

Welcome to the Kingsthorpe College newsletter.



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Dear Parents

Another busy week here at KC!

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome OFSTED to the College. Students, staff, governors, and the CEO of our Academy Trust enjoyed talking to inspectors about all of the work we do here to make sure our students leave us with character and currency, and we are really looking forward to sharing the specific outcomes of the visit with you in due course.

We are also pleased to welcome two new members of staff to the senior team. Mr Jackson (previously Lead Practitioner for Art and an experienced pastoral leader at KC) joins us as Assistant Principal with strategic responsibility for our pastoral system. Mr Jackson is passionate about making sure we individually tailor our pastoral support to make a difference to every child, and he has some exciting ideas about how we can use both internal and external sources of support to engage our young people. Above all, Mr Jackson demonstrates the very high expectations of all our students that typify our work at the College. Mrs Ricketts also joins the senior team as Director of Operations. Mrs Ricketts has an impressive range of experiences in both the commercial and educational sectors, and she joins us to take strategic responsibility for all of the business functions within the College to support our main focus on learning and teaching. Mrs Ricketts is passionate about providing innovative opportunities for our students beyond the classroom, and we are looking forward to utilising her knowledge, experience and contacts, to add an extra dimension to what we already do. Mr Jackson and Mrs Ricketts will be joining myself, Mr Wade and Mr Baines in our weekly steps challenge, and I am hoping that they may give Mr Wade a run for his money as once again, he was the weekly champion this week!

We enjoyed talking with students about great teams we had been a part of in assemblies this week, and we spent some time sharing with students the importance of challenge and conflict in any high performing team. We want everyone at the College to feel that they have a voice, and we explained that part of this responsibility was to deal with any challenge effectively. As we said to the students, we expect this of ourselves as a senior team, of our staff, and our students. I shared that for me, the most important aspect is the acceptance of responsibility for any choice made. For Mr Baines, it is having the courage to speak out and put the needs of the team above any individual - even if this is difficult. And finally for Mr Wade, it is about always explaining the reasons behind any challenge so that everyone always understands why challenging the behaviour is necessary for the KC team.

Finally, it was lovely to receive some extremely positive feedback at the end of this week from a member of staff about one of our post 16 students who had gone out of their way to help one of our year 7 students, and also from an external visitor about the excellent work our LRC undertake. Anna Dever, the Schools Project Manager for BookTrust - the UK's largest reading charity, emailed me to say what a great day she had had on Thursday when she visited our LRC and joined lessons with our year 7 and year 8 classes. She told me that she "was incredibly impressed with the sterling work of the Kingsthorpe Library team who have worked to create a positive and supportive learning environment which is filled with motivational challenges, unique competitions and a strong range of reading materials to inspire children to choose to read more."

What a fantastic way to end the week!

Mrs Giovanelli

Acting Principal

Stars of the week

Red House

Bethany Bason Year 11 R4

Bethany has made a fantastic start to Year 11. She has been both inspirational and proactive as part of Red House. Bethany always has a cheeky smile on her face, and is always willing to help out no matter what type of day she is having. On the whole, Bethany is a bright, cheerful young lady who has a lot to offer and we look forward to sharing in her future successes at KC.



Green House

Ellie Cross Year 7 Gr7

Ellie has made an excellent start at KC. Her behaviour and attitude to learning are excellent and she has already received commendations in Science and RE. Well done Ellie!

Gold House

Mia Bowers Year 7 Go1

Mia has made an exceptional start to at KC and within her first month at KC has already received 18 commendations, from a variety of subjects, due to the quality of work she is producing within lessons. Well done Mia, you are a fantastic addition to Gold House and a real star.

Blue House

Abi Medland Year 12 B3

Abi has made a fantastic start to year 12. She is an active participant and leader in tutor time, has helped out during open evening, and volunteered to be a Reading Champion for the Library. All of this and more in the space of just over two weeks!

Purple House

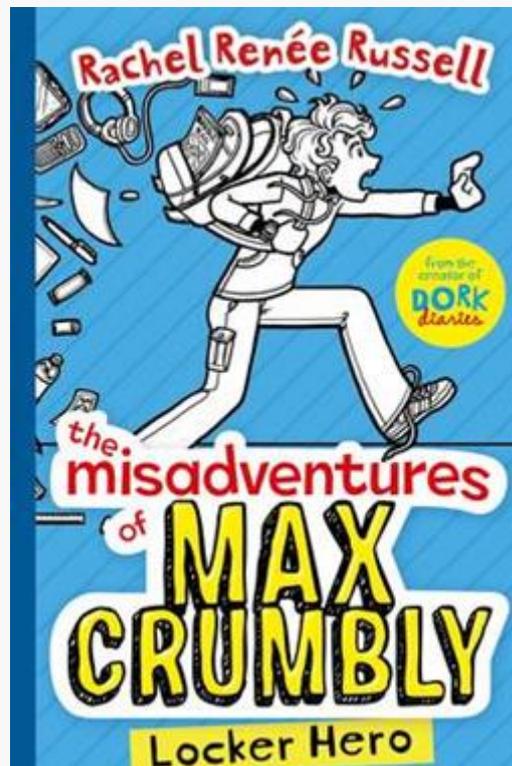
Ross Holt Year 12 P7

Ross is always pleasant and polite and he always wants to help out. He is always smiling and can instantly brighten our day. He is very kind to other students who are feeling unwell or who need some help from the house office. Ross always tries his hardest and he is a pleasure to have in Purple House.

Book of the Week

The Misadventures of Max Crumbly: Locker Hero (BL: 4.6) by Rachel Renee Russell

Our students love the Dork Diaries series by Rachel Renee Russell and here is the first book in a brand new series of adventures. Introducing Max Crumbly, the new Dork on the block...Max is about to face the scariest place he's ever been - South Ridge Middle School! He has been home-schooled by his grandmother until now, and he's begged his parents to finally let him start attending a real school. He's starting to question that choice, though, with the Doug aka Thug Thurston Problem. As in, Thug keeps stuffing Max in his locker. If only Max could



be like the hero in all the comics he likes to read - or the ones he draws - and magically escape the locker and defeat Thug. Unfortunately, Max's uncanny, almost superhuman ability to smell pizza from a block away won't exactly save any lives or foil bad guys. But that doesn't mean Max won't do his best to be the hero his school needs!

If you love funny, adventure stories why not try this brand new series.

The word of the week is...

“Solidarity”

Definition: To feel fellowship with others.

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is, "She felt a real solidarity with her new friends in Year 7".

The literacy challenge winner this week is...

Courtney Bayliss P9

Please come to the library to collect your prize!



Reading Hero of the Week – James Farrow (Year 7)

This week our reading hero is James Farrow. James has made an incredible start in this year's Accelerated Reader programme. He regularly reads and takes quizzes in his own time and works hard on the programme. So far this year he has read an amazing 529,792 words and is well on his way to becoming one of our first millionaire readers in year 7. Keep up the good work James, you are a reading superstar and a prize is on its way to you.



This year the college is giving all of our year 7 students the opportunity to participate in the Bookbuzz reading programme. This scheme gives each student the chance to choose a free book from the list of specially selected titles (see below). Students have now made their choices and the books will be given out just in time to read during the October half-term holiday.

If you would like more information about the BookBuzz scheme please visit the website www.bookbuzz.org.uk. Here you will be able to find out about this year's titles, and other books that your child will enjoy. You will also find that it is filled with competitions, quizzes and fun activities to encourage reading at home.



RM Books

All students now have access to a brilliant online e-library resource. This can be accessed through any device which connects to the internet. Your username will be your school network login with @kc at the end i.e. J1SmithD@kc the password is the same for all students and is RMbooks.

If you would like any further information please contact your school librarians.



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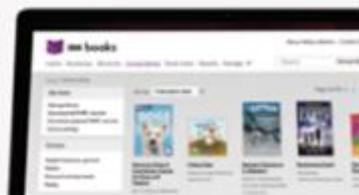
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Year 9 Sport Festival



The PE department organised a sports festival for the whole of year 9 on Tuesday. The aim of the festival was to engage all students in a variety of sporting activities throughout the morning. The students took part in Football, Kick Rounders, Ultimate Frisbee and Longball. In each activity, they competed in teams to win points for their house and add to the whole school rewards tracker.

The year 9 students worked brilliantly throughout the event, demonstrating fantastic teamwork and a real passion to do well for their house. The results were really close throughout the event, and by the end there were only a few points in it! A huge congratulations to Gold house who won overall. As you can see from the picture, Mr Hancock was delighted!

Here are the final results:

1st – Gold

2nd – Purple

3rd – Red

4th – Green

5th – Blue

There will be similar sport festivals for years 7 and 8 later in the academic year.

Don't throw out your old uniform!

If you have KC uniform that you no longer need or use and it is still in good condition, please bring it in to school. We can use it for emergencies and for our second hand exchange programme. Thank you!

Monday 3 October

Careers in STEM – Nationwide Building Society

Tuesday 4 October

Year 11 & 12 Art Trip – Photoshoot at the Transport Museum

Wednesday 12 October

Year 12 Molecular & Cell Biology – Leicester University

Thursday 20 October – 29 October

Year 13 – Project Take Flight – USA

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