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It was Malcolm X who said, "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." It is in our lurid age of technological advancement that preparation for the future is possible – the World Wide Web is in our pockets and the immediacy of retrieving any information is an ever-present entity. Anyone can now know anything – the ease in which so much can be accessed by students puts them at a potential risk, however, making events such as eSafety Week so important.

This month saw KEVICC promote the use of caution when online by actively participating in the Week (see article for further details). Meanwhile, following the resounding success of last month's double-page spread, we hope to maintain this new standard of student journalism, seen in the pages before you. Fund-raising cake sales and a whacky all-teacher rendition of 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show' were just some of the ways KEVICC partook in Comic Relief.

It is keeping with the school's great enthusiasm that such events take place, and with such panache, too!

Where are they now?



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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

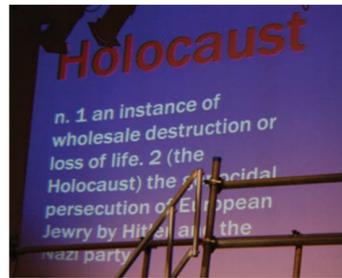


Learning lessons from the past

The History department has marked the Holocaust Memorial Day for the last 10 years. King Edward VI Community College is a school committed to raising student's awareness of issues that have shaped the world we live in and the lessons we can learn from the past to help shape our future. We feel that Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) is one of these issues that all students need to confront and that this day should serve as a focus for students following the Holocaust and Genocide History Course in Year 9.

The Holocaust is a difficult subject. Firstly, it is very unpleasant and secondly, you have to be very careful to make sure no one is offended. Despite it being an unpleasant subject, it must not be forgotten. That is why we have Holocaust Memorial Day. This year, we had a one hour long assembly in attempt to show what it may have been like to those who survived, and remember those who fell.

A few weeks before, Mr Davies managed to recruit myself, Tommy Hodgkins, Danny Cleave, Owen Trimming and Ethan Merrington-Pink to help. We didn't really know what the assembly would entail, but we were keen to be involved. We had a few lunchtime meetings before the assembly to get things together but it was hard work. Firstly, there was a play to work on. Being the only girl, I took on the role of Anita, a German Jewish girl, while Owen and Danny took on the roles of Jacob and Josef, my two brothers. Ethan took on the role of Paul, a school friend. We also had some readings of more recent genocides, and we decided that Tommy, as he was not in the play, would take the longest of those. We had a few quick rehearsals beforehand but, luckily for us, it all came together on the day. Unfortunately, Ethan was ill on the day so unable to play Paul who had to be cut from the script. The play was planned, but the rest



Four volunteers from Year 9, Danny Cleave, Tommy Hodgkins, Ethan Metherington-Pink, Owen Trimmings and Ollie Tysoe, worked with the History Department to design and deliver a hour long assembly to the rest of the year group.

had not really been rehearsed. We were rather nervous and the atmosphere was rather sombre in the hall with a PowerPoint playing behind with images reminding us of the horrors of the Holocaust and genocide.

The assembly started with the play, telling of a Jewish family's experience of the Holocaust. Mr Crosley and Mr Davies made very convincing and scary Nazis with their full costumes! Next there were readings of more recent genocides such as Rwanda, and the African genocide which was as late as the year 2000. After that, we assembled a large wooden candle made by Mr Davies. Each of the pieces had a statement on the back which was read out before it was slotted together. After each one was fitted, a candle was lit. Finally, we read statements of commitment. These showed that we pledged to learn about the Holocaust and other examples of genocide so that they may never happen again.

It was a rather humbling experience, but we were all glad we did it. Although we could never know how horrible it was like, we felt a small connection to all those who suffered. Holocaust Memorial Day 2013 was all about 'building a bridge' in communities, to those who suffered and those who still do. We remember, so it may never happen again.

Ollie Tysoe



College students performing at the concert

Pass the green ball!

A group of year 11 students organized a concert for Wednesday 27th March in the Ariel Centre.

The event was in aid of Earth Inheritors (a youth led charity who work alongside the Transition Network and aim to raise awareness of environmental issues and living in a sustainable way) and proceeds went towards funding workshops in and around Totnes.

The night will include a range of musical performances from our very talented KEVICCC students. Please come along to support them and to enjoy the evening!

The Come Alive concert took just short of £400, that's been passed to Transition Network (£397.86) for Oscar's Earth Inheritors group.

Phoebe Clark (year 11 student)



our green credentials . . .

- KEVICC installed an 18 KW Solar PV system in December 2010 as part of its Environmental Showcase
- in 2011 the College installed Biomass boiler
- work with Transition Town Totnes and other partners on the development of a 'Local Economic Blueprint' (launched 28 March)

King Edward VI Community College joins with local primaries . . . to bring local groups and organisations together to explore the issues of sustainability and raise awareness of energy use.

project activities . . .

- development of a cottage garden with produce used in the College kitchen
- use of energy monitoring data linked to KEVICC's biomass boiler and bank of PV cells in science lessons
- potential benefit from the development of a virtually carbon neutral electricity source through a hydro plant on the Dart River weir, adjoining the College site
- student involvement with design of a possible new community classroom and sheltered observation platform in partnership with Plymouth University's School of Architecture.



Connor Judo star

Judo gold medal winners!



Ewan Baker Year 7

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) raced the heat of the day with the top 7 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 Ker-

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.

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!

Science Quiz Answers

Well how did you do?

1. Music: If a minim lasts for 4000 wavelengths of a sound wave, how many wavelengths does a quaver last for? **1000 wavelengths**
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) **Nylon**
3. Dance: If you spin around for ages, why does the 'world go round' after you stop? **The fluid in your inner ear's semi-circular canals keeps going round after you stop spinning**
4. Biology: How are hydrothermal vents at the bottom of the ocean possible evidence for the existence of Aliens? It was once thought that sunlight provided the energy for all food chains on Earth, but the discovery of food chains using energy from inside the Earth (hydrothermal vents) disproved this. **It raises the possibility of life on planets or moons which are far away from the sun, but which have hydrothermal vents.**
5. Maths: How many mm³ are there in m³? **1000,000,000 or a billion**
6. Physics: The earth orbits the sun once a year. How fast is it going? **About 100,000 Km/h**

Brainteaser answer: **D - 19/27**

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