



### KEVICC Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert in St.John's Church, Bridgetown was a wonderful occasion, with students representing the entire Performing Arts Department, and from all years in the College, taking part.

We were delighted that Totnes Town Council's Senior Councillor Judy Westacott was able to come to represent the Council, and she thoroughly enjoyed the evening. *The concert was one of the most innovative carol services that I have ever been to, blending the old traditional with the new in a most successful way. There is an enormous amount of talent at the College and I would be grateful if you could pass on my congratulations to all concerned, not forgetting all those who worked behind the scenes.*



### Year 8 students had a wonderful day working at Arts Lab at Dartington

Arts Lab stands for : energy, young people and collaboration, and has been set up by artist Sara Downham Lotto in an inspirational studio space in the grounds of the Dartington Estate.

Twenty-six year 8 KEVICC students spent a day in the 'Lab' with Sara, supported by film and media tutor Martin Walker; videographer and film producer James Rowden; recent film and photography KEVICC graduate Zanna Lotto and Ariel Gallery Co-ordinator, Lucinda Wheater.

Each young person had the day to explore and experiment with film and painting, and was given the freedom to express themselves in both disciplines with guidance from professionals.



### Do you know what a haiku is?

During last term, our tutor groups were asked to write haikus on the National Poetry Day theme of Messages.

A haiku is a traditional form of Japanese poetry. Haiku poems consist of 3 lines. The first and last lines of a Haiku have 5 syllables and the middle line has 7 syllables. The lines rarely rhyme.

These were the two winners:

#### MESSAGES

You have a message,  
Please check it, don't forget it,  
The sender might cry.

Tutor group D4

#### PARTS OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Tired, annoyed, stressed  
Energised , Ready to learn!  
Excited for home!

Tutor group G1

### Joanna Banks wins S.W. Mountain Bike Championships

Year 7 Student Joanna is an expert mountain biker, who regularly competes for the South West and is ranked number 1 for her age group in Britain.

During last term, she successfully won the South West Championship.

Joanna crashed in her first moto heat, but managed to carry on and came 1st and 3rd in her other heats. She had the fastest times overall and won the finals, being crowned the number 1 mountain biker in the South West!

Well done Joanna – a great achievement.



### SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS MERGE TO BETTER SUPPORT TODAY'S PUPILS

The needs of today's secondary school students are not so very different from the generations that have preceded them: help with career choices; the chance of work experience; managing work-life balance and other societal pressures; being inspired; having the art of the possible demonstrated and being given tips on success in the world of work. With a desire to support

today's students, members of The Old Totnesian Society (OTS) voted unanimously at its Annual General Meeting during last term to pursue a merger with Totnes County / High School for Girls (TC/HS) Reunion Association, and to track down former pupils of Redworth Secondary Modern School. This would bring together students and staff of Totnes' former three secondary schools, which became a comprehensive school in 1966, to expand membership to include younger alumni.

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