



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

It was a pleasure to welcome back students on Monday to what is always one of our busiest terms. It doesn't seem like we have only been back a week with students and staff getting straight back into College life in all its various guises.

You will recall that we wrote before the Easter holidays informing you of our intention to move tutor time to the start of the day. We very much value the role of the tutor at Kingsthorpe College as the tutor plays perhaps the most pivotal role in home school communication. Moving the tutor session to the start of the day will help facilitate this further as tutors can check in with their tutees before they start the day and address or help support with any issues their tutees may have so that these do not affect students' learning throughout the day. Part of the decision was also

to enable tutors to help make sure all students are ready for learning and have the appropriate equipment and correct uniform. As ever, we would encourage you to make your son or daughter's form tutor your first port of call if you have any concerns.

Thank you to all parents who attended the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday which was very well attended. It was good to hear such positive feedback in relation to the recent trial exams. I would like to remind all parents of Year 11 and Year 13 students that we will be holding our Revision Workshop this Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00pm where members of the senior leadership team will be going through some practical tips designed to help you support your son/daughter through the stressful summer exam period. Students are more than welcome to attend.

We are also holding our Year 10 Parents' Evening this Thursday, and I would encourage all parents of Year 10 students to make sure they have made appointments. This is a critical point in the year for our Year 10 students as they will soon have completed 50% of their GCSE course and it is really important that you are aware of how your son or daughter is progressing. Appointments can be booked online at <https://kingsthorpecollege.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>.

One of the highlights this week was the cementing of our partnership with Gaia Innovation. The Careers team had an extremely positive meeting with Julia Muir CEO of Gaia Innovation who represent the Silverstone Business Partnership. We have been chosen as their main partner to work in conjunction with them as we develop our Careers and Enterprise programme. This will open up all sorts of exciting and unique opportunities for our students and staff. Watch this space....

Thursday will also be a busy evening for our Post 16 Young Enterprise Team who are through to the County Final at Wicksteed Park. It's been an absolute pleasure to see how this team has developed throughout the year and we wish them well on Thursday night.

Finally, a reminder that as we're at last starting to see some warmer weather students should have an appropriate drink with them to ensure they are hydrated. Please also make sure that students have appropriate protection from the sun if they have PE or are going to be outside at

break and lunchtime. Our uniform expectations remain high and students will be expected to continue to adhere to these throughout the summer. In very hot weather, students will of course be able to remove their blazers, but they will still be expected to have them with them.

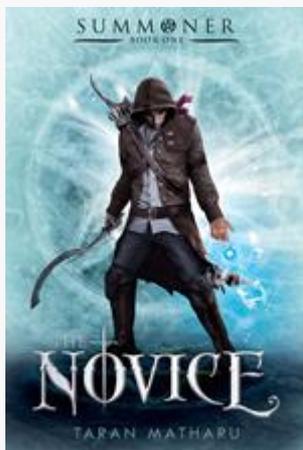
I look forward to updating you again next week and I wish you all a lovely weekend in the sunshine.

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher



Summoner: The Novice by Taran Matharu BL

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When blacksmith apprentice Fletcher discovers that he has the ability to summon demons from another world, he travels to Adept Military Academy. There the gifted are trained in the art of summoning. Fletcher is put through gruelling training as a battlemage to fight in the Hominum Empire's war against orcs. He must tread carefully while training alongside children of powerful nobles. The power hungry, those seeking alliances, and the fear of betrayal surround him. Fletcher finds himself caught in the middle of powerful forces, with only his demon Ignatius for help.

As the pieces on the board manoeuvre for supremacy, Fletcher must decide where his loyalties lie. The fate of an empire is in his hands. The Novice is the first in a trilogy about Fletcher, his demon Ignatius, and the war against the Orcs.

If you love fantasy, action and adventure then this is the book for you.

Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

Mary Morgan 10T.

The word of the week is...

“Jubilant”

Definition: feeling or expressing great happiness and triumph

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

The jubilant fans ran onto the pitch after their team had won the cup final.



Olivia Bayliss 20 books 1,241,369

Our reading hero this week is Olivia Bayliss. Since joining us Olivia has been doing some fantastic work on the Accelerated Reader programme. So far she has read twenty books which equates to 1,241,369 words read. She has read a huge variety of fiction by writers that have included, Neil Gaiman, Fleur Hitchcock, Lemony Snicket and Louise

Rennison. Olivia also joins our growing list of millionaire readers. We now have twenty seven students who have each read over one million words. All of these students will be treated to a special garden party at the end of the year.

Congratulations also goes to Christian Walsh (8p2) and Logan Rayment-Greaves who each win a £10 W H Smith voucher for being the 100% prize draw winners for last term. Well done to you both.



Well done to everyone who took part in the 100 Million Minutes Reading Challenge! Collectively our students read an astounding 116,349 minutes which equates to 259 minutes per student. What a fantastic achievement.

For further information on the challenge visit 100MillionMinutes.org.

Joffre White will be visiting Kingsthorpe College Library On Tuesday 15th May

We are really excited to announce that the wonderful author Joffre White will be visiting our college library on Tuesday 15th May. He will be working with our Year 7, 8 and 9 students. Throughout the day he will be delivering a series of creative writing workshops and assemblies that centre around his books, his life and his works. Students will have the opportunity to ask lots of questions throughout his day with us and if they wish to do so will be able to purchase signed books. I hope you will agree this is a wonderful treat for our students.

Joffre White
 Author, and a UK Patron of Reading,
 will be appearing at –
**Kingsthorpe College,
 Northampton**
 On
Tuesday 15th May 2018

If you would like to purchase personally signed copies of his new Teen/YA book, you can pre-order copies, and copies will also be available to buy on the day.

'EARTHLAND' – Paperback - £8.00 (r.p. £8.99)
 (Cash or cheques made payable to BRJ White)

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"Joffre White is a master storyteller, his books leave you breathless." –
 Alexander Gordon Smith, award winning Author of The Fury, The Furnace Series, and The Devil's Engine.






Post 16

Post 16 students focus on future career plans

Students in Years 12 and 13 have had a variety of talks recently about all the different options to them available in the future.

Firstly, following on from the careers fair held at the beginning of March in the main hall, Gareth Brobbin, Talent and Diversity Recruitment Manager at Ricoh was kind enough to come back to Kingsthorpe College to speak to Post 16 students about the many opportunities offered at his company. Gareth spoke in depth about what Ricoh does and the many different job roles involved in the organisation, and students were impressed to see just how many companies and organisations Ricoh work with - the NHS, Transport for London, Vodaphone, BP, Boots, to name just a few! Gareth ended the talk by showing students how varied the apprenticeship opportunities are at Ricoh; including software developer, customer services, marketing, human resources, and sales. Students can contact Gareth directly if they have any further questions about opportunities at Ricoh.



Students have also been treated to two talks on university life by former students recently. Ellie Morgan returned to Kingsthorpe College to speak to our Gifted and Talented students about life at Oxford University; the application process, succeeding at interview, and what daily life is like at such a prestigious institution. A day later Lauren Byrne spoke to the whole of Year 12 about her experience of studying at the University of Leeds, which by all accounts has ended up being very successful after a difficult start! Lauren spoke about the challenges of moving away from home and learning in a whole new way, and then the many wonderful experiences that university life can offer.

Students in Post 16 have access to Unifrog – the fantastic careers service that the College invests in which can help students plan their future pathways whether they are focused on university or apprenticeships. All students have been given a login and training, and parents were also shown how to use this at information evening at the start of Year 12. Please contact the Post 16 team for more information on this if you would like to know more.

Paul Pomerantz,
Director of Post 16

Young Enterprise Showcase

‘KrispiKrafts’ our Year 12 Young Enterprise team has been amazing and I am so very proud of all of them. We all went to Rockingham on Wednesday 28th March and they took part in the Young Enterprise Northampton Showcase.

Their presentation was fantastic and the judges were really impressed with their team spirit and determination to succeed.

Aisha Motsi won the The Journey Award. This is for the student who has learnt the most from their Company Programme Journey. Each teacher

was allowed to nominate one student and the judges then decided after interviewing them which one won and so this was an excellent individual achievement.

The team then went on to win the award for Best Presentation and The Team Award which is for the company who displayed that they had worked together and learnt how to work as a team.

To complete their awards, they then became one of the 5 finalists who will now be competing in the County Final which is being held at Wicksteed Park on Thursday 26th April.

And it is here where we need everyone's help. One of the comments from the judges was that they do not have many followers on social media which would obviously raise awareness of them.

Please can students, parents and teachers like and follow them on the following:

Instagram @krispykrafts_je

facebook @KrispiKrafts

twitter @KraftsKrispi



This could have such an impact for them and may help them to win this stage and get through to the regional finals on 20th June at Nottingham Trent University. So please get following and support them.



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