

# It's official: KEVICC is a good place to learn . . .



Of course, we are pleased to have the significant improvements that the College community has made praised by Ofsted but that's not enough for us! We know we have the capacity to be 'outstanding' and we won't rest until Ofsted return and judge us to be the 'outstanding' school that we know we can be. Our students and staff are extraordinary and they deserved to be recognised as such! Working together – staff, students, governors, parents – we are absolutely on track to be an outstanding school!"

Kate Mason Principal

'this range of activities reflects the College's success in promoting students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development'

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Rebecca Lee and HRH Honour Princess Anne presenting a certificate at the Awards Ceremony

## Best of the best

Rebecca Lee, a former Year 11 student, has been awarded first prize in the annual British Nutrition Foundations Drummond Education Award Scheme. The prize has been awarded as the AQA exam board judged Rebecca's standard of Controlled Assessment was the best nationally.

The award is given to the GCSE and A level candidates in each regional examining group with the best coursework/practical investigation results in either Home Economics or Design and Technology: Food. The scheme is open to GCSE and A level candidates who are in full time education and aims to promote and foster an interest in food and nutrition while recognising and rewarding a high level of attainment by students and their teachers. In addition to a certificate presented by the Guest of Honour, HRH Princess Anne, at the BNF Annual Luncheon held at the Royal College of Physicians Regents Park in London; both Rebecca and her teacher Jacqui Mullard, received prize money in recognition of their excellent standards. To be recognised at this level is an exceptional performance and Rebecca's work is now to be used by the organisation to promote healthy eating and as a model of good practice.

"the proportion of students making or exceeding the progress expected of them in Years 7 to 11 is greater than the national average"

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## Matthew & Me

KEVICC Parents Association organised KEVICC Sounds earlier this month – a musical evening combining emerging talented singer/songwriters from KEVICC and local band *Matthew and Me*, who are fast gaining a far wider reputation.

An enthusiastic audience were treated to an evening of musical delights. As well as raising funds to help support the school, the concert served to showcase the diverse talents of students of all ages, ranging from Year 9 singer-songwriters to Year 13 guitar wizard Peter Roe. Organiser and compère Suzanne Payne said afterwards that it had been a very successful evening, and getting the chance to play in the same concert as such an acclaimed headline act had been a fantastic experience for the students. She went on; "We hope this will be the beginning of a fruitful relationship between the PA and the school's Performing Arts faculty, which will lead to many more events of this sort taking place in the future".

As well as thought-provoking and heartfelt songs by all the singers and songwriters, including year 9 student Leah Yegar, a group of three year 11 girls Intwined, and a Year 10 duet Savannah and Freya, there was plenty to jump and down about as well, with energetic sets by the Ukelele Orchestra and the KEVICC Folk Band, which had the audience on their feet and singing along.

Although the musical bar had been set challengingly high by the students, Matthew & Me are not easily up-staged, and turned in a magnificently professional and polished performance, contriving magically to be at once both epic and intimate, such as provided an inspiring and fitting end to a memorable night.



## The Curious Incident of the Sixth Formers in the Day-Time

"No, Sir, when a man is tired of London, he is tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford."

How little has changed since Samuel Johnson said that in 1777.

The older I get, the more I relish in the vibrance of the capital city, and on no previous occasion have I enjoyed it as much as I did on the A-Level Drama residential trip. Two days in one of the planet's largest and most sprawling metropolises, to see two West End plays, was certainly a trip I am so thankful to have gone on. I and 25-or-so Sixth Formers had a truly great time watching *'The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time'* and the hysterically entertaining *'The Book Of Mormon'*, as well as exploring Covent Garden and Camden Markets (while cruising through the latter with two of my friends, pictured above, we crossed paths with the stand-up comedian Phil Jupitus for a split-second, which was quite a bizarre experience).

The set of Curious Incident was genuinely breathtaking; a stark white box with the four panels (back, sides, floor) pinstriped just like a maths graph – it looked starkly incongruous within the gorgeous Victorian theatre. The performance itself was just as incredible with a strong use of slick physical theatre and an extensive amount of digital graphics projected onto the stage, a barrage of imagery and sound. The next day was spent exploring Camden Market before watching the often gloriously camp, but mostly shockingly un-PC, *'The Book Of Mormon'* that featured insanely catchy musical numbers and jokes that really are not printable. (Take my word for it on that last bit.) That was a spectacular way to finish our two days in London, a trip I consider myself undoubtedly fortunate to have been on.

Liam Heitman-Rice, Year 12 student

## The Sixth Form is a 'strength of the College'



Inspectors praised the "rigorous approach to sixth form leadership which has led to rapid improvement". They commended the "very good teaching found in the sixth form" and noted that the sixth form, overall, is "improving rapidly", leading to results at AS level in 2013 being "well above average".

Inspectors were impressed by the "wide range and variety of courses and activities" that students enjoy at KEVICC. . . . adding that students, "value the choices they are offered and the guidance they receive in making them."

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## Alex & Zac's Brainteasers

In a 'ninety nine' shop, all items cost a number of pounds and 99 pence. Susanna spent £65.76. How many items did she buy? **Remember, no calculator!**

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## Spirited Arts Competition

We are highly delighted that, for the sixth year in a row, the College has yet again had its students selected as winners of the National Spirited Arts Competition.

This is an amazing opportunity to produce pieces of art, using any medium, linked to spiritual topics such as "Prayer - how and why" "Windows on the soul" and "Open mind". Students had to produce a piece of artwork and give their written interpretation. This year our school winners included stunning pieces of work including cultural dance, music, video and even sand sculptures.

Maya Castle, Ruby Farmer and Becci Billis were chosen from over 25,000 entries with their beautiful interpretation of Connections to the Soul. This year literacy played a major role, with many students using famous quotations. The Religious Studies Department were congratulated by the National Association of RE Teachers for consistently producing winners over the last six years and for the amazing quality of their entries. They are the only school in the country to have achieved this.



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