



ACADEMY STATUS

The Governing Body met on Monday and unanimously decided to apply for Academy status. Thank you to all those who responded to the consultation. The Governors were very pleased with the number of replies received, and took into account the positive majority for Academy status when making their decision.

The Governors welcome the further independence and also responsibility that Academy status brings, and want to be able to use this to provide the best possible education for children in the Kingsbridge catchment area. They believe that the political winds are blowing strongly in the direction of devolving greater responsibility for making decisions down to local communities, and think there are benefits for Kingsbridge in being at the forefront of these initiatives. The financial gain, in excess of £500,000 a year, is a considerable benefit, and although this net gain may diminish over the years, the Government has given an undertaking that an Academy will not ever be worse off than a Local Authority Maintained School.

Wave 2 Academies are all outstanding schools, and do not therefore need to undergo the radical change that was applied to Wave 1 Academies, usually schools in need of improvement. You will not therefore see immediate changes: the name of the College, the Principal and the staff will all remain the same. There will be no external sponsor with new powers to appoint Governors or staff. We will remain a comprehensive community school with no selection. This is the next step in a process of evolution as we strive to maintain the outstanding education that Kingsbridge Community College provides for young people in our area – and to make it even better.

**DAVID ARNOLD
CHAIRMAN
GOVERNING BODY**

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TO BE OR NOT TO BE

Last week 17 Kingsbridge students took part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival at the Phoenix Theatre in Exeter. Our students now bring their excellent 40 minute abridged Hamlet back to college for a special one-off evening performance on Wednesday, 13th October. Come and join us in the Main Hall, you will be seated at tables and offered wine and canapés as you watch the performance. Tickets cost £3 and are available from reception.

Don't miss this stunning night out!

BON VOYAGE....

...to 23 students, Ms Thomas and Ms Priou-Taylor who travel to Normandy next weekend to Le Chateau de la Beaudonnière for linguistic immersion through a range of cultural and sporting activities including a visit to Mont St Michel, the Day Landing beaches, Bayeaux Tapestry and an oyster farm.

and ¡BUEN VIAJE!....

...to 22 students, Mr Melia and Ms Ruiz who travel to Spain next weekend on the second exchange visit to our partner school, I.E.S. Sivera Font School in l'Alcúdia de Crespins, Valencia.

YEAR 8 DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Accompanied by their tutor, each group of Year 8 students has spent the day at Blackpool Sands and have taken part in raft building, bush craft and communication skills activities as part of team building exercises. Many thanks to Mr Bindon, Year 8 tutors and other staff who accompanied the trips.

SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Hester Stembridge who has been selected for the Great Britain Talent Squad in Cycling. She has recently represented the South West Cycling Team at the Sainsburys UK School Games in Newcastle, where mainly competing against 16 years olds, Hester 13 years, finished 30th in the Criterion Race, 25th in the individual time trail and 26th in the 45km road race. This is a fantastic achievement, well done Hester!

Congratulations to Jake Vincent and Sam Parsons who have been selected to represent Devon U18 at Rugby. This is a huge achievement and we wish them all the best in their forthcoming matches.

GEOGRAPHERS GO AFIELD

Year 7 Geographers have been visiting Thurlestone rocks and South Milton beach as part of their studies on geographical formations and Year 8 Geographers will be visiting the Eden Project in a couple of weeks to look at climate change and the impact that this will have on plants.

Year 11 GCSE students have been donning their wellies and visiting Dartmoor as part of their controlled assessment which forms 25% of their final grade. Students have spent their time gathering data on how a river changes from source to mouth.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

We are holding **Parent Information Evenings** at the College on three evenings in the Main Hall starting at 6.30pm on the theme of: **How to help your child succeed.**

Key Stage 3: Years 7 – 9 Thursday, 11th November
 Key Stage 4: Years 10-11 Wednesday, 3rd November
 Key Stage 5: Years 12-13 Wednesday 10th November

You know about Sucasstracker and may have heard about FROG. These information evenings will give you a chance to learn about:

- Our systems for tracking progress and how you can access them online when it suits you.
- How to find out easily about what your child is learning
- How to find out about resources to help your child
- What to do if you are concerned about your child's progress

We would encourage as many of you as possible to attend.

ACADEMY STATUS: NEXT STEPS

We apply to the Secretary of State for an Academy Order, and carry out the necessary legal and financial processes. We aim to convert to an Academy in the new year.

RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION

	CATEGORY	YES	NO	UNDECIDED	TOTAL RESPONSES
PARENTS		134	68	127	329
STAFF	TEACHERS	8	5	4	17
	OTHER STAFF	5	3	2	10
OTHERS	TRUST PARTNERS	2			2
	STAKEHOLDERS			1	1
TOTALS		149	76	134	359

College Term Dates

Autumn Term 2010

2nd September - 17th December

Half Term:

25th October - 29th October

Non-Student Days

21st & 22nd October

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

AWARDS

The following awards were achieved by students at the end of last term. Our apologies to them for the delay in acknowledging their achievement:

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Kelly Parkinson	9VS
David Grant	9VS
Charlotte O'Toole	9LM
Joshua Vaughan	9LM
Rebekah Johns	9LM
Nathan Doré	9LM
Jordan Davies	8EA

GOVERNOR AWARDS

Connaire Sheridan	8EA
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GOLD AWARDS

Charlotte Holland	9VS
Jane Oram	9VS

PTFA NEWS

COLLEGE FUND

Thank you to all of those parents who have already contributed to the College Fund. This is well worthwhile! Please go on-line to Parentpay or bring in a cheque payable to Kingsbridge Community College PTFA if you have not already done so. It is a valuable way in which we can enhance the students' experiences at the College: please help us to do this.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Come along to our

PTFA AGM

and meeting

7pm Wednesday 20th October

In the staff room

Everyone welcome!

Cheese and wine will be served

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13 th October 7pm	Hamlet (abridged)
20 th October 7pm	PTFA AGM
2 nd November:	Year 7 Tutor/Parent Evening
3 rd November:	KS4 Parent Information Evening
10 th November:	KS3 Parent Information Evening
11 th November:	KS5 Parent Information Evening
4 th December:	St Nick's Fair
13 th -15 th December:	Whole College Production: The Mysteries

DON'T MISS OUT !!

Your child could be eligible for up to £300 worth of out of school activities through Don't Stop Me Now!



This money could fund activities such as:

- after-school clubs
- holiday play schemes and activities
- language, homework and revision clubs
- up to 50% of the cost of school residential trips
- uniform groups such as Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, Guides and Sea Cadets and St John's Ambulance
- arts and crafts, dance, drama and music activities including music lessons, such as guitar or piano lessons
- activities at leisure or sports centres, such as swimming lessons and street dance classes
- sports clubs and coaching, for example football, netball, basketball, boxing, tennis and cricket
- outdoor pursuits, such as sailing, fishing, rock climbing and canoeing.

To be eligible, your child needs to be registered for Free School Meals, even if they do not want to have the school meals!

If you are not sure whether your child is eligible for Free School Meals, call the CYPS Helpline 0845 1551019.

If you think your child may be eligible but you have not yet registered contact Miss Evans, ext 160 for an application form.

As soon as you are registered with your school, ask them for an application form for Don't Stop Me Now! and use up that £300!!!

If you have any questions, please call either Emma on 07872420428 or Penny on 07872420429