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Although teenage pregnancy appears to be decreasing in the UK, we still sit frighteningly high up in Western Europe. So what is it that the majority of Western European countries are doing differently?

After watching Channel 4's documentary 'Sex In Class' on Curriculum Enrichment Day, I was shocked by the lack of knowledge British teenagers have on most issues relating to sex and relationships and the alarming influence of online pornography (83% of young people have seen pornography by the time they are thirteen years old), which will undoubtedly present a certain amount of difficulty when trying to attain a healthy sexual relationship in the future.

Goedele Liekens, a UN ambassador for sexual health from Belgium, is trying to change the approach to sex education in the UK, as shown 'Sex In Class'.

In Belgium and many Western European countries, sex education is taught from the age of four. But that doesn't mean learning about pornography and contraception quite yet! The early introduction of key concepts to do with relationships slowly introduces the bigger issues that are covered through teenage years, making them easier to discuss and understand.

This may sound outlandish, but it appears to be working! Rates of teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases in young people are considerably lower than those in the UK, so they must be doing something right. It seems that we are setting ourselves up for disaster if we don't readdress our moral and ethical codes when it comes to educating young people on this potentially life-altering topic.

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# KEVICC Enriching Lives

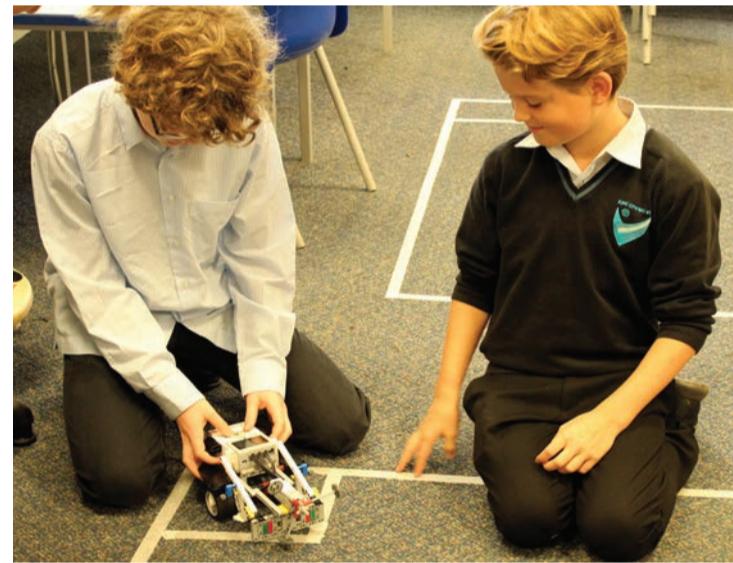
The Stop Hate Campaign and working with the Totnes Neighbourhood Plan were some of the areas explored on the KEVICC's Curriculum Enrichment Day.



Year 7's focus was on Health and Well-being, with sessions on healthy eating, relationships and getting active.



Year 9 began the KEVICC Stand Up To Hate campaign that it's intended will run across all year groups in the College.



Year 8 had a split day, building and programming Lego models and playing a lively trading simulation game.



Year 10 were introduced to the Totnes Neighbourhood Planning Group representative Thea Platt, and to Margaret Wilkinson of Planning for Real.

## Year 7 Performing Showcase



*"I'm loving being at KEVICC - it's so much more grown-up than primary school!"*

This year's new year 7 students at KEVICC delighted their families with a Performing Arts Showcase during our Year 7 Settle-In Evening, with eighty students taking part.

*"I really like moving to specialist lessons in different classrooms - we can do so much more here, like science experiments."*

*"We didn't do any dance in my old school - I've loved doing it here."*

Year 7 student comments

## Lights . . . Camera . . . Action!



Sixteen students were filmed by a professional camera crew for an AQA teacher and student training video! Students had been chosen by their English teachers because they were articulate, good at working with others and great ambassadors for the College.

Students discussed the language in the opening paragraph of Daphne De Maurier's *Jamaica Inn* and then were filmed explaining their ideas, storyboarding the real opening, sequencing the first eight paragraphs of the novel and jigsaw grouping to share their ideas and justifications with a mixture of students from the other three groups. All of this was filmed... and filmed again... until we were all rather warm and tired!

*"I loved taking part in this!! It was such an interesting day, and the filming made it seem very important."*

Student comment

