

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy and productive start to the half-term at Kingsbridge Community College. Students have settled back into their routines, and staff have been working hard to support learning across all year groups. We've welcomed Tracey Doody from Citizens Advice South Hams, who will be visiting the college regularly to offer support to parents and carers. Details on how to register can be found later in the newsletter. Preparations are also underway for upcoming events including the Winter Concert, and we're pleased to see such positive engagement from our college community. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Raffle ticket sales in aid of KCC at *Kingsbridge Celebrates Christmas* are in full swing! Tutor groups are competing for the top prize (a trip to the cinema on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December) and there are also rewards for the highest individual sellers. Please keep selling tickets and if you need more, please ask Mrs Jenkins at Reception, who will be happy to provide additional books. The deadline for ticket sales is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

We are excited to see many Year 11 families booked into our Sixth Form Open mornings starting next week on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> (9.00-11.00). There are still a few places if you are quick!  
[KCC Sixth Form Open Morning Booking Form – Fill in form.](#)

School Admissions Policy: you are invited to review the proposed admission arrangements for 2027–28. Further details are included later in this newsletter. The consultation period will run from **10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to 16 January 2026.**

### A few important dates to note:

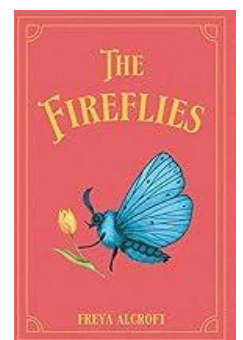
- **Thursday 18th December:** Students can enjoy a festive dinner.
- **Friday 19th December:** Our annual Christmas Jumper Day. Students are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper, hair accessory, or festive novelty earrings alongside their usual uniform. Please note, there is no expectation for parents or carers to purchase a Christmas jumper for this event.
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Final day of term and college ends at 1.00pm. Students who walk home will leave at this point and college transport has been arranged to accommodate the early finish.

Kind regards

*Tina Graham.*

### Freya Alcroft

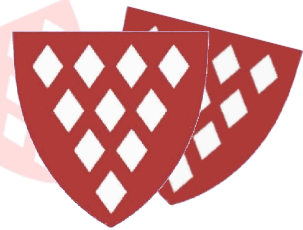
Freya has a real passion for writing - so much so that she's written a book! She began developing the idea in October 2024, drafting concepts while also revising for her GCSEs. Determined to make it happen, she fully funded the project herself, covering artwork and illustrations by working weekends. Her book was officially released on Amazon this month! Freya demonstrated incredible resilience when faced with challenges, taking the initiative to research every aspect of self-publishing on her own. A fantastic achievement - well done, Freya!



### Clubs Cancellation Policy

Below is the announcement we will use when a sports club cannot run after college. This message will also be displayed on the college screens to inform students of any cancellations.

*Unfortunately, we are unable to run \_\_\_\_\_ club after college today. We have communicated this by writing on the PE whiteboard. We have reminded your child that they are able to attend another club that is on today or they are welcome to work in the library. If there is not a club on that they would like to attend they have been instructed to go to reception to contact home. If they choose to attend a different club then they have been told to meet you at the original pick up point you have agreed. Kind regards, Kingsbridge Community College PE Department*



## **Balkwill Road – unofficial one-way system for parents picking up and dropping off**

A reminder for those parents who collect students at the end of the college day please can we request the following in order to ensure the safety of our students:

- Please drive around the site slowly – we have noticed an increase in cars speeding when passing the college.
- Refrain from parking immediately outside of college on any of the double yellow lines.
- If collecting, approach college via Ashleigh Road and turn right up towards the buses to re-join the main road. This will also enable us to maintain a continuous flow of traffic therefore helping our neighbours to have access to their properties at all times.
- Please can I also remind parents once again to be mindful of our neighbours when you are parked waiting for your children around the college site. We value our good relationships with our neighbours and appreciate your support with this. This is especially difficult whilst an increasing number of parents are choosing to collect students rather than use college transport.

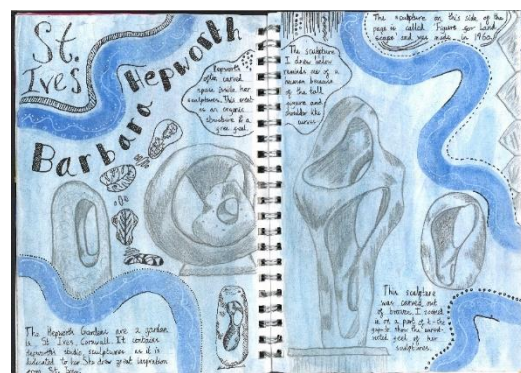
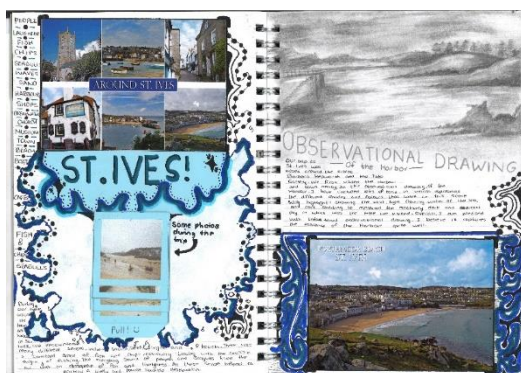
**The best way that you are able to help is to collect from the Cattle Market car park. Students can exit from the astro gate and this removes the congestion from the main entrance and prevents you getting caught up as the buses leave.**

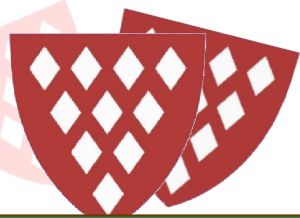
## **Yr10 St Ives Trip**

As part of our GCSE Art course, Year 10 art students' visited St Ives in Cornwall on Wednesday 8th October. This visit was planned to enrich the curriculum with a specific focus on learning about Barbara Hepworth and other artists on show at the Tate St Ives.

Students enjoyed drawing in the Hepworth gardens and collecting visual information on a range of artists to inform their ideas for their coursework and first final piece. Thank you to the staff and students who took part for making this such a worthwhile and inspiring trip. Mrs Ryrie

## **Sketchbook work by Megan Fensome, Leila Arafa and Amelie Bent**

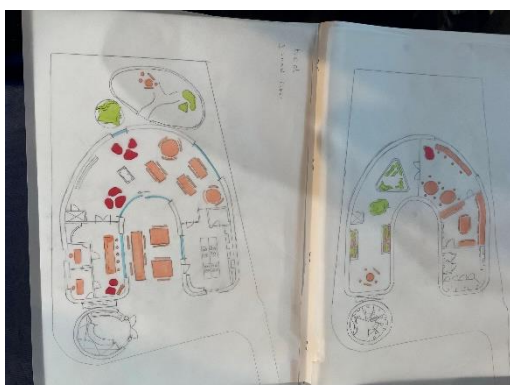
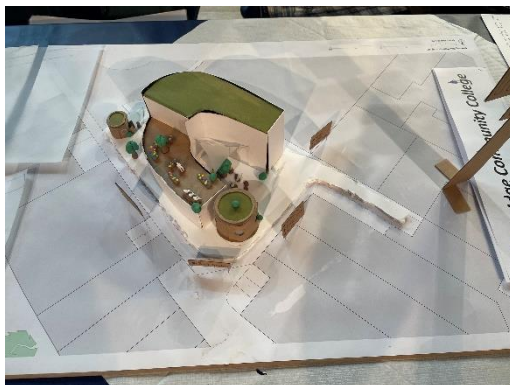




# RIBA Cityscape 2025 Competition

We are delighted to share the outstanding success of our year 12 students at this year's **RIBA Cityscape 2025 Competition**, an exciting architecture challenge held in Exeter and designed to give young people a real taste of working as architects.

The event, organised by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), brought together schools from across the region. Students were challenged to design a **Homelessness Community Hub** for St Petrock's Charity, focusing on warmth, welcome, dignity, and community support.



We are incredibly proud to announce that our students excelled in multiple judged categories:

## 1st Place – Best Design Presentation

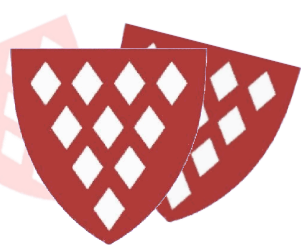
Ava Butler achieved first place for her confident, clear, and thoughtful presentation of her team's design. The judges praised her communication skills, insight into the brief, and ability to bring the project to life.

## 1st Place – Best Architectural Model (Team Award)

Our team also achieved **first place** for their architectural model. Their work demonstrated strong craftsmanship, creativity, and attention to detail. The judges noted how effectively the model communicated key design features and the group's vision for a welcoming community hub. These awards reflect not only outstanding talent but also the hard work, teamwork, and determination every student showed throughout the day.

## A Huge Congratulations to All

Each student played an important part in the design process—whether analysing the site, sketching ideas, developing layouts, building the model, or preparing the final display. Their professionalism, problem-solving, and enthusiasm were evident from the first sketch to the final presentation.



## FRIENDS OF KCC

As part of our rebrand from KCC PTFA to Friends of KCC, we would like to share some of the exciting projects we are fundraising for to help transform key areas of our college. These developments will enhance opportunities for physical development, creative expression, and academic success, providing meaningful benefits for all our students. Your support can help us create four substantial improvements:

### 1. Indoor Bouldering Wall: Reaching New Heights

A space where students can build resilience, problem-solve under pressure, and challenge themselves in a fun, safe environment. An indoor bouldering wall will offer:

- A year-round climbing experience
- Activities that build strength, coordination, and confidence
- Opportunities for team-building and mental wellbeing



### 2. Drama Hall Lighting: Letting Talent Shine

Our drama hall is a centre of creativity, confidence building, and self-expression. But right now, it needs better lighting to showcase students' talent at its best. New, professional-grade lighting will:

- Transform college productions and performances
- Enhance learning in drama classes
- Provide students with real theatre-style experience



### 3. Strength & Conditioning Suite: Building Strong Bodies and Stronger Futures

A dedicated strength and conditioning suite will give our students access to modern training equipment designed to:

- Support physical education and sports teams
- Promote lifelong healthy habits
- Provide inclusive fitness opportunities for everyone



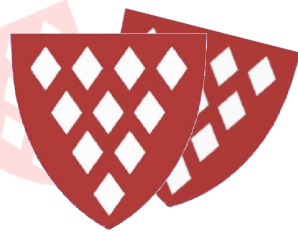
### We can't achieve this without your support

Every contribution, big or small, brings us closer to offering these life-changing facilities and experiences to our students. A great way to get involved is by continuing to purchase Christmas raffle tickets – every ticket helps us move closer to achieving our goals.

### Join Us

Be part of a project that will uplift our college community for years to come.

If you'd like to get involved and become part of our Friends of KCC team, we'd love to hear from you – just send us an email [friendsofkingsbridgecc@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofkingsbridgecc@gmail.com)



### **HAF Winter Delivery**

We are delighted to let you know that our Winter 2025 Holiday Activities & Food Programme is now live and there are plenty of spaces available for children in Devon. This year we also have some opportunities for family pantomime tickets available to book via the booking system and, as always, a wide range of fantastic provision for all eligible families. [We're now taking bookings for the Holiday Activities and Food Programme for this Winter - News](#). Here is the link to the Booking System <https://eequ.org/devonhaf> please have a look - you can also view the schemes using a map as well. Some schemes this year also include hampers, and all provide either a hot or cold nutritious meal, alongside a variety of physical activities. If you have any questions, please get in touch via [haf@devon.gov.uk](mailto:haf@devon.gov.uk)

### **Citizens Advice – Support Available for Families in Partnership with ESW**

Parents and carers can now self-refer directly to Citizens Advice South Hams for free, confidential support and guidance. If you need help with housing, benefits, or other practical issues, you can contact Citizens Advice yourself via their website: [www.southhamscab.org.uk](http://www.southhamscab.org.uk). Once you've spoken to an adviser, they can help complete forms or do this on your behalf to make sure you receive the support you're entitled to.

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Parents and Carers are able to book an appointment to see Tracey through the college when she is in, or if you are unable to meet with Tracey, Fiona Lee can make a referral on your behalf. You are still also able to call citizens advice or contact them online if you prefer. If you have any queries please contact: [Fiona.lee@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk](mailto:Fiona.lee@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk)

### **Making Christmas Manageable - Citizens Advice**

#### **Simple ways to enjoy the festive season without overspending**

Christmas can be a great time to relax and spend time with family, but it often comes with extra costs and pressure to spend more than we'd like. With household budgets already stretched, a bit of planning can make a real difference.

#### **1. Set a Realistic Budget**

Work out what you can comfortably afford to spend and stick to it. It's easy for small extras to add up, so keep a list of what you need — and what you don't. If you can, set aside a small amount each week to spread the cost.

#### **2. Keep Gifts Simple**

Children often remember the fun and attention more than what's under the tree. Low-cost or homemade gifts, or pooling together for a "Secret Santa" within the family, can keep things fair and affordable for everyone.

#### **3. Plan Food Carefully**

Christmas dinner doesn't need to be over the top. Planning meals in advance helps avoid waste, and sharing the cooking with friends or relatives can save both time and money.

#### **4. Make the Most of What's Local**

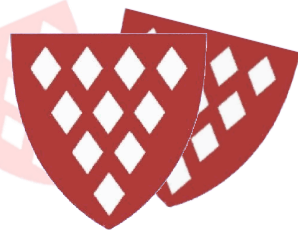
There are plenty of free or low-cost events in Teignbridge over the festive period — from school fairs to community activities. These can be a great way to get into the Christmas spirit without spending much.

#### **5. Don't Feel Pressured**

It's fine to say no to things that stretch your budget. A walk to see the lights, a film night at home, or a board game with family can make just as good memories as anything that costs money.

#### **Need a Bit of Advice?**

If you're worried about money or would like some support with budgeting, benefits, or local services, the **Citizens Advice Schools Project** can help. You can speak to your school for a direct referral.



**Admissions Policy for 2027-28: Annual Consultation**

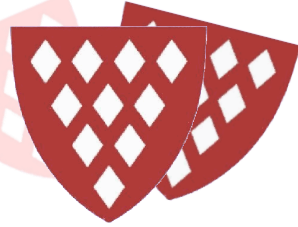
Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2027-28. The Local Authority is also consulting on its arrangements – the admissions schemes through which you can apply. You are invited to look at the proposal new policies which are based on policies for this year and next year and to have your say on them.

Our proposed policy is on our admission page and you can see all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>  
Further information is here: [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements)

**The consultation runs between 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and 16 January 2026.**

Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March 2026 next year. You can comment at [schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk) or by emailing the school. No changes are being proposed.

The poster features a green box in the top left corner with the text 'Devon School Admissions Service'. The main title is 'PUBLIC CONSULTATION' in red, followed by 'School Admissions Policy' in a larger red font. Below this is an illustration of three blue 3D human figures standing and talking, with speech bubbles above them. The dates '10 November 2025 to' and '16 January 2026\*' are written in red on either side of the figures. The bottom section of the poster contains the following text in red and blue: 'You are invited to review the proposed 2027-28 admission arrangements for state-funded schools in Devon and those in Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole, Cornwall, Dorset, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay supported by the Devon School Admissions Service at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements)'. A small note at the bottom states '\*Blackdown Education Partnership will consult 25 November to 16 January.'



## FRIENDS OF KCC

### Who we are and how you can get involved

We are a small group of parent and staff volunteers who give their time to create better learning experiences for our children. As well as raising much needed funds that improve our college, the social events we run bring the whole community together, and links with teachers help to give all parents a say in their child's education.

### Join our Team:

We welcome new volunteers – if you are willing to help out here are some of the ways you can get involved:

- Helping at the Christmas Fayre
- Helping with College productions
- Fundraising initiatives
- Submitting a grant funding application

If you would like more information, please email: [kcc.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:kcc.ptfa@gmail.com) or come along to our next meeting in the College Library on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30.**

### FOKCC meeting dates for your diary

All meetings are held in the Library at KCC on a Tuesday evening and start at 6.30pm. Please come and join us in supporting the college. Many hands make light work, and we have a lot of fun.

16<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 19<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> June.



Friends of KCC is the charity created out of the former PTFA to increase community partnership. We are working towards getting hundreds of businesses connected to the college and our students so everyone can win. We ask for your participation and collaboration.

### Can You Get Involved? IT'S AS SIMPLE AS ABC

- Register your interest and support at the Friends of KCC website [www.fokcc.org](http://www.fokcc.org) or email [discovery@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk](mailto:discovery@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk)
- Sign up to one of our existing programs
  - Careers Fair, Career Panel, Work Experience, Career Story Presentation, Entrepreneurs Training
- Post your jobs on our jobs board

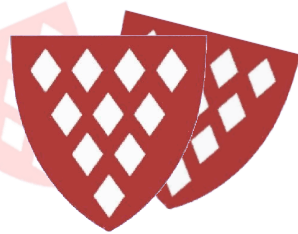


**We cannot wait to work more closely with you and make our community an even better place to grow up, work and live**

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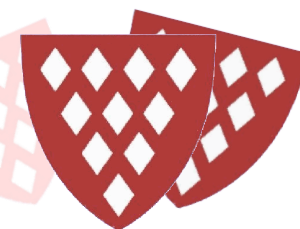
## Dates for the term 2025/26:

<b>November:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> November 13 <sup>th</sup> November 18 <sup>th</sup> November 25 <sup>th</sup> November	FOKCC Meeting (6.30-8.00) Year 11 Parents' Evening LGB Meeting (5.00-7.00) FOKCC Meeting (6.30-8.00)
<b>December:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> December 11 <sup>th</sup> December 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> December 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Sixth Form Open Mornings (9-11.00) Year 12 Parents' Evening Winter Concert (7.00-9.00) Last day of term (finish at 1.00)

## Term Dates 2025-2026:

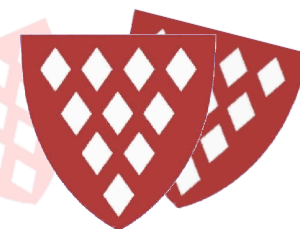
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## **Raising Standards and Inclusion Leads**

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