

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I sit and write this newsletter I am immensely proud to be working with your children. Every single person in our community is united in facing unprecedented challenge and I know that together we will work through it with compassion and support for one another. The students in the College have done themselves and their families proud in recent weeks. All of us are somewhat anxious about the future and have loved ones that we are concerned for – yet the conversation and reaction among the students has been measured and thoughtful. As you will see from this latest newsletter – the staff have once again continued to provide the very best of opportunities and the highest quality of education for the students and we will endeavour to continue to do so. Many of you have acknowledged the efforts that we have gone to in order to provide accurate and factual information in a timely manner and this has been greatly appreciated by everyone in the College. Wishing you and your families the very best of health.

Tina Graham.

California 2020



Tommy Booker Photography

California was a tremendous success as ever, with the team of 32 being blessed by superb weather throughout. Supported by Rob Crocker, Liz Barrett and Hilary Stevens, the group marvelled at the impressive vistas of LA, gaining close-up experiences of Universal and Warner Brothers as studios. And even Harrison Ford as he turned up for his red-carpet premiere of Call of The Wild (the well-groomed canine at the event substituted for the CGI version featured in the film). The stunning Griffiths Observatory, Santa Monica and Venice Beach, sets for many a film, were other destinations which took the breath away, set off by blue skies and pure light.

More photography opportunities were afforded to our students, as the 13 carriage Amtrak train, glided its way by the Pacific Ocean and through beautiful mountains to San Francisco. Here, the harbour, the resident sea-lions and the vistas formed inspiring back-drops, while the cable car rides and walking through the giant redwoods at Muir Woods and over the Golden Gate Bridge created wonderful memories. Everyone loved California and its warm culture, learning a great deal- the sort of life lessons which are not part of the class-room. Hilary would like to thank the students for their kindness to others and their Kingsbridge generosity of spirit which contributes to such trips being so successful; also, Rob and Liz who were such shining lights and role models

of happiness and positivity for the young people on the trip. Pauline in ESW finances did an amazing job behind the scenes with the organisation: without her help, the trip could not have run as smoothly as it did.

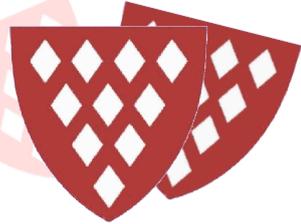


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Holocaust Educational Trust

On 27th February, Mr Powell and four A-Level History students took part in a fascinating project organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust that aims to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the liberation of Bergen-Belsen, a Nazi concentration camp. As part of the project, students took a very intense one-day trip to Germany to visit the site of Bergen-Belsen. The group were guided by experts through each of the different areas of the camp and the museum exhibition, giving them the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Holocaust. As part of the day, students were also asked to take part in a Commemoration Ceremony to remember the victims of Bergen-Belsen.

Each of the participants have now become Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors and were given the responsibility of creating a 'Legacy Project'. This aspect asks the students to take what they have learnt from their experiences and share it with their school communities. At the core of this is the Holocaust Educational Trust key aims to use the lessons from History to prevent and fight against intolerance that was at the foundation of the Holocaust. The students are now in the process of designing and creating a display and assembly session to pass on their learning to others at KCC.



An Inspector Calls

At the beginning of March, a (rather large) group comprising of students from years 10, 11, 12 and 13 had the opportunity to see The National Theatre's production of 'An Inspector Calls' as a part of a joint English and drama trip. All 190 behaved impeccably and it proved to be a wonderful evening, a captivating performance and, if the impassioned conversations on the homeward bound coaches are anything to go by, an enriching experience for all of the students involved.

Sports News

KCC staff support First Park Run in Kingsbridge



Park Run is a 5km run that starts at 9am in numerous locations all over the country. It is completely free and can be participated in by people of all ages and abilities. All you need is a bar code that will tell you your place and time so that you can compete with yourself or your friends and family if you wish! More details can be found at <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/>

It is fantastic to now have one in the local area for the community to enjoy! There were lots of staff and students from KCC taking part out of the 238 people running on Saturday. It would be great to have even more!

Bicton Dressage

Tabby and Poppy represented KCC on Sunday at Bicton Dressage, the girls rode brilliantly. Tabby won the Prelim class, and was 2nd in the Novice, Poppy won both the Novice tests, and was 2nd and 3rd on her other horse. Both girls have qualified for Hartpury Champs in April, a great achievement.



Social Media - Random Chat Apps

Hotel Hideaway

Hotel Hideaway is a free 3D virtual world app where users can create their own avatar and hotel room. Users can then chat with others worldwide using this avatar in public or private chat rooms. Users are able to explore locations around the hotel such as spa and beach and chat to others. Users are able to lock their private rooms to prevent anyone else from entering, users are also able to mute or report unwanted chat from others however this is limited to three reports a day. The chat function of this app puts young children at risk of being exposed to mature language and grooming behaviour. The main app website states that it should be used by those aged 17+ however the use of cartoon avatars makes this appealing to younger audiences.

Case study

A young girl was coerced into adding an unknown male on other social media sites following a private chat on Hotel Hideaway. The victim was then sent multiple messages of a sexual nature by the suspect. The victim's mother discovered the messages and contacted the police.

Key Dates: (these may be subject to change)

30th March - Half term

Students return to College on Tuesday 14th April

April	16 th April	(Music) Opera Trip – Theatre Royal
	30 th	Junior Maths Challenge
May	4 th – 7 th	Year 12 PPEs
	8 th	Bank Holiday
	11 th	Year 12 PPEs
	15 th	Silver DofE Practice

25th May - Half term

Students return to College on Tuesday 2nd June