

KEVICC Newsletter Winter Term

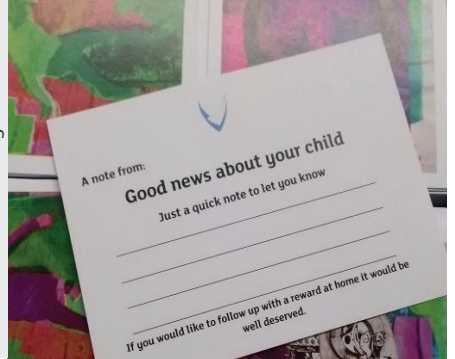
Year 13 visit the AONB South Devon



Our Year 10 caterers are incredible!



Loads of these have gone home!



The Big Think Festival, Kennicott

Engaging students with a range of vital topics – important both on a personal and global level – ThoughtBox Education's **The Big Think Festival** on Friday 14th September took sixth-formers at Kennicott, KEVICC's Sixth Form Centre, off their normal timetable for a whole day.

Instead of regular lessons, their hearts and minds engaged with workshops and cleverly-designed exploration zones on some key questions that will stay with them to some degree for life, including, for example: How do I get over limiting beliefs and negative emotions? How can I learn to find common ground with others? How can we stop polluting the planet?

The brainchild of **Rachel Musson** and the organisation she created, ThoughtBox Education, The Big Think event develops critical thinking and empathy among students. The day had something of a fresher's fair about it, but rather than learning about what clubs they might join, the young participants were able to broach a range of topics with their fellow-students, led by some inspiring guides.

So, after a hearty welcome from the mayor of Totnes, **Judy Westacott MBE**, and headteacher **Alan Salt**, the students went off to their chosen initial workshops. These were led by some wonderfully inspiring change-makers who deserve recognition:

Ben Yeger led on "Humanising the enemy – a journey from conflict and separation to connection".

Dinah Gibbons ran a session called "Celebrating who you are – Social Media in context: a focus on body image".

Ali Knowles spoke on understanding how our minds and emotions work.

Alex Tempest, an ex-KEVICC student himself, ran on turning dreams into reality - whilst saving trees!

Anna Thomson, ran a session on how we eat – our food habits and our relation with food.

Chukumeka Maxwell ran a session called "How can we break down the taboos surrounding mental health?"



Y8 & 10 Boys Rugby Success

In October our Year 10 boys won their **South Devon Championship** pool. Not to be out done, our Year 8 boys also progressed into the next round with victory over Churston.



Our registration for next year's **Ten Tors teams** is now open. If any local businesses would like to sponsor a student team let us know...



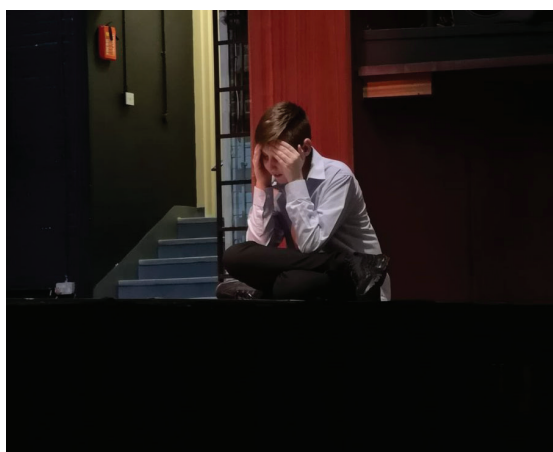
Bringing learning to life



Students took to the Royal Theatre Plymouth in October to see **Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake**. Perhaps still best known for replacing the female corps-de-ballet with a menacing male ensemble, which shattered conventions, and took the dance world by storm. Our students loved it.

KEVICC perform 'The Scottish Play'

Our students are set to perform Macbeth at **The Princess Theatre** for The Shakespeare School Foundation, UK. A very talented group of young performers have spent their first half term rehearsing religiously. Don't miss our performance at The Princess Theatre, 7pm, 20th November. Tickets available from <http://www.atgtickets.co.uk>.



Madagascar Expedition 2019

This term we've begun to get excited about our biennial expedition to Madagascar. Mr Hartigan has led staff information presentation, presenting the impact of the data collected by our teams. Our students have also begun SCUBA training for their marine week next year. An enviable summer awaits.



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Community Wellbeing

The theme of being community and our **collective wellbeing** has featured strongly in our first half term together. The term's student assemblies have featured our Anti-Bullying Student Ambassadors sharing important messages on mental health and happiness. Mr Salt has spoken to us all about global and local environmental awareness - litter has significantly improved as a result! Lunchtimes have featured student run gigs - Fred and Elliot brightened up all our days by delivering a Bon Iver inspired set. Staff have also been keen to support their own wellbeing and mental health. Twilight sessions have featured yoga, cycling and ceramics. We have a weekly staff 10K too. Is there a better way to end a day?