

Visitors in ..



Recent visitors to KEVICC have included Tanya Landman, Carnegie Medal winner in 2015 for her book *Buffalo Soldier*, to come and speak, and her talk was enthralling, amusing (especially about her pig!) and full of practical advice and help for aspiring authors.



Her message was that children are our future. As such they have a right to be literate, to read, to express themselves, to learn from the past and to empathise with others.

Rotarians, who listened to Tanya's address, also believe that the voice of children should be heard, and lend them their support.

Helen Raphael Sands came in person, to tell stories to students who were taking part in the annual Readathon event that raises money for the Roald Dahl Cancer Charity. Student Molly Dorey said: *I really enjoyed doing the Readathon. I love reading and I found that this day was very encouraging and made me enjoy reading even more! Although we didn't just read: we had some amazing people come in and tell us some stories – which were great! I really, really want to do it again next year!* Maisie Vallance said: *I had a quiet and peaceful time reading, with loads of new books.*

Simon Weston came in by way of a phone call, and a leaflet put together by year 7 student Thomas Rogers. Having found that his father was able to contact Simon Weston through LinkedIn, Thomas simply phoned him! And found that Simon was more than happy to answer questions such as *What was it like on the boat?* (In the Falklands War – it was bombed and set on fire by the Argentinians) and *How did you cope with all the injuries?* The research project set for the students was to find out all they could about Simon, who suffered severe 46% body burn injuries in the Falklands, and how he turned the negatives into positives.



.. and students out



Recent trips out of College have included the annual Sixth Form Geography trip to stay for three days at the Field Research Centre in Slapton. It involved a coastal walk stretching from Start Point right across to Slapton Sands beach on the first day, studying the effects of coastal erosion. The remaining two days comprised of research tasks around both Plymouth and Torquay, whilst examining the impacts of re-branding on the area.

Year 12 student Oliver Clark said: The trip was essential to our work for the year, but also proved to be immensely fun and entertaining.

At the beginning of the February half term, a small group of students went to the ski resort of Saas Grund in Switzerland. We had five days full of skiing, and we got to ski alongside the ice walls of the glacier and ski from the highest mountain in Switzerland. We also tried Ice Stock, which is like curling but without the brushes. It was great fun and we had a mini tournament. Eloise Green Year 8



Compiled by our Press Team. Our student editor, Martha Harris-Davey, is now concentrating on her final year exams - we are very grateful for her editorials, and will appoint a new editor soon.



A team of students went to the Faculty of Biosciences at the University of Exeter, where they represented the College in a series of practical challenges and quizzes relating to GCSE Chemistry. Based in the undergraduate teaching laboratory (which has over 100 practical workstations!) they competed against ten other schools from across the South West.

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