



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

Edition 202



Dear Parents

It's certainly been a memorable week here at the College – for both staff and students!

Our Post 16 Young Enterprise group won yet another award at the Wellingborough Trade Fit scooping the “Best Trade Stand”. It really is a sign of the commitment and dedication of our students and staff that they continue to give up their own time to support this event and participate in this wonderful opportunity.

Students in the main school continue to excel, as always, with their own personal achievements. Aydan in Year 10 has been selected to represent England at Pool at Under 15 level and Sophie in Year 7 came 14th out of 100 runners at the Anglia Schools Cross Country Championships involving 5 counties. Well done to both.

Wednesday evening saw our annual Harry Potter tournament in the library. There were lots of different activities based around the main characters. Both staff and students dressed up in some amazing costumes. This event seems to grow bigger and bigger every year, and I know my own children were envious when I told them about it as they have become massive Harry Potter fans in the last few months.

On Thursday our Year 13 students took part in a financial management workshop run by the University of Northampton. During this interactive session, our students were shown how to budget their finances while at University – proving quite eye opening for some of the group!

Thursday also saw our Inspiration for Innovation event run in conjunction with Silverstone Park and Gaia Innovation. This interactive day of workshops and inspirational speakers was focused on Year 9 as part of their GCSE Options process. The aim of the day was to get students to consider possible subject choices which would help them reach their longer-term work goals and ambitions. The day focused around Engineering and developments within the Automotive Industry. We had over 40 business leaders attend with one of them even flying in on his own personal helicopter! As you can imagine, this caused quite a stir when it landed on the football pitch. Perrys also supported the event by bringing in 4 electric/hybrid cars that our students could look around and explore how they work. There was a speed networking event where our students had the opportunity to grill the business leaders on their own careers. All in all, the day both inspired and motivated our young people and I would like to extend a huge thankyou to Mr Wade, Miss Fisher and Mrs Rayment who all worked incredibly hard to ensure the day was a success.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Online Safety Workshop for parents last week due to illness, but I'm pleased to say this has been re-arranged for Tuesday 11th February 6-7pm.

Important dates coming up:

- Tuesday 11th February – Online Safety Workshop for Parents led by Simon Aston 6-7pm.

- Thursday 13th February – Y11 Parents’ Evening 2 – Appointments can be made on line at <https://kingsthorpecollege.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>
- Thursday 27th February – Careers Fair 3 – 7

I look forward to updating you again next week.

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher

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Presents

WITCHES DON'T SINK

Wed 12.02 – Drama Studio – 6PM – £3

'?What does justice look like#'

Book of the Week

Seven Ghosts by Chris Priestley (BL: 4.5)

Jake and the other finalists in a writing competition have been invited to a stately house for a tour like no other. As their guide leads them through grand rooms, hidden nooks and magnificent grounds, they hear the stories of seven ghosts who haunt the halls. But strange shapes and shadows follow Jake as he journeys through the house and with each tale that Jake hears, he begins to feel more uneasy. All is not as it seems and soon Jake will discover that something is very, very wrong ... Old ghosts are stirred-up for Halloween in this spine-tingling, horror.

This book is part of the Barrington Stoke super readable series and is also suitable for dyslexic readers.



Our words of the week this term are all based around the Latin root word mit – meaning send.

The word of the week is...

“Committee”

Definition: : A group of people who are part of a larger organisation who meet to discuss important subjects.

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

The committee meeting will be held today at two o'clock.

Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

- Benjamin Fenton 8I.



Accelerated Reader News

Our reading hero this week is Sophia O'Donoghue – Year 7. Sophia has been working really hard on the Accelerated Reader programme. So far this year she has read an amazing 30 books which equates to 706,949 words read. This term she has really enjoyed books by Liz Pichon and Rachel Renee Russell. Well done Sophia, you are a fantastic reading ambassador for the school, keep up the good work.

We encourage parents and carers to check planners on pages 33 and 34. 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 a day.



Wow what a night! This year the theme for our Harry Potter Book Night was 'The Triwizard Cup'. All of the students who attended were each treated to a very special evening of Harry Potter based activities. On arrival all of our students attended the Sorting Hat Ceremony and once sorted into their respective houses they competed against each other for house points to try to win the title of best house. The library was transformed as students participated in a huge treasure hunt. Once all of the items had been found they then all had to complete tasks.

Our very own school professors were on hand to help to train our newly recruited Hogwarts students. Each student had to attend broomstick training and potions classes. Once the training had finished we were all treated to some well-earned refreshments at Honey Dukes Sweetshop. To wrap up the evening we held a huge Harry Potter Book Night Quiz and a raffle.

This year Gryffindor A were declared the winning house team and each student received a medal and a quill. However, no student went home empty handed as they were all given Harry Potter goodies as a reminder of the event.





New Lunchtime Club in the Library

If you love chess, puzzle solving and Rubik's cubes,
why not join Miss Bailey in the library every
Tuesday lunchtime.

Sign up at the library desk to secure your place.



**Join us at Kingsthorpe College Library for
Family Drop Everything & Read Sessions**

The next session will be held in the school library from
3pm - 5pm on Tuesday 11th February 2020

We will be serving light refreshments and have some
fantastic free book giveaways.

For further information or to book on please email:

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We've registered with easyfundraising and we need your help!

Easyfundraising is a great website where you can help Kingsthorpe College raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want to raise as much as possible, so please sign up and help us

at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/8KIoWE/U1UFT9>



Help us to win £5000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and win £100 for yourself! Just enter the competition online, it only takes a minute:
<http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>



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