



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

It's been exceptionally busy this week - not only with our students who are taking external examinations, but also due to the fact we had a visit from OFSTED on Thursday. This was a one day Section 8 inspection and was our expected three year visit following our last inspection in May 2015. The inspection and report are confidential at present but we are looking forward to sharing the outcome of this with you and further details of the inspection in due course. Many thanks to those parents and students who completed the questionnaires - it was great to see the whole KC community work together to demonstrate how proud we are of our school.

Our Year 11 students had their leavers' assembly on Friday after their final Science exam and as is often the case at this event, a number of our

students and staff were very emotional. This is a significant milestone for staff and students as our Year 11s come to the end of their journey here at KC. Mrs Watts and the Year 11 Team celebrated their success looking back on an unforgettable journey that included a number of changes over the past few years and Mrs Watts' own song which she performed especially for the Year 11s was received with much delight.

Our Year 11 students now have the Prom to look forward to and a large number are heavily involved in the National Citizen Service Programme. The vast majority of our students have already committed to coming back into our Sixth Form and we look forward to welcoming them during our Year 11- Post 16 transition day in a few weeks.

It's another busy week next week with our Post 16 Young Enterprise Team attending their long awaited regional final on Wednesday at Nottingham Trent University. We wish them and Mrs Fischer good luck in what will be a tremendous opportunity to get to the national final in London in July. Mad4Life are coming into school on Monday to lead a revision workshop with our Year 10 students prior to their Trial Exams. This will be an interactive workshop which will provide our students with simple and fun tools to enhance independent learning, study and revision skills to help our students succeed in exams.

We also have Paul Mills leading a careers based assembly to Year 10 students on Tuesday regarding the local film industry. Paul is very kindly offering work experience places to some of our students over the summer. In addition, we will be welcoming Roz Bird, the Commercial Director of Silverstone Park, to the school on Friday where we will be discussing our planned partnership that will be launched in September. As part of this programme, in the final term, Years 7-10 will all take part in separate careers-based drop down days where the curriculum will be suspended for a day so each year group can take part in careers based activities. Watch this space for further information!

My sincere thanks for your continued support and I look forward to updating you next week.

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher



The Wizards of Once by Cressida Cowell (BL 6.5)

From the bestselling author of How to Train Your Dragon comes an exciting high-adventure series - set in an ancient, magical time, full of Wizards, Warriors, Giants and Sprites.

This is the story of a young boy Wizard and a young girl Warrior who have been taught since birth to hate each other like poison.

Xar is a Wizard boy who has no Magic, and will do anything to get it. Wish is a Warrior girl, but she owns a banned Magical Object, and she will do anything to conceal it. In this whirlwind adventure, Xar and Wish must forget their differences if they're going to make it to the dungeons at Warrior Fort. Where something that has been sleeping for hundreds of years is stirring...



If you love magical stories packed with action and adventure, then why not give this book a try.

Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

Jessica Stapleton 7I

The word of the week is...

"Generosity"

Definition: the quality of being kind, understanding, and not selfish
Try and use this word in a sentence this week.

My sentence is,

I was overwhelmed by the generosity of friends and neighbours.



Our reading hero this week is Nadine Polizu (year 7). Congratulations, you are one of our newest word millionaires. Since joining us in September Nadine has read 25 books with a huge word count of 1,059,302 words read. Nadine has read some fantastic series' this year which have included the Wardstone Chronicles, Harry Potter and the Pamela Butchart collection. Fantastic job Nadine, keep up the great work and don't forget you will be joining us in July for the millionaires garden party.

Student Librarian Workshop at the University of Northampton



This week our student librarians had a behind the scenes tour and workshop with the academic librarians at the University of Northampton. They were treated to a guided tour and gained an insight into what it takes to run the university library. After the tour our students were treated to a workshop that centred around the university's own school experience collection. This collection is used by university students who are training to become teachers. For our students' it was their job to critically evaluate the university's collection. Our students had a fantastic afternoon and at the end of the day everyone received a lovely book bag filled with books and games to take away. We would like to say a massive thank you to Hannah Woods and Jenny Townend for such an informative and enjoyable visit.

BookBuzz 2018



We were really privileged to be asked again to make this year's BookBuzz film. This film is used in conjunction with the BookTrust's reading scheme and will be shown in secondary schools across the country from September. All of our students did an amazing job and gained a real insight into what it takes to be in front of the camera. Whilst we can't share the film with you just yet, here is a peek at the books that all of our new year 7 students will get to choose in September.

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.

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