



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

Edition 203



Dear Parents

Dear Parents,

I can't believe how quickly this halfterm has flown by!

On Tuesday, we welcomed Simon Aston the Online Safety and Wellbeing Officer from Northants County Council to lead our annual Online Safety Workshop for parents. The evening was a successful one and thank you to those parents who attended this very practical session which formed part of our work for Safer Internet Day. We also held another of our very successful Family Drop Everything and Read sessions on Tuesday after school. This was also very well attended, and the students really enjoyed the different activities.

On Wednesday, Post 16 students were given a talk on the UK Parliament which proved to be a real eye opener. We also hosted another coffee morning and I would like to thank all those parents who attended. The focus this time was on attendance and how we can work together to ensure our students are in school to help maximise their opportunities in life.

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Paul Rowlett who was on the Channel 4 TV programme 'The Secret Millionaire' last year. He delivered an inspirational talk to Year 10 students and then followed this up with a Q+A session with our Year 10 and Year 12 Business Studies students. Paul was extremely engaging and was very down to earth. We hope to invite him back to the College again soon.

Thursday also saw several of our students attend the Mental Health Awareness event at the Cobblers Stadium where they took part in a number of different activities to help raise awareness of mental health. This aspect of wellbeing is particularly important to us at the College and our students were wonderful ambassadors at this event for their peers.

Thank you to those Year 11 parents who attended the parents' evening on Thursday. The next few months are going to be critical for our students as they move ever closer to the summer exam season and I particularly enjoyed meeting the parents of those Year 11 students I teach. As I said to the parents, teaching my students is often the best part of my day!

Just a reminder that the Trial Exams start on Monday 2nd March. These exams are critical for providing the school and students with an accurate benchmark as to whether the student is making expected progress in their GCSE / A-level studies and for identification of areas for development. An exam timetable was distributed to students on Friday 14th February to allow them to prepare effectively.

Morning exams start in the main hall with an exam briefing at 8.40am and students must be outside the sports hall at 12.45pm for afternoon exams ready for a 1.00pm start. Year 11 and Year 13 students will be expected outside the sports hall 10 minutes before the start of their exam. Students who have an afternoon exam will be given an early lunch on these days. Please be aware that a small number of exams finish before

the published end of school day at 3.00pm and when this is the case, the school intends to release your son or daughter early during the trial exam period, unless they are required or choose to attend after school revision, extra-curricular activities or the school is informed otherwise in writing or by telephone from their parent.

It is an exam rule that students are not allowed to wear coats in the exam hall so please ensure students have full school uniform and that Post 16 students are dressed appropriately for their exams. All students have been encouraged to begin consolidating their work outside lessons in preparation for Summer Examinations. It is essential that students are now engaging fully in a revision programme and working hard to prepare for these final exams.

Important coming up:

- Thursday 27th February – Careers Fair 3-6.30pm – all year groups invited.
- Thursday 5th March – Y9 into 10 GCSE Options Evening 6-8pm.
- Wishing you all a relaxing halfterm.

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher

Car Parking reminder

Can we please remind all parents/carers to park in the designated parking bays on the school site and not to block access in and out of the car park. We are very fortunate to have a large school car park so can we please ask that you also do not double park or block the zebra crossing outside of the reception area. This will help to ensure the safety of all students as they leave the building at the end of each day. Thank you for your support.

Relate Northamptonshire are now offering FREE counselling sessions to young people on Monday evenings from 4pm at 76 St Giles Street, Northampton Town Centre, NN1 1JW.

Referral is easy – just give your student or their carer our number and ask them to call to book an appointment with our friendly team - **01604 634400**

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The KC Careers Fair

Join us in the Main Hall
Thursday 27th February
3pm – 6.30pm
for
Independent Advice and Guidance
Open to all students
Bring your Parents' too
Light refreshments available



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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