



# Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

*Edition 148*



## Dear Parents

Firstly, thank you to everyone who returned their Year 9 option forms on Thursday. All Year 9 students will be interviewed this week by members of the Senior Leadership Team where option choices will be confirmed after 1:1 personalised interviews.

Thank you also to those parents who have supported their son or daughter during the trial examinations. These have now finished and it's been great to see the positive attitude of all students involved. Students will receive their results as soon as their papers have been marked so they can use this personalised feedback to ensure they build on the progress made so far. A reminder that there will be an opportunity for parents of Year 11 students to speak with subject teachers at the second Year 11

Parents' Evening on Thursday 19th April so please keep this date free.

Finally, my thanks also go to those of you who supported our KC Dance Showcase this week. Mr Hancock from the Senior Leadership Team was very impressed with all the performances and said it was overwhelming to see both the number of students involved and the number of parents who came along to support the event. A special mention should go to Miss Heath and Mrs Townsend who have worked tirelessly to ensure the quality of such an event.

It has been a particularly busy week for our Post 16 students. Mrs Fischer took a group of Business students to Watson and Cox Construction in Wellingborough this week where they looked at aspects of the business prior to visiting one of their many construction sites. This is just one of the ways in which we are really starting to develop our Careers and Enterprise work with our students as part of the National Careers Strategy which comes into force very soon. As part of this Careers programme and supported by Speakers for Schools, Post 16 students also had a visit from Stephen Lovegrove this week. Mr Lovegrove, who is the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Defence and Chair of the Civil Service Leadership and Learning Board, delivered an inspirational presentation on the Ministry of Defence which was incredibly well received by our students - many of whom remained behind to ask specific careers based questions.

Here at Kingsthorpe College, we want to make sure that we do everything we can to keep our students safe both in school and on the way to College. I would be grateful if you could talk with your son or daughter about their journey to school and ensure in particular that if they ride a bike, they fully understand our policy in relation to bike safety. This is for both their safety and the safety of the wider community. A copy of this can be found on the College website. In our continued efforts to make sure we support our students as best we can in relation to their attendance, we are now using the College Minibus to check on students who are absent and for whom we have not received an absence call from parents. Can I please therefore remind you that if your son or daughter is ill that you call the College absence line as soon as possible.

As we approach the final two weeks of this Easter term, much important

work will be covered over the next 9 days by all classes, and we look forward to seeing students every day for the remainder of the term.

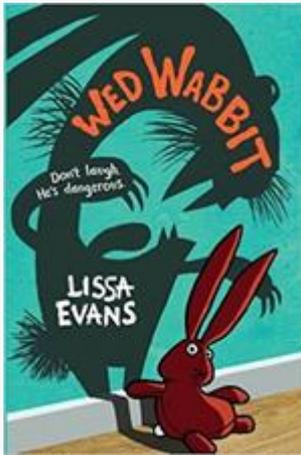
**Mrs Giovanelli**

Headteacher

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## Wed Wabbit by Lissa Evans



You're called Fidge and you're nearly eleven. You've been hurled into a strange world. You have three companions: two are unbelievably weird and the third is your awful cousin Graham. You have to solve a series of nearly impossible clues. You need to deal with a cruel dictator and three thousand Wimbley Woos (yes, you read that sentence correctly). And the whole situation - the whole, entire thing - is your fault. Wed Wabbit is an adventure story about friendship, danger and the terror of never being able to get back home again.

If you love crazy adventure stories that are laugh out loud funny, then why not give this book a try.

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**Our literacy challenge winner this week is:**

**Bethan Ratcliffe 70.**

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# The word of the week is...

## “Dignity”

**Definition:** The state or quality of being worthy of honour or respect.

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

*It is important to learn to both win and lose with dignity.*

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Congratulations Jakub Gasecki (Year 7), you are our reading hero of the week. This term you have worked extremely hard on your reading and it shows. You are our newest Accelerated Reader Millionaire and have read 1,034,491 words. Jakub has also been reading lots of books in his own time and has read a very impressive 47 books this year. Well done and keep up the good work.

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# Kingsthorpe College joins challenge to read for 100 million minutes!

Here at Kingsthorpe College we have joined the national campaign to eradicate illiteracy and build a brighter future for children and young people.

Throughout the month-long campaign, our Year 7 and 8 students will be challenged to read for as many minutes as they can. Students will then be asked to keep a log of their reading minutes.

**So far for the competition we have collectively read 40,383 minutes and we are adding to this total daily. Congratulations to our 7p1 English class who so far have read 6151 minutes. What a fantastic achievement by all of you. Please keep on encouraging our students to read and add their minutes to our reading total.**

Prizes will be awarded to schools who achieve the highest average number of reading minutes per student. We will also be awarding individual prizes to our own students.

For further information on the challenge visit [100MillionMinutes.org](http://100MillionMinutes.org).

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## Post 16 students talk on gaps years

Students in Year 12 and 13 were treated to an exciting and inspirational talk from Rachel Cuddy who works for the charity, Project Trust. Project Trust support students in taking gap years after they finish their A-level/BTEC qualifications before they start at work or university. They send students to places all over the world (over 30 locations, including Africa, Asia, and Latin America).



Rachel showed off some stunning video clips of what students in the past have experienced whilst on these gap years, with the end result being that many of our students had additional questions and took leaflets away with them at the end of the session.

<https://projecttrust.org.uk>

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