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Moments within our lives, brief episodes in a decades-long series, serve to define us as individuals. What we do, what we say, what we think – they all equate to evolution of character, as do conversations with the people you adore. It is through the transition to Sixth Form that I have already laid foundations of strong friendships, ones I hope will last long in to the future and its exquisite unpredictability. After all, as John Lennon said, "Life is what happens while you are busy making plans."

Aside from that greater freedom, to truly be you without judgement, which is inherent with college, it is by being treated more as an adult that I have benefitted so greatly in my transition to Year 12. To discover oneself as a young adult is to further see the extent of your life ambitions realised by the higher tier of education you are receiving. In Kennicott one sees further toward a career in the knowledge that what one is doing in their classes is quite directly beneficial to those ambitions - And how swell this is.

# Careers . . . the next step

Parents and students from years 9, 10, 11 and Kennicott are invited to the year 9 Options Evening and 'Preparing to Succeed' Careers Fair on 7 November 2013. The event will run from 4pm to 6.30pm.

This will be the College's fourth 'Preparing to Succeed' Careers Fair. The purpose of the Fair is to expand the horizons of our students and build up their career aspirations as they take the next step into choosing their future options/pathway. This combined event is a good opportunity for parents and students to talk to tutors, teachers and a variety of Business' and Further/Higher Education providers who will be more than happy to talk about the qualifications required for their particular interest/career path. There will be representation from Solicitors, Care Providers, Retail, Leisure Industry, Childcare, Higher Education providers, IT providers, Health Authority, Pharmaceutical Company, Hair and Beauty, Sound and Radio Studios, Banks, Dance School, Vineyard, Organic Farm, Carpentry, Bakery, Animal Welfare, Vocational and Apprenticeship Training Advisers, the Armed Forces, Fire and Ambulance Service.

The introduction to 'GCSE Choices' evening will be held in various classrooms around the College. There will be an opportunity for students and parents to listen to a talk given by Members of the Leadership Team regarding their GCSE options. Talks will be given at 4pm and 5pm in the theatre. The 'Preparing to Succeed' Careers Fair will be held in the Redworth Dining room. Access to this combined event is via the Ariel Centre.



**Connor Taylor** attended KEVICC and Kennicott and has recently joined our IT department.

### Did the work experience help your future plans?

For work experience I went to the IT department at SHDC, Follaton House. I remember being really nervous as I didn't know anyone or what was expected of me. But it was a really good and it opened my eyes to my potential. It had a huge influence and helped to reassure me that I had found my interest.

### What courses did you do?

I took ICT based courses at Kennicott. It has been the most incredible learning curve and a fantastic experience.

### IT Manager Chris Box

Connor is brilliant he is confident and focused, he is very intelligent – one of those people who only needs to be shown once! He already knew his way around the College Sites which was a great help. He has already become a vital part of the team!



**Ellie Smaggasgale**  
**Did the work experience help your future plans?**

I applied to SHDC as I am interested in Politics and starting in local Government seemed a good starting point. It helped me to look at whether I wanted to work in Politics or on the outside being a journalist.

### How are you planning your career path?

I plan to go to Kennicott and take A Levels in Politics, German, Maths and Physics. I think this will give me a good basis to keep my options open for what I study if and when I go to University.

### The Council feedback

Cllr Cuthbert worked with Ellie while she was on work experience and said how brilliant Ellie had been. She was a real credit to the school. She felt that Ellie would go far in whatever she decided to do whether it be politics or journalism as she has a feel for asking the right questions.



# SHDC Roadshow comes to KEVICC

An enthusiastic reception welcomed the SHDC Roadshow at KEVICC as the students soon lost their shyness and were approaching the different stall holders and finding out what they do and what they provide.

KEVICC and SHDC are aiming at having more events like this to highlight the services available. The next event will be with Cllr Cuthbert visiting 6th Form (date to be confirmed) to talk about the voting system and the importance of registering to vote.

A big thank you to all the Agencies and Council Services who attended the event, the students really enjoyed it and all concerned made it a great success.

Representatives included:

- Wheels to Work
- Action on Hearing Loss
- Call 24
- Citizens Advice Bureau,
- Travel Devon
- Tone Leisure
- Environmental Health
- Housing and Benefits
- Community Safety
- Healthwatch
- Job Centre Plus
- Community Volunteer Service

# Moving On ...

At Kennicott, we are proud of the progress that students make. Our students succeed because we inspire and challenge them and because we understand, profoundly, the need to get the right students onto the right courses. We pride ourselves on offering students the advice and guidance that they need to make the most of their talents and abilities and to fulfil their aspirations.

We ensure our students receive appropriate support to prepare them for life after Sixth Form; expert advice is available throughout the students' time at Kennicott from guidance on UCAS applications and choosing a university to preparing students for employment, apprenticeships or even travelling. We maintain close relationships with former Kennicott students of whom we are very proud and they are proud of having been at Kennicott. Where could we take you?

# Works Skill Centre

The Work Skills Centre provides a curriculum to allow students the very best chances for progression and employment.

At KEVICC we ensure that these students follow a programme that is creative, flexible and ensures successful progression on leaving our College. We want our students to realise their talents, and take all opportunities. Through working in partnership with other local skills centres and employers, every student has the opportunity to study for a recognised qualification which can then provide a seamless transition into Post-16 education and training. We also offer additional support for those studying GCSE courses, particularly in English and Maths.



**Mich Turner (nee Clarke),**

I was a student at Kennicott in the late 1980s and took A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Home Economics. Louise Sessions. I utilised the services of the school's careers office and applied for and won a University Sponsorship with major food manufacturer, United Biscuits and studied Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Surrey. I spent my industrial year working for United Biscuits at McVities - looking after Marks and Spencer Christmas Cake Production and biscuit manufacture. After graduation I worked for Harvey Nichols as Bakery and Patisserie buyer and decorated cakes in my spare time. I decided to leave Harvey Nichols and set up my own cake company - Little Venice Cake Company. Within a year I was asked to design and create Madonna's wedding cake. Jump forward 14 years and my clients have included David Beckham, Pierce Brosnan, Paul McCartney, Gordon Ramsay and Her Majesty the Queen. I have written 5 international award winning books and am a judge on ITV's Britain's Best Bakery. In 2010 I was honoured with an MBE for my outstanding contribution to the catering industry. I feel the grounding I received at Kennicott certainly laid the foundations to my success. I am grateful to my 3 key inspirational teachers - Louise Sessions, Dave Waistnidge and Katrina Borowski.



# kennicott Open Evening

Find out about Kennicott for yourself.

**Thursday 7 November 2013**

**6pm until 8.30pm:**

Kennicott Reception on 01803 869210 or visit website. No need to book in advance.



**Finn Hanlon**, a former KEVICC student, has succeeded in fulfilling the dream that all too many aspiring young actors find impossible. Finn, now 29, has just been on stage in the Theatre Royal, Plymouth in *War Horse*, the hugely successful stage adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's novel. The play is currently on a national tour and Finn is signed up for a ten month contract with the show. Previously, Finn toured Devon author Michael Morpurgo's *Private Peaceful* as a low-key, one-man play in 2009. In *War Horse* he plays cavalry officer Captain Nicholls, who leads Joey, a Devon farm horse, into battle in the spectacular production. 'This is the show of the decade,' he says, with a mixture of pride and wonder. *And to get the chance to come back to Plymouth and spend some time down here and stay at home – it couldn't get any better.'* Finn has also toured with Edward Hall's acclaimed all-male Shakespeare company Propellor, most recently in *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Twelfth Night*. Finn began in school productions at KEVICC and with the Playgoers at Dartington Hall. He gained a degree in drama at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff and went on to find steady work in theatre. ... a very difficult thing to achieve. We are proud to have had Finn as a student at KEVICC.

6th Form Centre

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