



Parents' Newsletter

5th October 2018

Dear parents and guardians of Sixth Form students,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Year 12 Meet the Tutors evening last Thursday – thank you for taking the time to come along! If you have any unanswered questions about our aims and the way we do things at KCC Sixth Form, please do get in touch with Rob (rob.crocker@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk) or Freya (freya.morrissey@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk). We'll shortly be sending some key information through to those of you who were unable to attend.

All staff addresses take the same forename.surname format, and we encourage Sixth Formers to be proactive and contact their teachers by email if they are unable to speak to them in person. Those students who make the most impressive progress are those who ask for work in advance if they know they must unavoidably miss a lesson, request catch-up work when they are unexpectedly absent, and, most importantly, ask questions about Home Learning, assignments and independent study. Teachers always welcome this communication from students, because it shows they are taking control of their learning and thinking about their subjects outside of the classroom – just the approach they need to see success.

Last week was **Sexual Health Week**, and Friday's tutorial was on this year's theme of consent in healthy relationships. If you would like to find out more, visit: <https://www.fpa.org.uk/sexual-health-week/sexual-health-week-2018>. This was followed up by a visit by a representative from the **NHS Sexual Health Services**, who spent time in the Sixth Form Lobby to chat with any students who had further questions or wanted additional information. We know our young people are growing up in a complex world with a myriad of social and personal pressures, so this is part of the support we offer to ensure they are able to make informed positive choices and to know where they can go for further help if needed.

One of the highlights of the last fortnight has been seeing Year 13s become the senior members of the school, as well as Year 12s beginning to work alongside younger students as role models and mentors. On Monday lunchtimes, for example, **Journalism Club** is proving to be even more popular than last year, largely thanks to the enthusiasm, encouragement and experience of the Sixth Form Editors. Rehearsals for this year's school production of *Les Misérables* are also now in full flow, with Sixth Formers taking the lead with real professionalism and working brilliantly with students in Years 7–11 to create a really special atmosphere. Tickets will be on sale soon!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Year 12

- Learn2Live Roadshow (for students) – during the school day, Thursday 15th November

Year 13

- Parents' Evening – Thursday 22nd November