



PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

I am writing to you all after a fantastic first three weeks and I am delighted to be working with all pupils, parents and staff. There have been numerous opportunities to be able to congratulate students and staff on the outstanding exam results from last year. The start of a new year affords us the opportunity to review our procedures and we will be in touch in the near future with updates on how we are ensuring rigour in the curriculum and high expectations of attendance, punctuality, behaviour and uniform.

We look forward to building on our continuing successes and seeing the College go from strength to strength.

Tina Graham.

Celebrating Success at KCC

As part of our prize for the national Media Shine awards for our online magazine entry, Abridged, three students will be travelling to London for a day's workshop at the offices of the TES on September 20th. Unfortunately, we were not allowed to take everyone who was involved in the successful production of our magazine, however, Will Cottrell, Finn Whelan and Tommy Booker are going to represent the whole group and receive a further opportunity to network, with professionals and learn about the behind-the-scenes activity of the print industry, accompanied by Hilary Stevens subbing for Wat Kirby, who is the prime mover behind our continued Shine fabulous success.

Kingsbridge Community College's online magazine won two prizes at the Shine Media Awards in London on Monday 1st July and was also highly commended in two other categories. The student team also included Alice Lawson and Belle Stallard and key articles had been scribed by Safiyah Asharaf, Esme Doust and Vanessza Varga. The prize of a £1000 and this workshop was for best online magazine and best community initiative; the team was also highly commended for the Best Artwork and Illustration (Belle Owen) and Editor of the Year (Belle Stallard and Izzy Stallard) which meant a repeated public accolade and recognition for the wonderful standard of the work created by our Arts' fields which Kingsbridge was showcasing in the magazine.

Community Links

As a college, we have always worked closely with the police in the interests of promoting the safety and well-being of young people in our wider community. As part of this liaison, the police keep us informed of the changing patterns of drug usage as market towns become increasingly exposed to some of the issues that were previously more common in cities.

Our position is clear. We have a twin duty: firstly, to educate students on the dangers of drug misuse; secondly, to ensure that KCC is a drug-free zone where all students can learn safely. However, we would not be fulfilling our wider duty to our students and carers if we were concerned only with our own site and ignored what happens in our community.

So, we will continue to work closely with the police and have, for example, offered them the use of our site boundary to train search dogs for use in schools and other facilities across Devon and Cornwall.

The first of these training days took place with 6 dogs and 4 handlers on Friday 30th August. We will keep you informed of future training events and joint liaison work.

Community Links (continued...)

“One of the key aspects of neighbourhood policing in Devon and Cornwall is the ongoing local partnership work between police and other professionals to safeguard people and reduce the harm that occurs in our communities. Nowhere is this more important than in respect of young people and their families. Through working together with Kingsbridge Community College over drug use in the area, and sharing lawful information under Operation Encompass, we are doing just that; doing everything we can in partnership to keep young people safe. The links between Kingsbridge Police and KCC are long and well established, and we look forward to continuing this great teamwork in the interests of young people in this community.”

Sergeant Dave Green



Operation Encompass

In every force, in every school, for every child

Kingsbridge Community College has been given the opportunity to take part in a new operation that will run jointly with Devon and Cornwall Police. Operation Encompass has been designed to provide early reporting to schools and colleges of any domestic abuse incidents that occur in which a child was either present, ordinarily resides at the incident location, or with an involved party.

We know that children can be significantly affected through witnessing or being exposed to domestic abuse and this operation will allow us to better support our pupils and their families. A nominated member of staff, known as a Key Adult, has been trained to liaise with the police. At Kingsbridge College we will have a team of Key Adults, those being Mr Hulbert, Mr Crocker, Mrs Stevens and Miss Evans. We will be able to use information that has been shared with us, in confidence, to ensure that the right support is available should it be required by a child and/or their family. We are keen to offer the best support available to our pupils and we believe this is going to be beneficial for all those involved. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me at the school and further information can be found on the website <http://www.operationencompass.org>. Thank you for your continued support.

Key Dates:

Year 11 PPEs

All Year 11 students will sit their pre-public exams week commencing Monday 16th September. These exams are designed to prepare students for the demands of their busy summer exam timetable and to ensure that their teachers have an accurate picture of how they are progressing towards their final exams.

September	26 th	Year 12 Meet the Tutor (5.00)
	27 th	Year 6 Open Morning (9.30)
October	3 rd	Year 6 Open Morning (9.30)
	15 th	Year 11 Information Evening (5.00)
	17 th	Year 7 Meet the Tutor (6.00)