

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy but exciting week at KCC as we prepared to say farewell to our wonderful Year 11 students. Following six weeks of rigorous revision and assessment, the Year 11's deserved the sun to shine on them yesterday for their final day and indeed it did. We were able to celebrate with them over a BBQ lunch whilst watching them sign each other's shirts and year books reflecting on long lasting friendships that they have made over the last five years. A massive tournament of rounders games was played over lunchtime whilst staff cheered and supported the students that they have taught since Year 7. The students were exemplary and were an absolute credit to themselves, their teachers and their families. The College has been quieter without them today and we will miss them greatly. Very best wishes to all our students who are leaving us for pastures new and we are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 12 – starting with bridging week on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

With only a few months remaining in the school year, we hope that all of our students are on track to accomplish the goals they have set themselves. I have written a separate letter regarding uniform and our expectations after half term. We are now in a position to support deliveries of uniform direct into College with no delivery charge.

There is only one remaining thing to do and that is to wish you all a very happy half term.

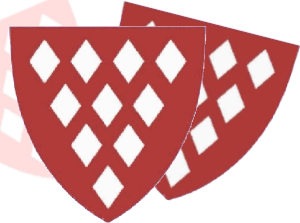
*Tina Graham.*



### **"Banish Balls with the awards for the Regional Final Innovation & Technology Award and the Award for the Overall Southwest Winning Team."**

"The KCC Young Enterprise Team were recently interviewed by BBC Spotlight to share the story of their product "Banish Balls." The Team have now been awarded the prize for the Most Innovative Product and Overall Team Award at County Level and, this week, have become the Southwest Champions in both of these categories! Congratulations to the whole Team who are now busily preparing for the National Finals on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Following the media attention, stocks are selling fast! If you would still like to support the Team and purchase some Banish Balls, please visit their website at [www.banishballs.co.uk](http://www.banishballs.co.uk).





### Sharp Objects/Knives

At KCC we are really fortunate to work with students who enjoy spending their time taking part in a wide range of activities. These include climbing, sailing, crafts and working on farms. During this time, students learn valuable skills and develop a passion for activities that many of them continue to take part in beyond Year 11. During these activities' students can often develop skills using sharp objects such as craft knives, sailing knives, pen knives or flick knives for more industrial work. As part of our responsibility to safeguard all students in College, it is imperative that any sharp objects and knives are not brought in to College. These hobbies can sometimes lead to situations, where a student has an object in their bag that contravenes the College Behaviour Policy. We are asking that parents/carers support students and the College by checking that no such items are in school bags and if the students use them frequently, then an adult creates a safe space for the item to be kept, when not in use. Bringing such an item in to College could lead to a period of fixed term exclusion and in some cases, where these items are shown to other student, could lead to a consequence up to and including permanent exclusion. We want to support and encourage all of our students to take their passions forward, whilst still keeping our College environment safe. Thank you for your support with this and we hope our students have a fantastic half term break. Mr Gillard



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## Youth for Truth

### Student voice newsletter



#### Article 12

Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.

#### IN THIS EDITION:

This month, our journalists have been exploring what inspiration means to them.

We also have details of a very exciting poetry competition!

We hope you enjoy – the KCC Journalist team.

*'Inspiration is an eternal mystery, the fountain that overflows to send rivulets of ingenuity directly to the minds of the receptive. It is as though an arrow of fire is shot from an invisible bow, cutting through darkness to bring brilliance to its target.'*

#### WHAT IS INPIRATION? BY ISLAY BOX YEAR 9

Inspiration can come from anything. Anything at all - anything that you want it to be. It could be from a person, an object, something that you've done, what someone else has done, a place – these are just a few ideas, out of a whole world to explore what inspires us. Inspiration are things that give us ideas of things to do, create, talk about, etc. We can have more than one thing to inspire us. That is the beauty of inspiration!

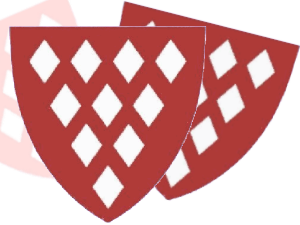
Inspiration gives us ideas to improve ourselves, to improve our work, our skills and abilities, and generally to build upon our original ideas. It gives us something/someone to rely on, and look up to. It can also build upon your future ideas. Without it, we wouldn't improve our work, skills and abilities, or develop ideas, creativity and imagination.

The Ancient Greeks were the first to name the experience of becoming inspired. To them, enlightenment took the form of Zeus's three beautiful daughters: the patrons of the arts.

But inspiration doesn't just improve and develop your ideas; it reflects on yourself and your life. When I mean it reflects on yourself, I mean it can reflect on your being (mental wellbeing, physical wellbeing, mind, actions and thoughts).

Any source of your own inspiration can make you feel happier, calmer, and generally more satisfied with your life – inspiration can make your life happier and fulfilled. This is why it is important to have inspiration.





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### Do you have inspiration? By Braeden Francis Year 7

Without mental or physical inspiration nothing can be achieved. Without the creativity that is inspiration the goals of many will drift off like balloons.

Now I want to ask you: do you have inspiration? Do you have the will to drive yourself forward even in the most difficult of times? Do you wake up in the morning excited to get up, to face the experience that is life?

People need inspiration. And if your mind rests upon no inspiration, all you need to do is look into the light, for happiness dances in the rays. Personally, my inspiration lies within the future. Even though Covid is like a brick wall in the way of your path, we are all working together to scale it.

One at a time, one foot hole after the other. We are nearly at the top, nearly ready to look to the future.

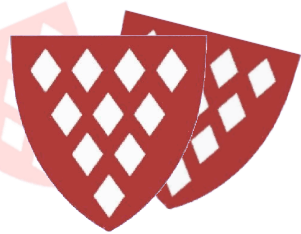


### Why celebrities can be inspirational by Amelie Turner Year 7

From history, from the start of time, ever since humans have been around, we have relied on inspiration to push us through our lives, to decide on where we will end up later in life when we are 80 years old. I believe that it's as important to be inspired as it is to inspire others. We count on our heroes to inspire us, as well as do what they do best whether it's playing rugby or making music.

Many famous people do inspirational and wonderful things that help make the world around us a better place: Malala Yousafzai got 3 gunshots at her head by the Taliban just because she believed that girls should go to school but she still didn't give up campaigning; Marcus Rashford campaigned for an end to world hunger; JK Rowling told us to never give up when her books got rejected 12 times and then suddenly became a huge success; Stephen Hawking went into space when he couldn't even walk or talk; and Amanda Gorman showed bravery when she performed her incredible poem 'the hill we climb' at Joe Biden's presidential inauguration.

Millions of people have heard these people's inspirational stories that encourage us to be better people. Everybody has ideas and thoughts, inspiration is that thing that helps us ignite our mind and get going with what we want to do, because our ideas are great, we just need inspiration to get it out into the world.



### What inspires you? By Freya Alcroft Year 7

The definition of inspiration is 'the process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something or a sudden, brilliant timely idea'.

Imagine looking at someone's life story and seeing that they started off just where you are and went on to achieve extraordinary things, wouldn't that make you hungry for success?

If you are dedicated to a hobby then you should practise one skill every day so you can see the progress you've made which will mentally make you feel good and inspire you to keep on trying. Life is an adventure and success can be measured in many ways with many obstacles on route! For me, inspiration is key to reaching my goal. Some of this is to be a great sportsperson, to be kind, to be happy and to take inspiration from friends, families and sometimes key role models of society.

Some of my role models who inspire me are women who have fought so hard to be recognised for their amazing commitment to their futures and thankfully times have moved on over the years for them to be listened to.



### Finding your own inspiration by Ellie Mack Year 10

Sometimes it can be hard to find inspiration.

Sometimes we leave things to the last minute, and when we want to set about doing them, we have no idea how to start. We feel we lack inspiration, but inspiration is all around us.

We can find inspiration in stories - in films, tv series, books and songs. We are inspired by work other people have created, and want to imitate it, or invent our own stories.

We can be inspired by events in the real world too. We can be inspired to follow others in doing something good, or see a situation that is wrong, and are inspired to do something to change it.

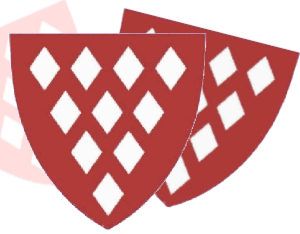
We can be inspired by what we believe in, whether this is religious or simply moral, it can inspire us in our day-to-day lives, and influence our choices.

The Ancient Greeks believed that inspiration came from the gods, or the nine sisters in charge of the arts, who were known as the Muses. When you received inspiration, you were *enthused* with the spirit of a god, who bestowed divine inspiration upon you.

So when you feel that you have no idea how to begin to do something, look around you, because at some point someone in the world will have done something that inspires you.

Find your own inspiration!





## THE POETRY PAGES

Hello to all aspiring poets or writers!

This month, we at the Youth for Truth school newsletter are running a poetry competition!

If you love writing poetry, or creative writing in general, we would love to see what you can do! The poems can be about any theme, around 200 to 500 words would be best.

We encourage you to get involved and have a go!

Even if you feel a little underconfident about your writing, this could be the first step towards developing your writing talent!

Please email your work to us at  
[alice.jones@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk](mailto:alice.jones@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk)

The winning entry will be published in next month's newsletter.

If this competition proves popular, we will set another one next month, so all creative writers, keep your eyes peeled!

We would also welcome any aspiring journalists to join us in writing articles for the newsletter. If anyone is interested in joining us at the Journalism Club team, please let us know!

On the right is an example of a poem written by one of our team!

### GOING TO BRITTANY BY OLIVIA- GRACE PAINTER

Going on a ferry made me feel a bit funny,  
I was on my way to Brittany,  
And hopefully it was going to be sunny!  
The sea was calm,  
As night fell,  
The moon was a serene, luminous charm,  
It was like a spell.  
Falling asleep,  
I felt like I was floating,  
Sailing into the mesmerizing tranquility of sleep,  
Morning slithered and peeped in.  
As I lazily awoke,  
The sun, up high, gloriously shining,  
I could see the coast.  
We'd arrived in Brittany,  
We enthusiastically explored around,  
It was so pretty,  
The chalet was found.  
I could see a pool and the sea,  
It was so exciting,  
I mean, this was a holiday,  
How inviting!  
Staring at the flumes,  
Jumping in the pool,  
Swimming into the blue,  
While splish, splashing making a whirlpool.  
Ready for lunch,  
Having a takeaway,  
With salad for a bit of a crunch.  
Running to the park,  
My sister in tow,  
Hearing the sing song of larks,  
The sun casting a golden glow.  
One last look,  
At the beach,  
With a book,  
And a burger each.  
Going to the gift shop,  
To find a memory,  
Don't want to stop,  
It was all so heavenly.  
That's the end,  
Of my happiest day,  
I like to pretend,  
To do it again!

**Key Dates:**

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| 31 <sup>st</sup> May                    | - | Bank Holiday      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> June | - | Half Term         |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> July                   | - | End of Term       |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> September               | - | First day of Term |