



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

It's been a week of celebration here at the College which culminated on Thursday night with our Annual Awards Ceremony. Attended by approximately 150 people, it was a fabulous evening which acknowledged the tremendous achievements of students across a whole spectrum and recognised that the pursuit of excellence is not just confined to academic achievement but also encompasses a whole range of activities that make for a rounded and balanced education, and individual.

Our students, proud parents, and staff were full of smiles and awe as the teachers read out citations about each student - sometimes with humour, sometimes with emotion, but always with pride and mutual respect. Presenting the awards was our honoured guest and speaker, Paul Grayson, MBE, former Northampton Saints player and

Assistant Head Coach, England Rugby World Cup Winner 2003, and current sports commentator for the BBC. Paul shared his inspirational story as well as presenting the prizes and certificates.

In addition to the prize certificates and Waterstones vouchers, the prize-winners were all entered into a free raffle for the chance to win some exciting prizes donated by our sponsors. It is really important to Kingsthorpe College to work proactively with the community and develop positive working relationships with local businesses. We would like to say a special thank you to the following for their generous donations of prizes for the evening: Santa Pod Raceway, Bletchley Park, Rockingham Castle, Northampton Saints, I-fly Milton Keynes, Vertigo and On Target Rifle Range. As a result of the generosity of these sponsors, all the winning students have another thrilling experience to look forward to.

The inspection letter from our recent OFSTED Section 8 visit was also published this week and we are delighted that this confirms that we are an OFSTED 'Good' school. There is much in the letter that the whole College community can be proud of and I think it captures well our passion and determination, as well as our commitment to sustainable change and to the safety and happiness of our students. The letter comments on the "strong culture of safeguarding" within the College, that "pupils feel safe at school", and that "pupils say that bullying is rare but if they have concerns about bullying, matters are resolved quickly and successfully." We were also pleased that the OFSTED team recognised our "culture of high expectations, well-being and trust" and that "staff are proud to be at Kingsthorpe College."

There is also clearly, as we know, much still to do. Our focus on attendance will continue to be high profile and as ever, we rely heavily upon your support with this aspect of schooling. We will be thinking even more creatively and with even greater precision about how we support students to attend school regularly. It also highlights what we know in terms of accelerating the progress our students make through high quality first wave teaching. Again, your support in this regard makes all the difference and we have been trialling an app this term which will help with the efficiency of home-school communication. Feedback so far has been incredibly positive and we will

be rolling this out to the whole school next year. You can read the full letter on the OFSTED website and via the link on the College website.

In normal day to day life, it's been a busy week for Young Enterprise with Year 8 and Year 9 taking part in Careers and Enterprise based activities. On Monday and Thursday respectively, both year groups were off timetable for the day, based with their tutors to work through a number of inspirational activities. We had a number of visitors in for the day supporting our students during the various workshops - many of whom work for local companies or run their own businesses. Feedback from the students was extremely positive and all the visitors commented on how well behaved our students were and how well informed they were on a number of careers based issues. We have our final Young Enterprise day for Year 10 in the final week of term.

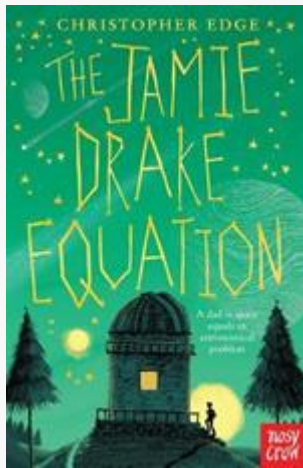
We have 5 students out of school next week taking part in a week of work experience with the Police. This is a fantastic opportunity for them and they have had to go through a lengthy application process so have done really well to achieve this as there were only 21 places across the whole of Northampton available.

In other news, on Friday, we held our annual Kings for Gold Festival ably run by Miss Bennett. There were some amazing performances in the opening ceremony and in the athletics competition. The KC Young Leaders were fantastic and were a real credit to the College. Congratulations also go to Miss Miller's 7G1 English class who have just been awarded Accelerated Reader Master Class. This is an amazing achievement – well done to all involved. We were delighted to hear from one of our ex students - Lily Foot – who has reached the finalist stage of the British Hairdressing Business Awards in London where she will be interviewed by a panel of judges. We love to hear how our former students are getting on and are always looking for people to join our ever expanding Alumni.

Finally, we are really looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students on Monday and Tuesday for their transition days. We have lots of exciting activities planned and we can't wait to start helping our newest cohort start shaping their future.



The Jamie Drake Equation by Christopher Edge (BL 6.4)



How amazing would it be to have a dad who's an astronaut? Rocket launches, zero gravity, and flying through space like a superhero! Jamie Drake's dad is orbiting the Earth in the International Space Station and Jamie ought to think it's cool but he just really misses him... Hanging out at his local observatory, Jamie picks up a strange signal on his phone. It looks like alien life is getting closer to home. But space is a dangerous place and when his dad's mission goes wrong, can Jamie prove that he's a hero too? A cosmic adventure for anyone who's ever looked at the stars, from the author of *The Many Worlds of Albie Bright*

Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

Yasmine Antoche 9I

The word of the week is...

“Esteem”

Definition: To think of with great appreciation and respect.

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is,
He was a brilliant teacher. Students held him in great esteem.



Accelerated Reader Master Class - Congratulations 7g1

This week Miss Miller’s 7g1 English class achieved Accelerated Reader Master Class Status. This is an outstanding achievement as very few classes from around the country are accepted on to the Accelerated Reader Honour Roll. To put this in perspective, to achieve a place on the Accelerated Reader Schools Honour Roll our Year 7s students had to first and foremost work as a team as it requires 100% participation from the class. Each student had to read for a minimum of 25 minutes per day for at least 25 consecutive weeks. They also had to achieve 85% or more on every single Accelerated Reader quiz that they took. Huge congratulations to you all for achieving this in your first year on the programme. You all have worked phenomenally hard and we are all really proud of you. For this achievement each student will receive a small prize and certificate from Accelerated Reader.

Don’t forget there is still time to become a word millionaire this year. If

you achieve 'millionaire' status before we break up you will be invited to our Millionaires' Garden Party which will be held the last week of term.

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



Scholastic Half Price Book Fair 27th June – 11th July

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 all of which are being sold at half price. 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.

KC Book Festival is here! Monday 2nd July – Friday 13th July

We are really excited to start celebrating our book festival. This time has been set aside to encourage students to use non-fiction books, to help them with reading and research, and to bring books alive. We have lots of activities planned for our students and throughout the next two weeks we will also be holding lots of competitions and giving our students the opportunity to win prizes.



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 and the more people that enter the more chance we have of winning.

<http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/school>

EAL Party 2018

We had a small EAL (English as an additional language) party on Thursday 28th June to celebrate the students' achievements this academic year at Kingsthorpe College. The EAL students have worked really hard in their trial exams, GCSE Home Language exams, and for some of our students, fasting during Ramadan. Students brought in traditional food for the party from their countries. The staff in EAL are very proud of our students and were overjoyed at the success of our party. The EAL Party

2018 photo has been designed by our Year 9 student, Saad Al Barbarawi.



KC PERFORMING ARTS DEPT. SUMMER SHOW:

MA2H UP!

**TUESDAY 17TH JULY
2018**

7:00PM

KC MAIN HALL

**ADULTS £3 / CONCESSIONS £2
TICKETS FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE**

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