



Kingsbridge Community College

ST NICK'S FAIR

St Nick's Fair this year is on Saturday 4th December from 12.30 until 3.30 at the College. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year as well as being a huge community event so please give us your help by selling as many raffle tickets as possible or by sending in articles for raffles or stalls.

The PTFA have recently funded items including an A1 printer for Photography (£3,000), radios and other safety equipment for use during expeditions, a table top pug mill for reclaiming clay, A2 light boxes and dress forms for the Art department, a machine for use in Technology which enables students to print on mugs, fabric and other materials, an updated computer system for use in the recording studio, new netball kit and saddle bags for use in PE and computer software for use in PSHE. Their ambition is to raise enough money to install a climbing wall at the College for use during PE and extra-curricular activity.

A message from the PTFA Chairmen: Richard & Louise Spilsbury:

"The College PTFA's biggest and best fundraiser is getting closer by the day! St Nick's Fair will be the usual mix of fun, food and drink, shopping and catching up with friends. The Fair is always a great success because of your fantastic generosity. Here's how you can help:

- sell as many raffle tickets as you can (these will be coming home with pupils soon)
- donate goodies for the stalls (see enclosed flyer).

Helpers are always needed and much appreciated. You could run a stall for part or all of the Fair, or help with clearing up afterwards! Please get in touch with the PTFA via Louise or Richard at richard@spilsbury.eclipse.co.uk or on 01548 531286"

*Only 49 learning days
to Christmas!
Rozie Piper*

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ACADEMY

We are currently working through all the processes that are needed for us to become an Academy from 1st January. Several parents have asked whether we are going to change the name of the College. This had not been our intention, but it is a move which is a new chapter in our history and so we would like to know what you think. Should we stay as we are? Become Kingsbridge College? Become Kingsbridge Academy? Any other names?

Becoming an Academy also gives us an opportunity to try and become even better as a school. What would you most like to see changed or added to what we already offer? It might be something to do with the courses we offer, the times of college days/terms, extra-curricular, ethos, or whatever you think is important. What would be your top three wishes? Please let me know your views by returning the slip at the back of this newsletter or by emailing my PA, Lis Collard, at

collard.l@kingsbridgecollege.devon.sch.uk

IT'S A MYSTERY

Watch out for The Mysteries – this year's Christmas and Concert production on 13th, 14th and 15th December. Tickets will be on sale soon.

MEETING OLD SPANISH FRIENDS

22 students returned again to our exchange school in Spain, I.E.S. Sivera Font School in l'Alcúdia de Crespins, near Valencia. It was a chance for some to meet up with friends when the Spanish visited our College, and for others a chance to make new friendships with their exchange partners. Many thanks to Mr Melia and Ms Ruiz for organising this trip.

SUPER FAST BROADBAND FOR KINGSBRIDGE?

Please consider voting on www.racetoinfinity.bt.com in order to bring it to the local area!

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SPORTING SUCCESSES

Netball: Congratulations to the U14 Netball Team who came second in the South Devon Regional Qualifiers and now go on to the Devon Finals on Saturday. The U13 and U15 Netball Teams also top the South Devon Netball League having achieved wins/draws in all their matches this term so far. U19 team have reached the County Finals – good luck in their match next week at Exeter.

Horseriding: Congratulations to Millie Wonnacott who competed and won her category in the prestigious National Horse of the Year Show and to the KCC Horseriding Team who won the South Devon Showjumping Team Event.

Rugby: Congratulations to the U11 and U14 Rugby teams who have both won the South Devon 12 a-side Tournament. The U15 team is through to the fourth round of the Daily Mail Cup and are due to play Devonport High School for Boys soon. Good luck to them!

DID YOU KNOW....

....that in most GCSE subjects, coursework has now been replaced by Exam Boards with controlled assignments. Exam Boards were worried that students were receiving too much help from parents and were able to plagiarise too easily from the Internet when completing coursework. New regulations now mean that students have preparation time and then complete the work, known as controlled assignments, over a sequence of lessons, with the work being supervised by teachers in the classroom. In many subjects this work takes place not just in a single lesson but over 5 or 6 lessons, and can take place any time after the summer term of Year 9.

This means that full attendance by your child is now even more important to ensuring their success, as controlled assignments count towards final GCSE and it is hugely to their disadvantage if these are missed.

CHILDREN IN NEED FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2010

We shall be supporting Children in Need by a non-uniform day on Friday, 19th November. We are asking all students in Years 9-11 to contribute £1 and asking those in Years 7 and 8 to donate a raffle or tombola prize that we can use for St Nick's Fair. Students are of course welcome to do both!

Thank you for your support.

KCC ON TOUR

20 students from Years 10, 11 and 12 enjoyed a great week at Le Chateau de la Beaudonnière in Normandy. They enjoyed having to speak French all week, not just in intensive language classes but also in the visits they made to local sites including Mont St Michel, St Malo, Bayeux and of course the local markets. Many thanks to Miss Thomas, Miss Priou-Taylor and Dr Smith for taking the trip.

CLIMBING TO NEW HEIGHTS

A group of 18 students spent half-term walking, scrambling and climbing in Snowdonia, including reaching the summit of Mount Snowdon itself. This was a marvellous opportunity for students to learn new technical and personal skills and many thanks to Miss Renshaw, Miss Cuffe, Mr Bodman and all the other friends of the College who made this trip possible.

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ACADEMY CONSULTATION

Our name should be:

Kingsbridge Academy

Kingsbridge College

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My suggestion is:

What changes would you like to see? What are your top three wishes?

(1)

(2)

(3)

Please return this slip or email Lis Collard at collard.l@kingsbridgecollege.devon.sch.uk by **Friday, 12th November**

PROPOSED TERM DATES FOR 2011-12 (pending ratification by Governors)

Autumn Term

6th September 2011 - 16th December 2011

Half-Term: 24th October – 28th October

Non-Pupil days: 1st, 2nd, 5th September 2011, 21st October 2011

Spring Term

3rd January 2012 – 30th March 2012

Half-term: 13th February – 17th February 2012

Non-Pupil day: 10th February 2012

Summer Term

16th April 2012 – 20th July 2012

Half-term: 4th June – 8th June 2012

Non-Pupil day: 11th June 2011, 23rd July 2012

College Term Dates

Autumn Term 2010

2nd September - 17th December

Spring Term 2011

4th January - 8th April

Half Term

21st - 25th February

Non-Student Day

18th February

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



**St Nick's
needs your help!**

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This annual fundraiser succeeds because of your generosity.
What can you donate this year?

See flyer