

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of another brilliant term, it is with absolute pleasure that I am writing to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. We have had a really fantastic day with the students today, as has been the case throughout the term, the staff and students have made the very best of the situation that we are in. There have been Secret Santas in Tutor Groups and Christmas quizzes, all enjoyed with a Salcombe Dairy ice cream, free to all children and staff courtesy of Dan and Lucia Bly who have kindly donated a Christmas treat on behalf of Salcombe Dairy Ice Cream. At a time where so many of our wider community are facing enormous challenge, the one thing we can all consistently give one another is kindness and patience and I am so appreciative to so many of you who have communicated your thanks and best wishes to our staff for the way in which they have cared for and educated our students at this time.

I wish you all a wonderful and safe Christmas and look forward to welcoming the students back in on Monday 4th January 2021.

Best wishes

Tina Graham.



Staff Training Day

In response to an ever-changing situation in schools, there is a change to the staff training day on Friday 12th February to **Monday 22nd March**. I understand this is a change to published dates. If that means you have already planned an absence on this day please contact admin@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk.



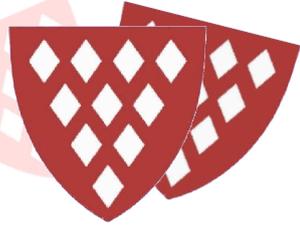
Congratulations to Dan Gloyns who has again retained his place with the National Rugby 7's Academy. Dan has worked incredibly hard in the last 2 years on both fitness and skills. He naturally took to the game of 7's and since representing KCC at the National Rosslyn Park competition has gone from strength to strength. Dan is currently studying on the Cambridge National Sports Science course and is hoping to continue studying sport after year 11. Dan is an excellent role model to students at KCC and is demonstrating the effect hard work and dedication can have both on and off the field.

Healthy Lunches

Whether squeezing it in before the school run in the morning or before bed on busy midweek evenings, preparing your child's lunchbox can seem like just another thing on the list. School meals are a great choice, but if you do make a packed lunch for your child could we please ask that you make it a healthy balanced one.

Please note that if students come into College with large bags of sweets or lollies, these will be confiscated until the end of the day.





KCC Blazers

A reminder that blazers are compulsory for Year 7 students from January.

Coats

Now the weather is turning, could parents please ensure that your child comes into College with a coat. We cannot guarantee students will be shielded from the weather all of the time.

KCC Raises money for charity on Christmas Jumper Day!

This year, on the final day of term, KCC students and staff raised money for two charities by wearing a Christmas Jumper instead of the usual school jumper. The two charities were 'Save the Children' (National) and the Kingsbridge Food Bank (local). Students and staff got involved by wearing their festive jumpers and donated a contribution to support the two worthwhile causes. As always, there were some fantastic jumpers on display that certainly helped bring some seasonal cheer to the final day of the school term. In tutor time, students learnt a little more about the charities and the incredible work that they do. KCC would like to thank all those who got involved and for parents for their support of the event. We are sure both charities will be grateful for the efforts and the contributions raised.



FSC

For the last three Wednesdays, 12 Year 9 students have been lucky enough to attend the Slapton Ley Nature Reserve run by the Field Studies Council. Working alongside South Hams Area Wellbeing, the children have participated in outdoor learning experiences built around the principles of the '5 Ways to Wellbeing'.

The students have taken part in activities that first saw them assisting in the management of the land around the Ley. Sawing and removing old branches from Ash trees that had become overgrown was an activity that started with some not even wanting to leave the path and venture further in – yet finished with the students working in teams to fell larger branches and then lop them in to movable chunks.

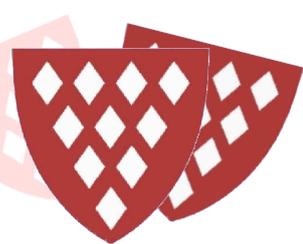
Week two saw a long walk down into the woods to the fire area of the reserve. The students worked to collect firewood together then, with the help of the guide made two fires upon which they cooked Damper Bread and S'Mores. It was a fair old trek but one that treated us to stunning views across Slapton Bay, it was lovely to see the students range of reactions over the walk and the conversations that stemmed from things seen on the walk.



Our final week was making Christmas based activities. Foraging in the woods for sticks, we then made our way back to one of the classrooms within the centre, whereupon the students made Christmas Stars. Outside was the final activity of the session, making Tree Cookies from circular sections of freshly cut tree – these decorations will be fabulous over the Christmas break, and will be ones to treasure for years to come.

Many thanks to our hosts for these sessions and giving us your time, the students have thoroughly enjoyed them – and have been asking to come back next term!

Miss Tasker



Shine Team

The Shine team were invited to meet the cartoonist from the Telegraph as a 'meet the expert' series they are organising. It took the form of a recorded zoom meeting. It was another great opportunity that the Shine awards have given the students. We are immensely proud of them, and grateful to the Media department for the incredible teaching and opportunity that they provide.

Kingsbridge Foodbank

At Kingsbridge Foodbank we are now trying to raise funds for Christmas using the Crowdfunder platform.

The link is: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/kingsbridge-area-foodbank-christmas-appeal>

We aim to make sure that nobody goes hungry or cold this Christmas. We want to provide festive treats so that all our clients have a little something special this Christmas in their food parcels. We also want to make sure that every child has a gift to open and every adult a little something to open too! We have 200 children we're hoping to bring a smile to on Christmas Day.

We want every one of our clients to feel cared for and thought of this Christmas. It will be different Christmas for all of us this year, but it can still be special and bring festive cheer to all.

Thanks again for your help

Sasha (Trustee Kingsbridge Foodbank)

Key Dates:

4 th January	-	Start of Term
14 th Jan	-	Year 8 Parents' Evening
28th Jan	-	Year 12 Parents' Evening
15 th to 19 th February	-	Half Term
4 th March	-	Year 9 Options
22nd March	-	Non-pupil day
25 th March	-	Year 7 Parents' Evening
2 nd and 5 th April	-	Bank Holidays
6 th to 16 th April	-	Half Term
22 nd April	-	Year 10 Parents' Evening
3 rd May	-	Bank Holiday

