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As a student at KEVICC, I consider myself lucky to be among such a wonderful variety of talents and interests – the aspirations and achievements that take place here are of profound greatness, greatness that often goes unnoticed. The handsome double-page spread displayed before you has been orchestrated by our Press Team, a group of Year 7-13s who share the belief that KEVICC students, and their array of creativity and luminescent imagination, deserve the right to greater recognition. Such recognition was of course realised in Jo Crook's awesome production of 'Jesus Christ Superstar', a show I feel phenomenally grateful to have been a part of. Never have I been in a production where such beautiful displays of companionship – endless laughs backstage – were so regularly displayed. This glorious camaraderie was flawlessly reflected in the endearing quality of the show and the uproarious applause it received. It is KEVICC's resounding ability, to inspire and entertain, that we at the Press Team wish to bring to you. We certainly hope to fulfil this ambition.

### Where are they now?



### an accidental love story

For Stephnaie Walker, geology is a subject that breeds enthusiasm, but before she started her A-levels at Kennicott, she'd never really heard of geology, and wouldn't have thought to choose it for an option. But has she ever regretted this? NO! . . . Since 2009, I've been at Royal Holloway, University of London studying geology, and in September I'll be starting my PhD in isotope geochemistry (studying isotopes to see how old rocks are). There aren't many other courses that can take you anywhere in the world. During my degree I've been to Spain, Cyprus, and Iceland to name a few. So don't be afraid to try something a bit different when picking your options. I did, and I've not regretted it for one minute.



Science Week was full of bangs and surprises as students from across the College took part in a range of activities both within the classroom and in workshop sessions. They were invited to complete quizzes, undertake experiments and watch exhibitions of birds in flight. The National Marine Aquarium visited Year 7 and 8 lessons where students investigated designs for submarines focusing on James Cameron's deep sea exploration challenge in the Mariana Trench. They explored ideas about forces, pressure and density as they designed basic submarines that could sink, float and hover. Local primary schools were treated to lessons from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry with chemicals, potions and explosions! The Science team apologise if anyone at KEVICC thought they were under threat from 'he who should not be named' – it was all in the interests of training the future wizards of Science at KEVICC.

Lilah Aproot, Jessica Orr, Abigail Clement, Pearl Dare

### Science Quiz

- Can you answer these questions and do better than our students?
1. Music: If a minim lasts for 4000 wave-lengths of a sound wave, how many wave-lengths does a quaver last for?
  2. Textiles: What synthetic fabric was first made by Chemists in New York and London at the same time? (Its name combines the two cities)
  3. Dance: If you spin around for ages, why does the 'sorld go round' after you stop?
  4. Biology: How are hydrothermal vents at the bottom of the ocean possible evidence for the existence of Aliens?
  5. Maths: How many mm<sup>3</sup> are there in m<sup>3</sup>?
  6. Physics: The earth orbits the sun once a year. How fast is it going?
- Answers next month

## Down in the Labs!



Yr 12/13 students at the Marine Biological Association laboratories

### Seaweed for lunch

Who would have thought that The Marine Biological Association (MBA) laboratories in Plymouth are world leaders and have 7 Nobel prizes. Year 12 and 13 students attended workshops to demonstrate the kind of work that becoming a Marine Biologist might entail. This involved a whole hour on seaweed, perhaps not such a show stopper but they are keystone organisms which keep our planet working. But even better from our group's perspective...you can eat them. It was a fascinating day and for several students it reinforced their desire to follow a career in one of the many aspects that Marine Biology can offer.

Mr Hartigan



In another class Y7s had to make a chariot with wheels that turned and which would transport an egg in a chariot race. The race will happen in the last week of term



Y7s built the tallest possible tower out of 2 sheets of newspaper; 1 metre of sellotape and 2 metres of string that would hold a cup of water for 1 minute.



## It's a Fairtrade World out there

A one day event saw 100 Year 5 students from Berry Pomeroy, The Grove, Harbertonford and Stoke Gabriel Primary Schools visit KEVICC to work with students. Together they explored issues around Fairtrade and sustainability. The similarities and differences between the lives of children in Peru and Devon and the benefits of Fairtrade to the lives of children. The students used their language knowledge (Spanish and English) and studied Geography by looking at climate conditions. Organised through Devon Development Education

### The time warp again



Staff at KEVICC performing for Comic Relief

KEVICC teachers got into the spirit of 'doing something funny for money' as they staged a version of the 'Time Warp' to raise money for charity. The idea came from Jo Crook, Teacher of Drama, at the College who thought that it would be a great opportunity to get a range of staff from across the College to stage a fun performance for the students. After a busy rehearsal, the colourful costume and lively dance routines of the final performance was met by hearty applause from the audience. There was a range of talent on show and a few surprises as teachers showcased their talents for a good cause. As one student said: 'It was brilliant to see teachers in a completely different way to how we see them in the classroom.' It was a really great idea and hopefully will have raised lots of money.'



Callum and Jack rowing to the finals



Guest speaker Oscar Ponce, a Fairtrade coffee producer, with Meredydd Rix and Oscar Kary, Yr 13

Oscar Kary and Meredydd Rix, YR13 students at Kennicott Sixth Form, assisted for a day at the Fair Trade Conference. At this conference, Oscar Ponce, chair of the Co-operative Agraria Cafeterala Pangoa Ltd in Pangoa Town, Peru spoke to local primary school children about his experience working as a Fair Trade Farmer. Oscar Ponce, a smallholder farmer, cultivates shade-grown coffee on the slopes rising from the lowland jungle to the highlands in the region Junin. To make the children interested in his story, activities were organised for the children which Oscar and Meredydd helped with. Oscar and Meredydd, as well as the children, learnt a lot from this conference and enjoyed finding out more about their culture.

Tineke Ellis Sixth Form Manager

### Team Spirit award!

The Regional Indoor Rowing Championships took place on Monday 4th March at UCP Marjon in Plymouth. Six of our year sevens made the finals; Callum McGinnis, Ed Coles, Jack Sandercock and Diarmuid Johnson in the boys category and Teya Sheppard and Libby Daymond in the girls. Charlie Pooley (Yr 9) rowed with the top 7 in his race separated by a mere 1.85 seconds. Oli Deschamps, Matt Swiss, Matt

Cunningham and Talisker Little made the final of the year 10 class. Liam Heitman-Rice competed in the year 11 race and put in a brave performance on his competitive debut. Year 13 student Simon Kerswell-Johnson came fourth overall. The team were a credit to the college and if there was an award for team spirit and cheering on their fellow students KEVICC would win paddles down!!

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Meredydd Rix Yr 13

Meredydd is studying A2 History, English Language and Literature and Philosophy & Ethics. He is passionate about History, a subject he is going to study at university after taking a gap year. Meredydd has enjoyed his experience at Kennicott and is looking forward to a new challenge. He plans to work for 2 months in India with the ICS overseas volunteering scheme, then find work in London before starting university in September 2014. Tell me a bit about your yourself? I was born in North Wales and lived in New Zealand until my family returned to the UK when I was 11. I attended the Steiner School before joining the Kennicott Sixth Form. I currently make radio programmes on Sound Art Radio in Dartington.



Oscar Kary Yr 13

Oscar has enjoyed his time at Kennicott. He is currently studying A2 Philosophy & Ethics, Environmental Studies and Extended Project. Oscar is hoping to take a gap year when he finishes at Kennicott this Summer. He wants to spend 6 months here working on his project 'Earth Inheritors', which he is the founder of. This is the school's student-led sustainability group. Oscar is thinking about travelling afterwards and going on to university either in Brighton or Sussex. Your background? I was born in Mexico. The family moved to Totnes when I was 5 years old. I have strong sustainability feelings. I enjoy gardening and I play the piano. My favourite holiday destination is Mexico – I feel at home there.

## Alex & Zac's Brainteasers

Three blind mice stole a piece of cheese. In the night, the first mouse ate 1/3 of the cheese. Later, the second mouse ate 1/3 of the remaining cheese. Finally, the third mouse ate 1/3 of what was left of the cheese. Between them, what fraction of cheese did they eat? Remember, no calculator!

A	16	B	17	C	2	D	19	E	20
	27		27		3		27		27



Olly Deschamps and Diggory Lord

## E is for Safety

KEVICC launched E-Safety week in March to raise awareness of the importance of being safe when using the internet. "When you put something online it's potentially there forever so it is important that the College community, including parents, are made aware of how vigilant everyone has to be." Chris Box, KEVICC's Network Manager. The Network team co-ordinated events which involved Year group assemblies, tutorial workshops and short films directly outlining the responsibilities and safeguards when connecting to the internet. 'Everyone needs to know what the risks are, how to minimise these risks and what to do if there is a problem. It is about students making the right choices rather than enforced control.' Sarah Down

David Cox

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