



A fruit salad is a very sweet combination of many wonderful things.

In this regard, my life has been a great deal like a fruit salad these past few weeks: my AS exams went well; I have been working a job I love; and – this has made the biggest impact – the weather has been glorious. Pleasures as simple as running under a blue sky and radiant sunshine, or laughing for hours with friends in an emerald field... these are quite insurmountable.

Basking in the delights of simplicity, small joys can have great influences on the quality of your day, of your... life. "Keep your face always toward the sunshine," Walt Whitman said, "and shadows will fall behind you."

Remember: look up, and ahead.

Keeping in line with this optimism, we in the College Press Team (seen in our rather handsome portrait!) have reorganised ourselves, spreading the word about the brilliance of having one's name printed in the newspaper and encouraging as many young students as possible to submit their own articles about what goes on in the College. We have also installed a rather fetching 'article suggestion box' in the school Library for any budding journalists. Bring on the Pulitzer Prizes.

Liam Heitman-Rice Year 12 The Editor

The team Interviews

Callum McGinnis, interviewed
Joe Windsor, also in Year 8



Joe Windsor has recently learned that he has been picked for the South West Basketball Squad. In this interview, he tells us how he started playing and what his hopes are for the future.

How long ago did you start playing basketball?

Five to six years ago.

What teams do you play for?

South West England and Torbay Flyers. I have also played for Churston Cougars.

How often do you train?

Three times a week on my own and one or two times a week with my club.

How did you get into basketball?

Through my uncle and my parents.

What has been your best experience in basketball so far?

Going to Wales and making a block and baskets.

What is it that you like about the game of basketball?

It's fun, and a fast game.

When you heard you'd been picked for the South West Squad, what did you feel like?

I felt really pleased because I'm playing for my County.

What are your ambitions for the future?

Maybe to hope to play for the National Basketball Association, but even playing in a lower league would be good.

The Challenge is On!



Maths Challenge Senior team

Pearl's Book Review

Book recommendations collected by Pearl Dare in Year 8

Felix Dennison in Year 8 recommends *Alpha Force*, a series of action adventure stories for 10 - 16 year olds. They are written by Chris Ryan, formerly of the Special Air Service. The books are about five teenagers, each one with their own skill, who work together to fight evil.

Mrs Killock, Director of English, recommends *Jamaica Inn* by Daphne du Maurier because she was reminded of how great it is by the recent BBC adaptation. It is Gothic, exciting and romantic.

...just as you like it!

Shakespeare, Performed Just As You Like It!

In an evening of laughter and frivolity, The Tobacco Factory Theatre in Bristol served as the host of a tremendous performance of William Shakespeare's tale of love and redemption, 'As You Like It'. Updated to a more contemporary setting, the characters were fabulously clad in the attire of the Roaring Twenties – high-waist wide-legged trousers, double-breasted waistcoats, chunky military trench coats – and the performances were interpreted like the cast of a zany modern rom-com, with the actor of the lovestruck Orlando in particular seeming to channel the awkward romanticisms of Hugh Grant.

The theatre itself was much like a dance studio with a classroom-sized space for the actors to perform in, encompassed on a near-360 degree radius with approximately 300 seats. With no designated upstage or downstage, just this small spectator's ring, the performance felt rather intimate as the actors all varied in the amount of time they spent looking out towards you.

The trip was both to serve the interests of all Year 12 English students – as we are going to study the play next year for our A2 studies – and a few of the Year 13 Drama students who also accompanied us. Given that my exposure to Shakespeare has been nothing beyond cursory studies for my GCSEs, I did greatly 'As You Like It' – the humour in it is bold and resplendently clever; and the language itself, which I feared would be indecipherable, is generally quite comprehensible! Seeing this performed so brilliantly is sure to be of great help when we begin to analyse the text, to help us visualise what it is we are studying. All I can say is that I sure did like it!

Liam Heitman-Rice Y12



Maths Challenge Y10 team

Intermediate Maths Challenge February 2014

Congratulations to our pupils who entered the Intermediate Maths Challenge – the nationwide challenge run by the UK Mathematics Trust. Our students achieved 22 bronze awards, 8 silver and 3 gold. Both Ethan Merrington-Pink in Year 10 (awarded Best in the school) and Michael Flanagan in Year 9 have proceeded to the next level of the challenge – the Kangaroo papers – a big well done to you all!

Senior Team Maths Challenge March 2014

Four students across Year 12 and 13 went to Coombe Dean School to take part in the regional heat of the Senior Team Maths Challenge. It is a competition testing mathematical, communication and teamwork skills and the students are put through their paces for a gruelling three hours of mind bending problems. Jo Parke, Bruce Clark, Libby Goult and Sam Endean are some of KEVICC's top mathematicians, studying both Maths and Further Maths at A level, and approached the challenges set before them with clear and logical mathematical thinking. They came 11th out of twenty teams, a very respectable position against stiff competition.

Team Maths Challenge 2014

Michael Flanagan, Tyler Walton, Felicity Dunn and Ewan Baker represented KEVICC at the Regional Final of the UKMT 2014 Team Maths Challenge in Plymouth Guildhall, this March. The challenges were aimed at gifted and talented students and had four rounds. The first round was the students working as a group to solve problems, the second round was a cross number, the third round was a shuttle relay and the final round was a team relay.

There were 23 different schools represented at the regional finals AND, due to hard work and effort, KEVICC's team did extremely well coming in at second place, with Devonport High School for Girls coming first and Plymstock third.

The day was a very enjoyable day for everyone involved and an incredibly successful day for KEVICC.

Year 10 Team Maths Challenge March 2014

Four Year 10 students went to Plymouth University to take part in the prestigious Year 10 Team Maths challenge. Fourteen teams from across the county took part in the competition which involved five rounds, including problem solving and a studied round of base 6 arithmetic. Karli Rose, Ted Stokes, Rowan Robinson and Ethan Merrington-Pink did the school proud in what can only be described as their toughest mathematical challenge to date. KEVICC came a very respectable eighth place and the boys were left fired up for the Senior Maths challenge next year.

Laura Jacobs

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