



## ST NICKS CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER FROM 12.30 – 3.30PM.

Thank you to all the many students who entered our competition to design this year's poster to advertise St Nick's Fair. Congratulations to Zoe Allen 7DR, the winner, Raquel Martin and Ronni Jenkins, 7BA, who came second and Bridget Tucker of 8GD who came third. Look out for copies of the winning poster around Kingsbridge town and throughout the College.



All the usual stalls will be at St Nick's including Cakes, Books & DVDs, Toys and Games, Bric-a-Brac, Accessories as well as Santa in his Grotto, Sweetie Tombola and our fabulous Hamper Raffle.

We will be sending out lots of reminders and requests for donations in the next few weeks so please start sorting out relevant items and availing yourself of the 2 for 1 offers at the supermarkets for our Hamper Raffle.

In the meantime please put this date in your diary and plan to support us in anyway you can on the day. Should anyone be happy to help run a stall or provide an hour's relief for a stall owner please contact Julie on [jcardrick@gmail.com](mailto:jcardrick@gmail.com).

## BUGSY MALONE IS IN TOWN!

Students from Kingsbridge Community College present this hilarious tale of glamour, gangsters and gunge starting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December and running nightly at 7pm all week till Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December inclusive. There is a cast of over sixty students not forgetting the band and the crew, so it really will be a whole College extravaganza.

A parody of 1940s Film Noir Hollywood crime dramas, Alan Parker's film *Bugsy Malone* released in the 1970's introduced child stars such as Jodie Foster and Scott Baio and became an instant classic. *Bugsy Malone* the musical pits Fat Sam against arch rival Dandy Dan who is upsetting the speak-easy status quo by introducing the deadly splurge gun. Our hero Bugsy is drafted in to help out and you can rest assured, it's going to get messy!

On the last night of the run, feel free to come dressed as a gangster or gangster's moll and join in with the fun.

Tickets are now on sale at Reception: adults £5, children and concessions £3

## MATH CAMP

36 Year 11 students travelled to Penquite House in Fowey at the end of October to revise for their final GCSE exam this November. The students were joined in the remote Georgian mansion overlooking the Fowey estuary by Maths teachers along with a Maths consultant, Naomi Sani, who led the activities for the students.

Students worked virtually non-stop on maths for an afternoon, an evening and a morning, pausing only for food and sleep (and a very rowdy quiz)! At the conclusion of the camp, each student received a Math Camp goody bag with revision tools. Many thanks to the Technology Department for providing the equipment and skill to produce these.

Every single student who attended the course put 100% effort and commitment into their work and we wish them every success in their examinations.

During half-term the work of the Camp was supplemented by revision sessions and we are grateful to Mrs Longhurst, Mr Brooks, Dr Kilby, Mr Philips and Mr Hayden for giving up their time to run these.

See you at Buggy!  
Hope Lisa.

## PHYSICS TRIP TO ALTON TOWERS

43 Sixth Formers visited Alton Tower as part of their Physics and Mechanics courses. Not only did the group enjoy the rides, but the day was about learning how the combination of speed, winding tracks and

upside down rides worked, the effects on the human body, and what the mysterious 'freefall drop' of 'THI3TEEN' was (an uncontrolled drop with no brakes). Many thanks to Mr Young and Mr Day for accompanying the students.

## STREET DANCE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Ashton Born, Jacob Feetenby, Ciara Gayer, Meg Niblett, Hollie Savage, Charley Swash, Adel Tchavdarova, Jess Thomas, Annette Warner and Otilie Whelan across Years 7 to 12 who entered the team round and took first place at South West regionals of the UDO Street Dance Championships on 23<sup>rd</sup> October beating over 250 children in different heats and age groups. The group

was mentored by Year 13 student Ariel Born who, along with her brother, Ashton set up 'Estrea', focussing on competing at these Championships. Individual success was also achieved by self-taught Year 8 student, Jake Feetenby, who came first in the solo Year 7-9 category, competing against 30 others. We wish the group every success in the national finals of the UDO Street Championships in December at the Blackpool 'Winter Gardens'.

## BLACK BELT IN TAE KWON DO

Congratulations to Dan Stone, 10CS, who has gained his second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Dan has been studying this form of martial arts since the age of 3 and this achievement is a testament to the incredible amount of focus and training he has undertaken over many years. Well done, Dan!

## SPORTING SUCCESSES

Congratulations to the Year 7 students who took part in the South Devon Schools UI2's Rugby Tournament just before half-term. 15 schools entered the tournament and the KCC team won all of their games without conceding a try! They now go on to represent South Devon in the county finals and we wish them all the best. Congratulations to the squad: James Tait (C), Ben Woods (VC), Devon Jewsbury, Ollie Wotton, Josh Clipsham, Daniel Tucker, Liam Bennett, Miles Hurt, Oren Fink, Otis Sands-Davies, Sam Jones, Sam West, Sid Niblett, Calum Fox.

## TAMING THE WILDS

A group of students from Years 11 to 13 at Kingsbridge Community College spent six days in the wilds of Snowdonia. As well as 7 students from the College, the group included a number of ex-students and staff. The group was based in a climbing hut in Capel Curig and their activities included scrambling to the peak of Snowdon, using ways not normally trodden by general tourists. They also spent days climbing and exploring new routes. Thank you to Miss Renshaw and Ms Cuffe for giving up their half-term to accompany the trip.

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## SPANISH EXCHANGE

21 Year 10 and 11 students from Kingsbridge Community College spent a week in Alcludia de Crespins near Valencia, as part of the third school exchange with IES Sivera Font School in Spain. The wonderful weather was complemented by the warmth of hospitality offered by the Spanish families and the school. Once again, the Spanish PTFA kindly treated us to a giant paella, and the students had the chance to experience a typical school day in Spain. The group enjoyed many activities that have now become traditional, such as visiting the City of Arts and Sciences, taking a boat trip on the Albufera lake, or being beaten at football by the local pupils! There were also some additions to the programme this year, such as the visit to the rice museum, and time to enjoy the Gulliver play site. The most valuable experience of all was the chance to live with a Spanish family, and we are extremely grateful to our Spanish hosts for their open, welcoming attitude and for the copious amounts of food they gave to our students! We are all really looking forward to welcoming the Spanish pupils back to KCC at the end of Spring term. Many thanks to Mr Melia and Ms Ruiz for accompanying the students.

## LEARNING FRENCH IN FRANCE

At the same time, 22 Year 10 and Year 12 students spent a week on an immersion course in the French language at Le Chateau de la Beaudonnière in Normandy. They enjoyed having to speak French all week, not just in the daily intensive language classes, but also in the visits they made to local sites including Mont St Michel, the Bayeux tapestry and the sites of the D-Day landings. Other activities included climbing, breadmaking and, of course, a camp fire! Many thanks to Miss Thomas and Miss Priou-Taylor for taking the trip.

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## GEOGRAPHERS AFIELD

Year 8 students visited the Eden Project in Cornwall as part of the Ecosystems unit they are studying in their Geography lessons. The students spent the day investigating the Tropical and Mediterranean biomes and examining how the plants in each are adapted to the unique conditions. Back in the classroom, the students are designing a plant to cope with the planet's changing climate. Thank you to all the staff who accompanied the trip and the students who made this day a real success.

Year 7 students visited South Milton sands to investigate the physical features and processes along this section of coastline and its affects on human activity and the resultant pressures that this activity causes. The students worked hard on their fieldwork activities which was complemented by an assessment back at College.

## ENGLISH SCHOOLS' NATIONAL RELAY FINALS

Congratulations to boys team of Laker Wong, Robert Dorey, Louis Gautier and Richard Foreman and to the girls' team of Hester Stemberidge, Harriet Arscott, Isabella Richards and Lily Edmonds who have qualified for the English Schools' national swimming finals in Southampton at the end of November. We wish all the very best!

## KS4 AWARDS

Congratulations to Rebecca Dyos, 10WHI, who has achieved a KS4 Award for 12 commendations.

## SURFING TO SUCCESS

Congratulations to Ellen and Joe Harding who competed in the British Surfing Championships at Newquay last month. After two days of gruelling competition Ellen finished an excellent 5<sup>th</sup> in the Under 18 Girls with Joe taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Under 12 Boys category.

## BACK TO THE 70'S...AND ONWARDS

KCC PTFA held a very successful fundraising evening on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at Coast Nightclub in Kingsbridge. The theme was 70's, 80's and 90's, so the music was recognisable to us all and the dance floor was full the whole evening as we boogied to the sounds of our youth. A few brave souls went a step further, turning up in great 70's and 80's costume and many stayed on after midnight when the club was opened to the public.

Everyone who attended had a great time and we have been asked by many to repeat the evening again soon. If you didn't come please think about joining in next time as it was a good, fun and not too expensive night. Even the drinks were at pub prices.

Many thanks go to Lucy at Coast Nightclub for offering us the use of their superb venue.

## College Term Dates

**Autumn Term 2011**  
6th September - 16th December

**Spring Term 2012**  
3rd January - 30th March  
**Half Term**  
13th February - 17th February  
**Non Student Day**  
10th February

**Summer Term 2012**  
16th April - 20th July  
**Half Term**  
4th June - 8th June  
**Non Student Days**  
11th June, 23rd July

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LAST DAY OF TERM

Last day of term is Friday, 16th 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 until 3.20pm 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 **Tuesday, 3rd January.**

## CONTROLLED ASSESSMENTS

Controlled Assessment Calendar for Years 10 and 11 is now available on the website via the Exams link.

If you wish to be able to access reports, attendance and timetable information for your son/daughter through our 'e-portal' system please email Josie Hainsworth, Data Manager on:

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