

# KINGSBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER - Autumn 2016

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### PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

It gives me great pleasure to this, the first Parent newsletter of the academic year and my very first as Principal. I'm sure it is no surprise when I say how excited I am as the 2016 -17 Autumn term commences, an excitement I am sure I share with everyone new to KCC.

We have been joined this term by a very keen and energetic set of year 7 students who have made an excellent start and impressed us with their organisation, enthusiasm and commitment in lessons and around the College. We have very high hopes for this particular group of students and will be ensuring that they share our high aspirations. Elsewhere, we are pleased to welcome a number of staff new to the College following the departure of colleagues in the autumn term who have gone on to great things and new futures elsewhere. The College is fortunate to have secured such an outstandingly talented group of staff and I am sure that their energy and enthusiasm will be greatly appreciated by the students they teach.

KCC continues to go from strength to strength with the College out-performing its 2015 GCSE and A Level results this year, and 2016 outcomes breaking records across the board. This success provides great confidence to the large number of last year's Yr11 students returning to commence their A-Level studies with us and to those Year 13 students who have departed to continue their learning journey in the very best universities across the country. I wish them all every success.

It is true, in my experience, that "Success breeds Success", and this has been an ongoing feature of my own professional ethos in ensuring that all success is recognised, celebrated and built upon.

I hope that you will share in the sense of success celebrated both in this Parent letter and in the activities and events organised for our students throughout this term.

I ask you to join in by supporting your child in seeking ways in which their own success can be recognised and built upon at home.

The summer has, of course, been eventful. We will not forget the impact that the Rio Olympics and Paralympics has had on the country and I am keen that this is not lost as we move back to everyday life here at the College. The values so ably demonstrated by our athletes are equally important in everyday life and particularly pertinent to the lives of our learners.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know you better over the coming year,

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### WELL DONE CLASS OF 2016

#### **Best GCE results ever!**

79% 5A\* -C incl. English & Maths

85% 3 levels of progress in all subjects

59% 4 levels of progress in all subjects

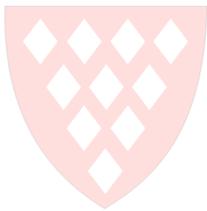
#### **Outstanding rates of progress within:**

Art, BTEC Construction, Chemistry, Computer Science, Drama, English Literature, Film Studies, Graphics, Geography, Photography & Textiles.

The students in these subjects achieved over 70% 4+ levels of progress.

#### **National Ranking**

Our results for 2016 place the college as 94th in the country, which is a fantastic achievement.



## **MUSIC EXAM RESULTS FOR THE SUMMER TERM**

Fleur Hetherington (cello) Grade 1 merit  
Safiyah Asharaf (piano) Grade 3 merit  
Neva Fradd (piano) Grade 2 merit  
Jude Hartley. (Piano) Grade 2 merit  
Scarlett Luck. (Piano) Grade 2 pass  
Elizabeth Golding (piano) Grade 2 pass

### **KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE IN PE**

If a student has an injury or medical reason why they are unable to participate in a PE lesson, a note must be written and signed by the parent. This is particularly important if this is a head injury or a suspected concussion. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to inform the school if their child has suffered a head injury out of school, for example at a club rugby match. This note must be shown to the child's PE teacher at the start of the lesson. The RFU Headcase guidelines will then be applied. Information on this can be found at <http://www.englandrugby.com/my-rugby/players/player-health/concussion-headcase/>. If an injury or accident was to occur during a lesson, a note will be written by the teacher in the planner to show at home. If there is concern and the teacher feels a doctors/hospital visit may be needed, a phone call home will be made. This will happen in all circumstances where head injuries are concerned. Please don't hesitate to contact Helen Tully (Head of PE) if you require more information.

The U16 Girls hockey team came first in the South Devon National Schools tournament therefore reaching the county finals on Wednesday, where they performed to an exceptionally high standard and were a credit to the school.

Year 10 student Noah Capps has been selected to compete at the European Surfing Championships to be held in Morocco in December as part of the English team. Noah is one of two English surfers selected to compete in the Under 14 category against the best European junior surfers. The contest will be run over a week in the waves around Agadir and we wish Noah luck.

### **SOME KEY DATES FOR PARENTS DIARIES**

How to support your child to success in their GCSEs:

Year 11 parents are invited to the college on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November from 6 – 7 pm to look at how to best to support students, particularly with Maths and English, and to begin planning for what next after GCSEs.

Year 7 parent/tutor evening Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October:

Meet your child's tutor and information evening: join us for sessions on how best to support your child with maths at KCC ; how we report to parents and assess your child's progress and safety.

Non uniform day for St Nicks Fair: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. We ask that students bring in items suitable for the PTFA to use for the raffle. If each student brings in one item it will really help raise lots of money to support your children in the extra opportunities we offer them.

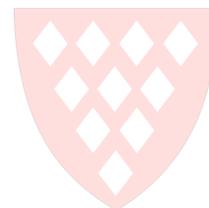
### **PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING**

Please would you let us know if your child is adopted from care as we will be able to claim from a fund named Pupil Premium Plus for additional funds to support them in school

Please let the year leader or progress coordinator for your child's year group know as soon as possible.

### **CALLING ALL READERS!**

We're currently looking for more parents to help out with our KCC Adult Paired Reader scheme. These volunteers listen to Year 7/8 students read, offering friendly support and encouragement. Are you able to donate 50 minutes of your time once a fortnight to have students read to you? If you're interested or would like to know more, please email Scott Davies at [davies.s@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk](mailto:davies.s@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk)



## PRIMARY MUSIC CENTRE

The Heads of Music from KCC and Dartmouth Academy have started to run a weekly Primary Music Centre. The project is aimed at Year 5 students and local primary schools from both areas have been invited to attend 5 week blocks of workshops at KCC on Wednesday afternoons.

We currently have 44 students attending each week from Thurlestone and Malborough primaries. There is also a Junior Choir and Orchestra running each week at KCC open to any students from primaries in Years 4-6. These groups run every Wednesday after school at KCC and we are always looking for more members from our local schools to join us.

### YEAR 7 SOUTH MILTON SANDS TRIP

On Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th October, Year 7 students visited South Milton Sands for a fieldtrip which focused on the physical and human interactions along the coastline. We were all very fortunate as the weather stayed dry on both days, although a little windy!

The mornings' work consisted of the students demonstrating their art skills by drawing and annotating several fieldsketches. The students were then given the challenge of identifying the most sustainable tourism activity to take place along the coastline. Those who wanted to apply their business skills had the opportunity to present their ideas in the style of a Dragons' Den presentation.

Having identified the coastal processes operating along South Milton Sands, the students identified and scored the sea defences that have been put in place for protection. Having accomplished a range of fieldwork skills and adopted a range of cross-curricular skills, 7RA ended the trip with a quick PE lesson. They consolidated the mornings learning with a session of Kung-Fu landforms! A great two days was had by all!

### SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

This year's school production is 'Annie' and will take place from Tuesday 6th December until Friday 9th December.

### BISHOP NICK VISITS KCC

The Bishop of Plymouth, Nick McKinnel, continued his travels over three days last weekend as part of the initiative by the three Bishops in Devon to visit every part of our diocese in a year.

Bishop Nick and Revd Jackie Taylor, Rector of Kingsbridge, Dodbrooke and West Alvington, received a warm welcome at Kingsbridge Community College where they met the new Principal, Kenny Duncan, assistant Principal Wendy Ohlsen and a group of students who gave them a tour of the school.

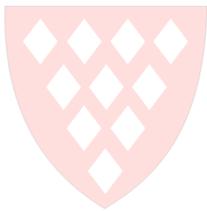
Bishop Nick said: "I would like to thank all those people who took time to meet with me over the weekend and for showing me round. I particularly enjoyed visiting Kingsbridge Community College and talking to the Principal, Kenny Duncan, and some of the children and really appreciated the chance to meet local people who give their time and enthusiasm to help others and serve the community with joy".

### SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

Shakespeare Schools Festival cast went to the Barbican Theatre on Thursday the 13th of October to work with theatre professionals in preparation for their big performance of Hamlet, directed by Tom Newman, at the Barbican Theatre, Plymouth on the 18th of November.

The students were amazing and worked like professionals, showing the calibre and dedication that they bring to such opportunities as the international Shakespeare Schools Festival.

This summer Oscar Knight attended a wheelchair basketball developmental camp along side the team GB under 19' males at Worcester University. He was then selected to play for the under 15' Southwest team at the National Wheelchair Basketball Championships. This season he will be travelling the country playing for the under 19' Southwest team for the Lord's Taverners National Junior League.



## COLLEGE TERM DATES 2016 - 2017

### Autumn 2016

6th September - 16th December 2016

### Half Term

24th October - 28th October 2016

### Spring 2017

3rd January - 31st March 2017

### Half Term

13th February - 17th February 2017

### Summer Term

18th April - 21st July 2017

### Half Term

30th May - 2nd June 2017

## STAFF WELCOME

Russell Back - Teacher of RE  
Amy Baker - Teaching Assistant  
Jack Baker - Teacher of Science  
Annie Bodmer - Teacher of Art  
Nikki Brayne - Teacher of English  
Paige Day - Teacher of RE  
Katie Essex - Teacher of Science  
Yvonne Fieldhouse - Teacher of Catering  
Emma Hartley - Teaching Assistant  
(previously Catering)  
Sarah JanMahomed - Teacher of Media  
Katherine Mant - Teacher of English  
Michael Mayger - Maintenance Caretaker

Sophie Neale - Administrator  
Nicola Newman - Teacher of Design &  
Technology  
Roger Nuttall - Teacher of Science  
Annabelle Parnell - Catering Assistant  
Martin Philips - Teacher of Construction  
Sarah Pike - Teacher of Spanish  
Lewis Powell - Teacher of History  
Antony Rabicano - Finance Administration  
Assistant  
Judi Robshaw - Teaching Assistant  
Jilly Russell - Exam Access  
Vicky Smith - Teaching Assistant  
Lauren Tait - Sixth Form Study Supervisor  
Pete Wade - Site Supervisor  
Sam Wilson - Teacher of Science

Mrs Hannah Thomas will be going on maternity leave on 4th November 2016. Mrs Visser will be taking over in teaching Business in Years 11/12/13.

## HAPPY RETIREMENT CLIVE!

Clive Hay has worked at KCC on the premises team for 28 years and in that time has become something of a legend. He was always cheerful and ready to help especially if the kettle was on and you had time for a natter about the football and his beloved Leeds United! Clive was loved by staff and students as was shown by ex student and former Kingsbridge Mayor Wayne Grills, who collected £1700 on a Facebook giving page he set up as a surprise retirement gift. He will be greatly missed by us all.

## VACANCIES

Apprentice IT Technician

Full training will be given with a registered apprenticeship training provider. Year round full time, 8.30am to 4.30pm. Please send CV with covering letter to Tom Dring, ASW IT Manager, KCC, Balkwill Road, Kingsbridge, TQ71PL. Email: [tom.dring@academiessouthwest.org.uk](mailto:tom.dring@academiessouthwest.org.uk)