



BONJOUR! OLA!

The Modern Foreign Languages department had tremendous success with their trips in the week before half-term. 21 students from across Years 11-13 took part in our first exchange with a school at L'Alcudia de Crespins near Valencia. They had a marvellous experience staying with families and we are looking forward to hosting the return visit in March.

24 students from Years 11-13 also had a lot of fun practising their French at a centre near Avranches. Students took part in an assault course, breadmaking, archery, camp fire as well as visits to local sites of historical and cultural interest.

We are very grateful to Mr Melia, Ms Ruiz, Ms Thomas and Ms Priou-Taylor for taking these trips and very proud of the way in which our students conducted themselves.

LAKES SUCCESS

10 students from Years 11-13 spent the October half-term in the Lake District. Students had the opportunity to practise navigation in inclement weather conditions around Coniston Old Man, whilst sunny weather provided a great chance to undertake challenging rock climbs at Scout Crag. A great time was had by all!

Many thanks to Miss Renshaw, Mr Bodman and Mr King for giving up the time to take this trip. We are also very grateful for the help of Kath Bromfield, an ex-KCC student, who now works as a mountain leader and gave our students some expert training and advice.

ST NICK'S FAIR

With this newsletter is a PTFA flyer about St Nick's and raffle tickets to help raise money at the College's biggest fundraising event of the year. Once again we need your help in selling as many raffle tickets as possible. This year's St Nick's takes place on 28th November from 12.30-3.30pm - make sure it is in your diaries and I look forward to seeing you there!

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SUCCESSTRACKER

Over 250 parents have attended our two evenings explaining Successtracker. We hope that you find this new style of report helpful and remember that you can access information now online.

PARENTPAY AND CASHLESS CATERING

We have been very pleased with the response to the introduction of Parentpay and cashless catering. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mr Addy or Miss Thomas in the Finance Department.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Many thanks to students for their fantastic response to our Shoebox Appeal which are basically boxes full of inexpensive goodies sent to children in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Information leaflets are available from Student Services. Shoeboxes need to be delivered to Reception at the very latest by Friday, 13th November. Our target is 190 boxes so please encourage your sons/daughters to fill a box!

SWINE FLU UPDATE

There have now been a few reported cases of Swine Flu involving students at the College. The Health Authority no longer close schools but it is important that we all take precautions to minimise the spread of infection. We have installed hand cleansers around the College. Please talk with your sons and daughters about the importance of personal hygiene, and follow the Government advice: CATCH IT. BIN IT. KILL IT and, in particular, to:

- cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, using a tissue
- throw the tissue away quickly and carefully
- wash your hands regularly with soap and water

If your child does show symptoms of swine flu please consult the NHS direct helpline.

PROPOSED TERM DATES FOR 2010-2011

(pending ratification by Governors)

Autumn Term

2nd September 2010 - 17th December 2010
Half-Term: 25th-29th October 2010
Non-Pupil days: 1st September; 22nd October

Spring Term

4th January 2011 - 8th April 2011
Half-term: 21st February - 25th February 2011
Non-Pupil day: 28th February 2011

Summer Term

26th April 2011 - 19th July 2011
Half-term: 31st May - 3rd June 2011
Non-Pupil day: 6th June 2011

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COMING SOON...

16 th November	Year 8 'Take your child to work' Day
20 th November	Gym & Dance Show 6pm
24 th November	Year 13 Parents' Evening
8 th December	Year 12 Parents' Evening
15 th December	Sixth Form Awards' Evening
17 th December	Christmas Concert 7pm

SPORTING SUCCESS

South Devon Rugby Shield

At the end of the last half-term the Year 7 rugby team went to Paignton to play in a 12 a-side tournament with 14 other schools. The boys won 5 of their six games on their way to winning the shield. The only game they lost was to Torquay Boys' Grammar School by one try - the only try they conceded throughout the whole tournament. The shield will be on display in the trophy cabinet on the main corridor.

Congratulations to the squad who included: Will Oram, Leo Swash, Freddy Matthews, Jack

Mason-Banfield, Isaac Rayworth, Will Dorey, Harvey Dryburgh, Ollie Beattie, Mgu Taylor, Cal Tunley, Marc Alen, Max Perez-Garcia, Ollie Sutton, William Foale, Jack Foale.

Other sporting successes this term include:

- Year 8 & 9 Rugby teams have now reached the semi-finals of the South Devon Rugby Championships and we wish them continuing success in this prestigious tournament.
- Year 8 Rugby team have also won the South Devon Super-10s Championships and the Year 9 Rugby team won the South Devon 7-a-side Championships and

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

CLIMBING UP THE WALL

Dr Pemberton and Miss Renshaw have launched their new Climbing Club at the College. Equipment has generously been financed by the PTFA and we are looking forward to watching this new club grow.

are now competing in the Devon Championships in March.

- The U14 Netball Team are in the Devon finals which take place on Saturday, 14th November. Good luck to them!
- U18 Girls' Hockey came second in the South Devon Championships.

On an individual level, we wish Giselle Ansley all the best with her U18 England Hockey trials which take place on Friday, 13th November.



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October 26th 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians

The new school year has recently begun and we have already received complaints about parking and congestion around the area of Kingsbridge Community College during the start and end of the school day. Just a polite reminder not to park on double yellow lines or obstruct the road as this causes major congestion. Not only is there a likelihood that you will be issued tickets by council parking enforcement officers, if your vehicle is causing an obstruction in the road the police have powers to have it removed which will inconvenience you and cost a considerable fee to retrieve it.

A multi agency meeting was recently held at the Community College between various agencies regarding the dangers in Balkwill Road when school buses arrive and leave. It has been decided to temporarily cone off an area in Balkwill Road to prevent vehicles from parking opposite the car park making it easier for the buses to enter and exit the area. This is for the safety of pupils and will be patrolled regularly by the local police.

Another consideration is access for emergency vehicles. In the event of a major incident in the area during these peak times it would be almost impossible for emergency service vehicles to have unobstructed speedy access in and around the area of the college.

However, the main issue regarding this congestion is the safety of your children. Vehicles parked in this manner increases the risk of a serious road traffic collision involving a child crossing the road.

I urge you as a responsible parent/guardian to park more considerably when you take your child to school.

Sgt Jane Corkhill
Neighbourhood Team Sergeant
Kingsbridge





St Nick's Fair

Saturday 28th November 12.30–3.30 pm

St Nick's Fair is the college PTFA's biggest and best fundraising event of the year! It is always such a great success because of your generosity. Please help us by selling raffle tickets and donating goodies for the stalls.

Raffle tickets

St Nick's raffle prizes – bumper hampers of goodies – are always a huge hit. Enclosed is one book of five raffle tickets costing £1 per ticket. Please sell these and as many more as you can (more raffle books available from college reception). Return completed stubs to college by 25 November, if at all possible. Also please return unsold tickets as soon as you can so they don't go to waste.

STOP PRESS: Students please put your tutor group name on each ticket stub you sell as the lucky tutor group that sells the most tickets will win a trip to the Reel Cinema for a private film screening!

Donations

Please give what you can. Deliver to college in the week before St Nick's, or on the day:

Raffle prizes: *chocolates, wine, biscuits, special preserves, toiletries, DVDs, tickets for events, gift sets and any other luxuries to go in the prize hampers will be gratefully received.*

Secondhand books, CDs and DVDs, toys and games

Bottles for a bottle tombola (not only wine/beer, but also sauces, drinks etc)

Bric-a-brac: *Anything goes, but please sort through and send in the sellable stuff!*

Cakes (Please bring these in Friday 27th or Saturday 28th morning)

Accessories: *jewellery, scarves, belts, bags and purses, and hats (PLEASE no jumble)*

Preserves and chutneys: *especially homemade mincemeat, but also jams, chutneys, pickles...*

Flowers and plants: *indoor plants and potted bulbs, dried flowers or bunches of fresh*

Tombola: *Small items such as soaps, mugs and chocolates*

Jam jars: *we need empty jam jars (350g size) with lids asap in November to fill for a sweet stall*

Helpers

Fancy being more involved? We need helpers to run stalls for part or all of the Fair and to clear up after everyone has gone. If you are interested, please get in touch with Louise or Richard on 01548 531286 or email richard@spilsbury.eclipse.co.uk.

