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KINGSTHORPE COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a short half term, but an incredibly busy and productive one. Our Year 11 and 13 students have made an excellent start to their exams, and we wish them every success in their futures. We will be celebrating our students' endeavours at the upcoming proms for Year 11 and 13. Please note that the Year 11 prom venue has been changed to accommodate the larger number of students wishing to attend.

This term we have introduced a new piece of software called ClassLink, which allows students to access all their online school resources from one convenient page. Our students, as always, have been working incredibly hard in lessons, and we are proud to share examples of their excellent work on our Facebook page.

We are incredibly proud of our Duke of Edinburgh students; their effort and commitment has been outstanding. It is pleasing to see that year on year we are increasing the number of students involved in this valuable programme. This year, 65 students took part in our Bronze expedition—a fantastic achievement.

I hope our students and their families have a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, 2nd June.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Matharu
Headteacher

Sixth Form Students Attend OddBalls Assembly on Testicular Cancer Awareness

Year 12 and Year 13 students gathered this week for an informative and engaging assembly led by representatives from The OddBalls Foundation, a charity dedicated to raising awareness about testicular cancer. The session aimed to break the stigma around men's health, educate students on the importance of regular self-checks, and promote early detection. Delivered by an Oddballs Ambassador, the assembly left a lasting impact on students, encouraging open conversations about a topic that is often overlooked.



Year 11 Intervention Exam Breakfast

The Year 11s' final examinations have started well, with a large number attending the Exam Breakfasts on a morning from 8am. The students have been coming in and working through the impressive piles of flashcards and detailed mind maps that they have created at home and in revision sessions at school. Their conduct in the exams has been outstanding so far and we hope this continues. Well done Year 11, your resilience and perseverance has been admirable. Keep up the daily revision at home and at school.

The Year 11 Team



Performing Arts

Dance - NDance

Our elite dancers 'Ascend' performed their competition piece for the final time this season after a successful audition into Ndance. This takes place at the Corby Cube theatre along with other schools in the county. The dancers have worked so hard on this choreography which really shows off their talent and skills to full effect. Huge thanks to Miss Galea for all her hard work and time.



Performing Arts

Drama - Silhouettes

This year's chosen RSC students continue to work on their play 'What fools these mortals be' with Silhouette artistic director Leigh Walmarans. They are responsible for the Twelfth Night sections of the script which combines the Shakespeare comedies and makes a social commentary on society today! A mix of year 9 and 10 students take to the Royal Theatre stage on June 16th to share this piece, 20 students will also go to watch and support their peers. A very exciting project which is nearly ready to show.



Performing Arts

Drama - KS3 Drama Show

The Revengers is a Shakespeare spin-off where we see the disgruntled witches attempt to leave the Scottish moor and meet all the other famous characters! I am thoroughly impressed with KS3 drama club: there is so much talent coming through the school. Again, they have worked very hard and the piece is very funny and entertaining. They have been a joy to work with and it was a joy to watch an audience enjoy this script and the cast's talents.



Performing Arts

Drama - Pantomime

Aptitude students created their own spring pantomime this term. They have worked hard on all aspects of this piece, led by Amalie who wrote the script over winter. She directed the piece but they have worked together on set, lighting, costume and choreography. It was highly entertaining and we had fantastic support from parents. This is exactly what the aptitude program was created for and we are now starting to see these talented students take ownership and continue to make excellent progress. Other students are now busy writing scripts and developing ideas for next year.



My Match Report

Team 1:	KC 1	Team 2:	KC 2
Venue & Date:	Malcolm Arnold Academy		
Match details:	<p>This fixture was a Y10 tournament played at Malcolm Arnold Academy. Having won this tournament last year, we were keen to get a second. For this year we entered 2 teams, one didn't do as well as the other!</p> <p>KC 1 went through the tournament only conceding the one goal, and finished unbeaten throughout, topping the group. They beat Wooton park in the semi-final and with a tough final against Parker E-ACT, the game went to penalties which was sudden death! After they scored their penalty, unfortunately we missed ours. Well done to the lads in KC 1.</p> <p>KC 2 found it a little tougher against the same opposition, finding 2 wins, 2 draws and a loss from their 6 games. Coincidentally, they scored the only goal that KC 1 conceded. A good team effort from all involved in KC 2.</p>		
Player of the Match:	Everyone! Outstanding team performances!		
Final Score:	Runners up!		
Report written by:	Mr Kingsnorth	Year Group	10

P.E

Corby Athletics

On Wednesday 14th May KC took a team of 27 Athletes to the Northampton District Athletics competition at Corby Athletics stadium. Students were able to take part in a maximum of 2 events and a relay, with many of the team taking part in a track and field event.

Overall, the Junior girls (year 8 & 9) placed 6th, Junior boys placed 7th, Inter girls (year 10 & 11) placed 7th and inter boys placed 7th. Stand out performance came from Alexis Brown (year 8) who won the Junior girls 100m in 12.39 seconds. Alexis was also part of the successful 4 x 100m relay team who took first place. The team included Madeline Agyeman, Anastecia Yeboah and Aimee East. Dave Martin Anuebunwa (year 8) won the Junior boys shot putt with a distance of 9.82m. Max Goodacre (year 10) stormed down the home straight to take victory in the inter boys 400m in a time of 55.21 seconds.

All the winners will go on to represent at the county athletics championship later in the season.



Geography

Carding Mill Valley Fieldwork

Our Year 10 Geographers had a change in pace and scenery, when we visited the Shropshire countryside and Carding Mill Valley to complete our fieldwork that supports Paper 3 of their final exams in 12 months time.

As part of their GCSE curriculum the geographers have to experience fieldwork, specifically data collection on two sites, this month has seen the exploration of the exam board theme of flows and cycles.

To investigate the characteristics of a river, students took a day trip to visit the Ash Brook at the national trust visitor centre, in the Carding Mill Valley, Shropshire - the aims of the day were to collect primary data to test the hypothesis that particle size in the river gets smaller and the speed of the river changes as you move downstream of the river.

Students collected their primary data using a range of techniques, from field sketches to river width, depth and gradient measurements.

Students also benefited from seeing how tourism in a rural area operates first hand, as well as an introduction from the National Trust team outlining their protective work of the unique environment and wildlife within it.



Visual Arts

It's been a very productive term with year 11 sitting their exams for their externally set task, which is the last piece of work students have to submit, marking the end of the visual arts GCSEs.

In other areas:

Year 8 have been designing and making clay tiles inspired by the artist Hundertwasser.

In fine art, year 10 have been working on their portfolio component by completing Franciose Neilly inspired tonal studies in pastel and acrylic paint

Aptitude students have been using hand building techniques to create fruit from that look like it's from another planet.

Painting in year 9 has continued with students taking photographic portraits using studio lighting then experimenting with the WPAP techniques to draw and paint them.

It's been a very exciting term within the visual arts and we look forward to celebrating the success of our students as they progress onto the next stage of their educational journey.



M.F.L

On Thursday 15th and Friday 16th May, 7gGe1 took part in 'Projekt Zoo' or 'Project Zoo' in our German lessons. During these lessons, Mrs Barr first taught us the German words for animals you would commonly see in a zoo. Then, we had to pick an animal to represent. Options included:

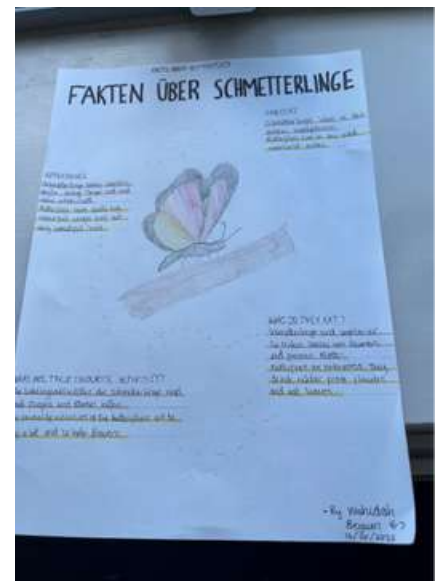
Lion, tiger, leopard, panda, polar bear, elephant, rhino, hippo, black bear, meerkat, zebra, giraffe, koala bear, orangutan, gorilla, flamingo, penguin, parrot, snake, lizard, sea turtle, frog, shark, clownfish, butterfly and owl.

When we picked our animals, we then had to make a fact file about the animal, and a mask of said animal. The fact file included: which animal we are; what biome that animal lived in; the colour(s) of the animals; whether they are a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore; and our animal's favourite activity! We had to practise this as a speech too. Lastly, we separated throughout the classroom into our different biomes, and gave our speeches at our according time (yes, we were timed!) at the imaginary zoo. Before that, we took a big photo of the animals together, wearing our animal masks!

Finally, we had a special visit from many of Mrs Barr's Year 11 German students, after their last German GCSE exam and they came tell us how amazing their experience had been to learn German. They were very encouraging to us all!

"Overall, I can speak for my classmates and say this term has been so fun in German, as has this whole year!" Written by Anastasia Year 7.

Year 11 French & German students completed their GCSE speaking exams during the second week we came back after the Easter holidays. As teachers we were really proud of the effort that many of the students had put into their speaking exams as it is can be very daunting and a very pressurised situation. Despite potential nerves it was clear that a lot of hard work and revision had been taking place, and we hope that are all the students are rewarded with good grades in the summer.



Inclusion

Upcoming Events:

Every Monday in the month of July, the Inclusion team will be welcoming the SEND year 6 students as part of an extended transition to meet the Inclusion team and have a taster of our SEND offer before they join us as year 7 in September.

Afternoon Tea with SEND year 6 parents will take on the 4th July during period 5. To showcase our new parents all the exciting things on offer in Inclusion.

What does our Inclusion Team currently offer in terms of Interventions?

- Lexia Reading Intervention
- Lego Therapy
- Anxiety Gremlin
- Social Skills/Friendship Support
- SoundsWrite
- Emotional Literacy Support (ELSA)
- Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA)
- Anxiety Toolkit
- Cubbie self regulation
- Drawing & Talking
- Homework support
- Study Skills
- SEND Elective – Gardening, Crochet, Book Club, Board games, Showcasing Talents (projects) and Cinema Appreciation.

Homework Support:

Homework Support is offered on the following days in Inclusion – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 3:15pm – 4pm.

E.A.L Food Festival

Every year we, in the EAL Department, celebrate our diverse and amazing Year 11 students. This tradition started in 2019, due to the intake at KC of in-year admissions. Our students work so incredibly hard in such a short of time frame, and we, in EAL, believe this should be applauded. Students brought in food from their home country, including Nigeria, India, Kenya, Afghanistan and The Ukraine. The delicious food was shared between our students and the Headteacher as we celebrated as one.



Combined Cadet Force



This term our year 9 Cadets took part in their first overnight exercise at Yardley Chase Cadet Training Centre.

All cadets completed their basic Fieldcraft training by learning how to build 2 man shelters, which they slept under, camouflage and concealment and finished with a stalk, how to feed themselves in the field and to fuel their bodies, patrolling and duties of a sentry.

The cadets thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to moving onto the 1 star Fieldcraft camp.

Our year 10 cadets have been busy completing their weapon training and are looking forward to their first shooting experience with a day on the Ranges.





Kingsthorpe College Combined Cadet Force



Parade nights are every Thursday from
3:30 - 4:45pm.

As an Army Section you will carry out the
following activities; Fieldcraft, Drill and
Turnout, Navigation Skill at Arms, Shooting,
First Aid, Adventure Training, Communication
and Information Systems.

Throughout the year there will be public
parades, weekend training exercises and the
annual summer camp.

All uniform is issue to you.

There is a sign up payment of £50, this covers
the cost of badges, boots and other sundries.

There is no weekly cost, you will only need to
pay for your chosen camps and activities.

Want to sign-up for cadets in September 2025?

Use the QR Code below and express your
interest by Thursday 12th June.

If you have any questions or would like any
further information, please speak with Mrs
Homer.



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Army September 2025



Duke of Edinburgh **Gold**



As part of the lead up to expeditions, our Gold DofE students continued with their paddle training, moving on from the pool sessions and onto the River Nene.

They completed 2 days paddling, using the skills they have previously learnt, and learning more and more on touring in a straight line as a team. They are looking forward to their full practice expedition next term.

Duke of Edinburgh **Silver**



Our Silver cohort travelled to the beautiful Peak District to complete their practice expedition. They camped for 2 nights and walked for 2 full days. They were blessed with perfect weather for the weekend, and are ready and set for their qualifier expedition next term.



Duke of Edinburgh

Bronze



Our Bronze year 9 students have completed their qualifying expedition. Students put into practice all their training and learning, especially navigating along the route. They overcome obstacles along the way, building confidence and resilience, pushing themselves further and further out of their comfort zone. Whilst this was a challenge, students arrived at checkpoints with lots of smiles and high spirits. Well done to everyone for their fantastic achievement.



Special Recognition

As we approach the end of the rugby season, I wanted to take a moment to share the outstanding achievements of one of your Year 7 students who plays for the Old Northamptonians U12 Girls Rugby team:

- Millie S

This talented young athlete has enjoyed a phenomenal season. The team has remained undefeated throughout, demonstrating not only individual skill but also exceptional teamwork, commitment, and resilience. While the emphasis at this age is rightly placed on development over results — try telling that to the team! — their success on the pitch has been remarkable.

Over the course of the season, the team has won numerous tournaments across the country, showcasing their ability against top opposition. One of the season's highlights was taking part in the festival ahead of the Premiership Women's Rugby Final at StoneX Stadium, giving the girls a taste of top-level rugby and a platform to shine.

Most recently, during the Easter holidays, the team secured yet another trophy in Norfolk.

These achievements are a testament not only to the girls' sporting talent, but also to the support and encouragement they receive both at home and in school. I hope you will join me in congratulating Millie on an outstanding season.

Nikki Clarke-Rogers
Girls Officer - Old Northamptonians RFC



We were delighted to hear that Sydney in year 7, who is also on our aptitude program, had been cast in the title role of Annie at the Castle Theatre in Wellingborough, we quickly arranged a trip to support her with this amazing achievement.

Other aptitude students were keen to join us and we had a fantastic evening. It was a very professional amateur show and Sydney shone with flawless vocals and immaculate acting. The group were very vocal in their support at the end and it was inspirational for them to see a peer go to an audition and succeed.

Well done Sydney!



Careers Fair '25

**We have scheduled our next
Careers Fair on 4th July 2025 from
8:40am - 3:15pm**

we invite your business to join us:

Networking opportunities for your business

Enhance company reputation among students, parents and
carers

Engage with many potential future candidates

Inspire the next generation

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