

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

This week has seen students in both year 11 and year 13 take part in our annual leavers events as they go off on official study leave for the remainder of the examination period. Unsurprisingly these occasions are full of mixed emotions as students begin to prepare for the next phase in their journey to becoming an adult. On Friday our Year 11's excelled in their approach to their last day of celebrations. The day for them was an emotional one with many travelling down memory lane to the point when they first came together as nervous and uncertain Year 7 students in September 2012. It is a highly rewarding experience for me and my staff to witness the culmination of the journey those students have made in becoming young adults with fantastic futures ahead of them, and particularly poignant for their dedicated Year Leader, Mrs Treglowan Ryan and her fantastic form tutors, all of whom have been alongside each student through thick and thin. Many students will return to continue the journey with us in the 6th Form and we look forward to seeing them all later this term at our Year 11 Prom in June and then, most importantly, in August as they receive their examination results. Following closely on, Year 13 spent their last day together as a year group on Thursday and whilst still focused on their studies, they did have some quality social time with teaching staff, their tutors, Mr Crocker, Mrs Barrett and the fantastic team of support staff within the 6th Form Centre. Our Upper 6th have been a simply fantastic year group and are a credit to themselves, their families and the College. The whole College community has felt the influence of these two key year groups and it is fantastic to see such strong and confident students providing outstanding examples for our younger students. All have something to be proud of and all leave something to emulate and aspire towards. We wish them all well in the coming weeks and in their onward journey to 6th Form, further and higher education, careers and very successful and rewarding futures.

So, another half term is upon us. With a quick week to recharge their batteries students will be back in June all set to make as much progress as possible in the remainder of the year. External exams will end on Tuesday 29th June with our Year 10 PPE examinations being introduced into the latter weeks (21st-30th June). Arrangements are almost complete for our Challenge Week in July with students already gearing up for a fun packed week of fabulous experiences that include surfing, mountain biking, trips, visits, walks, sports, games, thrills, and spills and hopefully all in fantastic weather. Fingers crossed!



Uniform Reminder

Boys:

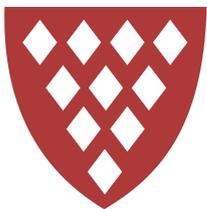
Red/white pin-stripped shirt
College black jumper
Tailored black trousers/shorts
Black shoes: leather or leather look. No canvas, trainers, logos or markings
Plain black/white ankle socks

Girls:

Red/white pin-striped blouse
College black jumper or cardigan
Black trousers or skirt
Black shoes: leather or leather look. No canvas, trainers, logos or markings
Plain black/white ankle socks or plain/black/neutral tights (not laddered/ripped)

P.E. kit:

Red college polo shirt or KCC P.E. top
Football boots (boys only)
Navy shorts
Long sleeved rugby top (compulsory for boys, optional for girls)
Trainers
Navy/red games socks
Navy tracksuit trousers are advisable
A gum shield is compulsory for hockey and strongly recommended for rugby (if possible this should be designed and fitted by a dentist)



54 Geography students attended a 2 day residential course in Swanage and Bournemouth earlier this half term, taking maximum use of the coastline there to sharpen their physical Geography knowledge prior to the summer exam .

We are very pleased to have five of our students selected to represent South Devon at the Athletics County Trials on the 10th June at Exeter Arena. These athletes have met the high qualifying standards and all stand a really good chance of progressing into the county squad.

They are Marcel Purchase (Inter Boys 100m/200m), Jake Goode-Grey (Junior 100m/200m/Triple Jump), Harry Burner (Junior 100m & Long Jump), Alexander Bly (Junior 1500m) and Cameron Simmons (Junior Javelin). We wish them good luck!

Our Year 8 boys Cricket team have progressed to the Quarter Finals of the County Cup, beating Churston Ferrers Grammar School in the last round. They will now play Torquay Boys Grammar. All sports teams are involved in the County competition and are still in with a chance of progressing, which is a great credit to the PE staff at KCC.

The 13th KCC Golf Competition took place at Thurlestone Golf Club on Friday 12th May. 11 players took part in the annual event in wet and blustery conditions, which were really tough for the students.

Only 6 finished and the results are shown below:

- Winner - Oliver Griffiths 9MY (38 points)
- Runner up - Alfie Messias 8SC (35 points)
- Third place - George Messias 9NW (33 points)

Music News

Trip to the opera - 19th April

On 19th April we took a group of students to the opera at The Theatre Royal in Plymouth. Students from Years 9-13 watched the Welsh National Opera's performance of "La Bohème". This was a great opportunity for the students to watch a professional opera company performing at a local venue. "It was a real pleasure to spend the evening with such a great group of students" Miss Mitchell

Year 12 BTEC Evening of vocal music - 2nd May

On Tuesday 2nd May, three of our Year 12 BTEC Music students organised and performed in an evening of vocal music in the 6th Form Lounge. The students involved were Jessica Hardy, Lucy Gill and Freya Hoban. They organised a summer themed evening and produced some fantastic vocal performances.

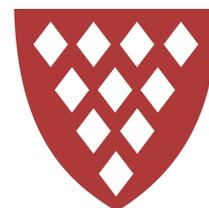
Zin Berle and Jaz Gosling - Performed at the Dartmouth Music Festival

On Saturday 13th May Zin Berle and Jaz Gosling (two of the Year 13 BTEC Music students) performed a solo set each as part of the Dartmouth Music Festival Introducing event at The Flavel. They each did a 20 minute solo set featuring a mixture of covers and their own compositions. "Well done to both of them for their high standard of performance and professionalism at this high profile event"

Forthcoming music event dates for your diary:

- Saturday 3rd June - The Busking Group will be performing at the Kingsbridge Food and Music Festival
- Wednesday 5th July - Musical performances at the annual PTA Summer BBQ/

Year 10 students completed an exhilarating few days out and about as part of their GCSE PE Course practical assessments. Activities included climbing, abseiling and kayaking.



National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships

On the 16th and 17th March, the West Country schools were heavily represented at the National Indoor Championships (NJIRC) in London. British Rowing Coach Kevin Sellar and members of the Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership (SSP) took 41 rowers from 15 schools across Devon and Cornwall, to compete in both individual and team races.

KCC were represented by Lewis Sharam (Year 11), Henry Blake and Jake Goode-Gray (both Year 9). The boys competed strongly in the individual events, all coming in the top 20 nationally for their respective age groups: Lewis 16th, Henry 19th and Jake 12th.

The year nine boys having only practised once as a team together stepped up to the mark and won the Year 7-9 boys sprint relay, rowing strongly together and solidly taking the Gold medal. The changeovers for the team were faultless, it certainly wasn't a quiet race!

In all, 41 rowers in the South West squad took 29 medals home, breaking last year's total of 26 medals, and the largest medal haul in 11 years.

The South West once again showing its strength in the depth for the sport. The determination, effort and support from each athlete clearly paid off in many personal bests and appearances on the podium. Well done !

Science Week House Competition starts on Tuesday 6th June with events in the Library, outside and in the Science building every lunch time during the week. There is a closing event which will take place on Saturday 10th June, 10.00-12.30. Everyone can attend whatever their age. The whole week will be filled with science activities, demonstrations and games.

On the weekend of the 20th May, 30 students completed their Bronze practice expedition by navigating their way around the South Hams. All students had to complete 6 hours each day, and camp over night. There were also 11 students out completing their Silver practice expedition, with an increase to 7 hours a day and 2 nights of camping.

The final expedition for all students will be on the weekend of 17th June.

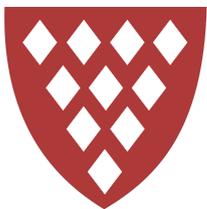
Students in Year 8 will now have the opportunity to sign up to the Bronze award in September 2017. For more information please email Mrs Budgen at budgen.s@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk

Congratulations to the KCC Maths team who came second out of 15 schools in the regional heat of the UK Schools Senior Maths Team Challenge. Well done to the team of Jack Pattison, Luke Westlake, Rafaela Bly and Nick Carson. Particular congratulations to Nick Carson who qualified for the first round of the British Mathematical Olympiad.

Expedition Training Triumph

The weekend of the 5th - 7th May saw the culmination of this year's Expedition Training programme, with 8 teams completing the gruelling Ten Tors Challenge. This saw teams of 6 walking distances of 35, 45 or 55 miles over Dartmoor, while navigating and carrying everything they needed to be self-sufficient. Particularly impressive was the performance of our Year 12 team, who finished their 55 mile route with four hours to spare!

Huge congratulations to everyone who completed the Expedition Training season this year: competition for team places was particularly fierce this year and the training staff have been extremely impressed by the skill and dedication of all the students involved.



COLLEGE TERM DATES
2016 - 2017

Summer Term

18th April - 21st July 2017

Half Term

30th May - 2nd June 2017

Non pupil day

24th July 2017

25th July 2017

26th July 2017

Autumn Term

05th September - 15th December

Non pupil day

04th September

20th October

Half Term

23rd October - 27th October

Come and join the KCC Science department on Saturday 10th June between 10 and 12.30 at Kingsbridge Community College.

Free science activities, demonstrations and games.

All age welcome.

Refreshments available and prizes to be won!

The KCC PTFA ladies Fun-Athlon is back by popular demand!

Saturday 17th June - Cycle, walk, paddle and chatter around South Ham.

Application forms can be downloaded from the school website and need to be returned to the school reception with your £30 entrance fee by 2nd June.

If you have any questions email Caroline: thehillsarehere@gmail.com

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