



# Parents' Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Dear parents and guardians of Sixth Form students,

Deciding what to leave out of this newsletter has been a tough job: KCC Sixth Form has been a hive of activity in the past fortnight!

We have been fortunate to hear some extraordinary speakers, and we hope that students came home and discussed some of these encounters with you. Through our tutorial programme, **Camilla Carr** spoke to both groups about her experience of being taken hostage while working as a volunteer in Chechnya; her quietly-told story of survival, identity and resilience was an immensely powerful one. We were also lucky to have local businesswoman **Juliet Bill** visiting Year 12 to share her photographs of the ongoing situation for refugees in Greece, Turkey and Iraq – with whom she volunteers – and to share some of the human stories behind the images. Last week, Year 12 attended the **Learn2Live Roadshow** in Plymouth, which is a hard-hitting presentation from members of the emergency services to highlight the importance of making safe driving choices. This presentation also emphasises what it means to be a good friend in a vehicle: checking that each other are wearing seatbelts, minimising distractions for drivers in cars and speaking up if we feel a friend is driving too fast. We're especially grateful to driving instructor Emma Woods and PC Jane Gerrard for giving their time to attend this event with us: their ongoing positive involvement with our young people is greatly appreciated.

As part of our Next Steps provision, we were delighted to host **Andrew Swan**, a director from **M&G Investments**, to talk to students about how investments work, the wide range of careers available in the sector, and different routes for entering this area of business. M&G hold an Insights Day for school leavers in February for Year 13s – if interested, they should speak to Fiona Bennett. Continuing the next steps theme, last Friday Year 13 did themselves proud by dressing smartly for their **Mock Interview Day** – they looked great, and impressed the interviewers with their wide range of experiences, skills, personal qualities and the confidence and enthusiasm with which they rose to the occasion. We are hugely grateful to busy members of the local community who gave their time to interview students and provide constructive and encouraging feedback: without them, we could not give our students this invaluable experience.

Finally, this week we have launched our Sixth Form project to support **Kingsbridge and Dartmouth Foodbanks**. The run-up to Christmas should be an enjoyable time of year, but we recognise that for too many it can be a struggle: we hope that students will each want to contribute an item which, collectively, will help local families and individuals who need a little additional help through the colder months and Christmas period.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Year 12

- Parents' Evening – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December