

Kennicott

6th Form Centre



PROSPECTUS





I'm very happy you're reading this prospectus.

It means you are at a very exciting time in your education. Post-16 learning is a whole new experience of different courses, new people, and ways of working. Finding out about what is on offer, and deciding just what it is that captures your interests, can be a lengthy process. Take your time, talk and listen to as many people as possible, and I am sure you will make good choices.

Should you choose to come to Kennicott, and I sincerely hope you do, you'll be part of a really special, articulate group of students. You'll work alongside great teachers who will drive you to achieve your goals, and then some! And you'll be part of the wider KEVICC community of students that makes us such a great place to learn. Kennicott students go on to amazing things, and they regularly come back to tell us all about it, and share fond memories of their time here. I hope you will too.

Alan Salt
Principal

Kennicott Sixth Form Centre is a very special place to learn. The wonderful setting of Kennicott House is the hub of our thriving Sixth Form. Our students are at the centre of everything that we do; they are our greatest asset. We are committed to delivering the best learning, support and guidance for our young people during their time here.

We are proud of the progress that students make at Kennicott. 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, support and guidance that they need to make the most of their talents and abilities and to fulfil their aspirations.

Our expectations are high; we strive continuously to ensure that the student experience at Kennicott is second to none. We work hard for our students and we expect them to take ownership of and responsibility for their learning.

Here at Kennicott, students join a distinctly adult, yet caring, community. We listen carefully to our students so that, together, we can create an environment in which every student can excel. We are highly ambitious for our students and each student's progress is supported by a personal tutor. Relationships between staff and students are excellent, characterised by respect, responsibility and mutual excitement in learning.

We are delighted that you are considering joining us at Kennicott.

Amy Withers
Phase Co-ordinator

“Kennicott is not just another Sixth Form Centre. It is a high quality learning environment set in an exclusive location within the campus of King Edward VI Community College.”

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welcome

"We have just received our daughter's final academic report from Kennicott and wish to thank all of the staff . . . The level of teaching and support has been very high from all of her teachers. The work has been hard but she has never been lost for support . . . Everybody who works at Kennicott has helped her in some way . . . Thank you for the outstanding contribution you have made to our daughter's education at this critical point in her life."

Parent

a co-operative school

Becoming a co-operative trust school promotes working partnerships, and our hope is to inspire students and their families to join us as partners. Our aim is to work together as a team to enable closer and more collaborative working with the community and other partners to further enrich learning.

As The Dart Valley Learning Trust, KEVICC is part of an inspiring community of learners, within and beyond the College; KEVICC endeavours always to provide the very best teaching and learning opportunities for all students whilst aspiring to raise achievement to the highest levels.



starting at Kennicott

At Kennicott we understand the importance of building on students' prior learning and experience, as well as pointing them towards new opportunities and guiding them in new directions. Above all, we know how important it is that students receive informed guidance about their Study Programme in the Sixth Form, their future plans, and help to keep them on track.

- we offer a comprehensive transition programme from Key Stage 4 to Key Stage 5. Whether you join us from KEVICC or from another school or college you will receive one-to-one advice and support to help you to choose courses that are right for you. We want our students to love learning with us and to lay the foundations for future success.

At Kennicott, students join a caring community within which life-changing relationships and challenging learning combine to create success.

- every student joins a tutor group comprised of both KEVICC students and students from other schools and colleges
- such personalised tutorial support is pivotal in ensuring that every student's academic success and personal well-being are cared for
- our experienced tutors are expertly placed to offer guidance when you join Kennicott, to keep you on track while you are here, and to advise you on how to make the most of your future beyond Kennicott
- your personal development is as important to us as your academic achievement; your future is as important to us as your present.

“My tutor supported my decision not to go down the route of university and helped me to find alternatives, such as apprenticeships. He went beyond his duty by inviting me back to College earlier this year, after I had taken my exams, to do practice interviews which really helped when it came to the real thing. I feel this is what is so great about Kennicott: that the staff put the students' interests, needs and futures first.”

Former Kennicott student



keeping on track

photo: Roy Campbell-Moore and Cascade Dance Theatre



Harriet Riley is a former Kennicott student who says, 'I had drum lessons with the College's fantastic percussion teacher, Kathy Banks, and then the Music Department bought a marimba. Because of my musical family, and background in piano, I took to it straight away. A few years on, I applied to South West Music School who helped me get through to study percussion at the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama. Now, two years since graduating, I've been lucky enough to work collaboratively with Cascade Dance Theatre as a composer and performer for their Welsh tour. It's an excellent job because of the creative freedom it gives me to work so closely with the visual performance.'

At Kennicott, we place great emphasis on getting to know our students as people, as well as learners:

- every student has ambitious targets to raise expectations, to stretch and to challenge
- every student's progress towards their targets is carefully monitored by their subject teachers, their personal tutor and their Head of Sixth Form
- early and effective intervention programmes ensure that any problems are quickly identified and acted upon
- every student receives personalised careers guidance, including careful advice at every stage of the UCAS application process, or preparation for entry to vocational courses in further education, or to employment, apprenticeships and business start ups.

"The rigorous tracking of students' achievements identifies weaknesses at an early stage, and students receive a good range of individual support and tuition to support their progress."

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a new way of learning

On joining the Sixth Form, students enjoy a very different learning experience than they have had before:

- learning and relationships with staff are based on mutual respect and demand a certain level of maturity
- smaller group sizes foster closer learning partnerships, where students are expected to be actively involved in their studies, challenge their own and others' thinking and take greater responsibility for their learning and progress

Life in the Sixth Form is very different from Year 11

You will have more freedom to determine your own Study Programme. As a Sixth Former, you will be required to show initiative. You will be stretched and challenged, both in and out of the classroom, and expected to express your views in ways that might be new to you. Above all, you will be expected to be resilient and determined to succeed.

Private study time is an integral part of your timetable

We expect that students will use their time productively and we will help you to do so.



"Studying at Kennicott was very different from being in the main school. I felt that we were given much more freedom which, in turn, enabled me to become a much more individual thinker and increased my confidence dramatically. I especially liked the community you build whilst at Kennicott with both the students and teachers.

My experience at the Sixth Form is one that I will never forget and I am so grateful for everyone's continuous support over my two years there. I am currently studying English at the University of Exeter and it has already been such a great experience."



taking responsibility ...

Kennicott students are the most senior in the College and are role models for the younger members of our community. Your Sixth Form years are a time for taking on increased responsibility: not just for yourself but towards others. As a Sixth Former, you play a leading role in the College community.

We have very high expectations of our students and we will help you to meet those expectations.

Our aims are clear

We will:

- work with you to track your progress towards ambitious targets and provide learning opportunities, advice and guidance to help you meet those targets
- help you to decide what you want to do after the Sixth Form and work with you to make sure that you have the right qualifications and experience
- create a purposeful, friendly, adult environment in which you are expected to develop a sense of independence and take responsibility for your own success
- help you to develop independent learning skills
- encourage you to be a leader in the College.

What will you do? Are you up for the challenge?

The cast assemble in Cyprus

Lines 261 – 204

- How do Othello and Desdemona react to each other? How believable is their relationship?
- How does Iago react to their meeting? Why does Shakespeare have him speak?



guidance & support ...

At Kennicott, we offer a varied and comprehensive range of Level 3 courses. However, your study programme is about much more than just the courses you choose.

Your programme is personal to you, and your guided learning hours will be made up of examination courses, tutorials, the opportunity to develop a range of transferable skills for learning and life (sought after by employers and Higher Education providers) and a variety of other activities, including work experience.

Our resident careers advisor is on-hand to discuss career paths, impart guidance and put students in touch with people and organisations who can help them to realise their career aspirations. The Kennicott team will work with you to design a Study Programme which meets your individual needs and will provide you with the qualifications, skills and experience to enable you to progress to higher education, training or employment as well as developing your personal interests.

In addition to your chosen programme of study, you will follow a comprehensive tutorial programme during your time at Kennicott. The aim is to support our students' preparation for life beyond sixth form and their development as well rounded people who are equipped to make the right decisions in life.

Which courses you study and how many subjects you take will depend on your GCSE results and your future plans. There are entry requirements for each course, but we consider each student individually and take into account personal circumstances at every stage. If there is a study programme for you, we will help you find it. Have a look at our pathways to see which best suits you.

"Our son seems to be thriving at Kennicott... he's much more mature and self-motivated now that he is studying subjects of his own choosing... and is genuinely interested and stimulated by the work he is doing."

Parent



financial support

16–19 Bursary Awards

Sixth Form students are able to apply to the 16 to 19 bursary fund, a scheme from the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to help students facing financial hardship to stay in full-time post 16 education.

Full details about this scheme are available from:
www.direct.gov.uk/16-19bursary

Foundation Governors Grant

The Foundation Governors exist in their own right and, as such, are a completely separate body to the College Governors. Funds are made available to students through a grant application process.

Free School Meals

If you are a parent or carer and receive certain benefits then your child is eligible for Free School Meals.

For further information or to apply on-line, please visit:
www.devon.gov.uk/free_school_meals

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Mary Lidstone Trust

Georgia Borne

First year BA Acting Course Plymouth University

Plymouth Uni. couldn't have done a better job of supporting all of us 'freshers' in our first year at the university and adjusting to student life in the halls of residence. My Acting course day is from 8:30am – 6:30pm each day. It's a long day, but definitely worth it and very rewarding working with fourteen other students who have the same passions.

The Mary Lidstone Trust has allowed me to have extra funds so that I can afford to live in student halls and support myself. I am currently in my second year of auditioning for London Drama schools in the hope that I can transfer there next year. Without the Trust, this opportunity would not have even been possible. This amazing trust allows me to keep striving and aiming to achieve my dream of working and learning in London, the heart of the performing industry.

Mary Lidstone



curriculum options

To join Kennicott Sixth Form, you must have achieved the entry requirements outlined in the course information booklet. If you haven't achieved a Grade 5 in GCSE English or Maths, you will be required to continue studying these subjects. Specific subject entry requirements for A Level need to be met (see course information booklet).

A-Levels

A-Levels cater for students who are aiming to apply to top universities (Russell Group, Oxford, Cambridge) and those interested in Medicine or Dentistry.

Students are required to meet the individual entry requirements for each of their chosen subjects and will be given guidance on potential progression routes offered by their individual programme. In addition to their academic studies, students will be supported with their applications to Higher Education and with interview practise, preparation for entrance examinations and any necessary work submission through the tutoring system.

Applied Courses

Applied courses, including BTECs and Cambridge Technical Qualifications represent an alternative route into Higher Education, Apprenticeships or the world of work. Students on the vocational pathway will select a vocational course (BTEC or OCR Cambridge Technical) which forms the substantive part of their study programme. Relevant work experience may be organised to complement this, supporting students as they apply their skills in the workplace. In addition, students will enrich their CV and employability.

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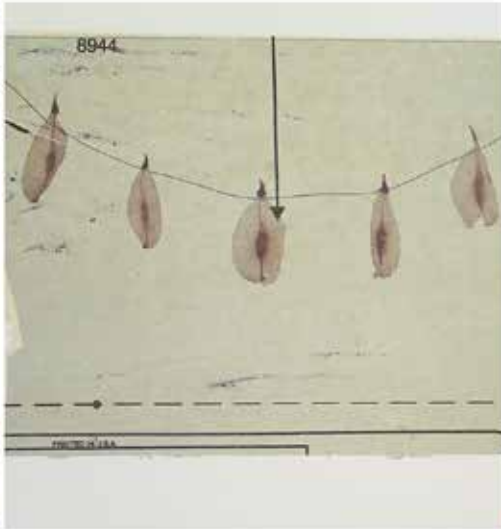
enrichment

Kennicott offers so much more than a standard Post 16 curriculum. We strongly encourage and support all our post 16 learners to make the most of the fantastic enrichment opportunities available to them so that they can enjoy their time with us and provide Universities and employers with evidence of wider interests and transferable skills.

All sixth form students are expected to undertake a minimum of one week of quality work experience that is linked to their study programme or personal career aspirations. Support and guidance is provided for this from the start of year 12.

Sixth form students can also get involved with Ten Tors and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. With 85% of employers saying they prioritise character and attitude over academic results, a DofE Award enables young people to showcase these aptitudes when applying for jobs and university places. DofE is not compulsory at Kennicott but we enthusiastically support students to get involved.

Many sixth form students rise to the challenge of acting as role models for the younger pupils and use their final years in College to excel in their areas of strength, whether this be leading in the school production, choreographing dance performances or acting as sports leaders. We have a rich cultural life at the College that is enjoyed and sustained through the involvement of our sixth form students.



TOTNES ART & DESIGN FOUNDATION COURSE

The Totnes Art and Design Foundation Course, based at Kennicott, is an intensive one year full-time programme that delivers a thorough grounding in the basic principles of art and design.

The course's principal aim is to secure its students a place on an undergraduate degree in an art or design discipline. The vast majority of students on the Totnes course progress to the top art schools in the UK.

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UNIVERSITY
PROGRESSION PARTNER

"I really enjoyed my time at Kennicott. I think it helped me become an open-minded, independent student. Art Foundation prepared me exceptionally well for the course I am on now: Fine Art (Painting) at Wimbledon College of Art in London. It changed my perceptions of what it's like to be an art student and made me understand the realities of managing my own time. It also helped that during Sixth Form, and particularly Foundation, I was surrounded by really intelligent, creative people to challenge and inspire me."

Former Student

student life...the extras

Kennicott has a distinctly different atmosphere from the main College. There is a sense of a new start, both for students already at KEVICC and the many others who join us from other schools.

Kennicott gives students their own space and identity.

As well as meeting the academic challenges that we will set you at Kennicott, it is a time to widen your experiences by getting involved in all that is on offer and enjoying yourself.

"They [students] have a strong affinity with their town, local schools and colleges, and the wider communities through numerous contacts with businesses, and high levels of participation in artistic and cultural events." **Ofsted**

Kennicott facilities

- ICT suites
- Media and editing suites
- Purpose-built art studios
- Photographic darkrooms
- Sixth Form laboratories
- Sixth Form library
- Theatre
- 'The Bothy' café
- Conservatory reading room
- Extensive, beautiful grounds

sporting opportunities

- Archery
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Climbing
- Football
- Hockey
- Canoeing
- Rounders
- Rugby
- Tennis
- Weight Training

cultural opportunities

- Music, Dance and Drama
- Theatre visits
- Madagascar Expedition
- European Study Trips



Sports Personality of the Year Awards ~ Principal Alan Salt presents the Sports Personality of the Year award



Kennicott students had the opportunity to work with a visiting professional, using woodworking tools, and carved a totem pole in the Kennicott garden



Film students undertake many practical projects both in, and out, of the College



This is an important time for you. You are making life-changing decisions about the next stages in your learning. We know that Kennicott will meet your needs. However, we are not content with that. We care about your future as well as your present.

Kennicott students go on to do incredible things. Every year, Kennicott students take their next steps at the very best universities, including Oxford and Cambridge. Our students thrive on an extraordinary range of higher education courses – from medicine to film-making – at universities across Europe.

But our investment doesn't stop there. We maintain close relationships with former Kennicott students. We count writers, animators, surgeons, designers, musicians, photographers, lawyers, music producers, actors and many others amongst our alumni. We are proud of them and they are proud of having been at Kennicott.

I loved every second of my time at Kennicott. I knew from a very young age that I wanted to be a Vet and the subjects I needed to take were, fortunately, on offer to me.

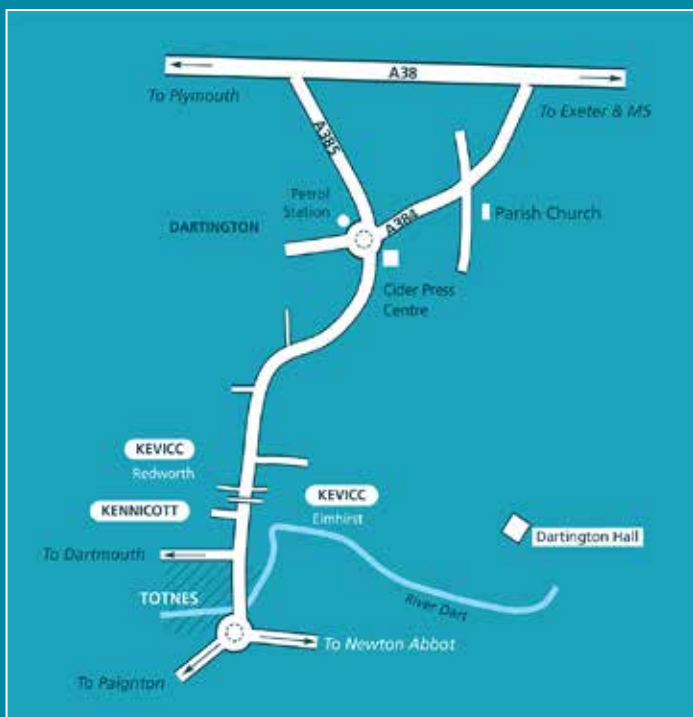
I therefore chose to study A2 Environmental Studies, A2 Chemistry, A2 Biology and AS PE. I thoroughly enjoyed these subjects. Both teaching and support staff, throughout my time at Kennicott, were approachable, supportive and understanding. Whilst the atmosphere at Kennicott is relaxed and friendly, you were also challenged and this is what is needed to succeed. My experience at Kennicott has certainly prepared me for university life.

I am currently studying Veterinary Medicine at the University of Liverpool. I will always treasure my memories of being at Kennicott. It is an amazing place to learn.

Chris Newson ex-student



where could we take you? ...
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joining Kennicott

for admissions to the sixth form
or to arrange a visit, please contact:

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Kennicott Sixth Form Centre
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further information is available on our website,
including a list of key contacts at the College
and an application form:

www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk



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