

KC POST 16 NEWSLETTER

September 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to Post 16

Whether your child is new to KC or your child has been a student here in previous years, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child to Post 16 at Kingsthorpe College.

If your child is studying the Level 2 programme, it is important to note that it is an expectation that they study the three core subjects: Creative Digital Media (CDM), Health & Social Care and Sports Leadership; as well as English Language and / or Mathematics if they did not achieve a grade 4 at GCSE level.

Students on the Level 2 provision will be working with Mr Campbell to explore and finalise their work experience opportunities. We have a number of opportunities available to students, but we would like you to discuss this with your child and if you have any contacts then contact Mr Campbell.

Level 3 students are studying a range of applied and academic subjects and it has been pleasing to see high levels of engagement in lessons. It is important that over the next fortnight, your child carefully considers the subjects they have chosen in terms of interest and whether they can cope with demands of the course. If students would like to change to any subjects they are studying, they are to see Mrs Coppard to collect a change of course form so arrangements can be made. The deadline for making changes is Friday 20th September.

Certain students have access to the Post-16 bursary, for which there are specific criteria which must be met. This bursary can support your child in a range of ways which includes: transport costs, uniform and resources, amongst other items. This information was presented to students last week. To access this bursary, students and parents must complete an application, which can be obtained from the Finance office. Applications must be handed to Mrs Thomas, Senior Finance Officer, by 27th September. Enquiries regarding this can be directed to: sarah.thomas@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk.

Please do take some time to look at the Post 16 section of the KC website which outlines student expectations for behaviour, attendance and dress code.

Finally, I would like to bring to your attention the Post 16 Information Evening that will take place on Thursday 26th September. This is an opportunity for all Post 16 parents and children to meet the Post 16

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team and to learn about how we will play an integral role in preparing your child for their next steps; whether it be university, an apprenticeship or employment. Further details will be communicated to you in due course.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above information, please contact the Post 16 team post16@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk

Yours sincerely.

Mr. MacDonald
Director of Post 16

Key upcoming dates

13 – 14 September – Job Show Centre MK Milton Keynes

18 September – Warwick University Medical School Trip for Biology students. Leaving at 8.30am and returning at 5.30pm.

19 September – Option deadline.

20 September – Northampton University to visit creative Leather Technologies Faculty (9.30 – 11.30) for Years 12 & 13).

24 September - Cyber Apprenticeship Evening (6-8pm) Hanslope Park .

26 September – Post 16 Information Evening

27 – 28 September - USA College Day

3 October – Nottingham University trip compulsory trip for Year 12 students. 8.30 – 4.30.

15 October – Northampton University Waterside Campus 9.30 – 12.00. UK University and apprenticeship search fair for Years 12 and 13..

16 October – Apprenticeship workshop. Please sign up below [PwC online workshop](#) in computer room at 3pm for Years 12 and 13.

18 November – Leicester Space Centre Careers Conference Years 12 students. Leaving at 8am and back 3pm.

19 November – Options deadline

19 November – Young Professionals Industry day in Derby – 9:00 – 1:00pm Years 12 and 13

26 November – Bursary deadline

WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE KINGSTHORPE COLLEGE

Apply for a 2 week work experience with British Gas/Centrica in Edinburgh, Glasgow/Uddingston. To log an interest please use the following link

MovementtoWorkCentrica@recruitmentsupport.co.uk



USA College Day – Friday 27th September 4pm – 7pm and Saturday 10am – 3pm at the ILEC Conference Centre, London. Meet 170 American Universities at the largest university fair in Europe.



Well done acknowledgements!



Year 13 Literature students all brought in their homework on time on Tuesday and completed to an excellent standard by all students!

Year 12 students – Fantastic class of photographers! Brilliant abstract images of plastic transparencies!

Reminders

- Lanyards on at all time (**safety is absolutely key**) and clearly on display.
- If you arrive at school after 8.15 please enter through the side gate like everyone else
- If you are late for any reason, line up with other students and sign in – Post 16 students do not have the right to push in front. **All late time MUST be made up that day with tutor (and double the time!) at break and lunch. If you fail to do this you will be required to make up triple the time on Friday.**
- Be aware that your Learning Agreement states that you need to be available to stay at school until 4pm to do extra work if your teachers feel it will benefit you.
- **Comply to the dress code - we absolutely expect you to follow our Post 16 expectations – for reference.**

Acceptable

- Cardigans
- Collared shirt
- Jumper (with shirt beneath)
- Polo shirt
- Skirt or dress of modest length – if you are unsure whether they length meets the criteria wear with a pair of opaque tights or leggings
- Smart shoes or boots
- Smart top with thick straps or capped blouse sleeves
- Tailored jacket or blazer
- Tailored trousers
- Tie

Unacceptable

- Denim or leather clothing or coats
- Extreme hair styles
- Flip-flops or sandals
- High heels
- Hoodies or sweatshirts
- Leggings (unless worn under a dress)
- Low cut, crop, strapless or vest tops
- See through materials
- Shirts or jumpers with brands
- Shorts
- Tracksuits
- Trainers (including black trainers)
- T-shirts
- Ugg or Dr Marten boots

- Always sign in during independent study lessons
- If you leave the school site at lunchtime without signing out, you will be required to stay onsite in future. **(safety is absolutely key)**

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