



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Although we have had a short week this week due to the Bank Holiday, we've still managed to pack a lot in over the last fortnight!

As we continue to prepare our students for their examinations in the summer (which really are just around the corner now), a number of subjects have been holding 'Walking Talking Mocks' with students. These give students the opportunity to hear their teacher talk through how to answer questions on the exam paper, listening to the thought process and how marks are awarded. These have proved an invaluable way of supporting students to understand common mistakes which can be made, as well as giving them key advice and tips in terms of their time management in exams.

The final plan to support students during the summer examination series is now complete and students will receive personalised timetables to ensure that we make every minute count. For parents of Year 11, please note as per the communication which has been sent home, that there is no study leave for Year 11 as it is important that we support our students right up until their final examination. The personalised timetables mean that every student is able to prioritise and focus on the relevant subjects to them, thus maximising both time and opportunities. We know how stressful examination time can be and we are determined to support all our students and teaching staff over the next few weeks. To this end, we welcomed a group of mental health specialists into College on Wednesday where they worked with a group of our Key Stage 4 students to give them strategies and approaches to the exam period. The feedback from the students was extremely positive.

One of the things we have been working hard at this year is developing our systems to make sure that we celebrate and focus on all of the very many positive ways that our students contribute to KC on a daily basis. This week those students who have achieved over 400 Achievement Points took part in "Movie Mania" on Thursday which was a reward chosen by the students themselves. Miss Kinsman has also been working hard to ensure our staff get some well deserved recognition. Over the next few weeks, over 2000 acts of gratitude will be given to the staff at KC as students show their appreciation for a teacher who has made a difference to them by sending a thank you postcard. We have also used the opportunity to ask students to reflect on gratitude more widely in terms of their friends and families.

The last couple of weeks have been successful ones for our sports teams with our Year 7 mountain biking team coming second in the Northants Schools Sport Partnership competition - they showed amazing determination and perseverance throughout the entire competition. A number of our Year 8 and 9 students also took part in the Town Athletics Championships this week and again, there were some amazing performances and our students were a credit to the school.

On a similar theme, it has been lovely to hear some of the fantastic achievements of our students outside of the school day. Kyle Slee in Year 7 is competing in the Super 1 British Championship as a cadet driver.

Max Hardwick (Year 11) and his brother Toby (Year 9) have been performing this week in the Northampton Gang Show at the Royal and Derngate. And finally, Zak Brown in Year 8 has competed in the YCS Youth National youth climbing finals representing the Midlands and Peak District regions. We love to hear about the amazing things our students do outside of school, so please do let us know.

We also welcomed Lee Jeyes into school this week as part of our ongoing work in developing our Alumni programme. Lee is an ex KC student who has achieved tremendous success working for Walmart in Toronto, Canada where he heads up their Research and Development programme. Lee had a part time job at ASDA in Kingsthorpe stacking shelves as part of Saturday job and then progressed up the ladder when he left us. Lee is currently on holiday visiting his family but gave up a day to come into school to work with our Key Stage 4 and 5 Business Studies students. He delivered an inspirational workshop to show our students that "Anything is Possible". Lee regularly keeps in touch with the school and we thank him for his continued support and look forward to working with him again in the future.

We have been delighted to hear that 5 of our students have been selected to take part in a week of work experience with Northamptonshire Police later on in the term. This is an exciting opportunity for our students who have expressed an interest in joining the Police service. This forms part of a very exciting range of opportunities and support for students in terms of their aspirations and dreams once they leave us at KC.

It's been a particularly busy week for our Year 10 students. The Year 10 Drama group supported by Mr Rowbotham presented "The Last Train" to a packed audience on Thursday evening. The presentation forms part of their coursework and it was fantastic to see the students perform to such a high level. Our Year 10 History students visited Rockingham Castle this week as part of their GCSE course. The pictures on our Twitter account looked fantastic and the students really enjoyed the day.

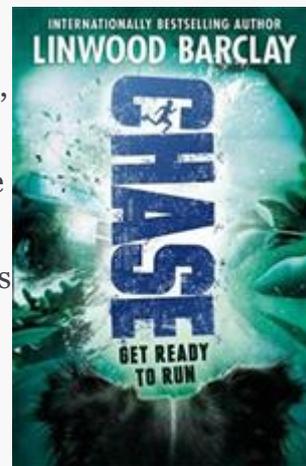
Finally, just a reminder that we have Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday 17th May. Appointments can be made on line at <https://kingsthorpecollege.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher



Chase by Linwood Barclay (BL:4.7)

Chipper is a very special dog. As part of a top-secret, multi-million dollar experiment to create the ultimate canine spy technology, Chipper's whole life has been spent within the walls of a secret organization known only as The Institute. Chipper is supposed to be more machine than mutt, but something's wrong and The Institute knows it. He's about to be terminated. Across the state, twelve-year-old orphan Jeff Conway is working all hours at his aunt Flo's lakeside cabin business. He misses his parents, his old life, and the dog he had to leave behind. When Chipper escapes and Jeff finds himself part of the chase, The Institute's most ruthless agent is hot on their tail, and he wants Chipper dead ...at any cost.



If you love thrillers filled with action, humour and technology then why not give this book a try.

Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

The word of the week is...

"Generosity"

Definition: the quality of being kind, understanding, and not selfish

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is,
I was overwhelmed by the generosity of friends and neighbours.



Our reading hero this week is Eduard Paulet (Year 7). Since joining us in September Eduard has read a wonderful array of fiction, his favourite writers this year have included Darren Shan, Rick Riordan and Derek Landy. He is one of our double millionaire readers and has read a very impressive 25 books which equates to 2,199, 037 words read. Eduard regularly takes quizzes in his own time and has been working really hard on the AR programme. Well done and don't forget to collect your reading hero prize.

Joffre White will be visiting Kingsthorpe College Library

On Tuesday 15th May

We are really excited to announce that the wonderful author Joffre White will be visiting our college library on Tuesday 15th May. He will be working with our Year 7, 8 and 9 students. Throughout the day he will be delivering a series of creative writing workshops and assemblies that centre around his books, his life and his works. Students will have the opportunity to ask lots of questions throughout his day with us and if they wish to do so will be able to purchase signed books. I hope you will agree this is a wonderful treat for our students.



As a college each year we participate in the Bookbuzz scheme. This scheme is aimed at our new students who join us in Year 7 in September. It is a nationwide scheme available to all secondary schools in the country and is supported by the UK's largest children's reading charity, the BookTrust in conjunction with Arts Council England. The aim of the scheme is to give each child their own reading book to keep. It is designed to encourage reading for pleasure and to engage all students regardless of

their ability. Furthermore, it allows students to develop as independent readers and is designed to encourage their reading journey as they start secondary school.

The Booktrust make a film each year to accompany the scheme and this film is shown to all participating secondary schools. This year we are really excited to announce that we have been chosen for a second year running to be the only school in the country to make this year's Bookbuzz film.

We are currently looking for students in years 7 and 8 who love reading and who would like to help us make this film. For our students' it is an amazing opportunity to work with a professional film crew and to be involved in the whole process of film making. You have to be able to commit to reading at least three of the titles on the scheme before Monday 4th June and that you will be happy to be interviewed for the film on Thursday 7th June.

If you are interested in being involved please contact Mrs Broadbent, Library Manager for further details.



Our school now has access to **The Day** – a daily online news service for schools and colleges that aims to make the news relevant to the school curriculum.

Every student and teacher can access the daily stories and search The Day's extensive archive of articles by visiting www.theday.co.uk and using the following log-in details:

Username: Kingsthorpe

Password: theday

➡ To find out more about The Day, visit WWW.THEDAY.CO.UK

Northampton student entrepreneurs take eco-friendly company to regional finals.

A team of young Northampton entrepreneurs have battled through to the regional finals of a business competition.

The students from Kingsthorpe College scooped the top spot at the Northamptonshire Young Enterprise finals beating four groups from across the county.

The Kingsthorpe College team, KrispiKrafts, won four of the awards up for grabs including the coveted Best Overall Company prize.

Krispikrafts started trading in October, recycling crisp packets and turning them into fridge magnets, key rings and pencil cases - part of the Young Enterprise Company programme which enables participants to experience setting up and running a company.

Running throughout one academic year, students make all the decisions about their enterprise, from deciding on the name and product to creating a business plan, managing the student company finances and selling to the public at trade fairs.

Competition was tough on the night facing a trio of teams from Wellingborough School and one from Northampton School for Girls.

Their victory now means they are through to the regional finals where they will be representing Northamptonshire at the East Midlands Regional Finals being held in Nottingham this June.

Link teacher, Miss Fisher, said: "I am incredibly proud of what they have achieved, they are a real inspiration and it has been a wonderful so far.

"The journey that I have travelled with them which is not over yet, although they have had ups and downs they have been very determined, resilient and proactive.

"All of the students involved are a credit to Kingsthorpe College and the values to which we aspire."

Krispikrafts Managing Director, Filip Naumenko, said: "I just can't believe how well we have done.

"I never expected to win so many awards it's just fantastic we are all so excited.

"Taking part in this programme has helped all of us develop our employability skills we are so lucky that our school has provided us with this platform."

To support the students and to follow Krispikrafts' exciting entrepreneurial journey @krispikrafts_je on Instagram, @KrispiKrafts on Facebook and @KraftsKrispi on Twitter.



School Ties

Inspirational visit from Alumni

This week we were very lucky to have one of our former students come back to visit us. Lee Jeyes, who was at the school until 2007, came along to share his story with some of our students.

Lee has accomplished a huge amount in the last 10 years since he has left school. He is now living and working in Canada! When he was in 6th form he began working in the local Asda where he quickly progressed and became the youngest store manager for Asda in their history.

Asda is part of Walmart, the world's largest employer. The company were so impressed with Lee that they offered him a senior position in Canada. He moved in 2013 and has continued to grow with the business. He became the youngest store manager in Canada, the youngest senior manager, and now the youngest director in Walmart history.

It is great to hear how far Lee has progressed in what is a relatively short space of time. Although he lives on the other side of the world, we were really grateful when Lee asked to keep in touch and we were extremely privileged when he offered to come and work with our students when he

was back in the UK visiting friends and family.

During his visit, Lee had a chance to catch up with some of his old teachers and have a look around the school. He also did a talk for a group of our 6th form students about his journey and career so far which was extremely aspirational. We look forward to continuing to work alongside Lee in the future.

Lee's advice for current students:

*'Always be curious about learning new things.
Refrain from making mistakes early on in life that
you will later regret.'*



If you are a former student, or know of someone who is, please get in touch with us. We are keen to form more connections with our students from years gone by!

Mountain Biking

A team of our year 7 students represented the school on Thursday evening in the Northampton Town Mountain Biking Competition at Overstone Scout Centre. The students competed in a number of races including short sprints and longer endurance courses. The longer courses were particularly challenging with tight bends and steep inclines which lead to some very exciting races. The event was ran by British Cycling and the Northampton School Sport Partnership. All of our students made us immensely proud. They showed great determination throughout the event and ended up coming in silver position overall. We also came away with some individual medals, with Kae winning Gold and Billie getting Bronze in the girls' races. A special mention needs to go to Piper who had originally come along as a reserve. She ended up helping out the team from Malcolm Arnold Academy who were one person short. She showed amazing perseverance in her races and did brilliantly. Well done to the whole team. We are very proud of you all.



What Schools Need to Know about Fortnite: Battle Royale



National Online Safety provides a useful guide for the game that is sweeping the nation: [What Schools Need to Know about Fortnite: Battle Royale](#)

Northampton Town Girls PDC Trials 2018/19

Northampton Town Football Club are looking to recruit players for our girls' Player Development Centre for the 2018/19 season.

This is an exciting opportunity to trial for a place with our U10's, U12's, U14's & U16's Player Development Centre as we head into our sixth year. The programme runs from September to May with girls training once a week and playing a minimum of four fixtures per year during school holidays. The Player Development Centre is designed to provide an opportunity for girls to take the next step on the talent pathway whilst continuing to play with their grassroots club.

All coaches are FA Licensed and qualified with first aid, safeguarding and full DBS checks.

To register for the trials please email Hollie.Gunn@ntfc.co.uk or call 07876 355107 by Friday 22nd June. **No applications will be taken after this date or on the night.**

COMMUNITY

Date: Tuesday 3rd July 2018
Time: 6 -7:30pm
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