



# Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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## Dear Parents

As we finish the final fortnight of this academic year, it has given me the opportunity to reflect with both staff and students on how much progress we have made this year. Our commitment to artistic, athletic and academic excellence remains at the heart of all our decision making, and it has been a real privilege to see so many students develop in each of these areas over the course of the year. A successful OFSTED inspection confirmed our belief that the work we undertake at the College is underpinned by a sustainable approach and I know that many of the foundations which have been in place for some time now, will lead to accelerated outcomes in the next academic year.

We have spent a lot of time this year thinking about what our story is – both as a community and an individual. We reflected on this in

assemblies last week and I shared two quotations from some of my favourite books with staff and students. The first comes from Patrick Rothfuss: "It's like everyone tells a story about themselves inside their own head. Always. All the time. That story makes you what you are. We build ourselves out of that story." We reflected on the importance of us knowing the narrative of our own story in terms of achieving our aspirations, but also on the importance of making sure we took actions to turn these dreams in to reality. The second quotation comes from Peter Brett: "Sometimes I get so caught up in my own drama, I forget I'm not the only one in the play." We used this as an opportunity to think about the importance of self-reflection and the recognition that many people at KC will have a part to play in our stories and that it is important we build these relationships and utilise this support meaningfully. As part of this assembly about The KC Way, Mr Baron (Deputy Head of Year 9) shared a short film which contained a rap which he wrote himself, and was produced and directed by our own Year 12 Creative Digital Media students. The film portrays in a unique way, the emphasis we have at the College on personal responsibility and accountability. It was incredibly well received by students and staff, and has already been viewed over 4000 times!

The last two weeks have also been packed full of activities. We had our annual transition days on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th which were well attended by our new Y7 students who will be joining us in September. The students had a fantastic couple of days where they were involved in a number of taster lessons and getting to know you activities. We ended the days with a Parents' Information Session where members of the Senior Leadership Team covered a number of topics to help parents help their son/daughter settle in to KC life quickly in September. We have had over 100 students sign up for our Summer School and we only have a few spaces remaining - so if you would like your son/daughter to attend, please contact Miss Bennett on [alex.bennett@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk](mailto:alex.bennett@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk)

Myself and Miss Eddy were invited to Moulton Fire Station where a number of our Key Stage 3 students passed out at the ARC course. It was amazing to see these students operating real fire hoses and working as a team. It was wonderful to see their parents attend as well and many commented on how proud they were. Further details about what the course entailed can be found later in the newsletter.

Mr Wade attended the launch of the Silverstone Inspiration for Innovation Programme on Tuesday 10th July where he delivered a presentation to a large group of high profile companies who are going to be working with us as we look to drive our Careers programme. His presentation was very well received with a number of colleagues describing it as inspirational and requesting to come and visit the College to see what we do. In other career related news, we have also had our final Young Enterprise Drop Down day for Year 10 on 16<sup>th</sup> July which was extremely successful. Our students were supported by over 15 local business men and women who gave up their own time to work with our students.

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July a number of our Year 9 students passed the Arts Mark Bronze Award. The students have been ably supported by Mrs Townsend and this is a tremendous achievement. The assessor commented on how proud the school should be and it was a pleasure to have breakfast with these students this week to reflect on their experience of undertaking the Award and looking at their assessment folders.

Finally, you should have all received communication from me this week which details some key information for the start of the next academic year. If you have not seen sight of this, please do visit the website where a copy of the letter can be found.

All that remains for this final edition of the newsletter this academic year is for me to thank you once again for your support of your son or daughter, and to wish you all a very happy summer.

Mrs Giovanelli  
**Headteacher**



# Waiting for Callback by Perdita & Honor Cargill

When Elektra is discovered by an acting agent, she imagines Oscar glory can't be far away, but instead lurches from one cringe-worthy moment to the next. Just how many times can you be rejected for the part of 'Dead Girl Number Three' without losing hope? And who knew that actors were actually supposed to be multi-lingual, play seven instruments and be trained in a variety of circus skills? Off-stage things aren't going well either - she's fallen out with her best friend, remains firmly in the friend-zone with her crush and her parents are driving her crazy. One way or another, Elektra's life is now spent waiting for the phone to ring - waiting for callback. Can an average girl-next-door like Elektra really make it in the world of luvvies and starlets?

If you love funny stories then why not give this book a try.

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

Gloria Osei-Akoto 7K.

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## The word of the week is...

**“Initiative”** noun

**Definition:** An introductory act or step.

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

*He took the initiative and asked the teacher for help with his homework.*

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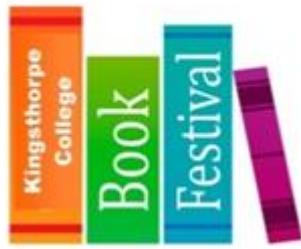
## Reading Hero of the Week – Bill Hitchcock (Year 8)

As we approach the end of term it is time to celebrate the success of our students who have participated in the Accelerated Reader programme. The award for the most words read by a student in Year 7 and 8 goes to Bill Hitchcock, who has read an astonishing 50 books with a total of 3,916,755 words read. What a fantastic achievement - well done Bill.

This week we also look forward to holding our 'millionaires garden party'. This is to celebrate those students who have read over one million words on Accelerated Reader. This year we have had the highest number of millionaire readers than we have ever had. Well done to all of you and next year we hope to see even more of our students achieve this goal in their reading.

To sum up our success this year and to show the impact of reading in school, our Year 7s and 8s have read an amazing 7,386 books which equates to a massive 152,362,970 words read. Congratulations to you all for your enthusiasm, hard work and the commitment that you have shown to reading this year. Well done and remember to keep on reading in the summer holidays!

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Well done to all of those students who participated in this year's book festival. Throughout the two weeks, our Year 7 students participated with great enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed the activities. Unfortunately we could only have one winning team and this year it goes to Bethan Ratcliffe, Hayden Carter-Hands and Peter Spasov 7g2. Congratulations to you all your team earned the most points in Year 7.

Congratulations also goes to our competition winners. They are:  
Sweets in the jar winner - Toslima Begum who guessed correctly with 54  
Book Fair Voucher winners: Emma Flynn, Andrew Perrin, Eduard Paulet, Brian Okechkwu and Dylan Spencer.



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## Join us on Thursday 13th September to celebrate Roald Dahl Day



K.C Library will be holding a special afternoon tea party on Thursday 13th September from 3pm – 4.30pm. This is to join in with events that are happening across the U.K. and the world to celebrate the world's number one children's story teller Roald Dahl. We have set aside this afterschool event to celebrate Roald Dahl and his books. We will be hosting a Phizz-

Whizzing Treasure Hunt, you will be able to play gloriously fun games, as well as enjoying quizzes and readings from his books. Places are on a first come first served basis so please see your librarians to sign up and get more information.



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>

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## KC Firefighters!

Our alternative curriculum students have been attending the Fire and Rescue Service one day per week for a series of 8 weeks where they have learned about a number of fire safety and firefighting skills.

The students involved were amazing, and by the end of the course they were able to confidently use the equipment to conduct a fire drill using all of the equipment on the fire engine.

As part of the course they have also been taught about anti-social behaviour, the effects of bullying, knife crime, online safety, road safety, the effects of arson, and first aid.

We are very proud of them!



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## Kings For Gold Festival 2018

The annual Kings For Gold Festival took place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July. We had over 200 children attend from 6 local primary schools, with each school representing a different country. The event kicked off with an Opening Ceremony, with performances from each of the schools linked to the country they were representing. These ranged from singing and dancing to a fantastic performance of the Haka!

All the schools then took part in an inter-school athletics competition, with children from reception to year 6 taking part. Each child took part in a jumping, throwing and running event. There were some absolutely outstanding performances throughout the day. All the events were officiated by our Young Leaders who did a brilliant job.

Everyone then gathered around the track to watch the very competitive teachers' race. It was a very close race, but in the end Mr Foster from Kingsthorpe Village managed to get the victory (for the second year

running!). The children and teachers then sat down to enjoy a picnic on the field.

We finished off the event with our Medal Ceremony. We announced the team results for each year group and the children stood on the podium to receive their medals. A huge congratulations to All Saints Primary who received the trophy and won the event overall.

The Kings For Gold festival has been running every year since 2012 and continues to grow each year. We are looking forward to Kings For Gold 2019 already!



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## Transition days

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, we welcomed our new intake of students that will be joining us in Year 7 in September. We put on a fun packed couple of days for the year 6 children.

On the Monday morning, the students were formally welcomed to the KC family by Mrs Giovanelli. Mrs Giovanelli spoke to the children about the importance of having dreams, and also having the confidence to go out and achieve those dreams. Students were encouraged to think about their aspirations and what they want to achieve during their time at Kingsthorpe College.

On Monday the students took part in English, Maths and Science

sessions. On Tuesday they did PE, Performing Arts and ICT. In addition to these, the students also had a tour of the school and spent time with their tutor group getting to know each other and taking part in a variety of teambuilding activities.

Some of our Year 7 students, prefects and 6<sup>th</sup> form students helped out on the transition days and they did a brilliant job of providing encouragement and support to the Year 6 students. It was great to see the children leaving on Tuesday afternoon with big smiles on their faces and chatting away to their new friends.

On Tuesday evening many of the Year 6 pupils were back again with their parents for our 'Parents Welcome Evening'. Parents were given the opportunity to meet an array of staff and ask any questions they may have. There was a huge turn out so it was a great chance for us to begin to get to know lots of our new parents.

We look forward to seeing many of the Year 6 children over the summer holiday at our Summer School.

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## KC students' experience what it is like to work in the Police Force

This was an amazing opportunity of a life time, I think I speak on behalf of the 5 students that the work experience really changed us all in different ways and I'm really thank full to have gone on this amazing work experience .

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July, in the morning we got to meet and greet everyone on the work experience and start getting to know them all. We leant about all the different roles in the police and that they use Automatic Number Plate Recognition.

All through the next couple of days we got to see a demonstration of the

dog section, firearms show and tell, finger print competition, fitness test and crime scene and packaging exercise

The top 5 things that I enjoyed most were firearms because I didn't know much about firearms and I was really pleased that we got to hold a glock and a shot gun, the dog section because I love dogs and I didn't know how pain full their bite could be as with the sleeve they can still bite through the very top layers of your skin, finger print, crime scene packaging and the fitness test because I never knew that you had to get 5.4 in the fitness test.

I have learnt so much from this experience and I will never forget how I got to arrest a police officer in one of challenges where we had to work out evidence and suspects.

Finally I would like to thank again Miss Fisher, Nicole Degg and Northants Police Headquarters.

### **Ashlie Carpenter Year 10**

I found the work experience very interesting, we learnt how to find the real registration of cars, how to take finger/hand prints and the phonetic alphabet that the police use. We were shown how the police dogs sniff out things like weapons and drugs, they have different dogs for different jobs, such as dogs to sniff people and dogs to sniff out illegal items such weapons. On the Thursday we took part in an assault course, which was tiring and painful. On the last day we had to try to solve a crime, the crime was a girl went missing and we had to find her. We had to listen to recorded messages from the family to help solve the crime.

We also saw a drone fly around, it can pick up different radiations of heat coming off people which if you're trying to find missing people it could find them quicker. Work experience has helped me to decide what I want to do as a future career.

### **Andrew Meecham Year 10**



## Family Support Link

Supporting families' in Northamptonshire affected by another's substance misuse.

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MATTER  
TOO...**

**Next Young People's  
Project  
23.07.18 in  
Northampton**

**GROUPS THROUGHOUT  
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE  
AGES 11-17**



**GAMES - CHAT - CHILL - FUN**

# New bus timetables rolled out in time for University move



Local Northampton bus company Uno will be making changes to its bus services next month. The changes are being made in preparation for the University of Northampton's move to its new Waterside Campus and will affect times and stops on some services.

If you use Uno or any other bus service to travel to school then please ensure that you check the timetables regularly to remain up to date of any changes that are made.

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## **THE VOICE KIDS 2019 APPLY NOW!**

The Voice Kids is returning to ITV in 2019  
and we're looking for super talented  
**SOLO SINGERS & DUOS** who have what it takes  
to take over The Voice Kids stage

If you know any 7-14 year olds who want their  
voices to be heard, we want to hear from you!

For more information about how to enter go to  
**[itv.com/thevoicekidsuk](http://itv.com/thevoicekidsuk)** or **[stv.tv/thevoice](http://stv.tv/thevoice)**

Applications close on  
**Friday 31st August 2018**

We reserve the right to extend the closing date at our discretion

### **Terms and Conditions will apply**

Your personal information and that of your child will be collected  
and processed in accordance with our privacy notice at  
[www.itvstudios.com/privacy-notice/talent-contributors-audience](http://www.itvstudios.com/privacy-notice/talent-contributors-audience).  
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# St David's Week of Action

30<sup>th</sup> July - 4<sup>th</sup> August

The 5<sup>th</sup> Bradlaugh Fields  
Community Show  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August

Activities include:

- Donkey rides
- Magician
- Birds of Prey
- Craft Tent
- Bouncy Castle
- Dog Agility Show
- Royal & Derngate Community Choir
- Northampton Ukulele Group
- FREE bike security marking
- Animal Edge
- Pony rides
- Refreshments



Northampton  
Community Safety  
Partnership



Bradlaugh Fields  
Community Centre



Free  
Entry

Super Fun  
Summer  
Activities

Ages  
10-16

£25  
per person

# SUMMER CAMP

At Centurion Training  
Solutions  
For registration, please contact  
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**Our Activities**  
Fun Crafts, Science  
Experiments, Gardening, Sail  
Bot Races, Bottle Rockets  
and much more

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**NORTHAMPTON TOWN F.C.**  
**COMMUNITY**   
 Summer 2018

**Football Holiday Courses**

Course venue	Dates	Ages	Times	Cost
<b>Blisworth</b> Courteenhall Road Blisworth, N'pton NN7 3DD	Thursday 26th July	5-11	Start 10.00am	£15 per session
	Friday 27th July			
	Thursday 2nd August			
	Friday 3rd August			
	Wednesday 15th August			
Thursday 16th August	Finish 3.00pm			
Course venue	Dates	Ages	Times	Cost
<b>Goals</b> Abbeyfield School Mereway, N'pton NN4 8BT	<b>[Mon - Fri.]</b>		Start 9.00am	£18 per session
	23rd July - 27th July	5-13		
	6th August - 10th August			
	13th August - 17th August			
	20th August - 24th August			
Finish 3.30pm				
Course venue	Dates	Ages	Times	Cost
<b>Parklands</b> Parklands Community Centre, Devon Way NN3 6DX	Monday 23rd July	5-13	Start 9.00am	£18 per session
	Tuesday 24th July			
	Monday 30th July			
	Tuesday 31st July			
	Wednesday 8th August			
	Thursday 9th August			
	Monday 13th August			
Tuesday 14th August	Finish 3.30pm			

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