

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a very strong start to the term, I am writing to thank you for the support received from you all in getting our students back to College. The new systems that have been put in place are working extremely well to ensure our students are safe and learning continues. The students have responded with maturity and are developing a strong sense of community responsibility for one another.

These are a few reminders on how to help us maintain the very strong start:

- If you do a pick-up or drop-off outside of College, please ensure that you drop your child(ren) off by 8.35am and pick up by 3.15pm (3.10pm for Year 7). This will enable us to clear any congestion from the front of College in time for the buses. Thank you for your patience during the 20 minutes at the end of the day where Kingsley Road, Ashleigh Road and Balkwill Road can become very busy. Please can I ask parents once again to be mindful of our neighbours when you are parked waiting for your children.
- Please provide your child(ren) with a glue stick – this further minimises the amount of times resources have to be 'touched' in a bubble.
- Students are doing extremely well adapting to the new rules and procedures in place to keep them safe including wearing face masks. The reason why both staff and students are wearing face coverings in corridors and communal areas (eg. the canteen etc.) when moving around the College is to minimise the risk of transmission. Please ensure that your son/daughter brings a face mask into College every day. Face coverings are also a legal requirement on transport to and from College for children over the age of 11. Whilst we are sympathetic to how uncomfortable some students find wearing face masks, please discuss with your child(ren) the collective responsibility we all have to ensure that other students using transport feel safe because everyone is following the rules.
If your child cannot wear a face covering due to health reasons then please contact: (admin@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk).

At the end of this newsletter there is a table outlining what to do in various scenarios regarding student absence. As always, these are subject to change with the national guidance.

Best wishes

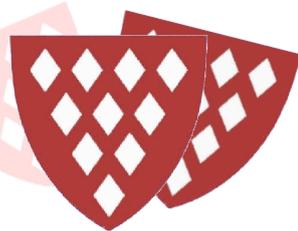
Tina Graham.

Student Achievements

Huge congratulations to Betty Tibbets in 7POD for winning Student of the Year on the Big Step this year. The Big Step is a transition program held during the summer holidays in three of the Education South West secondary schools and Betty was the top student across all three schools.

Betty has also won a prize for the Charles Causley Young Person Poetry Competition for her poem 'Hammering Rain' that she wrote whilst at East Allington.





In an unprecedented situation last year regarding GCSE and A Level examinations, we are delighted to celebrate the achievements of all students at KCC.

GCSE Performance

Two students, Sam Gray and Georgia Tucker achieved grade 9s in all the subjects that they studied and William Rew, Eli Woods, Kate Lindeque, Joanne Forster, Catri Fox, Joe Wood, Ted Garry and Raphael Parker all achieved a grade average of 8s and 9s – the highest grades that students can be awarded. They should be rightly proud of these exceptional performances.

It is a pleasure to be able to celebrate Elle Hugh, Matilda Hughes Johnson, Millie Kinver, Zoe Stevens, Isabella Howling, Charlotte Gibbs, Florence Welch, Niamh Ferrigan, Caitlin Walker, Peggy Dean, Elizabeth Eaton, Thomas Hart, Hannah Couling, Eve Barry, James Taylor, Radim Kupcak, Chloe Weeks, and Matilda Perez Garcia who were among the students who made exceptional progress throughout their studies due to their consistently high levels of effort and determination to be successful.

These students were role models to others in showing that we can all achieve anything that we set our minds to. These results show the exceptional quality of teaching at Kingsbridge.

A Level Performance

The history of high academic performance has been continued at KCC and those with the highest grades include: Anna Rew, Katie Merrin, Joseph Craig, Lucy Murray, Robert Stevens, Maddie Steevenson, Eloise Spanton, Alice Lawson, Francescsa Longland, Matthew Janes, Fleur Grenen, Lara Greening, Beren Vowles and Romy Robbin.

Students who have made exceptional progress include: Ben Bullingham, Freddie Fisher, Katie Flintham, Ben Longley, Ellie Langman, Gemma Hallam, Madeleine Crosley, Bryony Higginson, Daniel Broadgate, Imogen Williams, Natalie Mordue, Alex Thomas, Milan Raynier and Maddie Wotton.

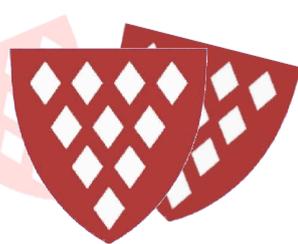
There were significantly notable performances in the Vocational Qualifications by Will Tolchard, Taylor Smith, Jennifer Sitch, Willow Powlesland, Bethan MacDonald and Robert Tobin. Overall, Technical Qualification results also represent excellent progress for many students, particularly in media qualifications.

There are so many students that we could name individually and our congratulations and admiration go to all of our students who have conducted themselves brilliantly throughout their time with us.

Uniform

Many thanks for your continued efforts to ensure your child is ready and prepared for College each and every day. After the bumpy introduction, Year 7 are modelling the new uniform superbly and we have had a great deal of community feedback to say how smart the students look. Now that the term has begun, any additional uniform purchases need to be made directly through Proserve and the ability to have the uniform delivered to school will stop. Whilst we transition from the old uniform to the new uniform there is bound to be a mixed economy as parents replace items throughout the year as students grow out of their current uniform. If a student wears a white shirt they must also wear the College tie.

As the weather is now on the turn and we have no choice but to use some outside space when students are using the catering facilities, please ensure your child has a coat. A light weight waterproof could also be very useful for those inevitable short, sharp showers when students are in PE.



First-aid in College

If your child presents with symptoms whilst in College we have two medical rooms in operation. If a student feels unwell whilst at College, a member of the Senior Leadership Team collects the student. We ask the student how they feel unwell and respond accordingly. If the student describes COVID symptoms we may take their temperature with a remote thermometer with their permission. We always ask the student if they are happy for that to happen. It is perfectly acceptable for the student to say no and therefore we will not take their temperature and you will be contacted directly. Students with COVID symptoms are collected immediately.

Kingsbridge Food Bank

There has been an enormous community effort over the last six months to support families who have been severely impacted by the current pandemic. Some of our students and staff have become more involved with the efforts of Kingsbridge Food Bank. I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved with supporting local families, whether connected with the College or not. The work that has been undertaken has been invaluable – thank you.

They are still looking for a few volunteers for certain roles, further information can be obtained from info@kingsbridgefoodbank or by telephoning Gerrie on 07759 683567 or Paula on 07746 937514. Between 4pm and 7pm is probably best, as during the day their telephones are alive with referrals and requests.

Key Dates:

1 st October	-	Year 12 Meet the Tutor
8 th October	-	Year 11 Information Evening
15 th October	-	Year 6 Virtual Opening Evening
22 nd October	-	Year 7 Meet the Tutor
23 rd October	-	Non-pupil day
26 th to 30 th October	-	Half Term
12 th November	-	Sixth Form opening Evening
19 th November	-	Year 13 Parents' Evening
10 th December	-	Year 11 Parents' Evening
14 th December	-	Sixth Form Awards Evening
18 th December	-	End of Term