see first hand their amazing presenting skills. The film will now form part of the national BookBuzz campaign that begins this week and will be watched in secondary schools across the U.K.

Our reading hero this week is Eduard Paulet (Year 8). Eduard has made a phenomenal start to the year and is achieving some amazing scores on the Accelerated Reader programme. So far this term he has read three books which equates to 748,857 words read. He is really enjoying reading the Inheritance Cycle series of books and is working towards becoming one of our first millionaire readers this year. Well done Eduard, keep up the great work.

As it is the start of term, all of our Year 7 and 8 students will be taking their star reading tests. We have included information below about the reading scheme. We encourage parents and carers to check planners on pages 32 and 33 as these pages contain information about what your child is reading, they also have information about their star reading test scores. Please encourage wider reading at home - we recommend at least twenty minutes per day.



Wednesday 26th September was the annual "European Day of Languages" when schools celebrate the diversity of languages we speak in today's multi-cultural society. We wanted to use this opportunity to help make students more aware of the fact that languages are not only spoken by their language teachers. To help achieve this, many of our staff spent the day greeting students in different foreign languages and occasionally changing into another language during the day! Our Year 7 students carried out a scavenger hunt where they had to find up to 12 different teachers around the school who had foreign flags on their lanyards. This resulted in a lot of staff being accosted and being asked to show their lanyards. Once found, the students then had to be able to recognise the flag of the European country and get a signature from the teacher wearing it to be entered in to a prize draw the following day. During tutor time we also discussed facts and figures about

languages and the European Union. The day will definitely have made some of our students think about languages in a slightly new light!



- **Thursday 4th October** – Open Evening
- **Thursday 18th October** - Year 11 Parents Evening / Year 11 & 13 Revision Session
- **Friday 19th October** – School Closes
- **Monday 29th October** – School Opens
- **Thursday 15th November** - Year 9 parents evening
- **Thursday 29th November** - Post 16 Open Evening
- **Monday 10th December** - Year 11 Options Meetings
- **Thursday 13th December** - Year 12/13 Parents Evening
- **Friday 21st December** – School Closes

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