



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

Edition 204



Dear Parents

Dear Parents,

I can't quite believe we have only been back for just one week. With everything that went on last week, it felt like we hadn't really been away!

One of the highlights of the week was on Thursday. We held our annual Careers Fair on Thursday afternoon and we were delighted to welcome over 40 exhibitors including local and national companies. The Careers Fair was open to all year groups and we also invited a number of local secondary schools. Representatives included Moulton and Northampton College, University of Northampton, Tresham College, University of Buckingham, Coventry University, the Army and Barclays Bank to name but a few. Feedback was very positive with one parent commenting that it

really opened up a number of different opportunities for her son.

I had the privilege of having breakfast with the Head Student Team on Wednesday. These students represent the voice of KC students and I came away feeling utterly inspired and humbled. What brilliant ambassadors for KC they were. They have some exciting ideas about how to start to build a legacy centred around our students and we had a great discussion about the importance of communicating the reason why behind any vision. I am looking forward to meeting the team again in a fortnight's time where we will be considering the first draft of the KC Student Voice Playbook.

Wednesday proved to be an inspirational day all round and members of the English department went along at the end of the school day to take part in a Shakespeare workshop at Silhouette Youth Theatre. Silhouette Youth Theatre is based in the Weston Favell shopping centre and has an enviable reputation and links with The Royal Shakespeare Company, as well as with other influential arts partners. I am excited that we are going to be undertaking some research work with them involving The Royal Shakespeare Company and the University of Northampton. Watch this space!

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 dates coming up:

- Thursday 5th March – Y9 into 10 GCSE Options Evening 6-8pm.
- Thursday 26th March – Post 16 Parents Evening.

I look forward to another busy week ahead.

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.

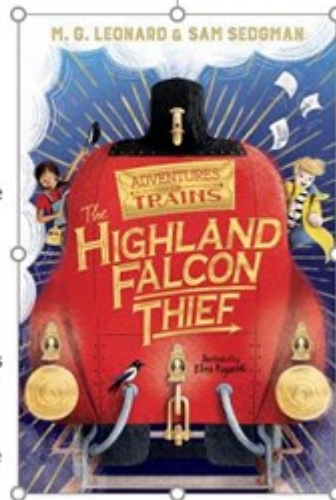
Book of the Week

Adventures on Trains: The Highland Falcon Thief by M.G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman

Adventures on Trains is a major mystery series from the prize-winning M.G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman. First stop, *The Highland Falcon Thief*, a breathless train journey full of deceptions, puzzles and clues to solve. Harrison Beck is reluctantly joining his travel-writer Uncle Nat for the last journey of the royal train, The Highland Falcon. But as the train makes its way to Scotland, a priceless brooch goes missing, and things are suddenly a lot more interesting.

As suspicions and accusations run high among the passengers, Harrison begins to investigate and uncovers a few surprises along the way. Can he solve the mystery of the jewel thief and catch the culprit before they reach the end of the line? Hear whispers in the dining car, find notes in the library, and unknown passengers among the luggage as you help Harrison to solve the mystery aboard one of the world's grandest trains.

Fast-paced and packed with illustrations and clues, *Adventures on Trains* is a stop you won't want to miss!



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.....

“Distract”

Definition: When you distract someone you pull that person’s attention or focus away from something towards something else.

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

During the Trojan War, a great wooden horse was sent to distract the soldiers and allow the enemy to enter Troy and win the war.



Accelerated Reader News

Our reading hero this week is Lucja Watruch (Year 7). Lucja has been working extremely hard on the Accelerated Reader programme. She regularly reads and quizzes in her own time and has recently been enjoying books written by David Walliams, Liz Pichon and Jacqueline Wilson. So far this year, Lucja has read an amazing 16 books which equates to a word count of 692,746 words read. Well done Lucja 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.

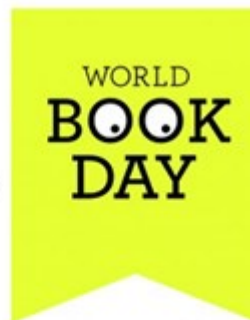
World Book Day will be held on Thursday 5th March. This is a day that is set aside each year to celebrate books and reading. At Kingsthorpe College we will have lots to celebrate, as not only will our students be receiving their World Book Day Tokens, but the library will also be giving away free books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





Kingsthorpe College Readathon

Friday 6th March



#ReadingisPower
#Literacymatters
#worldbookday
#sharestories

JOIN OUR READING
REVOLUTION



1,000
of books to be read
every week in World
Book Day week

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HELP US TO SHARE A MILLION STORIES

On Friday 6th March, as part of our celebrations for World Book Day, students are invited to attend a special celebration afterschool from 3pm – 4.30pm. Not only will we be continuing the readathon, we will also be hosting a series of book related games and activities. During the event there will be refreshments served and lots of prizes up for grabs too!

If you would like your child to attend this event please speak to Mrs Taylor, Miss Draper or Mrs Broadbent.

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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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>



- **Monday 2nd March** – Y11 & Y13 Trial Exams Start
- **Thursday 5th March** – Y9 into 10 GCSE Options Evening 6-8pm.
- **Wednesday 1st April** – Coffee Morning for Parent, focus TBC

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