



## EXAM RESULTS

We would like to offer congratulations to all our students and staff who achieved excellent exam results at all levels this year.

### A Level

We achieved the highest ever pass rate of 99%. 46% of all passes were at A/B level, a particularly strong achievement for this year group as this was a considerable improvement upon their achievement at AS level the previous year.

Individual students excelled. Mary Foord-Weston **achieved 4 Grade A's and a Distinction in Biology** Advanced Extension Award earning her a place to read Biology at Merton College, Oxford. As Merton again **topped the Oxford College's league table for academic excellence**, this was a particularly fine achievement. **Emma Howey, Laura Bates, Kate O'Reilly, Louis Cottell, Elizabeth Mitchell, Max Maydon, Katy Lyon, Andrew Shepherd and Diane Ball** all also achieved at least 3 A grades.

### AS Level

As we do not certificate AS level, we do not report fully on results at this time of year. However, on present figures this year group deserves congratulations for achieving 42% Grade A/Bs. We use a national database called ALIS to predict performance based on prior attainment against national averages, and this year group has achieved substantially above the ALIS prediction of 30% Grade As and Bs. This should give them great confidence as they approach A2s.

### GCSE

This was a record breaking year for GCSE. The new Government benchmark for GCSE achievement is 5 A\*-Cs including English & Maths. We achieved 67%, our best ever score and above the national average of some 46%. We also achieved a record level of A\* and A grades: 31% of all entries were at this level. 81% of all entries were at A\*-C

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level, our highest rate, and 75% of the year group gained 5 or more A\*-C grades. 38 students gained at least 8 GCSEs at A\* or A grade. Top performing students Kate Pope and Henry Tozer gained 11A\*s and 1A and Thomas Ashby, Katy Fothergill, Josh Middleton, Thomas Tozer and Rachel Tucker: all gained at least 8 A\* grades. Many congratulations to them all.

*A great start to the year!  
Best wishes,  
Roger Pope.*

### BIG BALL IS ABOUT TO SWING!

We received planning permission for our new English & Literacy Centre over August. This £2million project gets underway on 21<sup>st</sup> September when the existing English corridor will be taken out of use and made ready for the demolition big ball to swing. Building will then begin in October ready for occupation in September 2010. This exciting project will give us 8 large English teaching rooms together with small rooms for one-to-one and small group teaching of literacy skills. Watch this space!

## ROTARY SUCCESS

Congratulations to students who were successful in the Rotary International Young Technologists Awards competition. Beth Mahoney: First Prize (Graphic Products); Matt Darke: First Prize for the Most Commercially Viable

Product; Katy Fothergill: First Prize for GCSE Fashion in Textiles; Amy Harvey: Runner Up for GCSE Fashion in Textiles; Ed Jarrold: First Prize (Product Design); Ollie Kensett: Runner Up (Product Design). This is fantastic success for the College and well done to all these students.

## COLLECTION AND DROP-OFF POINTS

Please do not try and access Balkwill Road to drop/collect students right outside the College. In order to keep the area safe, please arrange to meet your children a little distance away.

Only parents with disabled children can access the car parks at this time. Thank you for your co-operation.

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## COLLEGE FUND

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*PLEASE SUPPORT US BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE COLLEGE FUND!  
We only ask for £15 per student, per year, just 7.5p per school day!*

This money enables us to support a whole range of activities in and out of College and helps us support sporting and extra-curricular clubs. We all know how rapidly technology develops these days and it helps us to keep in the very forefront of ICT hardware and software. It brings a breadth to our curriculum – such as hiring the swimming pool – that would not otherwise be possible.

An explanatory letter and form are attached. Do not place this on the mantelpiece! Please fill it in now, together with the Gift Aid form that increases the value of your contribution without costing you a penny. **Cheques should be made payable to: 'Kingsbridge Community College PTFA'.**

## SUCCESSTRACKER

Following our consultation last year, we are introducing our new monitoring and reporting scheme this year called 'Successtracker'. You will receive a half-termly report that tracks your son or daughter's success against their targets.

You will also be able to access this information on-line. We have organised some information evenings where you can find out more and the first of these is on 22nd October for Years 7-9 at 6pm.

## WELL DONE GARDENERS

I have received a letter thanking all the students and staff who helped prepare the Community Garden for the South West in Bloom inspection. Angela Taylor wrote that: **"they worked with enthusiasm and initiative and all tasks were carried out to the highest standard". Well done, everyone!**

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

We welcome the following new teaching staff to the College: Mr Bindon (PE), Mr Courtice (ICT), Mr Hamilton (Science), Mr Neill (**English**), **Miss O'Malley (Food Technology)**, **Mrs Rowley (Maths)**, Miss Stephens (Drama), Miss Withecombe (Art), Miss Wreford-Brown (RE).

We also welcome Mrs Collacott and Ms Franklin who join Mrs Stevens as our Learning Co-Ordinators; four new Teaching Assistants: Ms Bennett, Mr Glover, Ms Thorns and Mrs Neill; Mr Ashton (Media Associate), Mrs Lane (Assistant Librarian); Mrs Brooks (Cover Supervisor).

**Mr O'Sullivan and Ms Thomas are currently on sick leave and we are** also grateful to Miss Le Goff (MFL) and Mr Watson (Art) who have stepped in to cover their absence.

## PTFA

The PTFA had a very successful year last year culminating in the wonderful Summer Music Soiree and BBQ. Their first meeting of the year is Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 7.15pm in the Staff Room. Please do come along.

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## NEW SCIENCE LABS OPEN

We have completed a £200,000 refurbishment of Science ready for the new term. Two Science **labs dating back to the 1920's have been** completely stripped and equipped with modern furniture and equipment. We have built a new Science ICT suite with 30 workstations and have also created the Sixth Form Science Study Centre. We are all delighted with the transformative results.

## SECOND-HAND UNIFORM PLEA

Any obsolete but good quality items of **school uniform, in particular boys' trousers** and College sweatshirts, would be gratefully received. Please let Mrs Fish have these in Student Services.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

Please remember that Year 9 are beginning their GCSE module exams on 2nd March 2010. All module exam dates for other years are on the Mathematics section of the College web site.

## ALUMNI NEWS

James Harrison has gained First Class Honours in Biological Sciences from the University of Exeter.

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## College Term Dates

Autumn Term 2009  
2nd September - 18th December  
Half Term  
23rd October - 30th October

Spring Term 2010  
4th January - 1st April  
Half Term  
15th February - 19th February

Summer Term 2010  
19th April - 20th July  
Half Term  
31st May - 4th June

## TALENTED STUDENTS

The Talent Show at the end of last term raised £700 for Adumasa, bringing the total raised to £4,000 for the year. We presented a cheque to Pam Latimer towards the project to rebuild classrooms and equip them with IT facilities.

## UNIFORM

Thank you very much for supporting us in our efforts to improve the smartness of uniform. We are now consulting with parents and students about whether we should make changes to the uniform for next September. Some possibilities of different items and styles will be on display in the foyer from 21st September for two weeks. Please do pop in to view them and make your comments.

## DIGITAL ARTS SUCCESS

The College had great success in the Devon Digital Arts awards. Dan Johns and Buster James took the award for Key Stage Five Animation and Daisy Brown for Key Stage Five Art. Well done to them!

Congratulations to the following students who gained awards at the end of last term:

### PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Luke Cable	7WD
Scarlett Seccombe	7WD
Emily Brooking	7FP
Jamie Hurrell	7FP
Tom Putt	7FP
Holly Tucker	7FP
Alice Baker	8RW
Hannah Cardnell	8RW
Georgia Clipsham	8RW
Robert Came	9ME
Tom Fenjon Jones	9ME
Gus Hayward	9ME

### GOVERNORS' AWARDS

Stephanie Frazier-Roberts	7WD
Henry Bright	7WD
Dominic Blount	7WD
Ellie Wibberley	7FM
Tara Roberts	8RW
Charlotte Alen	8MK
Ellen Harding	8MK

### GOLD AWARDS

Nicola Hardy	10PB
Oliver Squire	10PB
Annaliza Palmer	10JS