



# Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

*Edition 195*



## Dear Parents

Another busy but productive week at Kingsthorpe College.

We started the week on Monday with our annual Remembrance Parade which ran alongside the nation's 2 minutes silence. Students who are part of the town's cadet forces, marched together in their uniforms to remember those who have served and died for their country. Students represented St Johns Ambulance, the Police Cadet Force to name but a few. The Last Post was played by Year 10 student Robson Scott which proved to be an incredibly poignant moment. Throughout the last week, students have been learning about the wars and conflicts since WW1 - and the sacrifices that many made - through both tutor time and PSHE activities. Later that evening, the Drama Department delivered an

incredibly thought provoking and emotional performance regarding Remembrance.

On Tuesday, like many schools up and down the country, students and staff helped to promote “Odd Socks Day”. This involved wearing odd socks as part of the Antibullying Alliance’s initiative to raise the awareness of bullying nationally.

Well done to the Year 7 and 8 Girls football team who came fourth in the EFL Girls cup on Wednesday and sadly missed out on a semi-final spot by goal difference. The girls were amazing and a real credit to the school and our pursuit of athletic excellence.

We held our Year 9 Parents’ Evening on Thursday. The main hall was very busy and it was lovely to hear the positive feedback from parents/carers. Thank you to Mrs Cotter who was on hand to hand out flyers to help promote our Friends of Kingsthorpe AGM on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 6.30-7.30pm.

On Friday, we supported BBC Children in Need with a wide variety of year group based activities. Rather than go for a standard non uniform day, we listened to student feedback and were blown away by the activities chosen by the different year teams. Year 7 started the day by joining in with the “Big Morning Move” led by Joe Wickes the Body Coach. The whole year group and members of staff took part in the energetic fitness session with students donating £1 to the worthy cause. Year 8 students took part in a penalty shootout, trying to score a goal against the year team teachers. Every student who scored won a prize. Year 9 students baked cakes which were sold at break and lunchtime to all students and staff. Year 10 students donated £2 to wear trainers for the day and bought tickets to guess the name of the teddy bear and how many sweets in a jar. Year 11 students bought raffle tickets to win a range of prizes donated by the year team. And finally, our Post 16 students donated £1 to take part in “Dress Down Friday”. All students engaged in the activities and over £1000 was raised to support the Children in Need Charity.

A great day was had by all!

Just a reminder of our social media accounts - this is a great way to keep up to date and informed with all that we are doing at the College:

Twitter - @KingsthorpeC

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/KingsthorpeCollege1>

Important dates coming up:

Post 16 Open Evening – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Training Day (school closed to students) – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and that the rain stops for a bit!

Best wishes,

Mrs Giovanelli

**Headteacher**

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## My Gymnastics journey so far ...

I am a competitive gymnast for Jumpz in Northampton. I compete in Regional and International competitions. In July 2019 I qualified for the World Championships and really enjoyed it. We travelled to Nashville in America to compete. I enjoyed competing against gymnasts from all around the world, including America, India, Germany and Bermuda. I found out this week that I am 6<sup>th</sup> in the World on floor in Copper 1 when assessed in the Virtual World Championships.

I competed in Newcastle recently and won Gold on vault, Silver on bars, Bronze on floor and Bronze in tumbling. I am competing in Frankfurt in Germany next month and have qualified for the World Championships in 2020 in Orlando, USA.

I love gymnastics and the opportunities it gives me to travel the world.

Niamh Jeffery



## Think Again...Think Apprenticeships...Think JTL

Further and/or higher education is widely believed to be the best option for achieving a successful future career however, apprenticeships can offer those who want to start earning a wage straight away a great opportunity to develop a successful career at a much earlier age.

And if you are advising young people with a practical side as to which option to choose following their GCSEs, starting an electrical, plumbing or heating & ventilating apprenticeship might offer them the challenges they want. With the security of a profession long term and excellent earnings potential (fully qualified electricians and plumbers earn average salaries of circa £30k\*) working in the building services engineering sector may allow them to achieve what they want from life.

And we're not just talking about males here. The electrical and heating and plumbing world is very male oriented of course - a very small proportion of electricians and plumbers are female, but the number and proportion are growing year on year. As well as females, the sector is actively encouraging young people from black, Asian and minority ethnic communities to consider careers as plumbers, electricians and heating engineers, to create a more balanced and diverse workforce.

Apprenticeships can take up to four years depending upon the qualification being studied and can be started at the age of 16 as soon as a young person has obtained their National Insurance number.

JTL, a leading national training provider with over 25 years of successfully delivering electrical and plumbing & heating apprenticeships welcomes applications from all members of the community.

There's plenty of demand for new talent so there's never been a better time to get started.

**Think Again...Think Apprenticeships...Think JTL**

[Find out more about starting an apprenticeship today](#)

# “The Parents’ Guide to Teaching your Teen Online Safety”.

This is a practical guide for parents in keeping their teens safe online. It explains the various types of threats that teens could be exposed to online. It shares useful summaries of popular internet apps such as Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, Snapchat, Twitter and Whatsapp and provides helpful advice and safety tips in using these apps. It also offers other online safety topics such as sharing personal information, socializing online, cyberbullying, harmful content, influencers, body image and mental health for teens online. The guide also suggests other links to additional internet safety resources for parents from well-respected sources such as the NSPCC and the UK government’s own guidelines.

Feel free to check the full guide here:

[www.mytutor.co.uk/blog/the-parents-guide-to-teaching-your-teen-online-safety/](http://www.mytutor.co.uk/blog/the-parents-guide-to-teaching-your-teen-online-safety/)

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## ParentPay – launching online payment for school meals

We are pleased to announce that from January 2020 we will accept payments online for school lunches. We already use a secure website called ParentPay for school trips and, from January 2020, you will be able to pay online using your credit/debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores for school meals. ParentPay is our preferred method of making payments to school and after the February 2020 half term, cash will no longer be accepted for school catering.

Please look out for more information over the coming weeks with details about activation and how you can use this new system. Parents who already have a ParentPay account do not need to do anything as we will send you more information once the system has been activated.

### What are the benefits to parents & pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint
- Full payment histories, balance alerts and statements are available to you securely online at anytime

### What are the benefits to our school?

- You can help us reduce workloads for all staff as no more counting cash, chasing debt and stop cash collection services
- Creates more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school
- Improves school security
- Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises
- The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.

### How to get started with ParentPay

During December, we will send you your account activation details. Once you receive these:

1. Visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)
2. Enter your Activation username and password in the Account Login section of the homepage  
**NB. These are for one-time use only, please choose your own username and password for future access during the activation process**
3. Provide all the necessary information and choose your new username and password for your account - registering your email address will enable us to send you receipts and reminders
4. Once activation is complete you can go to straight to Items for payment, select which item(s) you want to add to your basket and proceed to complete your payment

Parents who already have a ParentPay account do not need to do anything. We will send you more information once the system has been activated.

If you have any questions, please contact the school finance office.  
For more information, visit [www.parentpay.com/parents/](http://www.parentpay.com/parents/)



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# Extra Curricular Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime Activities	Careers Drop in Bistro All year groups	Basketball Sports Hall Years 10-11	Basketball Sports Hall Years 7-9	3-a-side Football Sports Hall Year 8	Badminton Sports Hall All Years
	Girls' Sports Club Sports Hall Year 8	Table Tennis Sports Hall All year groups	Fitness Multigym All year groups	General Knowledge Quiz Library All years	Fitness Multigym All year groups
	Eco-Club H6 All years	Chess & Puzzle challenge Library All years	Eco-club H6 All years		Y Not Try Crafts & Games Library All years
	Drawing Club Library All years		Mrs B's Book Group Library All years		
After School Activities	Homework help and DEAR Library All year groups	Sports Activity club Sports Hall Year 7-8	Homework Club N4 All year groups	Football See Mr Smith Year 7-8 Boys	Girls Rugby See Miss Pettingale Year 8-9
		Homework help and DEAR Library All year groups	Geography Club H2 Years 7-9	Basketball Sports Hall 6 <sup>th</sup> Form	Homework help and DEAR Library All year groups
			Rugby See Mr Wright Year 7-8 Boys	Homework help and DEAR Library All year groups	
			Football See Mr Beck Year 7-8 Girls	Duke of Edinburgh Award H6 & H2 Years 9-13	
			Homework help and DEAR Library All year groups	Choir See Mr Mann All year groups	
			Orchestra See Mr Mann All year groups		
			Dance Dance Studio All year groups		

## Friends of Kingsthorpe College

Are You...

- A parent of a KC student or ex student?
- A relative of a KC student?
- A member of the local community?
- An ex-student?

Do you have an interest in...

- Helping your child's school?
- Being involved in your child's school?
- Helping to build relationships with the local community?
- Fund-raising and social activities in the community?
- Making a difference?



### Join our PTA!

Email  
[Community@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk](mailto:Community@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk)  
 if you would like to join or find out more information.



## MYEd school app

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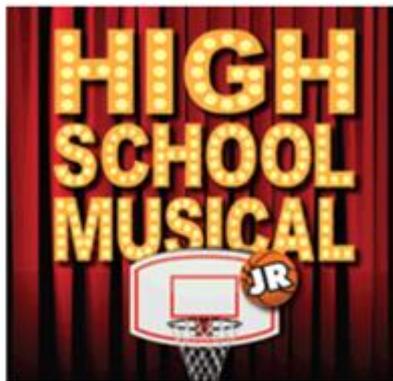
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our coffee morning

23rd October 2019  
19th December 2019  
12th February 2020  
1st April 2020  
20th May 2020  
15th July 2020



Coming soon

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
December

7:15 pm @ KC



**Nevertell by Katharine Orton**



A snowy adventure, set in the wilds of Siberia, full of magic and wonder.

Born in a Soviet prison camp, Lina has never seen the world outside until the night she escapes with her best friend, Bogdan. As the pair journey across a snowy wilderness, they are pursued by a vengeful sorceress and her pack of shadow wolves. The children will need every ounce of courage - and a whisper of magic - if they are to survive.

If you love magical adventure stories with a bit of a twist then why not give this book a try. It is perfect for fans of Abi Elphinstone, Sophie Anderson and Catherine Doyle.

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## Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

- *Cara O'Neill 7H*
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***Our words of the week this term are all based around the Latin root word Vert – meaning turn.***

## The word of the week is...

### **“Avert”**

- **Definition:** To prevent something bad from happening, avoid. To turn away your eyes or thoughts.
  - Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is:
  - *I always avert my eyes to avoid watching the gory movie scenes.*
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Our reading hero this week is Joseph Roche (Year 7). Joseph has been doing some fantastic work on the Accelerated Reader programme. Since September he has read an amazing 12 books which equates to 717,142 words read. He has enjoyed books by David Baddiel, David Walliams and Anthony Horowitz. This week Joseph is one of the lucky students who has won a ticket to the Intofilm festival on the 21st November. Well done Joseph 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.



## **Year 7 BookBuzz Challenge**

All of our Year 7 students have now received their Book Buzz books so throughout November, December and January we are challenging them all to take up the BookBuzz Challenge. All of the challenges centre around the BookBuzz Programme. Students have to complete all of the categories on the grid and once they have done so they should hand in their completed work to either their English teacher or the library. There are lots of prizes up for grabs which include, gift vouchers, signed copies of books and goody bags.

To find out more about the BookBuzz programme go to [www.bookbuzz.org.uk](http://www.bookbuzz.org.uk).

# Bookbuzz Reading Challenge

Challenge yourself to see how many of these you can cross off!

Bookbuzz

BookTrust

Watch the Bookbuzz film <input type="checkbox"/>	Try a book from a new genre <input type="checkbox"/>	Finish your Bookbuzz book <input type="checkbox"/>	Recommend a book to a friend <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book that has 80 - 120 pages <input type="checkbox"/>	Borrow a book from someone else <input type="checkbox"/>
Take the online Bookbuzz quiz <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a graphic novel <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book your friend loves <input type="checkbox"/>	Create a soundtrack to your favourite book <input type="checkbox"/>	Leave a book review on the Bookbuzz website <input type="checkbox"/>	Share a book with a friend <input type="checkbox"/>
Read the first book in a series - can you read the complete set? <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book you once started but never finished <input type="checkbox"/>	Swap your Bookbuzz book with someone else <input type="checkbox"/>	Read two or more of the Bookbuzz books <input type="checkbox"/>	Re-design a book cover of your choice <input type="checkbox"/>	Get Caught Reading! Have a photo taken of you reading <input type="checkbox"/>
Read some poetry <input type="checkbox"/>	Write a book review as a tweet - no more than 140 characters <input type="checkbox"/>	Join (or even start) a book club <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a biography of someone you admire <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book based on a true story <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book that was turned into a film <input type="checkbox"/>

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 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

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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COME TO OUR  
**BOOK FAIR!**  
Your Ticket to Read!

## Scholastic Christmas Book Fair 4<sup>th</sup> December – 11<sup>th</sup> December

We are really looking forward to holding our school book fair. This will be based in the library and will give our students the opportunity to purchase some amazing books for Christmas. There are over 200 titles to browse through, and with fantasy, thrillers, non-fiction, comedy and lots more there is sure to be a book for everyone to enjoy. Students will also have the opportunity to enter our competition to win one of five £5.00 vouchers to spend at the event. Our Book Fair will be available for students to browse at lunchtimes and afterschool until 4pm every day.

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*"The things I've learnt could probably be put towards a job in the future"*  
 Karen, 19

*"This is my fifth year volunteering and I love every second"*  
 Adam, 19

*"You feel like you're really making a difference"*  
 Fred, 18

*"It motivated me to read more"*  
 Sabine, 15

*"The more you do, the more confident you become"*  
 Kimberley, 17

Find out more: ask at your local library about volunteering opportunities for young people or visit [readinghack.org.uk](http://readinghack.org.uk)

Are you aged 14 to 24? Make a difference this summer!  
**Brixworth Library** is recruiting Summer Reading Challenge volunteers. Pop into the library for a chat or email [brixlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk](mailto:brixlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk) for any more information.  
 Apply online at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/getinvolved](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/getinvolved)

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

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- **Tuesday 19th November** - Year 7 Humanutopia Event
  - **Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st November** – Year 9 Learn to Earn Workshop
  - **Thursday 28th November** – Post 16 Open Evening
  - **Friday 29th November** – School closed for Teacher Training Day
  - **Thursday 5th December** – Year 11 Success Fayre
  - **Saturday 7th December** - Christmas Fair, 12pm - 3pm
  - **Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December** – Whole School Production, High School Musical 7.15pm
  - **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening
  - **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Carols by Candlelight
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