



Dear Parents

We are delighted that we have been awarded the Gold Award for the Parental Engagement Quality Standard by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust. In her covering letter, the assessor writes that she was “hugely impressed by the range and breadth of the work we do to engage with parents across the school’s community and the many successes and positives that this engagement is bringing”. Many, many thanks to you all for the enormous support that you give to us at the College: it is always very much appreciated.

ADVANCED LEVEL CONSULTANT SCHOOL

We are also delighted that the College has been accredited as an Advanced Level Consultant School for the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust. This award is in recognition of the importance of the work that the College has carried out in support of colleagues in other schools.

*Happy Easter!
Roger Pope*

**Roger Pope
Principal**

UNIVERSITY FINANCE

The National Audit Office (NAO) has warned the student loans and grants system is at “substantial” risk of being hit by delays again in 2010.

Last year, almost a quarter of a million students were left without cash prior to the start of term, as a new system resulted in delays.

It is vital that students planning to go to University in September/October 2010 make their application for student finance as soon as possible. Don’t delay while waiting for details of a new student bank account or because you think you might change your mind about your university choice. Your application for finance can be amended at a later date. Apply as soon as possible.

Please talk to the Sixth Form team if you need any further information.

INJECTIONS

Year 10 Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio Booster injections are taking place on Tuesday 27th April. All Year 10 student have been given consent forms which need to be returned to Student Services by 31st March.

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SCIENCE GOES TO HOLLYWOOD

Many congratulations to all of those involved in Science Goes to Hollywood and especially to James White who won the prize for the best film. It was stunning to see him arrive at the College in his limousine before walking the red carpet! It was a fantastic evening much enjoyed by the sell-out audience. Many thanks to all the many students and staff from across the College who contributed to its success and to the many events organised by the Science and Maths department throughout the week.

The annual Science Week is a great public showcase for Science and Maths at the College. Perhaps the true success of these departments is in the very large numbers of students who choose to take these subjects in the Sixth Form, very much against the national trend.

AUTHORISED LEAVE

In the last Parents’ letter I outlined the Governors’ proposed policy on authorising leave for holiday. I received one response to this. At the meeting of the Full Governors on Monday evening it was decided that the College would in future authorise up to 5 days’ holiday in a year, although of course we hope that such requests will only be made if there is no alternative.



SEE THE WEBSITE!

Have you seen the Media department website? You can access it at

www.kingsbridgecollegemedia.org.uk or via the link from the

Media Department subject area from the main College website. There are some stunning pieces of work from students including film and animation.

April 2010

SPORTING SUCCESS

British Schools National Biathlon

Congratulations to our very talented students who qualified for the finals at Crystal Palace. Only the highest scoring 8 teams in the country qualify for this prestigious event. The Year 8 girls team consisting of Harriet Arscott, Hester Stembridge, Alysia Stringer who were ranked 8th had a tremendous competition and finished 4th, only very narrowly missing out on a medal. The Year 9 Team of Lily Edmonds, Holly Stewart, Isabella Richards who were ranked 5th finished with silver medals.

SKI TRIP

Following the success of our previous visits to Arosa, we are running a ski trip there next February during half-term. Letters and booking forms are now available from Miss Palmer in the Science department.

South Devon Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to the cross country running team who became South Devon overall champions for the very first time last Wednesday. Three students were also crowned age group individual champions: Lily Ross (Year 7 Girls), Isabella Richards (Year 8/9 Girls), Freddie Richards (Intermediate Girls); other medallists were Josh Sabater Romero (2nd Intermediate Boys) and Jack Fergusson (3rd Year 8/9 Boys).

Congratulations to all of them and many thanks to Mrs Richards for supporting both teams so well.

PARENTAL SURVEY

Many thanks to all those parents who recently completed our Parents' Survey. The company who conducted the survey benchmarks the returns here with those received for schools all over the country. The analysis shows that parents gave an excellent overall performance of the school (85%).

Parents were particularly happy with teaching in French and Science, and we shall be having discussions with the heads of those departments that did not come out so strongly. Parents were most happy with standards of facilities, resources and communication. They were not so happy with the way we deal with truancy and the security of the College. Interestingly students thought that the control of bullying was a strength of the College whereas parents raised more concerns.

The report has given us a huge amount to think about as we enter our next cycle of improvement planning, and we will be repeating the survey in future years to make sure that the actions that we take have been effective.

Many thanks for your assistance in helping us to tackle areas where we need to move forward.

LANDMATTERS

As part of the Opening Minds curriculum, all students in Year 7 have once again spent a day at the Landmatters project near Dartmouth. They enjoyed a fascinating insight into the sustainable ways of living. Students were inspired by what they saw from how to track deer to how to live in houses made solely from recycled materials.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

We are delighted that our 23 visitors from the L'Alcudia de Crespins school near Valencia enjoyed their stay in Kingsbridge on the second leg of the exchange. We look forward to continuing friendship with the school.

Mr Philips and Miss Luscombe joined a group of other teachers from around the country visiting schools in Nigeria as part of a programme to promote sport around the world in the run-up to the Olympics. As a result we now have a new partnership with the Queen's College in Lagos and we look forward to welcoming their Principal on a visit to the College in the summer.

TECHNOLOGY TRIUMPHS

We were delighted to hear that the Year 8 team of Greg Luckhurst, Emily Brooking, Hester Stembridge, Jack Sanderson, Michael Carson and Seb Ansley took first prize at the Faraday Engineering Challenge last Friday. Congratulations to all students and thanks to Mr Cook for taking them.

Congratulations also to the two Year 9 girls' teams of Abby Read, Jess Mills, Sarah Sutton, Lucy Nichols, Charlotte Holland who took 2nd place in the Great Egg Race competition at Plymouth University and to

NEW UNIFORM – SEPTEMBER 2010

All incoming Year 7 students will be wearing our new uniform in September and we hope that other students will also wish to do so. Please look out for the brochure early next term with more details. The new uniform will be available either from Anchor Sports in town or via on-line ordering through Trutex.

Please note that students will not be able to 'mix and match' the two styles and, in particular, if you continue to choose to wear the current College uniform, this must be worn as regulated including ties for all.

the Year 9 boys' team of Matt Neal, John Partridge, Jack Dryburgh Jones and Jonathan Ellis who took 3rd place.

MUSICAL DELIGHT

Many congratulations to the Year 12 BTEC Music students who staged a very enjoyable concert recently.

SUCCESSTRACKER 4

SuccessTracker 4 is being issued with this newsletter—we are finding the contents very helpful. Remember you can access it online too.

EXPLORING THE POLES!

Parents and students have been invited to a talk by Peter Fuchs will be giving at the Thurlestone Parish Hall at 7.00pm on 24th April. Peter is the son of Sir Vivian Fuchs who led an expedition to the South Pole. The first half of the talk will be about Expeditions and the Animals of the Antarctic and Arctic and after the interval he will talk about the Science and Global Warming. Part of the proceeds from the talk will be given to funding educational trips to the Antarctic.

Tickets available from Patrick Stanley Tel: 01548 560540 or on the door: Adults £7.50 Children £2.50 and refreshments will be available.

College Term Dates

Summer Term 2010

19th April—20th July

Half term: 31st May- 8th June

Non student day 7th June

(Note: students may need to attend for external exams)

Autumn Term 2010

2nd September - 17 December

Half Term:

25th October - 29th October 2010

Spring Term 2011

4th January -8th April

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Edward Tolchard	7FP
Ben Stumbles	7FP
Jemima Richardson	7FP
Lauren Perrins	7FP
Jessica Lubrani	7FP
George Lee	7FP
Charlie Harvey	7FP
Abbie Dodds	7FP
Harry Hart	7FP
Dan Caunter	7FP
Emma Savage	7PT
Emma Noyce	7PT
Emily Dressler	7SS
Maddie Powlesland	7SS
Anna Waters	7SS
James Soyer	7SS
Edward Grant	7SS
Harry Yabsley	7EA
Freyja Jones	7EA
Erin Morris	7EA

Emily Read	7EA
Tess Goodwin	7EA
Tierney Roberts	7EA
Jacob Seldon	7EA
Isla Ockwell	7NS
Holly Thomas	7KE
Robert Williams	8MR
Kate Wildish-Jones	8BDN
Jane Oram	9VS
Lucy Nichols	9VS
Curtis Whitby	9VS
Beth Yeoman	9VS
Charlotte Holland	9VS
Alexander Gubbay	9VS
Samantha Cole	9VS
Keziah Young	9VS

GOVERNORS' AWARD

Alistair Williams	7EA
Rebecca Collacott	7EA
Jake Tucker	7SS