

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this half term, I am delighted to share with you some reflections on what has been a vibrant and successful few weeks at Kingsbridge Community College. Our students and staff have once again demonstrated their commitment, creativity, and resilience across a wide range of activities, and there is much to celebrate.

I would particularly like to commend our Year 11 students, who have now completed their first round of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs). These practice exams are designed to replicate the conditions of the summer GCSEs as closely as possible, helping students to prepare both academically and emotionally for what lies ahead. I am incredibly proud of the maturity and focus they have shown, and grateful to all staff involved (especially our Exams Officer, Clare Goode) for their dedication and support throughout this process.

Looking ahead, Mr Bentham and Mr Roberts will be in touch shortly after the break to launch **Challenge Week 2026**, which will take place during the week commencing **13th July**. This is a compulsory part of our educational calendar, designed to offer students a rewarding and enriching end to the academic year. We ask for your continued support in ensuring full attendance during this important week.

We are pleased to announce the dates for our upcoming Winter Concert, which will take place on **Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December**. As ever, the event promises to be a joyful celebration of the exceptional talents of our students. Further details will be shared in due course, but we encourage you to mark your calendars for what is sure to be a memorable evening.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Kind regards

*Tina Graham*

## Duke of Edinburgh Celebration Evening

On Wednesday 1st October, KCC proudly hosted its very first Duke of Edinburgh's Award Celebration Evening and what a night it was! Parents, carers, and students filled the hall, eagerly awaiting the presentation of certificates and badges recognising months of dedication, adventure and achievement.

Mr Powell opened the evening by highlighting the incredible effort it takes to earn a DofE Award. Each participant completed the Physical, Skill, and Volunteering sections, taking on a variety of activities from rugby, football, swimming, and walking, to cooking, playing instruments, learning new languages, and supporting local organisations such as the foodbank and Brownies. Altogether, KCC students contributed an amazing 1,500 hours of volunteering to our local community: An outstanding achievement that makes us all proud!

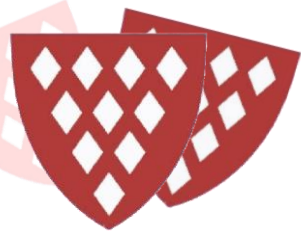
Of course, no DofE journey would be complete without an expedition! Our Bronze students tackled two days of walking and one night of camping, while our Silver participants completed two challenging walks, including a memorable wild camping experience on Dartmoor.

The highlight of the evening came as Mrs Graham presented badges and certificates to 28 Silver Award achievers and over 80 Bronze Award recipients. The atmosphere was electric full of pride, laughter, and well-deserved celebration.

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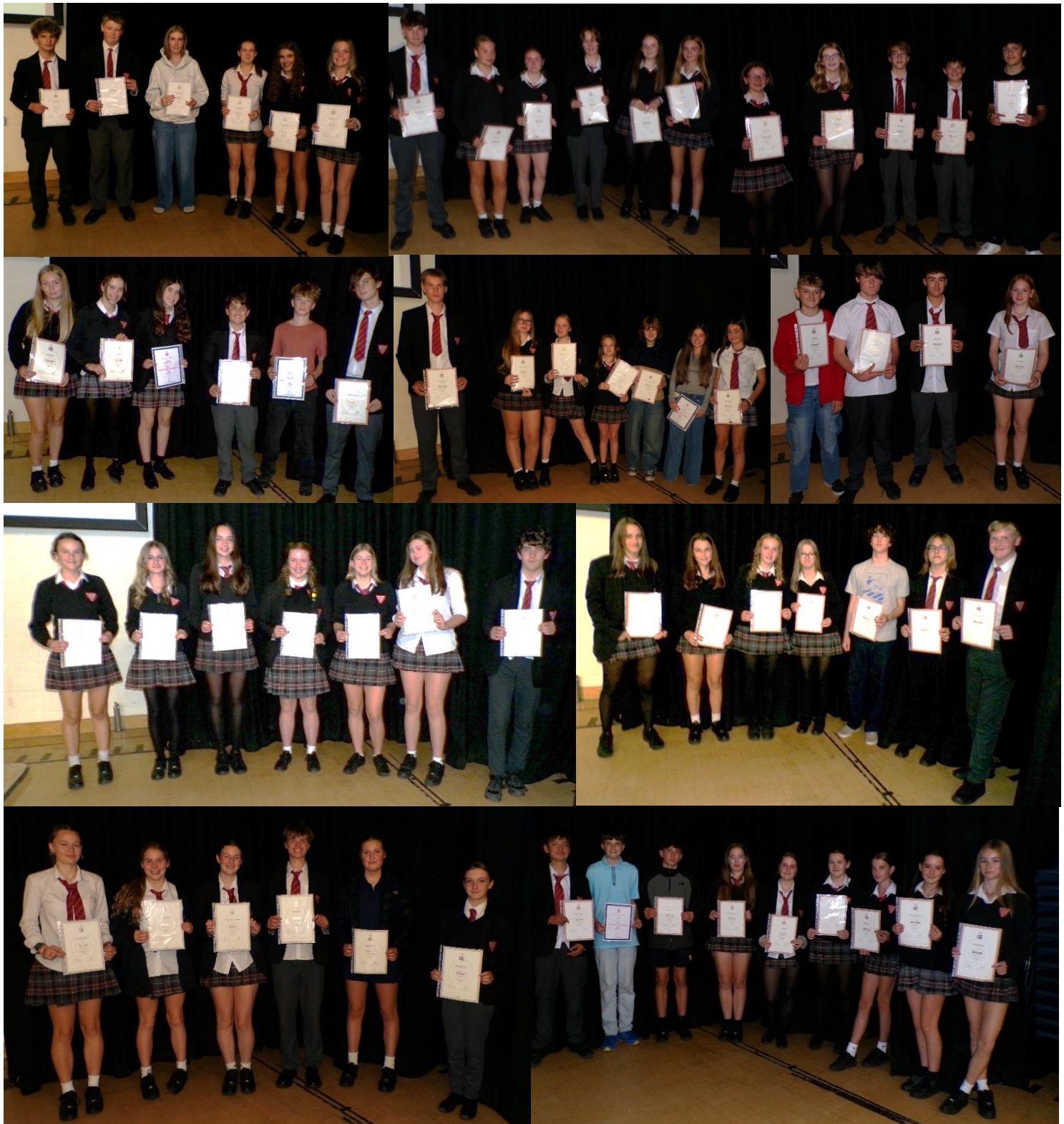
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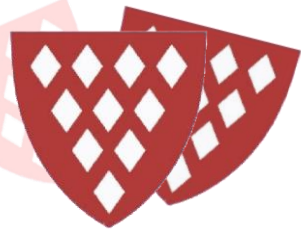


Looking ahead, the DofE spirit at KCC continues to grow stronger than ever. This year, a fantastic 99 Year 9s have signed up for Bronze, 66 Year 10s for Silver, and 20 Year 12s are taking on the ultimate challenge - Gold! We can't wait to celebrate their achievements at next year's event.

Congratulations to all our DofE participants; you've shown determination, teamwork, and a true sense of adventure!



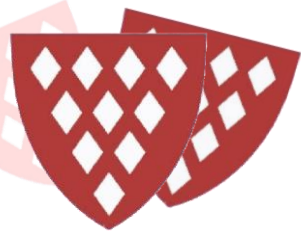
**S**uccessful, **C**onsiderate, **H**ard-working, **O**ur best selves, **L**eaders, **A**spirational, **R**esilient



## Hello Yellow Day

On Friday 10th October, as has become a solid tradition at KCC, we marked World Mental Health Day with all things yellow! Mrs Joyce and her brilliant team of Sixth Form student leaders organised a whole range of activities to raise the profile of mental health. Students from all year groups got involved with the penalty shootout, photo dress up, the yellow cake sale and positive affirmations. Thank you to all our students who joined in and had fun together celebrating this important day.





## Sixth Form Open Evening



On 9<sup>th</sup> October we welcomed our own year 11 students and their families as well as a number of external visitors to see what our brilliant Sixth Form has to offer.

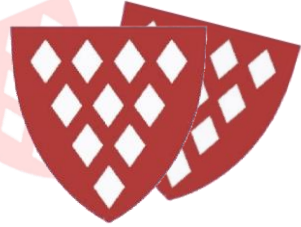
Students, parents and carers toured around the Sixth Form Centre and spoke to Sixth Form teachers about the courses available to choose.

We are very proud of our high performing Sixth Form that enables our students to make one third more progress than the National Average in our range of academic and vocational qualifications.

To find out more about the courses on offer at KCC Sixth Form – please visit the website here and download a copy of the latest Subject Choices booklet. [How to Apply |](#)

Please do get in touch with the Sixth Form directly [admin.sixth@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk](mailto:admin.sixth@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk) if you have any questions about our high quality provision.





## Skateboarding Club Request for Help

We are currently overrun at Skateboarding Club - clearly, the irresistible draw of a lunchtime with Mr Hamilton and Mr Thomson is proving too popular! As a result, we're regularly running out of skateboards and helmets. If any parents and carers have old skateboards or helmets they no longer use, we would be incredibly grateful for any donations to help support the club.

If you're able to help, please contact either Mr Thomson at [Richard.Thomson@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk](mailto:Richard.Thomson@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk) or Mr Hamilton at [Matthew.Hamilton@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk](mailto:Matthew.Hamilton@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk).



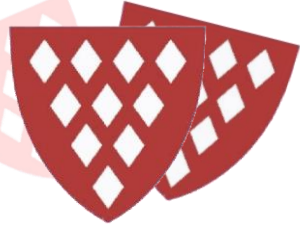
## Citizens Advice – Support Available for Families in Partnership with ESW

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.



Please note that Tracey Doody from Citizens Advice is not currently attending KCC regularly as this service is being reviewed. For now, the best way to get help is to self-refer online or by contacting the South Hams Citizens Advice team directly. If you would like to chat to someone at college about your situation, please contact your child's Inclusion Lead.



## Eliot Siegel – Year 12 Workshop Autumn Term 2025

As part of our A Level Photography foundation studies unit, earlier last month, Year 12 students were excited to experience expert advice and technical skills in an all-day workshop led by professional Fashion photographer Eliot Siegel.

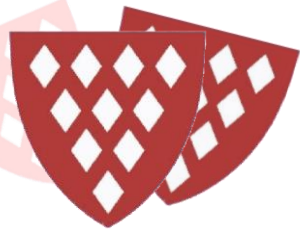
Eliot's work has featured in magazines such as Vogue Pelle, Bazaar Italia, Harper's and Queen so his enthusiasm and experience were invaluable for students to absorb his charismatic relaxed energy that reflected in the students' portraiture studio shoot. By the end of the day, Year 12 had gained huge confidence in both modelling and taking photographs using a range of lighting, viewpoints and composition techniques.



*Photographed & edited by Alani Clay*



*Photographed & edited by Amber Tibbles*



## Year 10 student wildlife conference at Longleat



On Friday 17th of October, a group of 15 Year 10 students went to Longleat Safari Park. For the first part of the day, we were in a student wildlife conference. There were talks on how IVF is being used for conservation in the white rhino species with embryos transported across the globe.

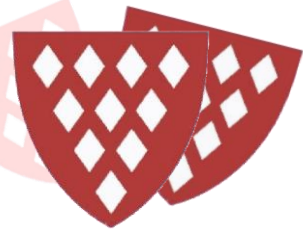
We learnt about giant magnolia snails that until recently were thought extinct now with 300 in the world mainly through breeding programmes. As well as projects for macaws in southern America and the Tusk project in Africa we also learnt about the pine martin project with Dartmoor taking part in the project.

Students were able to speak to the park's animal keepers, head of conservation and other conservationists as part of the conference, with information into career paths that had led to working in conservation both at Longleat and internationally.

After lunch, students were able to go and see some of the animals at Longleat; The anteaters feeding time, meercats, sleepy koalas and bat cave were highlights.

We finished the afternoon with a competition in the maze with a new record set this year of just over 1 minute to complete. The science department looks forward to taking Year 10 next year and the new projects that will be presented.



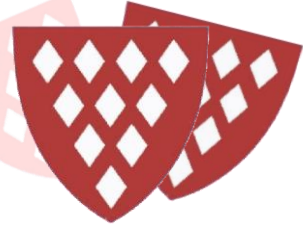


## Nettlecombe Trip 2025

At the start of October, the KCC A level Biologists went on a three day field trip to Nettlecombe Court, a Field Studies Council centre nestled in rolling hills on the edge of Exmoor National Park. Activities centred around the grounds of the grade I listed building and included freshwater ecology, animal behaviour, comparing land management practices and how it impacts biodiversity and transect studies along an environmental gradient. Classroom lessons backed up the field work and covered the three statistical tests the students are required to perform and three 'PAG's' the assessed practical tasks that form a component of the A-level qualification.

*Mrs Turner and Dr Pemberton*





## 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.**

### PTFA 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.



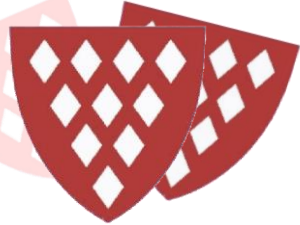
Friends of KCC is the charity created out of the former PTFA to increase community partnership. We are working towards getting hundreds of businesses connected to the college and our students so everyone can win. We ask for your participation and collaboration.

### 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



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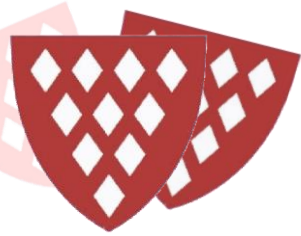
**Dates for the term 2025/26:**

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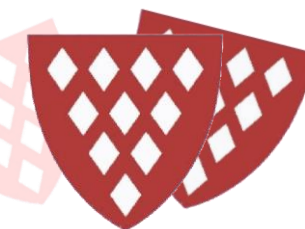


<b>November:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> November 13 <sup>th</sup> November 18 <sup>th</sup> November 25 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Meeting (6.30-8.00) Year 11 Parents' Evening LGB Meeting (5.00-7.00) PTFA Meeting (6.30-8.00)
<b>December:</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> December 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> December 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 12 Parents' Evening Winter Concert (7.00-9.00) Last day of term

## Term Dates 2025-2026:

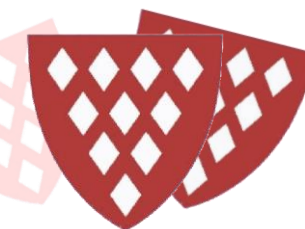
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