



Dear Parents

Kingsbridge Community College

LES MIS SMASH

Many, many congratulations to every single person involved in the smash hit production of Les Miserables. I have never known a show at any school sell-out for so many nights, and never have I known so many standing ovations. The audiences recognised not just the amazing quality of the acting and singing, but also the wholehearted and total passion and commitment of every single member of the cast. The power and emotional force was simply extraordinary.

Over 1000 people saw this show during the course of the week and we are enormously proud of all members of the cast and all the staff who worked so hard to make this show hit such heights of excellence. Many congratulations to Mr Lewis, Miss Mitchell, Miss Stephens, Mr Johnson and everyone involved.

SUCCESSFUL VISITS

We were delighted to hear of the success of all the trips over half-term. The Ski and Snowboard Trip enjoyed superb weather in Switzerland and students made enormous progress. The staff spoke very highly of the attitude and commitment of all the students on the trip and we look forward to further successful trips in the future.

KINGSBRIDGE HITS THE WHITE HOUSE!

After a troubled start due to flight cancellations and delays as a result of the snow, the party hit New York and Washington with a bang. The group took every opportunity to see the sights of America including a trip around the White House and came back knowing a lot more about American life and culture. Many thanks to Mr Snell, Mr Collard, Mrs Oakman and particularly Mrs Stevens for all the work that went into making this possible.

*Fantastic achievements!
Well done, everyone!
Roger Pope*

Roger Pope - Principal

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MATHS AND SCIENCE GO TO HOLLYWOOD

**A glamorous, glitzy evening to remember! Tuesday 16th March
6.30 – 9.00pm**

Next week is Science Week 2010 and we are holding our own Oscar ceremony to celebrate Science and Maths at Kingsbridge Community College! Come along on the evening of Tuesday 16th March and join in the glitzy, glamorous proceedings. Over the past months we have been running a Science and Maths film competition for students and the very best of these will be receiving their Oscars. The highlight of the evening will be a talk by local scientist and historian Adam Hart-Davis who will be carrying out some experiments. The evening also features I'm a CelebrityGet Me Out of here with our own Ant and Dec along with animals from Really Wild Enterprises. The evening would not be complete without dancing including a Strictly Come dancing routine, our own Dr Pemberton with some impossible science film effects and a Science and Maths film competition. The evening is free but starts with a Hot Buffet Supper that costs £5 with all proceeds to Adumasa.

**Tickets £5 from Reception at KCC
(01548 852641)**

BIOLOGISTS AT NETTLECOMBE

Year 13 Biologists spent the weekend at the Nettlecombe Field Centre in Somerset working on their Biology coursework. Many thanks to Mrs Chell, Miss Palmer and Dr Pemberton for giving up the time to make this possible. They had nothing but praise for the hard work and commitment of the students during the trip - they are a great credit to themselves and of course this bodes very well for their results in the future.

March 2010

Newsletter

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

A number of parents have asked for guidance on the authorisation of holidays during term time and the Community Committee of the Governing Body met earlier this week to discuss this with the intention of taking the following proposals to the Full Governors meeting. There is no legal right to take holidays in termtime, but schools may authorise up to 10 days if they think it is appropriate. The Governors recognise there are good reasons why parents wish to take holiday during term time: some work in the holiday or agricultural industry and some can only afford to take a valuable family holiday outside of peak seasons.

KCC currently authorises more holiday than all but one other school in Devon, and its overall attendance rate is at best on a par with the average. The College aspires to be outstanding in all it does, and might not be recognised as such unless attendance is improved. Full attendance during term time has become increasingly important in view of the changing nature of assessment and exams. Students are now examined in actual GCSE modules from Summer Term of Year 9, and throughout Years 10 and 11. There are now few occasions in the school year when absence is unlikely to have a direct impact on achievement. It is unreasonable to ask teachers to support large numbers of students in catching up after absence of their own choosing, and is in any case not always possible in view of equipment needed.

Governors' view is that it is ultimately for parents to balance the advantages of taking a holiday against the risks of students missing important work by not attending lessons. In balancing these issues, the Governors want to encourage parents to take holidays outside of term time wherever possible and they wish to improve the overall attendance rate at the College and to help students to maximise their achievements by being in lessons. They are therefore recommending to the Full Governing Body that up to 5 days' holiday time a year may be authorised by the College from September 2010 and would welcome any further expression of views.

BTEC MUSIC CONCERT

Come and visit the BTEC Music Concert where there will be a very informal showing of the students' performance pieces in a wide variety of musical styles. The evening is free and starts at 7pm in Drama Room 1.

STAFF NEWS

Our best wishes go to Mrs Aitken who is currently off ill. We have done our best to cover her classes with specialist History teachers but please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Ohlson if you have any concerns.

BUDDING YOUNG AUTHORS

The group of writers who attended a writing course at the Arvon Foundation, Totleigh Barton, produced outstanding quality of work and we are looking forward to an anthology of their writing in the future. Many thanks to Miss Gadd and Mr Cawthorne for making this possible.

ART SUCCESS

We have received many messages of congratulation on the quality of the work in the Art Exhibition that was staged at Harbour House. Many congratulations to all the students and the staff of the Art Department.

WHO ARE WE?



PROFILE OF OUR TRUST PARTNERS: UNIVERSITY COLLEGE FALMOUTH

This is the third in a series of short articles profiling our Trust Partners:

I hope you find it informative and useful.

University College Falmouth (UCF) is a vibrant and innovative community of thinkers, makers and doers that is turning heads on the national and international creative scene. UCF has a reputation across the [art](#), [design](#), [media](#) and [performance](#) industries locally, nationally and internationally as a place to find innovation and the industry stars of the future. Highly talented, ambitious, motivated and entrepreneurial people converge at UCF to study, work, explore, collaborate, find inspiration and challenge established thinking in a unique and stunning environment. UCF attracts students worldwide, from America to Russia, Australia to India, who are drawn to Falmouth because of its reputation for being an exciting and forward-thinking place to study. Whether in major competitions, or for their employability, students from UCF are highly sought after and successful in their chosen pursuits.

Headline news:

UCF is ranked by the Times Good University Guide as one of the Top 20 art and design higher education institutions in the UK. £20million of additional funding is being awarded to university education in Cornwall by the Higher Education Funding Council for England over the next 10 years. UCF is proud of its 3,500m² brand new specialist buildings, including multi-purpose studios and performance venues for theatre, choreography and music which open this autumn. UCF specialises in award-winning art, design, media and performance courses at foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate level. Falmouth's Schools of [Art & Performance](#), [Design](#) and [Media](#) offer some of the most innovative, entrepreneurial, collaborative and transformative learning experiences available in a specialist college of arts.

Falmouth is also a member of the [United Kingdom Arts and Design Institutions Association](#) (ukadia), a group of specialist arts and design institutions from across the UK's higher and further education sectors. Ukadia's aim is to promote, nationally and internationally, the key contributions of specialist colleges to the UK's world-renowned reputation in visual arts, performance and the creative and cultural industries.

UCF is also part of the [Cornwall Skillset Media Academy](#) network - a UK-wide group of institutions identified as centres of excellence in creative media education and training.

On 6 April 2008, UCF merged with Dartington College of Arts heralding an exciting new era for arts education in the South West and paving the way for a new specialist Arts University in Cornwall by 2012/2013.

UCF is a founding partner in the Combined Universities in Cornwall (CUC), a unique initiative to promote regional economic regeneration through Higher Education, funded mainly by the European Union (Objective One and Convergence), the South West Regional Development Agency, and the Higher Education Funding Council for England, with support from Cornwall Council.

UCF's Pro Rector, Dr Andrew Upton, said: "We are delighted to be part of the Kingsbridge Community College Learning Trust and look forward to working with the College and other Trust Partners to enhance and broaden the educational opportunities available to Kingsbridge students."

For further information about UCF, please visit www.falmouth.ac.uk

WANT TO SPREAD YOUR GLOBAL HORIZONS?

Would you and your family enjoy getting to know someone from another country?

HOST is looking for volunteer families who would like to offer an invitation to an international student at a UK university. The student would probably be in his or her 20's, and might come from China, or any other part of the world. They would speak English, and would love to share your way of life just for a weekend. A HOST visit typically includes chatting, cooking and eating together, perhaps joining in some community event, and an outing into the local area. It is an opportunity for cultural exchange and making friends across international boundaries. Geography comes alive, and afterwards, any news bulletin about your guest's country will have much more meaning.

HOST is a well-established national charity which has been active in Devon for 20 years. For more information see <http://www.hostuk.org/> or call Clare Boughey, the voluntary organiser in Devon, on 01647 221260.

College Term Dates

Spring Term 2010

4th January—1st April

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

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Connaire Sheridan	7EA	Samual Favis	7NS
Oliver Sutton	7EA	Alex Pears	7SS
Jack Finbow	7EA	Eleanor Brock	7SS
Jordan Davies	7EA	Denise Allen	7SS
Mgu Taylor	7WD	Phoebe Thomas	8GM
Lewis Newton	7WD	Patrick Gordon	8SPS
Rhiannon Chadwick	7WD	James Cardrick	8SPS
Lydia Leonard	7WD	Alexander Skegg	8GD
Charlotte Hassall	7WD	Ben Parsons Jones	8CN
Louis Berthoud	7WD	Gregory Luckhurst	8CN
Nick Triggol	7NS	James Oggelsby	8CN
Tobi Allen	7NS		
Marvin Jones	7NS		
Lucy Sarjeant	7NS		
Ellie Vaughan	7NS		

GOVERNORS' AWARDS

Lily Matheson	7EA
Daisy Hughes	7EA
Abigail Tucker	7WD
Zoe Weeks	7WD
Gina Hignett	7SS

GOLD AWARD

Jacob Davis	I I LU
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