

Happy New Year!

It has been delightful to welcome back the students and staff after the Christmas holiday.

I am delighted to report that Kingsbridge Community College has been appointed to lead one of only six new Teaching School Hubs across the country. The new Hub, Teaching Schools South West, will cover all 316 schools in South and Central Devon, Plymouth and Torbay. KCC will also be working with Teaching School Alliances in the area to lead this transition to a different system. This will involve brokering support for schools, developing programmes of training and a more coherent and comprehensive programme for recruiting and training new teachers to schools in the area. The aim is to improve recruitment and retention of teachers and the continual improvement of educational standards.

Roger Pope, CEO of Education South West, said, “This is a great tribute to KCC’s track record of educational excellence and leadership of other schools over many years. We are all delighted that the Department for Education has such confidence in the College that it has selected it to take on this prestigious and important role.”

Wishing you all a successful and happy new year.

Young Enterprises



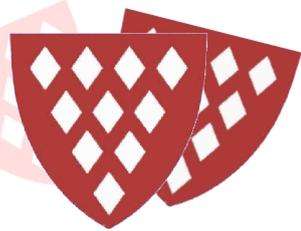
Back row – left to right: Reece Hutchings, Sonny Liddamore, Daniel Gamble & Harrison Jones
Front row – left to right: Ben Wingate & Ted Hough

Young Enterprises is a programme which encourages a team of Students to form and run a Company. The resulting Company Team, their processes and their product will be judged in Plymouth at the Plymouth Finals on the 16th of April; if we are successful at this stage, we will be entered into the regional finals on the 30th of April 2020.

Some of KCC’s year 12 students involved are: Daniel Gamble – Chairman-, Reece Hutchings-Finance-, Sonny Liddamore-HR-, Ted Hough-Marketing-, Harrison Jones-Sustainability director and Secretary and Ben Wingate-Assistant Marketing director. We are being assisted by two Business advisors, Graham Gilbert and Neil Girling who have previously made their own businesses.

We have decided to make Playing Cards with a difference! This means it will be a normal playing card but with jokes, facts, sustainability tips and advertisements in the middle of the card. The tips of sustainability will be focused on recycling to improve the environment. We will be selling them at Drake’s Circus on Saturday the 21st of March from 9am to 5pm.

In order to cover the costs of production of the cards we are seeking sponsorships from local businesses. Each sponsor will have their logo and slogan on a number of cards. As we have chosen to do the Social Enterprises Company, all profits will go to a charity of choice. There are many ways to support us! Spread the work! Look out for a notification of the KCC Facebook page informing you when you can purchase our product online. Visit Drake’s Circus on 21st of March; have your company logo featured on the product by sponsoring us or buy shares in our company to assist us in bringing our product to market. For further details or if you have any queries, please contact: Gambled14@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk.



We are becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School!

Kingsbridge Community College aims to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. As part of this plan we are working towards recognition as a 'Rights Respecting School', an award given to schools on behalf of Unicef UK. UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and young people and their rights. In 1989, governments across the world agreed that all children have the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential.



At Kingsbridge Community College, pupils will learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. A Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all relationships within the school community. Further information is available on our FAQ sheet and in addition you can find out more about the Convention on the Rights of the Child by visiting unicef.org.uk/crc. For further information about Rights Respecting Schools please visit: www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa

We really hope that you will be able to support our school on our journey towards becoming a UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School. Please see FAQ on the next page.

ARTICLE 3 (best interests of the child)

The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

ARTICLE 28 (right to education)

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

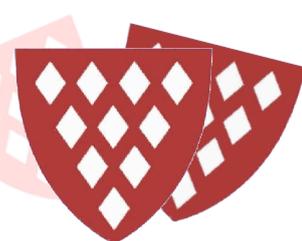
ARTICLE 12 (respect for the views of the child)

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

ARTICLE 29 (goals of education)

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

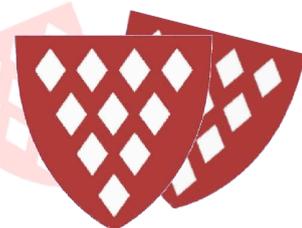




Becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School FAQ QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

You might ask...	As school leaders we think that...
<p>What is a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School?</p>	<p>When schools get involved, the children learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day.</p> <p>Children and adults will learn about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) which outlines what children need to survive and thrive, becoming the best they can be and achieving their potential.</p>
<p>Why is this happening?</p>	<p>A Unicef UK Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships, whether between adults and pupils, between pupils or between adults. It is proven to benefit everyone in the school community to grow and learn together. Read more about the Award at www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa</p>
<p>How will becoming a Rights Respecting School benefit my child(ren)?</p>	<p>This approach works in many schools across the country to improve well-being and develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. Headteachers from schools involved in the Award say it has improved children's and young people's respect for themselves and others and contributed to children and young people being more engaged in their learning.</p>
<p>How can I get involved?</p>	<p>We hope you will support the school's journey to become a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School. Please do read about the Convention and Unicef's work (see below) to see what it's all about!</p>
<p>What is the Convention on the Rights of the Child?</p>	<p>In 1989, governments worldwide promised all children the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Convention recognised that all children have the right to be treated with dignity and fairness, to be protected, to develop to their full potential and to participate. The rights in the Convention describe what a child needs to survive, grow, and live up to their potential in the world. They apply equally to every child, no matter who they are or where they come from.</p> <p>The Convention changed the way children are viewed and treated – in other words, as human beings with a distinct set of rights instead of as passive objects of care and charity. It is the most widely ratified human rights treaty – only the United States has not ratified it. The UK signed up to it in 1991.</p> <p>You can read more about it at www.unicef.org.uk/crc and download a summary of the articles at bit.ly/CRC-over11</p>
<p>What is Unicef?</p>	<p>Unicef is the world's leading organisation for children and young people, promoting the rights and wellbeing of every child, in everything they do. Together with their partners, Unicef works in 190 countries to translate that commitment into practical action.</p> <p>Unicef UK is a registered charity. It raises funds through donations from individuals, organisations and companies and campaigns to keep children safe. Unicef UK also works with schools, hospitals and local authorities in the UK to put children at the heart of what they do.</p> <p>To find out more about Unicef, go to www.unicef.org.uk</p>

Please do get in touch with us if you would like to know more.



Learning Cafe

Following on from its success last year, we have relaunched the Learning Café for Year 11 students. The first week's sessions have been extremely successful with more than 90 students attending after college support sessions each day.

Students will be able to attend evening sessions after school hours to focus on specific subjects. Different subjects will be available on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. To help fuel the students and maintain their energy and enthusiasm for learning, hot drinks and tray bakes will be available in the hub from 3:20pm free of charge. The sessions will run 3:35-4:30 and students will need to choose from the following subjects:

Week A

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Technology	Art	Photography	Music
RE	PE	Computer Science	
Drama	Health and Social Care	Business Studies	
French	Further Maths		
	Technology (after 4:30pm)		

Week B

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Science	English	Maths	Music
Technology (after 4:30pm)	Further Maths		

Uniform

Thank you to everyone for your feedback regarding the proposed new uniform. We have consulted with staff, parents and students and Governors have considered the feedback and collated the responses. I will be writing to you in due course to share the outcome of the consultation.

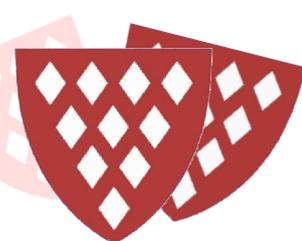
Sports News

Otis Oliver-Purchase has been training in Cross Fit for years. The goal is to be in the top 10 within his age bracket in the world. He has recently achieved this goal and is continuing to train amidst his applications to Universities.

Poppy Burner (Year 10) came 3rd at her first High Performance Dressage Competition in Buckinghamshire last week! A fantastic achievement! Well done Poppy.

KCC PTFA

Please note that you can pay PTFA contributions through ParentPay.



Key Dates:

January	13th-17th	Year 12 and 13 PPEs
	22nd	Science Event for Year 7 parents and students
	23rd	Year 8 Parents' Evening
	29th	Year 9 Girls/Year 8 Boys & Year 8 Girls Mop-up Sessions - HPV Immunisation
	30th	Year 9 Girls/Year 8 Boys & Year 8 Girls Mop-up Sessions - HPV Immunisation
February	3rd-11th	Year 11 PPEs
	6th	Year 12 Parents' Evening
	17th-21st	Half Term
	24th-28th	KCC Apprenticeship Week
March	3rd-7th	Sixth Form Art & Photography Exhibition at Harbour House
	10th	Year 11 Revision Evening
	11th-13th	Year 13 Biology Trip
	12th	Year 9 Options afternoon and Year 9 Parents' Evening
	17th	BTEC Music Performance
	18th-19th	Year 9 Students – Immunisations
	18th-19th	Gym and Dance Show
	18th	Year 12 UCAS Exhibition
	19th	BTEC Music Performance
	26th	Year 10 Parents' Evening
30th March -	Half term	
13th April	Students return to College on Tuesday 14th April	