

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the close of another busy and rewarding term, it's a real pleasure to share our latest newsletter with you. Spring always brings a sense of renewal to the college, and this term has been no exception. The energy across classrooms, corridors and events has been fantastic, and it has been wonderful to see students embracing every opportunity that comes their way.

One of the highlights of the week has undoubtedly been our college production. Huge congratulations go to everyone involved in **Billy Elliot** – what an outstanding production. From the performers and musicians to the backstage crew and creative team, the talent and hard work on display were exceptional. It was a joy to see so many students shine, and the performance will be remembered for a long time to come.

Our **Sixth Sense Exhibition** was also a tremendous success. The creativity, thoughtfulness and technical skill shown in the showcased work is remarkable, and it was wonderful to celebrate the achievements of our older students in such an engaging way. You can find more details and photos later in the newsletter.



As we head into the Easter break, I hope you all manage to enjoy some well-earned rest and time with family and friends. Our students have worked incredibly hard this term, and I truly hope they take the opportunity to recharge.

We look forward to welcoming students back to college on **Monday 20th April**, refreshed and ready for an exciting summer term ahead.

Kind regards

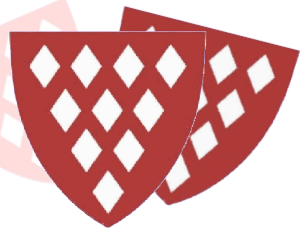
Tina Graham.

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.



Gold Duke of Edinburgh Success

Achieving the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award is an outstanding accomplishment and represents the highest level of the programme. Participants commit to at least 12 months of volunteering, alongside six months dedicated to both physical and skills-based activities.

As part of their journey, students completed their final expedition last summer, spending four days in the Peak District, developing resilience, teamwork and independence. In addition to the core sections, all Gold participants undertake a residential experience, spending four days away from home working with new people on a shared activity.

This is a significant achievement, which makes it all the more impressive that two of our students have successfully completed every section while still at KCC.

Congratulations to Frida Gallego-Cooper and William Curzon, who are now looking forward to receiving their well-deserved awards.

ESW Student Leadership Conference

On Thursday 26th February, Mrs Joyce took seven of our KCC student leaders to the ESW Student Leadership Conference at King Edward VI Community College (KEVICC).

Our group included Sixth Form leaders Millie Huthwaite and Amy Lowcock (Year 13), Beth Lethbridge, Aydil Cruse and Evie Roberts (Year 12), alongside School Council representatives Leila Drew (Year 10) and Dougie Roberts (Year 9).

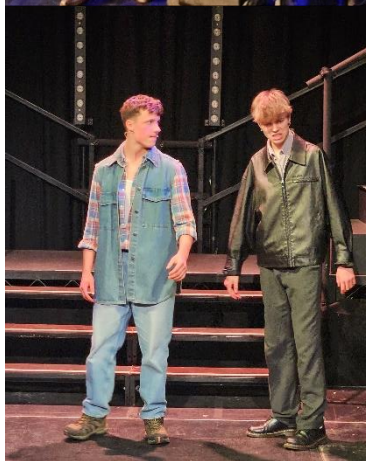
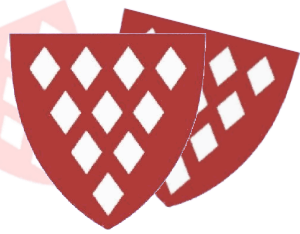
The conference brought together over 40 student leaders from Years 7–13 across Education South West schools. It provided a valuable opportunity to share ideas, develop leadership skills and explore how student voice can have a greater impact in schools. Students presented how leadership works in their own schools before collaborating in mixed groups to discuss effective leadership, key qualities of a good leader and advice for future student leaders.

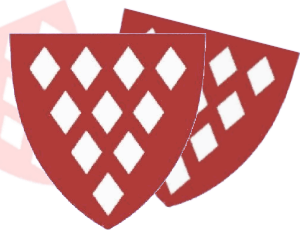
Our students were exceptional, demonstrating confidence, strong communication skills and a real commitment to making a positive difference. A KCC Sixth Former captured the spirit of the day: *“We want to help make school a place where people want to be, not where they just have to be.”*

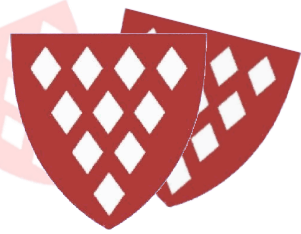
The event highlighted the importance of student voice and the role our young leaders play in shaping a positive school community.

Matthew Shanks, CEO of Education South West, said:

“It was inspiring to see so many young people from across our schools come together to share ideas and learn from one another. Student leadership plays a vital role in shaping positive school communities, and events like this give students the confidence and platform to have their voices heard. The passion and thoughtfulness shown by the students at the conference demonstrates just how important their contributions are to the future of our schools.”







Discovery Career Week

Students engaged with the Discovery strand 'Now to the Future' during Discovery Careers Week, 23rd – 27th February. This strand focuses on how students' current interests, skills, and activities can connect to future career pathways.

During the week, Year 7 – 10 took part in an online panel during assembly. Local professionals spoke about their sectors and responded to students' thoughtful and curious questions. Each year, we invite professionals from different sectors, so that over their time at KCC, students hear a range of experiences and learn about different sectors.

We really appreciate to the professionals who contributed to these inspiring panels:

Victoria Lammie, fashion industry specialist
Guy Parker, Wychwood Biodiversity Ltd
Vincent Rowe, Wills Marine
David White, business leader, Army Reservist, and a local business owner



"I just wanted to say thank you for inviting me to take part in the Discovery Careers Week. The industry professionals discovery panel provides such a great insight for the students, I'm delighted I was able to play a small part in this. I particularly enjoyed receiving questions from the students

hearing from the other professionals about their chosen career paths."

Victoria Lammie, Panellist

On Friday, students then had the opportunity to explore the **Discovery Careers Fair**. The fair gave students the opportunity to explore a wide range of careers and pathways, with a special focus this year on opportunities within our rural coastal community and careers linked to the environment. We are incredibly grateful to all the providers who gave their time to support the event and engage with our students. Thanks to their input, many students left feeling inspired, with new ideas and career paths they may never have previously considered.

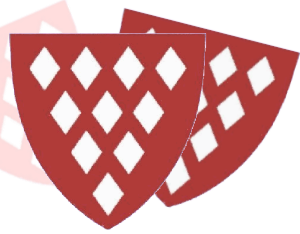
A truly valuable and inspiring experience for everyone involved! Fair providers included:

Access Creative College, Arts University Plymouth, Care Your Way, Falmouth University, HM Coastguard Royal Air Force, South Western Fish Producer Organisation Ltd, Slapton Ley, Field Studies Council, South Devon College, The National Trust, Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust and Wychwood Biodiversity

"I wanted to pop a quick email through after Friday's event to say that both Rob and I very much enjoyed speaking to the students and being part of the Discovery fair!" Care Your Way, Fair Provider

"We had some great conversations, and it was fantastic to see so many students engaging, asking questions, and thinking seriously about their next steps. Events like these really do make a difference in helping them explore their Post-16 and Post-18 options with confidence." South Devon College, Fair Provider





World Book Day and Rob Holmes (Author) Visit





Bold Voices – Gender Equality Programme

Bold Voices is an award-winning social enterprise that works with schools and colleges across the UK to empower communities to recognise and challenge gender inequality and gender-based violence. Through its programmes, students are encouraged to challenge gender stereotypes and promote equality. We were delighted to be awarded a fully funded place on the Bold Voices programme. Six of our Sixth Form student leaders - Mila Venturi, Beth Robinson, Corrine Pearne, Olivia Bigwood, Evie Roberts, and Evie Dunstan all committed to attending a series of eight after-college workshops, demonstrating exceptional dedication throughout.

As part of the programme, the students delivered an online presentation to the Bold Voices training team, alongside peers and teachers from a wide range of educational settings. They also developed an awareness campaign, which will be delivered to students at KCC. We are incredibly proud of the time, commitment, and professionalism shown by our students, and of how positively they have represented the college. This is reflected in the feedback from the Bold Voices team: *“Your project sounded amazing — I loved your three-pronged approach (and the fantastic slide transitions!). It was inspiring to hear you speak about your project so articulately and with such passion. You are absolutely brilliant, and the whole team has been so impressed with everything you have contributed over the year.”*

Year 8 CPR and Defibrillator Training with Jay’s Aim

Year 8 students had the opportunity to take part in free CPR and defibrillator awareness training during the school day on Thursday 26th February. The session was delivered by the South West-based registered charity Jays’ Aim, which was established in memory of Jay Osborne, who tragically passed away from a sudden cardiac arrest while out running in Exeter at the age of 28. The charity currently works with more than 50 schools across the South West, and we were delighted to welcome them into our school.

This training provided an excellent opportunity for students to develop confidence, awareness, and potentially life-saving knowledge. It also supports our delivery of the statutory RSHE curriculum by enhancing students’ understanding of health, wellbeing, and first aid, and equipping them with practical skills to respond confidently and responsibly in emergency situations. The students were exceptional ambassadors for the college, and all those who took part received a training certificate. We look forward to welcoming Jays’ Aim back to deliver further training to more KCC students in the near future.

What an incredible Red Nose Day celebration at KCC!

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our Sixth Form, Year 7, and staff House Captains and student leaders, the day was packed with fun and fundraising.

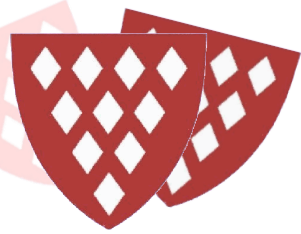
Students and staff enjoyed a delicious range of treats from the crêpe, popcorn, and pick-and-mix stalls, while the chocolate raffle was a huge success, lots of tickets bought to win the chocolate treats!



One of the highlights was the thrilling staff vs student penalty shoot-out, which brought out a big crowd - thanks to Mr Styler for and Mr Wood for being a very energetic goalie! A great idea from the College Council and Mr Fone.

We also saw some amazing creativity in the “Design a Red Nose” activity. A huge thank you to everyone who took part, donated for our non-uniform day and supported such a great cause -what a brilliant day making a difference together!





A Level Art and Photography Exhibition – Harbour House, Kingsbridge

The opening of this year's A Level Art and Photography exhibition at Harbour House was a real success, with over 200 visitors attending the private view and first day of opening. 'Sixth Sense' is an exhibition curated by staff and students to celebrate the creativity and talent of our students' achievements. Year 12 students have focused on developing responses to a range of skills workshops and have explored the themes of 'Figures and Forms' and 'Light & Dark'. In Year 13, students have pursued a 'Personal Investigation' theme, exploring and developing their own creative journey and sources of inspiration.

We would like to thank Harbour House for supporting this event and congratulate the students who were involved. A small selection of artwork from the exhibition will be on show in the Café Gallery from the 2nd April, coinciding with the Harbour House launch of their Café gallery, showcasing emerging artists on the walls of Harbour House Kitchen. Mrs Ryrie

Here are just a few of the responses and feedback from our community, which have been overwhelmingly positive:

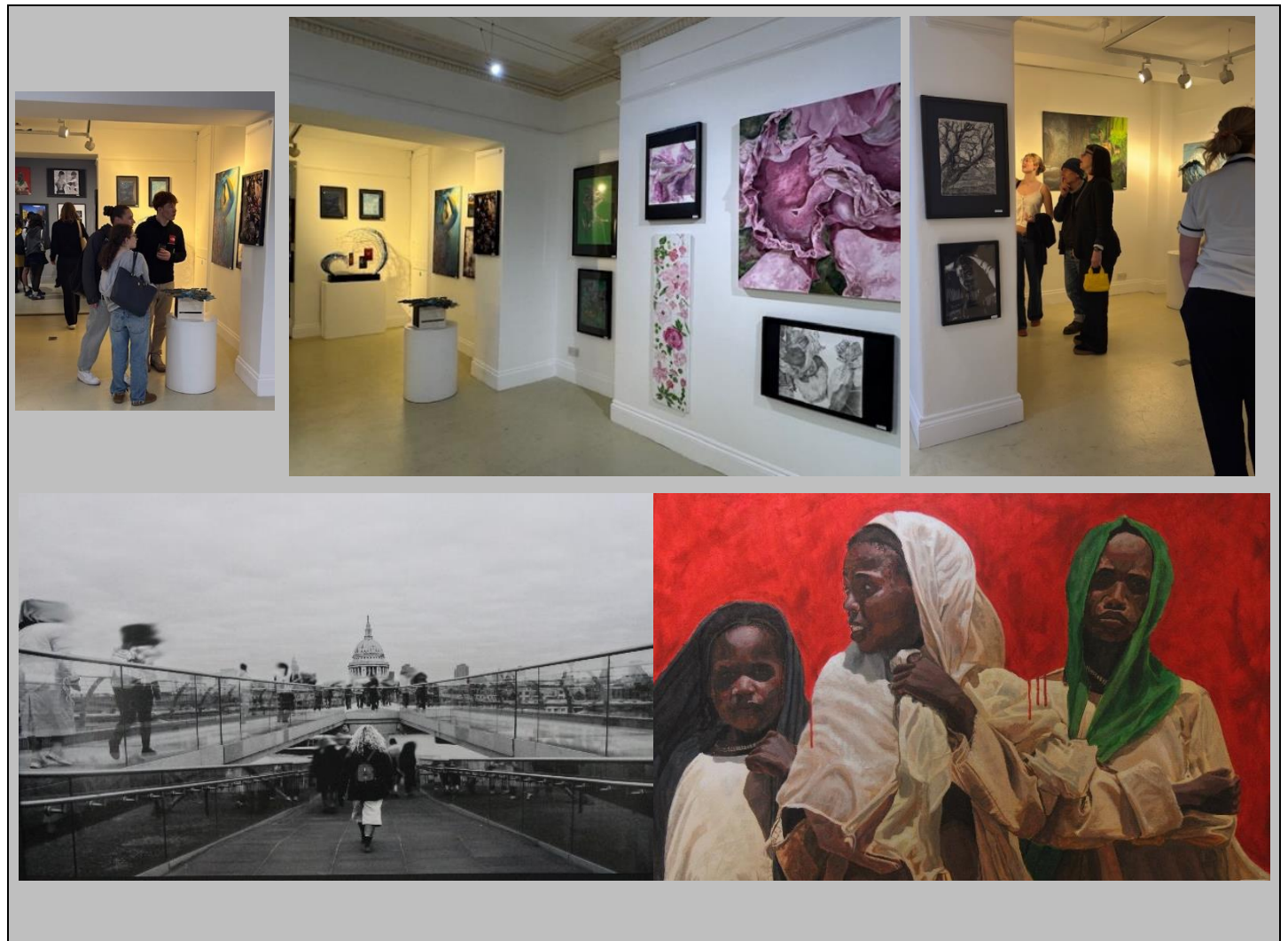
L Wilkinson *'Stunning work – really creative and inspiring and all to such a high professional standard; it is easy to forget that this is a student exhibition!'*

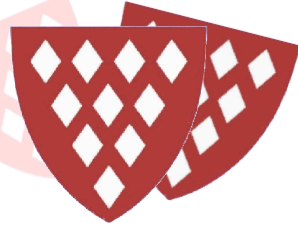
Jo Lloyd *'Fantastic work, really impressive!'*

Hilary Cartwright *'Yet again, a great exhibition.'*

Tony Watson *'Fabulous work. Congratulations'*

Jo Sparrow *'Blown away – so impressive in creativity, execution and imagination across all medias.'*





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 or come along to our next meeting in the College Library on **Tuesday 21st April 2026**.

Friends of KCC 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.

21st April, 19th May and 9th June.



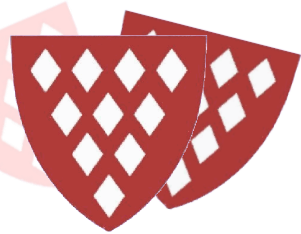
Friends of KCC is the charity created out of the former PTFA to increase community partnership. We are working towards getting hundreds of businesses connected to the college and our students so everyone can win. We ask for your participation and collaboration.

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

- Register your interest and support at the Friends of KCC website www.fokcc.org or email 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.



External Users of KCC – Community Page

Dancing in Kingsbridge

A Kingsbridge dance teacher has dedicated his career to putting dance firmly on the map as a form of fitness, accessibility and inclusivity challenging the myth that it is “just for girls” or the naturally talented. Paul Donahey, whose life in dance began long before he ever taught a cha-cha in South Devon, believes the appeal of dancing is universal.

“I love the social aspect. I like to keep fit. I love coming out of an evening, leaving everything behind and meeting great people,” he says. “It’s about seeing the smiles and enjoyment, and watching beginners who couldn’t jive or cha-cha when they arrived realise that now they can.” Paul’s parents founded Donaheys in 1968 after successful competitive careers. Saturdays were spent helping with children’s classes rather than watching television, absorbing not just technique but the philosophy that still defines the school today: dance should be enjoyable, welcoming and open to all. When Paul later moved to South Devon with his young family, he noticed that there were few opportunities locally to learn these disciplines, such as ballroom, Latin, or jazz. This prompted him to establish [classes in Kingsbridge](#), which have now run for more than a decade.

The Donahey name is also well known for its immersive “Dancing with the Stars” weekends, which bring together hundreds of guests with professional dancers, live music and full-scale productions. Paul explains that the dance world is surprisingly close-knit, something his parents experienced during their competitive years when they faced dancers who would later become familiar television names.

EASTER Half Term Activities

Quayside Leisure Centre

Activities

- Lane swimming
- Family swims
- Aqua Areobics
- Fun & floats
- Toddler swims
- Soft play
- Group exercise classes
- Pickleball
- Badminton
- Squash
- Basketball
- Junior gym sessions

Soft Play Fun

Let the little ones run, climb and explore this Easter half term in our soft play sessions! Perfect for burning off energy, making new friends and enjoying safe, active fun.

Sit back with a coffee while they play, or join in the adventure – it's the perfect half term treat for younger children and their grown-ups.

Swim School Crash Course

This Easter half term, give your child the chance to boost their swimming skills with our crash courses, designed to support progression, build confidence, and keep them active during the holidays.

- For stages 1-4
- 09:00-11:00
- Friday 17th - Monday 20th April
- £30.00

To secure your space, please contact reception

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KINGSBRIDGE GYM CLUB

Easter HOLIDAY CLUB

AGES 5+

TUESDAY 7TH APRIL
WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL
THURSDAY 9TH APRIL
MONDAY 13TH APRIL
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info@kingsbridgegymclub.co.uk

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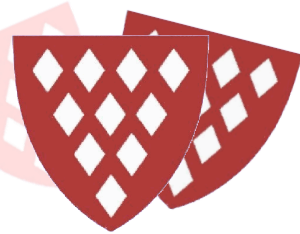
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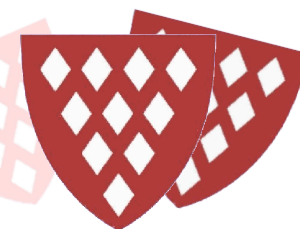
Dates for the term 2025/26:

April:	21 st April 28 th April	Friends of KCC (6.30-8.00) LGB Meeting (5.00-7.00)
May:	TBC 14 th May 19 th May	Summer Garden Party Year 10 Parents' Evening Friends of KCC (6.30-8.00)
June:	4 th June 5 th June 11 th June 12 th June 9 th June 16 th June 19 th June 23 rd June 25 th June	Open Morning Year 12 Mock Interviews Year 7 Parents' Evening Open Morning Friends of KCC (6.30-8.00) LGB Meeting (5.00-7.00) Sixth Form Induction Day Year 13 Prom (Cliff House) Year 11 Prom (6.00-9.30)
July:	1 st and 2 nd July TBC TBC TBC Monday 13 th - 17 th	Year 6 Induction Summer Soiree Year 7 and 8 Sports Day Year 9 and 10 Sports Day Challenge Week
August	3 rd to 7 th August	The Big Step (transition programme)

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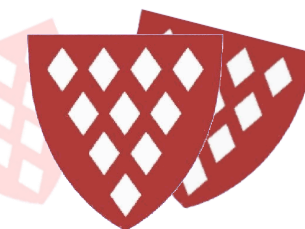
	School holidays
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