

### PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

It is a pleasure to be writing home at the end of a fantastic half term. There are so many things to celebrate that our students and staff have been involved with. We have record numbers of students signed up to the Duke of Edinburgh award and I thank all staff that facilitate this enormously.

I had the pleasure of meeting the PTFA last week and again, was humbled at the amount of time and effort that goes into supporting the College. The money raised has had such a positive impact and allows students to have really meaningful experiences in and outside of the classroom that simply would not be possible from ever decreasing school budgets. You can find the minutes of the PTFA meetings here: <https://www.kingsbridgecollege.org.uk/569/ptfa-minutes>

The PTFA want to increase the amount of support that they offer in this coming year and in order to do that I would be so grateful to any other parents who are able to be involved with the group. Please do not be put off by thinking there is an enormous list of things to do, there are many ways in which people can contribute on a very small scale. I wish you the very best for half term and look forward to seeing all of the students return on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

*Tina Graham.*



### Duke of Edinburgh Silver Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have recently picked up their Silver DofE Awards: Kate Lindeque, Josef Garlick, Cat Walker, Eve Barry, Isabella Howling, Scarlett Postance and Evie Walker.

### U18 South West Rugby Selection

Congratulations to the following girls who were selected for the U18 South West of England Centre of Excellence. They all currently represent Devon and despite being only 15 years old have been chosen for the U18 Regional Pathway. Girls from Devon, Cornwall, Gloucester, Dorset and Somerset took part in the trial, so it is incredible to have six from the same College.

Many congratulations to (from Left to Right) Olivia Churcher (ex-KCC), Tilly Ryall, Gemma Cadle, Daisy Womack, Bella Hartley and Evie Walker.



**Daisy Womack has also been invited to attend a trial from which they will select the England U20 training squad. This is a 4-day selection camp in Lichfield at the end of this month. Best of luck Daisy!**

### Devon Gig Rowing



Congratulations to the following KCC students (and Mrs Norris) who represented Devon in the Gig Rowing County Championships over the course of the weekend! Niamh Finnegan, Amelie Raymond and Kate Lindeque were in the Ladies U15 crew, Oli Zaffiro was in the Mens U15 crew, Finn Timmis represented the Men's U18s, whilst Mrs Norris took part in the Ladies SuperVets!

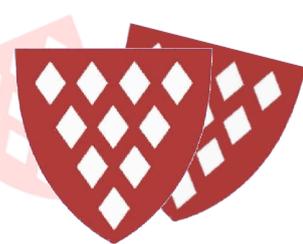
Devon finished second overall to Cornwall, but there was great rowing from all competitors!

### Biathle, Triathlon and Relays

Following success at the European Championships, held in Madeira in June, Sixteen year old Sam Stewart has subsequently been selected to represent Great Britain at the World Finals in Clearwater, Florida this October.

Sam is immensely proud to have been asked to participate in a competition of this magnitude, and to be able to represent his country in the Biathle, Triathlon and Relays - he describes the event as the "pinnacle" of his International Pentathlon career so far and looks forward to competing against some of the best young athletes in the World.





### Dementia Friends

Mrs Flintham did an 8 week project with Dementia Friends with 5 groups of Year 9 students as part of their rotation over the course of last year. The brief was introduced by Rebecca Weare and Rebecca Bristow who kindly gave up their very busy time to give students an understanding of what dementia is and how it effects people through a variety of challenges. Students then had to research products already on the market which help people effected by dementia, and to come up with a new product. They modelled their chosen idea in card and presented their final idea to the Dementia friendly ambassadors. The five winners from each group were given a Costa voucher. This was an amazing opportunity for the students and we would like to thank the two Rebecca's for all their time and effort they put in to make this project so successful.

### PTFA Update

Last year, the PTFA contributed to KCC bids including: DOE (Kit and funding), Music Department (Stands), PE (Hockey Sticks), a Brompton Bike, Mini Buses, Sensory Garden and...

**Media Cameras:** *"Thank you so much PTFA for the cameras that you bought for the students. We use them for most year groups and especially for Challenge Week 'Animation' daily. It makes a huge difference for us to have cameras that take good resolution images. It makes our use of Photoshop and animation that much more meaningful and therefore gives students a better experience in the classroom".*



**Music Stands:** *"We are really looking forward to using the stands in our forthcoming production of 'Oliver'. In the attached photo they are being used by Year 13 BTEC students".*

### St Nick's Fair

Will take place on Saturday 7th December and help is required in the run up to this and the event itself.



### PTFA Nearly New Uniform

We would really like to have an established nearly new uniform stock that is available to parents at each Parents' Evening. We would ask for a donation to go towards the PTFA funds. If you are interested in helping us set this up then please come to the next meeting or let the PTFA know.

**How to Donate:** Donations of good quality, outgrown uniform items are appreciated. Donations should be handed in at Reception marked clearly for the attention of **PTFA (nearly new uniform donations)**, please ensure they are laundered and try to remove name labels prior to donating.

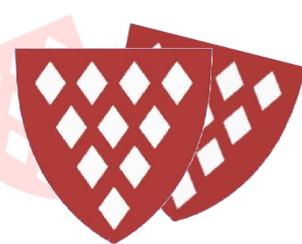
**How to Buy:** Nearly new uniform will be available at several times a year at Parents' Evenings.

**Lost Property:** The College do not have the space to keep lost property for long periods of time so towards the end of each term, any un-named, uncollected lost property will be removed, washed, ironed and added to the PTFA nearly new uniform stock.

**Can you help?** The PTFA will need parents to help with the nearly new uniform process in particular, the receiving of donations which would include taking garments home to de-tag, wash and iron as needed. We also need helpers on the day of the nearly new uniform sales, 30 minutes or as much/little as you can spare goes a long way in helping to set up, serve and clear away so please offer to help if you can. Support of parents is vital if the nearly new uniform fundraising is successful.

**The PTFA require a Treasurer:** We are currently looking for a new Treasurer to join the PTFA. The Treasurer is responsible for overseeing financial administration ensuring accurate financial records are kept and best practice procedures are followed for counting money, banking and making payments.

**For further details on any of the above, please contact Ben Harris  
(ben@goggleboxuk.com)**



### Calling all Facebook Parents

We would like to ask if you'd help support the PTFA by liking our Facebook page. We're hoping to increase the number of parents who like the page and get to hear of our events. The page will be updated over the coming months with new photos and more information. We'll also be posting what the PTFA is funding to enhance students' schooling, posting our minutes and inviting you to attend meetings. We always need help too – e.g. with the St Nick's Fair which this year is on Saturday 7th December so this Facebook page is the best place to find information.

Don't worry - you're not obligated at all but we'd love your support.

Thanks  
The PTFA team

### Key Dates:

<b>October</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Pupil Day Half Term
<b>November</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>	KCC Careers Fair Sixth Form Opening Afternoon/Evening Student Photos (Tempest Photography) Year 13 Parents Evening Year 13 Mock Interviews Year 11 Parents' Evening Non-uniform day (contributions for St. Nick's Fair).

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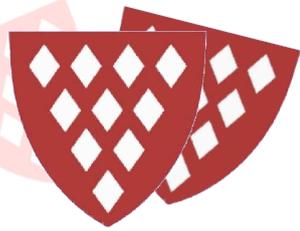
<b>October</b>	29 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA & St. Nick's Meeting (6.30pm in the Library) All are welcome
<b>November</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>  29 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Wine Tasting with Nibbles @ The Crabshell Inn hosted by Simon on Wednesday 20th November. 7pm for 7.30pm Tables of 4-8 people. Pre-book a table with friends and do come along for a sociable pre Xmas gathering. If any of the wines are to your liking you will be able to purchase a bulk buy using the Crabshell favourable discount. Tickets £15 per person. Email: Sonjaharrow @icloud.com to confirm a place and pay on the night.  Non-uniform day (contributions for St. Nick's Fair).
<b>December</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	St Nick's

# KINGSBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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### How can students access their school documents from home?

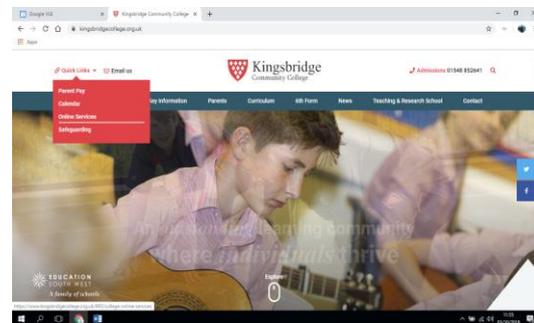
The following aims to show how you can help your child access their school documents at home.

Locate the school website

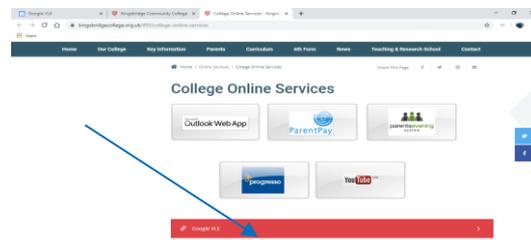
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In the top left hand corner under quick links, click on 'Online Services'



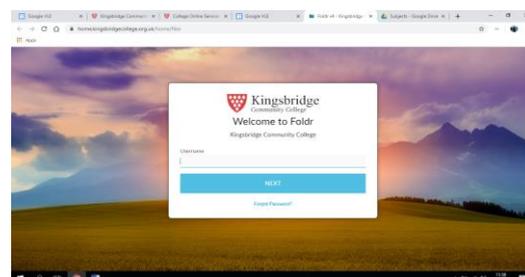
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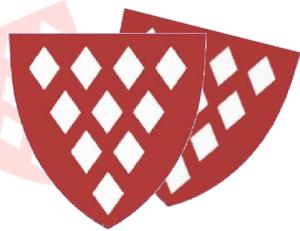


Click on the blue 'Home Access' button



Enter your school username and password and you will be presented with your documents folder.





# FIFTEEN APPS

## PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

### MEETME



MEETME IS A DATING SOCIAL MEDIA APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY, AS THE APP'S NAME SUGGESTS, USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MEET EACH OTHER IN PERSON.

### GRINDR



GRINDR IS A DATING APP GEARED TOWARDS GAY, BI AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE. THE APP GIVES USERS OPTIONS TO CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND MEET UP BASED ON A SMART PHONE'S GPS LOCATION.

### SKOUT



SKOUT IS A LOCATION-BASED DATING APP AND WEBSITE. WHILE USERS UNDER 17-YEARS-OLD ARE UNABLE TO SHARE PRIVATE PHOTOS, KIDS CAN EASILY CREATE AN ACCOUNT USING A DIFFERENT AGE.

### WHATSAPP



WHATSAPP IS A POPULAR MESSAGING APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO SEND TEXTS, PHOTOS, MAKE CALLS AND VIDEO CHATS WORLDWIDE. WHATSAPP USES AN INTERNET CONNECTION ON SMART PHONES AND COMPUTERS.

### TIKTOK



TIKTOK IS A NEW MOBILE DEVICE APP POPULAR WITH KIDS USED FOR CREATING AND SHARING SHORT VIDEOS, WITH VERY LIMITED PRIVACY CONTROLS. USERS ARE VULNERABLE TO BULLYING AND EXPLICIT CONTENT.

### BADOO



BADOO IS A DATING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING APP WHERE USERS CAN CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AND CONNECT BASED ON LOCATION. WHILE THE APP IS INTENDED FOR ADULTS ONLY, TEENS ARE KNOWN TO CREATE PROFILES.

### BUMBLE



BUMBLE IS SIMILAR TO THE POPULAR DATING APP 'TINDER' HOWEVER, IT REQUIRES WOMEN TO MAKE THE FIRST CONTACT. KIDS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO USE BUMBLE TO CREATE FAKE ACCOUNTS AND FALSIFY THEIR AGE.

### SNAPCHAT



SNAPCHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPS IN RECENT YEARS. WHILE THE APP PROMISES USERS CAN TAKE A PHOTO/VIDEO AND IT WILL DISAPPEAR, NEW FEATURES INCLUDING 'STORIES' ALLOW USERS TO VIEW CONTENT FOR UP TO 24

### KIK



KIK ALLOWS ANYONE TO CONTACT AND DIRECT MESSAGE YOUR CHILD. KIDS CAN BYPASS TRADITIONAL TEXT MESSAGING FEATURES. KIK GIVES USERS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

### LIVE.ME



LIVE.ME IS A LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO APP THAT USES GEOLOCATION TO SHARE VIDEOS SO USERS CAN FIND OUT A BROADCASTER'S EXACT LOCATION. USERS CAN EARN 'COINS' AS A WAY TO 'PAY' MINORS FOR PHOTOS.

### HOLLA



HOLLA IS A SELF-PROCLAIMED 'ADDICTING' VIDEO CHAT APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO MEET PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN JUST SECONDS. REVIEWERS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT CONTENT AND MORE.

### WHISPER



WHISPER IS AN ANONYMOUS SOCIAL NETWORK THAT PROMOTES SHARING SECRETS WITH STRANGERS. IT ALSO REVEALS A USER'S LOCATION SO PEOPLE CAN MEET UP.

### ASK.FM



ASK.FM IS KNOWN FOR CYBER BULLYING. THE APP ENCOURAGES USERS TO ALLOW ANONYMOUS PEOPLE TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS.

### CALCULATOR%



CALCULATOR% IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SECRET APPS USED TO HIDE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, FILES AND BROWSER HISTORY.

### HOT OR NOT



HOT OR NOT ENCOURAGES USERS TO RATE YOUR PROFILE. CHECK OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA, AND CHAT WITH STRANGERS. THE GOAL OF THIS APP IS TO HOOK UP.