



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

A very busy fortnight at the College. In no particular order...

Our Post 16 Young Enterprise group “Hanabi” gave up another of their weekends to attend the wedding fair at the Park Inn on Sunday 1st March. Feedback was extremely positive and resulted in several sales to help boost their finances.

Every Tuesday morning, a group of students from Key Stage 3 attend Far Cotton Boxing Club where they are put through their paces by John who gives up his time to help the students focus on the key areas of resilience, dedication, and commitment. These skills are then brought back into school and used to set the students weekly targets to achieve.

We held our third PTA meeting on Wednesday 4th March, with a positive turn out from both parents and members of staff. Our numbers are increasing so thank you for your support. Planning is in place to hold our first ever event which will be a quiz night on Friday 1st May. The quiz will be held in the main hall. Tickets will go on sale shortly – more information to follow from the PTA shortly.

On Thursday 5th March, we welcomed over 180 families to our Year 9 Options Evening. The main hall was packed with standing room only. The evening proved to be extremely informative with students finding out what a wide variety of courses we have on offer at GCSE. Students have been handing in their completed options forms this week and all Year 9 students will then have an interview with members of the Senior Leadership team to confirm the options they have chosen.

Last Friday, we held our KC Readathon where a total of 241 pages were read aloud by members of staff during the school day. I was privileged to be able to start this amazing day off and enjoyed reading Chapter 1 of The Mazerunner. The readathon ended at 4pm - a huge thank you to all staff who gave up their time to support.

On Monday of this week, we welcomed Jonathon Bartley, the National Leader of the Green Party, to the school. As part of this high profile visit he went on a tour of the school and observed Year 7 PSHE lessons where the important topic of Climate Change was being covered. He then gave an inspirational assembly to students from a cross section of year groups and then had a Q&A session with the Y7 Eco Club. He was extremely impressed with the school and was very complimentary with the steps the school has taken to further the green agenda.

<https://www.northamptonchron.co.uk/news/politics/green-party-leader-urges-northamptonshire-councils-not-delay-tackling-climate-change-2444707>

On Friday, a group of Year 9 girls visited Northampton College to take part in a Construction Day. The girls had a great day and were very impressed with the facilities. The day proved to be enlightening for them and they really enjoyed taking part in the practical sessions. It's great to hear that several the girls are now considering a career within the construction industry.

Celebrating our more creative side, staff at the school have been helping students remember important details for their exams through music! Mr Saville had Year 11 in awe on Friday morning in the Maths exam briefing. His “exam tips” rap went down a storm. https://twitter.com/qoe_kc/status/1238403154317905920?s=20
This was on the back of Mrs Gant and the English team (including myself) who delivered the poem Storm on an Island to the music of How far I’ll Go from the Disney Hit Moana.
https://twitter.com/qoe_kc/status/1236958985611337729

Mrs Draper has been the lyrical genius behind these renditions of the poems and we have 5 more lined up!
I am also delighted that our 3D Design work from Year 11 last year is now live on the OCR website and being shared across the country – well done to students and staff within the Visual Arts Faculty.
<https://ocr.org.uk/Images/574375-three-dimensional-design-portfolio.pdf>
<https://ocr.org.uk/Images/574376-three-dimensional-design-externally-set-task.pdf>

A reminder of the forthcoming Post 16 Parents’ Evening which takes place on Thursday 26th March – this is a crucial opportunity to discuss what steps students need to take next in their subjects.
Wishing you all a good weekend.

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher

Sophie Hancock in Year 7

Sophie has been doing brilliantly running in a number of events this year. In January, Sophie came 5th out of 50 girls in cross country which meant she had qualified for Nationals and the Anglian Trophy event in Lincolnshire on February 1st. This led onto another fantastic run where Sophie came 14th out 100 runners which covered 5 Counties.

More recently Sophie has competed in Nationals and came in the top 15 girls in Year 7 across the Country. Sophie's next race is on 21st March. Everyone from Kingsthorpe College is wishing her well on her next race. Keep it up!

Alex Banning Year 10

It was the last of a winter series shoot at Nottingham & District Gun Club, where competitors had to submit their best 4 scores out of 6 events. Alex had missed the first 2 shoots, so the pressure was on as this score needed to count as he had no banked scores to count on and he was already 3 targets down on the next best Colt. Therefore, he was disappointed to wake up on Sunday morning to be greeted by 40-mph winds. We went up to Nottingham and given the conditions, Alex shot exceptionally well. The high gun of the day was 95/100 and Alex managed to shoot a 94/100 which in those conditions was very good shooting as all shooters, even the top-class shooters, struggled with the conditions.

Following that score, Alex found out that he was joint first in his Colt category and had won his Class (B) by 1 shot. The top 2 in each class were invited to shoot in a 'Super Final' and as Alex had won his class, he shot with 5 other shooters - 4 of which had represented England before. This involved a full round of Skeet to decide the overall winner. Alex managed to score 23/25 in this round and was in a final shoot-off for 3rd place with 2 other shooters. I am pleased to say that Alex prevailed and won this and therefore was 3rd overall in the super final.

Alex was very pleased with this outcome in what had been a difficult period. The weather conditions this winter have been very unkind, and this has impacted Alex's preparations and scores. Saying that, he needed to know how to shoot in bad conditions, so persevering has paid dividends as the result from yesterday has shown.

Alex has a chance of being invited to the England Selection shoots. He should find out shortly if he has been invited. If he has, he will need to attend 3 selection shoots in Suffolk, Yorkshire and London, and if he shoots well and is in the top 3 juniors, he will win his England cap.

Good luck Alex

KC Performing Arts Presents



DANCE SHOWCASE 2020

**A DECADE OF
DANCE**

WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH

7:15PM

KC MAIN HALL

£4 ADULTS

£2 CONCESSIONS

(AVAILABLE FROM FINANCE)

Car Parking reminder

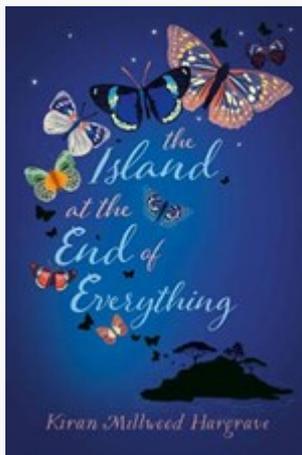
Can we please remind all parents/carers to park in the designated parking bays on the school site and not to block access in and out of the car park. We are very fortunate to have a large school car park so can we please ask that you also do not double park or block the zebra crossing outside of the 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.

Book of the Week



The Island at the End of Everything by Kiran Millwood Hargrave (BL 5.0)



Ami lives with her sick mother on an island where the sea is as blue as the sky. It's all she knows and loves, but the arrival of a cruel government official, Mr Zamora, changes her world forever. Her island is to become a colony for sufferers of leprosy. Banished to an orphanage across the water, Ami meets a girl named for butterflies, and together they set out to find a way back home to the island at the end of everything.

The Island at the End of Everything weaves themes of prejudice, segregation and illness into the story of one very brave young girl's determination to find her way back to her mother. This story is rooted in history – it is set in 1902 on the real-life Filipino island of Culion, formerly an island for people with leprosy – this poignant tale firmly will stay with you long after reading.

Our words of the week this term are all based around the Latin root word tract – meaning drag, pull.

The word of the week is.....

“Attractive”

Definition: If someone or something is attractive it is considered good looking, interesting and/or pleasing in appearance.

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is: Great Britain has many attractive seaside towns.



Our reading hero this week is Bryan Michalak (Year 8). This week Bryan became our newest Accelerated Reader millionaire. This year he has read an amazing 7 books which equates to 1,063,576 words read, he has also been enjoying books by Johnathan Stroud and Christopher Paolini. Well done Bryan and keep up the great 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.



On Friday 6th March as part of our week of celebrations for World Book Day staff and students participated in our whole school readathon. Mrs Giovanelli started off the day reading the first chapter of our chosen book, The Maze Runner. Once we had got the story going, it was the job of students and staff to continue to read aloud. Throughout the day we had over 150 students and staff in the library either listening or reading from the book. And the reading didn't stop at 3pm, we carried on afterschool where we ended our special celebrations by creating a book conga! As a result of our readathon, we read 241 pages so this will be our target to beat for next year. Our whole school community worked together to

create a fantastic day to celebrate our passion and love of reading and literacy.

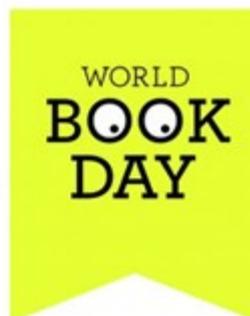
Thank you to all staff and students who helped to make the day a great success.

World Book Day will be held on Thursday 5th March. This is a day that is set aside each year to celebrate books and reading. At Kingsthorpe College we will have lots to celebrate, as not only will our students be receiving their World Book Day Tokens, but the library will also be giving away free books during World Book Day week.

We shall be running a competition to design a National Book Token. All entries will then be sent on to compete in the national competition where students will have the chance of winning £100 of National Book Tokens.

All week we will be running lots of competitions to win packs of book themed goodies – from Tom Gates, to Harry Potter, to Horrible Histories to name a few. The closing date for the competitions is Friday 20th March. So, get creative and get involved!

Students should also check out the World Book Day website which is filled with resources, games, videos, ideas and inspiration to help celebrate books and reading all year round.
www.worldbookday.com




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Job of the week- Biotechnologist WC 16th March

Contact Miss Fisher for Careers Information

Link to subjects
 IT
 English Maths and Science.

Skills and interests-
 knowledge of biology
 to be thorough and pay attention to detail
 the ability to work on your own
 excellent verbal communication skills
 maths knowledge
 the ability to work well with others
 analytical thinking skills
 knowledge of chemistry including the safe use and disposal of chemicals
 to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

Qualifications
 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4
 2 or 3 A levels including biology

Click here for more information

Salary
 £19,000-£60,000

Biotechnologists use plants, animals, microbes, biochemistry and genetics to develop new products and improve existing ones

Students at Kingsthorpe College dream big, work hard and stay humble.
 We prepare and inspire our students so that they have the necessary knowledge, skills and aspirations to succeed in the job market of tomorrow.

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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In Too Deep:
 Debt and relationships
 Download the report



relate
 for young people



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>



- **Thursday 26th March** – Post 16 Parents' Evening.
- **Wednesday 1st April** – Coffee Morning for Parent, focus TBC

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