



## SPORTING HEROES!

Many congratulations to all the students who performed in the Gym & Dance Show: it was superb! It was great to see over 150 students included, and great to see the way they clapped and cheered one another's performances.

Congratulations to the U14 Rugby Team who are through to the Devon National Finals.

Congratulations to the students who completed the gruelling Tour de Trigs Challenge completing 50 miles in 24 hours: Callum Arnold, Billy Burner, Oliver Kensett, Rachel Addison, Kate Pope, Dan Barnett, Alex Humphries and Richard Fox. Well done also to those who made the attempt: Will Rawlinson, Henry Tozer, James Greenhill and Jenny Sterry.

Teams from the College took place in the South West Schools Biathlon Championships at Millfield School in Somerset. Athletes are competing in 12 regional qualifiers with the best teams going on to take part in the national finals in March. Congratulations to the teams from Year 8: the girls represented by Hester Stembridge, Alysia Stringer and Harriet Arcscott and the boys by Louis Gautier, Freddie Buckle and Harry Preston; and to the Year 9 girls' team of Isabella Richards, Lily Edmonds and Holly Stewart who all achieved Gold medals. Freddie Richards (Year 11) and Sam Jones (Year 12) competed individually and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively. Congratulations too to the Year 7 girls' team of Emma Noyce, Ruby Barnett and Nichol Mitchelmore who finished fourth.

We have just had confirmation from the English Schools Swimming Association that the Junior Boys Team have gained one of the coveted places at the National Team Relay Championships for Secondary Schools which will take place in Coventry in February 2010. Qualifying in 6<sup>th</sup> position, the KCC boys are in the last 16 schools out of approximately 160 taking part in regional rounds. Many congratulations to all the team; Laker Wong, Daniel Arcscott, Richard Forman, Louis Gautier.

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## END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Last day of term is Friday, 18th December. Parents are welcome to join us for the Year 7 and Year 8 Carol Services in West Alvington Church – Year 7 is at 10am and Year 8 at 12 noon. The morning will end for all students at 1.30pm. We are happy to look after any child for the afternoon if you wish.

### Buses

- Service bus to Plymouth  
13.30 from College
- Service bus to Dartmouth  
14:00 from College
- Service bus to Salcombe  
14:05 from College

All contract buses and taxis will pick up from College at 13:30.

New term starts for all students on **Monday, 4th January**. Have a very Happy Christmas

*A very Merry Christmas  
to you all!  
Agor Pop*



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## SCIENCE NEWS

10 4 10

If you are a parent of a student in Years 10 or 11 who has Science module exams in January 2010, then look out for 10 4 10 that will be coming home in the last week of term. 10 4 10 is a booklet that consists of a set of Science questions. Every day for 10 days a student can spend 10 minutes answering 10 short questions based on the module exam that they will be sitting in January. With the booklet there is a set of answers so that you can check and help your son/daughter. Feedback from previous years shows that short daily bursts help the students revise effectively.

### Science Quizzes

Waiting for appointments at Parents Evenings has sometimes involved a wait! Now you can have a go at the science quizzes promoted by Science. The first quiz was won by Harry Bridger during the Year 13 Parents' Evening who won a £10 Amazon Voucher. Look out for the quizzes and fun practicals with more prizes in the Reception area and Library when you attend Parents' Evenings during the year.

### Advance Warning: Science Week 2010

Keep the evening of Tuesday 16th March free as Science and Maths at Kingsbridge go

to Hollywood. This will be a fantastic glitzy, glamorous night with a red carpet feel, photographers and film stars with a smattering of Maths and Science thrown in. Some of these stars will be students who will be arriving in a stretch limo as winners of a Maths and Science competition. Stars also attending will be Jennie Bond with Animal Encounters and Alan Hart-Davis, scientist, historian and broadcaster, presenter of Local Heroes and Science Shack. The evening will be free but there will be a meal beforehand with proceeds going to Latimer high School, Adumasa for the purchase of basic science equipment. Look out for more details next term.

## ST NICK'S SUCCESS

Many thanks to all the members of the PTFA who helped to organise St Nick's, to all the students who ran stalls and to all those of you who contributed in any way. It was once again a wonderful event with a super atmosphere that kicked us all off for a jolly Christmas! We raised over £5,000 - a tremendous achievement!

Congratulations to all the students who made over 220 boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal: just brilliant!

Many thanks to all the students who helped to raise over £700 for Children in Need. Many thanks to all the Year 10 students who once again took part in the Swimathon.

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## UPDATE ON PARENTPAY AND CASHLESS CATERING

We continue to be very pleased with the way in which these initiatives are developing. We are now achieving our objective of reducing the queues for the Canteen and we are receiving positive feedback from parents on the ease with which they can now pay for trips and visits. As ever with new IT systems, there have been teething troubles, particularly with parents being unable to see a reducing balance as their children spend money. This problem has now been resolved.



## PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Bev Carson is the new Parent Support Advisor (PSA) for the Kingsbridge Learning Community (KASP) which covers the College and our ten feeder primary schools. Her role is to support you and your child to get the very best from their time at College by providing support, guidance and

information. Bev can help you with any worries you may have in relation to your child's education, behaviour or attendance, and provide support on how best to deal with it.

If you would like to contact Bev, her direct telephone number is 07540 673576.



## FAREWELL

At the end of this term we say farewell to Mr Watson, who has been covering for the absence of Mr O'Sullivan who returns at the start of the Spring Term; to Ms Frost in the Learning Support Department and to Mr Mossop, one of our caretaking team. We wish them all the very best for the future.

We also welcome Mrs Singleton as teacher of Food Technology and Catering covering the absence of Miss O'Malley for the remainder of this school year. Best wishes to Mr Edgar who is away whilst awaiting an operation.

## A HEROIC EFFORT

Congratulations to the Sixth Form bands 'Back Ten & Face' and 'Jam Roots' who played a gig at the Kings Arms Hotel in Kingsbridge and helped to raise over £88 for the 'Help for Heroes' fund. Thank you to all the students who attended the event and whose behaviour was described as impeccable by the new owners of the hotel.

## CHRISTMAS STOCKING: Stuck for an idea?

This year the KCC Calendar features an exciting selection of work from 6th from photography students. Images include portraiture, still life, travel, photography and a range of digital manipulation showing off the students' diverse talents. The calendar is selling fast but can be purchased from the Library and 6th Form centre Office, priced at £4.00.



## CHINESE FOR BEGINNERS



"The Modern Foreign Languages Department are pleased to be starting 'Chinese for beginners' lunchtime sessions on Wednesdays starting from **Wednesday, 6 January**. The sessions, for all year groups, will be taken by a Chinese teacher who will be available to us through a joint project with Ivybridge Community College called the 'Confucius Project'. If you think your son or daughter would be interested, please encourage them to speak to their tutor or a member of the Modern Languages Department." Chinese Language sessions are also available to 6<sup>th</sup> Formers through the Enrichment programme

## College Term Dates

**Autumn Term 2009**  
2nd September - 18th December

**Spring Term 2010**  
4th January - 1st April  
Half Term  
15th February - 19th February  
Non-Pupil Day - 22nd February

**Summer Term 2010**  
19th April - 20th July  
Half Term  
31st May - 4th June  
Non-Pupil Day - 7th June

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Joe Tapper	7NS
Helena Doré	7NS
Lily Matheson	7EA
Haleemah Asharaf	7EA
Alistair Williams	7EA
Claire Hurt	7KE
Emilie Ross	7KE
Alisha McComish	7KE
Chloe Wingate	7KE
Emma Adams	7KE
Zoe Weeks	7WD
Abigail Tucker	7WD
Georgina Hignett	7SS
George Kelland	7SS
Annette Warner	8GM
Lizzie Varcoe	8HG
Dom Luscombe	8HG
Alexander Gubbay	9VS
Charlotte Holland	9VS

## COLLECTING STUDENTS

Can I once again ask that parents do not drop and collect their children in the Westville part of the site: we all know that the roads here are narrow and traffic heavily congested. When using the site from the Ropewalk end, please take special care as construction traffic enters and leaves from this end of the site.