



# Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

*Edition 201*



## Dear Parents

Another incredibly busy fortnight here at the College.

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January, a group of Year 10 students along with Mr Rose and Miss Fisher attended the Lego League Construction event at The Holiday Inn, Corby. The students all came away with a medal and learnt a number of life skills that they had never thought of. A huge thank you also to parents who attended the competition.



The British Red Cross have been in for a week delivering First Aid to students in Years 7, 8 and 12. This proved to be invaluable to our students and forms part of our plan to roll out this training to all students over the next year. The course covered assessing a casualty, administering CPR, and using a defibrillator which we keep on site at all times. Feedback from the students was very positive.

It's been a busy time for trips too with Year 11 students visiting Derby Theatre to watch Frankenstein – a key text for their GCSE English course. This was followed by a trip the next day for Year 10 and 11 students who visited Milton Keynes Theatre to watch An Inspector Calls which again features on the GCSE English syllabus. Year 9 students have also visited Moulton College to take part in a range of sporting activities. We strongly believe in giving opportunities for all our students to enhance their “Cultural Capital” as we seek to engage our students in artistic, athletic and academic excellence.

Our commitment to providing all students with a range of experiences and opportunities to develop their thinking about their careers continues and we welcomed the Royal Air Force in to speak with Post 16 students on Careers and Apprenticeships within the RAF. This proved to be an enlightening session which inspired a number of our students who are considering a career within the Armed Forces. We also welcomed Robin Neighbour from Young Enterprise along with a group of local business leaders to work with our Year 8 students on their “Developer for a Day” initiative. The morning sessions involved the students working as a project team to develop an enterprise zone consisting of a sporting venue

and a range of affordable housing for a local community. The students worked incredibly well, and the volunteer business leaders were very positive regarding their business acumen. Finally, our Post 16 Young Enterprise group attended the Trade Fair at Centre MK last Sunday and left celebrating 3 separate awards. They won the runners up prize for sustainability, first prize for best product and were overall winners. This is a tremendous achievement for our hard-working and talented students. Well done to all.

We are hoping this year to be awarded the Anti-Bullying Alliance Award. We are proud of the work we do in school to ensure our students feel safe, but we know how important the topic of bullying is for both our young people and parents. As such, we are always looking at how we can further develop our practice and be at the forefront of current thinking and work around this topic. On Tuesday, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors completed their Anti-Bullying training at Denbigh school in Milton Keynes. The group elected Mirran as their leader and will now work with our students back at KC to achieve the Respect Badge.

All of the activities we get up to at the College can be found on our twitter feed and I would especially encourage you to look at our Twitter feed @KingsthorpeC where you can find an amazing array of Art work produced by our GCSE Art students. The work is simply outstanding so please do have a look.

And so, I will end this week's message with another huge thank you to everyone for the part they play in the development of all aspects of life at the College. Hopefully you will have all received a copy of our Ofsted report and my accompanying note in the post. If it hasn't arrived for whatever reason, you can view both documents here:

<https://www.kingsthorpecollege.org.uk/documents/10110084KingsthorpeCollege138932Final.PDF>

<https://www.kingsthorpecollege.org.uk/documents/OfstedLettertoParents.pdf>

I look forward to updating you again next week – it's going to be a particularly exciting one for a number of reasons!

Mrs Giovanelli  
Headteacher

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The poster is titled "Job of the week - Police Officer" and is dated "WC 27th Jan". It features the Kingsthorpe College logo and a navigation bar with "Wellbeing & Mindfulness", "PSHE", "SMSC", "WOTW & JOTW", and "DEAR". The main heading is "Contact Miss Fisher for Careers Information". The poster includes several callouts: "Link to subjects" (Criminology, Law, English), "Qualifications" (Five GCSEs 9-4, 3 A levels, and public services helpful), "Skills and Qualities" (good at making decisions, adventurous, strong interpersonal skills, desire to help people), "Salary" (£25,000-£40,000), and "A police officer, or constable, helps to prevent crime and disorder and uphold the law. Many police officers work in specialist departments like road policing, drugs, fraud and firearms." It also mentions "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." and "Click here for more information".

## Book of the Week

### Evernight by Ross MacKenzie

Our book of the week this week has been recommended by our Wednesday Book Group. This week they have been busily reading and reviewing the incredible new magical fantasy book Evernight.

The story begins thousands of years ago when the Evernight came to the Silver Kingdom and turned everything to darkness and chaos. It was only defeated thanks to the skill and bravery of the Witches. But now the Evernight is about to return, released by the evil Mrs Hester, and the only spell that might stop it is lost, deep below the great city of King's Haven.



Then orphan Larabelle Fox stumbles across a mysterious wooden box while treasure-hunting in the city's sewers. Little does she realise she is about to be catapulted into an adventure, facing wild magic and mortal danger - and a man who casts no shadow.

We have really enjoyed reading this book, so if you're a fan of magical, fantasy tales then why not give this book a try.

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## Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

- *Benjamin Fenton 8I.*
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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...

### **“Remittance”**

**Definition:** A payment of money sent to a person in another place.

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

*She sends a small remittance home to her parents each month.*

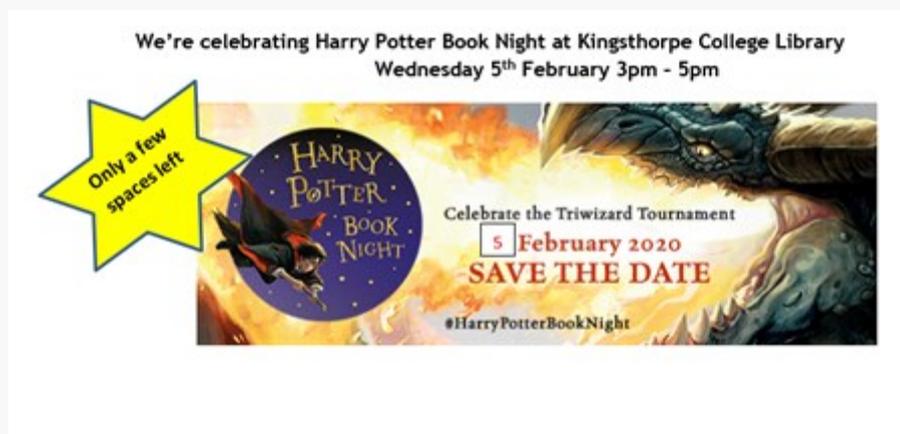
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Our reading hero this week is Soham Yelwande – Year 8. Soham is our latest Accelerated Reader millionaire. So far this year he has read an

amazing 22 books, which equates to 1,013,023 words read. He reads across different genres and has recently read *Who Let the Gods Out* by Maz Evans. Well done Soham, 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.



Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February will see the sixth annual Harry Potter Book Night which is celebrated throughout the world. Here at Kingsthorpe College, we're getting ready to host an unforgettable night. This year's theme is the Triwizard Tournament. The fun kicks off in the school library at 3pm and finishes at 5pm.

On Harry Potter Book Night, we'll be sharing the wonder of J.K. Rowling's unforgettable stories and, most excitingly, introducing the next generation of readers to the magic of Harry Potter. Here at Kingsthorpe College, young wizards, witches and muggles will be treated to an evening of games, activities and quizzes. It all begins when the Sorting Hat decides who will be in which house and students will compete for house points throughout the evening's challenges. These will include a treasure hunt, readings, Transfiguration games and a Hogwarts Hall of Fame Quiz. We shall also be holding a fancy dress competition.

You can find out more about Harry Potter Book Night  
at [harrypotterbooknight.com](http://harrypotterbooknight.com) #HarryPotterBook Night

Whilst we have lots of fun we would also like to raise money for charity,  
all we ask is that everyone who attends donates £1 to participate.

We only have a limited number of spaces, so if you would like to take part  
in this event please collect a letter from the library or contact Mrs  
Broadbent, Library Manager.

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**New Lunchtime Club in the Library**

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

**Sign up at the library desk to secure your place.**



Rubik's  
every



**Bookbuzz Reading Challenge**

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

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"/>

## Peter Bunzl visits Kingsthorpe College Library

This week we were extremely honoured to welcome the author Peter Bunzl into college. Our Year 7 students had the opportunity to listen to Peter talk about his amazing series of books the Cogheart Adventures. He gave us all an insight into what it takes to become a successful author and gave us ideas and tips to help our students with their own creative writing. We were also treated to a very informative Q & A session, students were given the opportunity to ask Peter their own questions about his life, his work and his accomplishments.



### **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>

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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>



- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** – Online Safety Workshop for Parents
- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 9 Inspiration for Innovation Day
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Y11 Parents' Evening 2
- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Kingsthorpe College Careers Fair  
(More information to follow soon)

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