



PARENT SURVEYS

Kingsbridge Community College

Thank you very much to all those parents who completed our survey last term – 275 responded. The company who carries out the survey benchmarks the results with those done in schools all over the country and so we get very helpful analysis.

84% gave the College an overall excellent rating. 26% said the College had improved over the last year, and 2% that it had not. 34% of new parents said that the College was better than they had expected and 4% worse.

Parents thought that their youngsters made particularly outstanding progress in RE, Chemistry and Opening Minds. Parents thought that the following aspects of the College were outstanding: our facilities, teaching quality, choice of subjects, control of truancy, and access to computers. Although they thought that standards were still good, they were relatively less impressed with community spirit, PSHE, communication with parents, homework, control of bullying and careers advice. The fact that overall all areas were thought to be at least good is extremely pleasing.

Thank you all for the time you took on this. We always welcome views of parents and always try and act on what you say.

A WICKED TRIP!

34 Kingsbridge Community College students across all year groups travelled by train to London on Wednesday 27th April to see the show "Wicked" at the Apollo Theatre in Victoria. For some students this was their first experience of a West End show and even to London itself. Having performed a selection of songs from the show at the Spring concert, members of the choir were very excited to see them performed by professionals in the stunning Apollo Theatre in Victoria. Many thanks to Amy Stephens, Rod Birtles, Sian Jamison, Caroline Montague and Alison Naylor who gave up the time to join Ms Mitchell on this trip.

We were delighted to subsequently receive a telephone call from a member of the public who phoned in to comment on the excellent behaviour of the students on the train. She said, "My heart sank when the group of students joined my carriage but they were a total delight and a credit to your school".

ACADEMY JOURNALISTS

Congratulations to the team of student journalists who have just produced the second in the Academy Gazette series being published by the Kingsbridge Gazette. Not only is this a superb way to broadcast the many trips, visits and success of students from the College to the community, but it is an excellent way in which students can gain first hand experience of journalism. Thank you to Mrs White and her team for all the hard work and effort which goes into making the articles so interesting and informative.

Good luck with your exams!
Roger Pope

**Roger Pope
Principal**

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SPRING PERFORMANCES

Many congratulations to all the students who performed in the Spring Concert at the end of last term. It was a wonderful evening of multi-faceted talent which was greatly appreciated by the audience. Particular thanks to Ms Mitchell, Mr Johnson and all the music staff. Congratulations to Alice Jones, Frances Pope, Laura Hilder, Stephen Frazier-Roberts, Rachel White and Henry Tozer who performed alongside the Alvington Singers at a concert in St Edmunds' Church under the guidance of Mrs Jamison.

Well over 150 students took place in the Gym and Dance Show over two days at the end of term. This is a show that gets better and better every year and the audience were clearly hugely impressed by the creativity, commitment and teamwork of all the performers. Many thanks in particular to Miss West and Miss Rose for all their work on this.

PTFA NEWS

Time to clear out your cupboards, wardrobes and garages and join the **Car Boot Sale on Saturday 14th May** at Kingsbridge Community College.

£5 per car

**Sellers can set up from 8 am,
Buyers from 10am until 1.00pm**

**Refreshments available
All proceeds to Kingsbridge
Community College PTFA**

Take the opportunity to have that Spring Clean of all your unwanted, redundant possessions and help raise money at the same time!

The next PTFA meeting is on **Tuesday 14th June** at 7.15pm in the staff room at college and all parents and friends of the college are welcome.

COLLEGE UNIFORMS

Trutex have advised us that the cost of some items of uniform is increasing slightly with effect from **1st June 2011**. If you are intending to purchase uniform for September, you may wish to take advantage of placing orders prior to this date.

SPORTING SUCCESSES

Congratulations to three students who took part in the British Schools' Judo Championships last March in Sheffield. Sixth Former, Samuel Westlake, achieved Silver (Under 66kg), Hayley Foster gained Bronze (under 63kg) and Ben Clayton was awarded Silver (over 81kg). A magnificent achievement! Many thanks to Mrs Westlake for supporting the students at this event.

May 2011

HOLIDAY LEAVE

With the introduction of modular GCSE and controlled conditions assignments which have to be done in class and which are spread throughout the year, we will no longer authorise any holiday leave in Year 10 and above.

We are very sympathetic to the reasons why parents, particularly those who work in the holiday industry, find it difficult to take holidays during College vacations; our job is to help students succeed in their exams, and we cannot do that if they miss vital parts of those exams.

STAFF NEWS

At the end of last term we said farewell to Mrs Mitchell, our gardener. Over the two years that she has worked at the College, she has made an enormous difference to the outside environment and we wish her and her husband all the very best in their move to Dorset.

Congratulations to Mrs Spencer on the safe delivery of a baby boy, William Charles.

RE REVISION RETREAT WEEKEND

The RE Revision Retreat Weekend this year competed with the Royal Wedding as 16 A-level students headed off on Bank Holiday Friday for three days of intensive revision, debate and relaxation. The group spent their weekend discussing and revising issues of religious experience, life after death, Indian philosophy and reformers such as Gandhi amongst other topics. The group played Philosophy Trivial Pursuit and Hinduism quizzes with a fun but competitive edge! The weekend, an annual event run by the RE department, is aimed at preparing students for their exam as well giving them time to reflect as a group on their experiences, achievements and thoughts on the big questions regarding life and the universe.

Many thanks to Mr Randall and Mr Crocker for giving up the time and their weekend to support the students.

EMPLOYMENT DAY

Congratulations to Year 10 students who took part in Employment Day last week. They spent a considerable amount of time preparing for the event: writing CVs, rehearsing for the interviews, and most difficult of all, choosing the right outfit for the day. The idea behind Employment Day is to prepare students for their work experience placement in July, which for many is their first contact with the world of work.

During the day students were briefed about *Health and Safety in the Workplace* and had the opportunity to discuss careers and progression routes post-16 with our Connexions Personal Advisors. But as always, the highlight of the day was the individual interview: 25 interviewers, local employers, college governors and members of the community kindly gave of their time to help students develop good interview techniques and build their confidence.

Certificates were awarded for best interviews and CVs and all students received individual feedback on their interview skills and tips on how to improve their CVs, which will stand them in good stead for the future.

Linking what we do at college with the world of work brings real motivation and we are very grateful to all the interviewers and many staff who made this day possible.

Maths Department IMPORTANT dates for the diary

Year 11 – Module 5 exams
Monday 6th June (non-student day) and
Friday 10th June

Year 10 – Foundation Module 5 exams
Monday 6th June (non-student day) and
Friday 10th June

Year 10 – Higher &
Resits Foundation Module 5 exams
8th and 14th November
Resits of Modules 1 & 3
16th November

Year 9 – Unit 2 exam
14th November

www.kingsbridgcollege.devon.sch.uk

ALL THE BEST

Students are now about to embark on the main exam season. We wish them all the very best and draw your attention to the on-line resources that they can use enclosed with this Newsletter.

Online Revision and Learning Resources

A short guide to the recommended on-line resources
All departments are putting materials on the FROG VLE.



Maths

My Maths

www.mymaths.co.uk

Password and Username required

Students will be given individual user names and passwords to access online homework and targeted revision work.

Supermathsworld

<http://www.supermathsworld.com/>

Password and Username required

English

Also BBC Bitesize accessed via

www.englishbiz.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

Science

BBC Bitesize –

Doc Browns Chemistry

Making Science Make Sense

S-cool

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.docbrown.info

www.making-science-make-sense.co.uk

www.s-cool.co.uk

PE

BBC Bitesize

Sport Academy

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.bbc.co.uk/sportacademy

Languages

BBC Bitesize

Linguascope

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.linguascope.com

Password and Username required

Zut

www.zut.org.uk

Password and Username required

French

www.nacell.org.uk (National Advisory centre on Early Language Learning)

www.globalgateway.org.uk

www.linguanet.org.uk

www.WordReference.com.html

www.fr.wikipedia

www.google.fr

www.yahoo.fr

For links to French newspapers, radio channels, TV channels and grammar sites please visit

www.frenchteacher.net.org

Spanish

www.essex.ac.uk/lang/span/socsp

www.spanish.about.com

www.studyspanish.com

www.yahoo.es

www.spanishlanguage.co.uk

www.nacell.org.uk (National Advisory on Early Language Learning)

www.globalgateway.org.uk

www.linguanet.org.uk

www.WordReference.com.html

www.mec.es (Consejeria de Educacion)

www.es.wikipedia

www.google.es

www.yahoo.es

History

Active History

www.activehistory.co.uk

Password and Username required

College Term Dates

Summer Term 2011

26th April - 22nd July

Half Term

31st May - 3rd June

Non Student Day

6th June - Students may need to attend for external exams on this day

Autumn Term 2011

6th September—16th December

Half Term

24th October—28th October

Non Student Day

21st October

School History
BBC Bitesize

Password: college
www.schoolhistory.co.uk
www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

Geography

BBC bitesize
S-Cool

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
www.s-cool.co.uk

Ordnance Survey Site lots of interactive geographical fun!

www.mapzone.ordnancesurvey.co.uk

CIA World Factbook a mine of very useful country information courtesy of CIA

www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook

factbook

The Met Office

www.metoffice.gov.uk

Music

DSO Kids
BBC Bitesize

www.dsokids.com
www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

Technology

Students will be given details of further resources and websites during lessons.

www.technologystudent.com

Drama

GCSE Drama Bitesize

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/drama

GOLD AWARD

Rachel White 10CTE

GOVERNORS' AWARD

Eleanor Wade 7FP
Tanya Kenny 7FP
Holly Craig 7FP
Bethany Hurrell 7FP
Oscar Wilson 7FP
Tallulah Williams 7CT
Luke Westlake 7CT
Miranda Luckhurst 7TH
Megan Tucker 7TH
Joshua Budgen 7TH
Amy Prowse 7GD
Elly Stevens 7GD
Stephanie Taylor 7GD
Joe Vorster 7GD
Oliver Hill 7GD
Daisy Hughes 8EA
Marc Alen 8CKR

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Joseph Rablah 7TH
Ieshia Honour 7FP
Alex Cope 7FP
Jack Durrant 7FP
Atlanta Easton 7FP
Theodore Pritchard-Barrett 7FP
Oliver Dunning 7CT
Moses Hayley 7CT
Taylor Clark 7CT
Kayleigh Botha 7CT
Damian Benton 7CT
Ellie Stewart 7SS
Ellen George 7SS
Lucy Philbedge 7SS
Tara O'Brien 7SS
Anya Russell 7SS
Chloe Haywood 7PS
Charlie Blazeby 7PS
Zoe Allen 7PS
Lauren Valentine 7PS
Sophie Lambie 7PS
Luke Adams 7GD
William Haddy 7GD
Jessie Brodie 7GD
Oliver Pound 7GD
Jack Ive 7GD
Maddie Powlesland 8CE

Brittany Moore 8CE
Eleanor Brock 8CE
Denise Allen 8CE
Chloe Foster 8EA
Georgie Niblett 8EA
Tierney Roberts 8EA
Harrie Shortman 8EA
Rebecca Collacott 8EA
Jack Finbow 8EA
Luke Howling 8WD
Lilly Ross 8HMT
Tilly Durant 8HMT
Rebecca Dyos 9WHI
Holly Norris 9WHI
Bethany Dickens 9WH
Mathilda Alexander 9WHI
Patrick Gordon 9SPS
Sophie Thorpe 9HG
Millie Wonnacott 9HG
Phoebe Thomas 9HG
Hannah Mitchell 9HG
Lizzie Varcoe 9HG
Elly Bretherick 9HG
Rob Williams 9JS
Giles Westlake 9JS
Antony Warden 9JS
Daniel Stone 9CS
Georgina Adams 9CS