

# So Many Opportunities at KEVICC



## Gallipoli Celebrations

As part of the KEVICC Remembers Project, which is remembering the events of the First World War, the College were asked if they would be willing to participate in an event organised by Totnes Town Council to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the Gallipoli Campaign in 1915. Two members of the Year 7 History Challenge Pathway Group, Ben Summers and Jai Stacey agreed to participate.

*Over the two weeks before the event I was asked to research and prepare a speech relating to the Gallipoli Campaign in the First World War. The College was keen to be represented because a number of its ex-students fought and died in Gallipoli, and one in particular was singled out for his bravery, Major Richard Willis, who won the Victoria Cross.*

*Richard Willis was born on the 30 October 1876. He attended our school in the 1880s. The action he won his Victoria Cross for happened on the morning of 25 April 1915, the first day of the Gallipoli Campaign. Captain Willis and his men were trapped on the beach by barbed wire and high steep cliffs. They were met by a very deadly fire from hidden machine guns which caused a great number of casualties.*

*Captain Willis showed great courage in this horrible dilemma and inspired many men so they could break out of the trap. He and his men rushed up to the wire entanglements, cutting them in the face of terrific fire and, by overcoming supreme difficulties, the cliffs were gained and the position maintained.*

*After the speeches, Jai and myself were asked to plant a tree in memory of the brave people who fought in Gallipoli. The tree we planted was a Brown Turkish Fig Tree and with it was a plaque which mentioned Willis and his VC, and that this was the first of 100 trees to be planted in the town in memory of the First World War. I am proud to think that Major Willis attended our school. I believe we must learn from history and work together to create a lasting peace for all.*

**Ben Summers, Year 7 student**

## Remember Me?

### Dave Tellam Memorial Staff v Sixth Form Leavers Football Match

Entering its seventh year, the Dave Tellam Memorial Shield was yet again hotly contested. With three wins apiece for the Staff and VI Form, expectations were certainly high as the VI Form team had been undefeated in the regular season... and triumphed dramatically on this occasion too, with a final score of 9-2! This fantastic event is hosted each year in memory of former teacher Dave Tellam. It is our annual fundraising event for Action Aid, a charity Dave spent much time and effort fundraising for throughout his time as a member of staff.

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## Cross-Cultures

KEVICC hosted a Cross-Cultures workshop offering an enriching opportunity for students and staff from KEVICC, Teignmouth Community College, Landscope Primary and Park School to create new music by combining the distinct musical traditions of Mbira and its integral dance (from the Shona tradition of Zimbabwe) with a classical string quartet.

*I found the Mbira workshop very helpful and inspirational. It gave me lots of ideas for my African composition for my music coursework, while also giving me a good idea of how community-driven music is in Africa.*

**Shemaya Hurd-Thomas, KEVICC student**



## ...to the Forum

KEVICC students attended the 4th Local Entrepreneur Forum in the Civic Hall for the first time this year. They took part in the Community of Dragons, pitching for local support and investment for their start-up venture. The four Year 8 girls have been working with David Irish, Head of Design and Technology, to develop their idea for a range of chocolates made by them using moulds that they produced at the College's high-tec 3-D printing facilities. They hope to develop a partnership with a company who would take on their ideas so they can supply branded chocolates.

The girls, **Lucy McMurray, Mia Poore, Charlotte Puddicombe and Menna Shore** said: *It was really scary while we waited to get up and speak to a whole hall full of people, but it was exciting when people gave us pledges!*



## Let's Dance

### The Place, London Contemporary Dance, workshop for years 10 – 13 students at KEVICC

KEVICC Dance staff were thrilled to be offered a workshop by Third Year Dance students studying at The Place in London.



## Primary Dance Festival

Staff and four year 9 KEVICC students arranged a day of dance workshops for 90 Year 5 and 6 primary school children in Dance with Science, Contemporary and Breakdance. Students then performed their own dance at the showcase for parents and friends at the end of the day.

### KEVICC students said:

*We especially liked the creation and imaginative dancing and making up our own ideas and learned that dance isn't a piece of cake. It was good to help each other and share with other people. Breakdance was great!*



## Butterfly Table Tennis

### Butterfly National Schools' Team Championships

KEVICC sealed their first Under-19 Girls' Table Tennis title in thrilling fashion. They dominated their first 2 opponents before a hard-earned victory against SRC Bede Sixth Form in Billingham which saw the dynamic team of Lily Goddard, Holly Johns, Jaz Johns and Elsa Perry seal their victory with a 5-3 win.

*"We are all very happy with winning the U-19 girls English school championships for table tennis. All of us played really well in all our matches, especially Lily who only started playing the game a few months ago."*

**Elsa Perry**



## A Marathon Whizz

### KEVICC Staff complete the London Marathon for charity Whizz-kidz

PE staff Kerrie O'Neill and Carly Perring, together with Vice Principal Sarah McGinnis, raised the amazing sum of almost £5,000 for Whizz-kidz by completing the London Marathon along with 38,000 other competitors; 70% of whom run for their chosen charity.

*"The first half was really good; the second half HURT!!!"*

**Whizz-kidz**

Whizz-kidz provides mobility equipment to give disabled children the chance to be independent.

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