



DREAM BIG, WORK HARD, STAY HUMBLE

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The KC Way

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind." (Dr Seuss)

I can safely say that this week has been one of the best I have had in my time as Headteacher of Kingsthorpe College. We talk a lot about staying humble at the College and for us, this means we celebrate our strengths as well as know what we need to work on. We find it less natural to do the celebrating part of being humble as we are continually trying to be even better - but this week really has been a chance to celebrate The KC Way. Creativity, courage, and compassion have epitomised everything we have done over the course of the past 5 days and there has been a healthy dose of comedy in there too!

This work culminated last night in our very first virtual open evening which saw us broadcast live from my office before playing a prerecorded tour led by our Head Student Team, and answering questions live from the audience as they watched. You can see the virtual choir performance and the virtual tour on our YouTube channel and I would highly recommend watching them if you get a chance as they show you what we get up to daily.

What most inspired me about the whole event was that it was made for KC by KC. Every video, audio, and the production of the entire event had been produced by our own students and staff. This meant we not only got a personal experience, but one which absolutely reflected life at KC. As I had coffee with the Head Student Team today, one of them said to me that what was most important to me and the school was that they were 'real' and 'able to be themselves'. If ever I wanted an endorsement of what we try and do at KC, this is it.

We had also welcomed our School Improvement Partner on Wednesday. He is a Lead Ofsted Inspector and undertakes a lot of work at other secondary schools around the country. He was blown away with our digital learning strategy which he said was the most impressive he had seen in all the schools he had worked with and all those he had surveyed in his Ofsted role. He reflected on the journey we have been on since 2016 commenting that the positivity, determination, and sense of purpose from staff and students was tangible.

We know we have lots more to do and we are not complacent, but as I end this week, I firmly believe we now have all the foundations in place for the school to really flourish.

Mrs Giovanelli