



Dear Parents

Kingsbridge Community College

Congratulations to our students on exam results. We were delighted that students did so well in their exams this summer:

A Level

The pass rate was the best ever at 99.7% with 54% of all entries at the top A*/B grades. 12 students gained at least 3 A grades, with top student Jenny Sterry gaining 1A*, 3As, 1B at A2 and an A at AS. Three students won Oxbridge places: Alex Smith is reading Chemistry at Oxford, Jack Baxter is reading Medicine and Katherine Shepherd Natural Sciences, both at Cambridge.

This was the first year of the new A* level. In order to achieve this level, students had to gain over 90% in their final exams and I am delighted that 8% of our entries were at this level.

AS

At AS the pass rate was 92% with 45% at grades A and B. 16 students gained at least 3 As with Tom Ashby, Ella Baldwin, Kate Pope and Henry Tozer all gaining 4As and a B. This bodes very well for the success of this year group as they move on to A2.

GCSE

We gained our highest ever percentage of 5A*-C – 85% of the year group achieved this and 87% of all entries at GCSE were at Grade C and above. 64% of students gained 5A*-C including English and Maths. This was 3% above the challenging target we had set ourselves and so we were very pleased at this level of achievement. Particular congratulations to the English department with over 80% of students achieving C or above, and to the Science department with 88% of students gaining 2 GCSEs+ in Science. This comfortably outperforms the 36 other Devon comprehensives and is a wonderful achievement. Individual congratulations go to Emma Andrews, Tom Ballantine, Katie Hammett, Georgia Lubrani, Oliver Naylor, Bethany Walker, Holly Wildish-Jones and Adam Wright who all achieved 12 GCSEs at A*/A grades. Special congratulations to top performer Oliver Rake with 11 A* and 3 A grades. We were also delighted with the success of a large number of students who entered the College with very low literacy or special educational needs and who achieved a number of GCSEs at good grades.

Many congratulations to all our staff and students on these wonderful results which once again put us in the top rank of Devon schools.

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ENGLISH CENTRE OPENS FOR STUDENTS

Our £2million English Centre is open for students on budget and on time. Our new building has 8 classrooms, a Sixth Form room and 6 small rooms for one-to-one and small group teaching of literacy. We have also taken the opportunity to remodel that part of the College, upgrading the corridor to Science, completely refurbishing one of the labs, and installing a new Dance Studio in one of the old classrooms complete with sprung floor.

We have also installed upgraded wireless networks and have bought new sets of netbooks for a number of areas of the College and have done a lot of repainting and upgrading in order to make sure that our facilities remain at top quality.

The official opening will take place on the evening of Wednesday, 29th September by Simon Armitage CBE, one of the country's most renowned contemporary poets. He will be following the Opening with a Poetry Reading followed by a question and answer session commencing at 7pm. Please join us for this event: £5 for adults, £2 students. Tickets are available from the main College Reception.

*Have a good year,
Roger Loper*

SEPTEMBER 2010

Newsletter

CHALLENGE WEEK

Challenge Week was once again a huge success with trips to Paris, Saintes, Holland, Prague, Poland as well as the many visits and activities in this country: Cornwall, London, North Devon, narrowboating, cycling, sailing, pottery....the list is endless! Once again we have received excellent feedback from staff and the public about our students. One group of students went out around Kingsbridge lending a hand to anyone who needed it and we have received some lovely feedback such as one lady who wrote: "It is with sincere thanks that I write these few words to the children for

helping me to tidy my garden. Andy and his young team did a great job. Bless them all". Another gentleman wrote "thank you to the children who came and cut my hedge. They made a good job of it and were very polite children also".

My favourite story is of the Australian couple staying in a Prague youth hostel who found to their horror that they were to be the only adults on a corridor otherwise occupied by our party. At the end of the week they thanked the staff for what they considered to be the amazing behaviour and politeness of our students.

UNIFORM

We are delighted with how smart students are looking in the new uniform and pleased that so many existing students have decided to go with the new.

New uniforms and new buildings are of little value unless they have an impact on expectations and attitudes. Smart appearance and smart buildings are about raising aspirations and wanting nothing less than the best in everything that we do.

In order to help us to keep to these high standards, we are amending our sanctions from Monday, 13th September:

1. Any inappropriate items of uniform/jewellery are confiscated and cannot be collected by students until the end of College on the Friday of that week. Parents may come in and collect items earlier if they wish. Any electronic items such as mobile phones can be collected on the day that they are confiscated.

2. A uniform detention will be held on Friday breaktime each week. Students will be given a uniform detention for breaches of the uniform policy.

Thank you for your support in keeping students looking smart.

FACEBOOK WARNING

Facebook have launched an application where anyone can find out the location of any facebook user if they are logged on, this includes their postcode and a map of that location. Unfortunately this is an opt out application, and for users to remain safe, and not share their location they must follow these instructions:

DO IMMEDIATELY!!!! Facebook launched Facebook Places on Friday. Anyone can find out where you are when you are logged in. It gives the actual address & map location of where you are as you use Facebook. **TO UNDO:** go to "Account", "Account Settings", ..."Notifications", then scroll down to "Places" and uncheck the 2 boxes. Make sure to **SAVE** changes.

AUTHORISED LEAVE

A reminder that at the end of last term and in order to minimise disruption to learning, Governors confirmed their decision to authorise up to only 5 college days' leave in an academic year in exceptional circumstances

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

We welcome the following new teaching staff to the College:

Mr Armstrong (Chemistry),
Mr Crocker (RE),
Miss Higham (Science),
Miss Kilshaw (English),
Mr Lamshead (History),
Miss Rose (PE),
Mrs White (English).

We also welcome Mrs Jarvis as Cover Supervisor.

Miss Bell (Geography),
Miss Dyer (Food Technology),
Mr Hunt (Maths),
Mr Kirby (Media/Art),
Ms Pinkard (Art/Photography),
Miss Thorneycroft (History)

The following staff are also taking on new roles in addition to their usual roles:

Mr Bindon Head of Years 7/8
Miss Pring: School Sports Co-Ordinator
Mrs Wyatt: Learning Co-Ordinator (Sixth Form)
Mr Randall: Head of RE/PSHE & Citizenship
Ms Marsh: Head of History.

YOUR CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE!

All students have been given a copy of the new PARTICIPATE brochure detailing all the arts activities for students available at the College for Autumn 2010. There are many exciting opportunities on offer, many of which are free of charge, including Photography, Shakespeare, The Bridge and Animation classes. Please encourage your children to take part. Many thanks to Lucy Whitehorn, Community Arts Administrator at the College and to all the team of staff who are making these opportunities possible.

KINGSBRIDGE IN BLOOM

I have received a letter of thanks from Kingsbridge in Bloom thanking the students and staff for the contribution to the Kingsbridge town project. Many thanks to all those involved.

STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to:

Russell Etherington who has graduated with a 2:1 in Biomedical Science from the University of Warwick.

Heather Stenbridge who has been selected to compete at the UK School Games being held in NE England. She will be joining 1600 competitors across the country and we are delighted that she has achieved this success. She is also competing at the British Inter-Regional Track Cycling Championship in Newport: good luck to her!

ROTARY CLUB YOUNG TECHNOLOGIST COMPETITION

Many congratulations to our students who won prizes in this competition. Annie Ridley came first in the A level design section with her wonderful modern chair and Katie Cartwright won the GCSE Graphics section with her promotion project for Paignton Zoo. We also achieved second place in the GCSE Textiles and Product Design sections.

Many congratulations to the students who won prizes in the Rotary Digital Arts Award: Laura Williams, Alex Styles, Ben Waters, Tessa Bricknell and Sam Lucas swept the board!

COLLEGE FUND

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.

We are hoping that adjustments can be made to allow payment through Parentpay over the next week or so. However in the meantime, an explanatory letter and form are attached for those who would prefer to pay by cheque or by standing order. Please note that Gift Aid increases the value of your contribution without costing you a penny. Cheques should be made payable to: 'Kingsbridge Community College PTFA'. Your support is very much appreciated.

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

The following students gained Awards at the end of the Summer Term:

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Ryan Westlake	8BDN
Hollie Worthington	8HG
Tarrin Vane	7WD
Millie Orsler	7WD
Connor Mitchell	7FP
Jamie Randall	7FP
Hannah Tildesley	7FP
Leah Watts	7FP
Callum Tunley	7PT
Mitchell Hanson	7SS

GOVERNORS' AWARDS:

Matthew Makepeace	7WD
Lydia Leonard	7WD
Lewis Newton	7WD
Lily Tucker	7WD
Daniel Caunter	7FP
Abbie Dodds	7FP
Aimee Clark	7FP

Harry Hart	7FP
William Kenny	7FP
Emily Soole	7FP
Michaela Rosewarne	7NS
Lucy Sarjeant	7NS
Sam Favis	7NS
Helena Dore	7NS
Emily Dressler	7SS
Melanie Stephens	7SS
Brittany Moore	7SS
Edward Grant	7SS
George Kelland	7SS
Maddie Powlesland	7SS
Elizabeth Varcoe	8HG

GOLD AWARDS

Amy Cardrick	10YG
Luke Davies	10YG