

What happens when we listen?



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The Editor

Ideas are bulletproof. Thought is not an embodiment and it is impervious to all weaponry; following the barbaric *Charlie Hebdo* attacks this month, I feel this is a fact that has been gloriously reinforced. It was incredible to watch this gargantuan story unravel so swiftly, trying to keep pace with hourly news updates. From the magnificent protests orchestrated by the residents of Paris, to the retaliation of ruthless satirical cartoons illustrated by the international press, the immortality of freedom of speech has been confirmed. An invaluable right to all, if it is "taken away," so declared George Washington, "then dumb and silent may we be led, like sheep to the slaughter."

In a similar fashion, KEVICC students have honoured the memories of those killed in extraordinary circumstances, be it a century earlier: in a continuation from December's remembrance football match, the College's History Department has introduced an appeal to collect as many fragments of WWI stories, memorabilia and memories as possible to perpetuate the legacy of the Great War's fallen soldiers.

Another greatly memorable venture organised by the College was the annual Christmas concert, which took place in St. John's Church. These richly-coloured photographs lend an excellent perspective as to the warmth and festivity of what was a wonderful evening of music and merriment. It is a privilege that we have the artistic freedom to host such grand evenings, and to pay respects to those who gave their lives for a cause they believed in, which KEVICC has done with its wonderful WWI commemorations.



Sprinkling Christmas Spirit

Hearing Bob Chilcott's *A Little Jazz Mass* performed in the incredible setting and beautiful acoustic which St. John's Church, sent shivers down my spine. It was so lovely to see staff, students, parents and public unite in such a soulful and engaging piece of music. .

Mrs Hansford, Team Leader of Music

What an incredible mixture of young performers, holding their own against Sixth Form groups, in what came together as a shower of Christmas spirit. The icing on the Christmas cake was definitely KFC (KEVICC Folk Club) and their wonderful, student-led group, which put a big smile on our faces as we moved into the interval and drank mulled wine amongst friends of KEVICC.

Parent



We did it, Miss, we did it! And they loved it.
Year 7 student

I especially liked the ribbons when KPAC were singing Let it Go from Frozen. It was so good that I nearly forgot to sing along!

Child in the audience

Well done to KEVICC staff and ex-students for singing O Holy Night. It's so lovely to see them having a go at performing too
Year 12 student

As always it was lovely to be part of the Christmas event. I am lucky to play in the Percussion Ensemble and we performed an arrangement of Away in a Manger on glockenspiels, arranged by Kathy Banks, our percussion teacher.

Rosie Newman-Hopkins Year 12



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WW1 Memories

KEVICC Year 9 students, who put on a 'Football Remembers WW1 Christmas Day Truce' match at KEVICC last term, were interested to see the national Football Remembers memorial, designed by a Newcastle schoolboy after a UK-wide competition. Prince William, and England forward Theo Walcott, selected the design of a ten-year-old boy from Newcastle, following a competition involving more than 30,000 schools.

The KEVICC History Department has launched an appeal for stories and memorabilia from anyone who knows the stories of relatives who were involved in the First World War. Caretaker Dave Willis brought in all sorts of memorabilia to show to a Year 7 Challenge Pathways History group. It all belonged to his grandfather and has been passed down through his family. The students and staff were fascinated by the medals, cap badge, documents, postcards and a commemorative tobacco tin that was issued to every person wearing the King's uniform on Christmas Day 1914. Anyone with a story to tell is asked to contact Sarah Kehaya in the History department . . . she'd love to hear from you!

It was really interesting to see all these wartime things - I especially liked the postcards with old photos on them.

Year 7 student

I hadn't heard of the Devonshire Regiment before - it's nice to have it named for here.

Year 7 student



Partnership

Our hugely successful Primary Partnership Learning Programme has seen children from Years 1-6 coming into KEVICC to take part in a huge range of especially tailored workshops. Diptford Primary children from Years 3 and 4

took part in a Design and Technology workshop developing a range of shopping bags to be sold at Totnes market. This encouraged creative entrepreneurial skills resulting in a range of bag designs, estimating costs and working out that making more at a time was more cost-effective. They had a really good time!

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