

Parent/Carer Newsletter



Autumn Term 2024



Welcome to Kingston College Academic Year 2024/25!

Message from the Principal
John O'Shea

Dear Parents and Carers,
As we start the new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome parents and carers of new and returning students to the Kingston College community.

I am delighted to share with you our latest Ofsted Inspection for South Thames Colleges Group (STCG) which is our best ever! Two Outstanding grades were achieved for students' Personal Development and Behaviour and Attitudes, with an exceptionally Good grade overall. The group is very proud of its students and staff for this amazing result.

This newsletter provides key information on how to communicate with us, as well as significant dates and details of upcoming events.

This opening half term is very important in ensuring students' future success. Returning students will be researching their progression options and working on their applications for University, Apprenticeships or employment. New students will be settling into College life and developing the study habits and routines that are essential to academic success.

I hope the information contained within this newsletter will help you to support your young person to settle into College as quickly as possible and help them to make the most of their time here from the outset. We also have many learning opportunities for parents to engage with at the College, further details towards the end of the newsletter.

With best wishes for the coming academic year.

John O'Shea
Principal, Kingston College

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and Careers

Highlights from
last year



Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Start of Term: Monday 9 September 2024

Half Term: Monday 28 October 2024 -

Friday 1 November 2024

End of Term: Friday 20 December 2024

SPRING TERM DATES

Start of Term: Monday 6 January 2025

Half Term: Monday 17 February 2025 -

Friday 21 February 2025

End of Term: Friday 4 April 2025

SUMMER TERM DATES

Start of Term: Tuesday 22 April 2025

Half Term: Monday 26 May 2025 - Friday 30
May 2025

End of Term: Friday 4 July 2025

Parents Information Evening

We are always keen to establish strong links with parents/carers of our learners and find that creating this partnership is the best way to support and guide them throughout their time at Kingston College.

You are invited to an online Parents' Induction Evening on **Wednesday 25 September 2024 from 17.00.**

There will be online sessions with;

- The Principal
- Student Services
- Course Leaders
- Head of Maths and English
- Head of Inclusive Learning

The evening will give you more information about the college and how you can best support your child.

An email will follow shortly with all the details and links.

Parent Portal

ProPortal is the name of the software that allows us to give parents and carers access to all the relevant information about a learner's progress and performance on all parts of their Programme of Study.

The web address for parents and carers to access ProPortal outside of college is: <https://proportalext.stcg.ac.uk>

You will be able to see:

- Academic Information. This will include the main subject and also Maths and English where applicable. In each case you will see detailed information of the progress to date and units and assessments still to be completed.
- Learner Details. This includes personal information declared by the learner at enrolment. You will also see their courses with the names of the respective managers and teachers for each part of their Programme of Study.
- Attendance & Punctuality.
- Work related activities and Enrichment.

Further details on how to access ProPortal will be emailed to you shortly.



Student Support and Enrichment Information

Bursary

Students can apply for a College bursary.

Applications are completed online:
<https://stcg.paymystudent.com/portal/>

This means tested support offers eligible students access to daily meal credits for each timetabled day as well as financial support to support students travelling over the minimum distance of two miles to College.

Financial support through the bursary can also provide support for books, equipment and materials, trips, UCAS fees, university visits, DBS and more.



Wellbeing and Safety Support

Kingston College has Student Support and Wellbeing Self-Referral:

Students can self-refer to us through our online referral form (on the student intranet) or can drop into us at the Student Support Centre (Ground floor, Kingston Hall Road).

Contact email: referral.team@kingston-college.ac.uk or phone: 0208 268 2969 / or 2949 for more information or queries, we are here to help.

We also have a 24/7 anonymous helpline called Togetherall that any student can use.



Enrichment Hub Schedule at Kingston College

	Monday			Tuesday		Wednesday				Thursday		Friday					
TIME	12:00 - 15:00	15:00 - 16:30		12:00 - 15:00	15:00 - 16:30	12:00 - 15:00	15:00 - 17:00	14:00 - 16:00	15:00 - 16:30	16:00 - 17:00	12:00 - 15:00	15:00 - 16:30	12:00 - 15:00	15:00 - 16:30	15:00 - 16:45		
ACTIVITY	HUB OPENING HOURS	MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADORS	CREATIVE AND LYRIC WRITING CLUB	HUB OPENING HOURS	FEMALE STUDENT-LED GROUP	CONSOLES, CARDS & CRAFTS OPEN MIC CLUB	HUB OPENING HOURS	NEURODIVERSITY GROUP	STUDENT COUNCIL	CONSOLES, CARDS & CRAFTS	PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB	HUB OPENING HOURS	LBGTQ+ STUDENT-LED CLUB	CONSOLES, CARDS & CRAFTS OPEN MIC CLUB	HUB OPENING HOURS	DUNGEONS & DRAGONS	CONSOLES, CARDS & CRAFTS FANTASY PREMIER LEAGUE
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Find the Enrichment Hub & Café on the ground floor of the Kingston Hall Road (main campus). For more information contact us at enrichment.team@stcg.ac.uk

KCxTRA is the College enrichment programme. Every student has a timetabled slot for enrichment activity. Several clubs and societies are on offer for students.

Freshers Fair is on 18 September when students can sign up to clubs then.

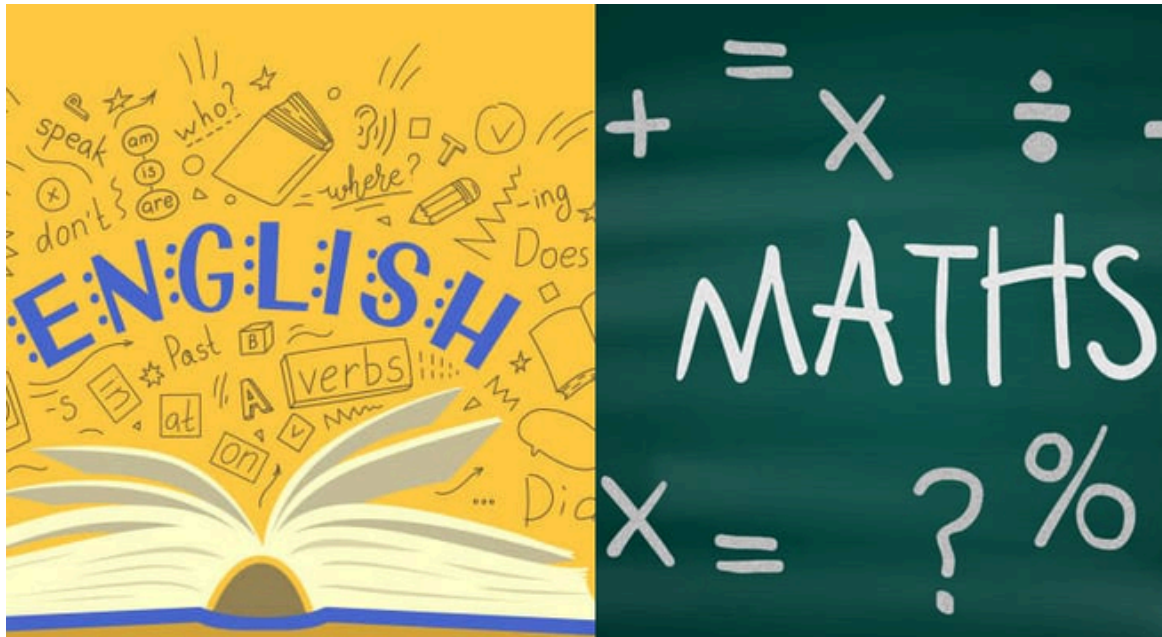
KCxTRA

Club	Day	Time	Venue
KC Active (various sports) Table tennis, Football, Volleyball etc...	Every weekday	(12:30 - 13:15 every weekday) (17:00 - 17:45 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) (16:00 - 16:45 on Monday)	Arena studio and Sports hall
Consoles, Cards & Crafts	Monday - Friday	15:00 - 17:00	Café
Esports Club	Monday	15:00 - 17:00	Room 801
Mental Health Ambassadors	Monday	15:00 - 17:00	Enrichment hub
Art club	Monday	15:00 - 17:00	C 205
Debate Club	Monday	15:00 - 17:00	
Engineering club	Monday	15:00 - 17:00	Room 115
Creative & Lyric Writing Club	Monday	15:00 - 16:00	Café
Girls Group	Tuesday	15:00 - 17:00	Enrichment Hub
Student Council	Wednesday	14:00-16:00	Enrichment Hub
DJ skills	Wednesday	15:00 - 17:00	CIC Music Studio
Neurodiversity Group	Wednesday	15:00 - 16:00	Enrichment Hub
Open Mic Club	Tuesday & Thursday	15:00 - 17:00	Enterprise Hub
Photography Club	Wednesday	16:00 - 17:00	Café
LGBTQ+ Student-led Group	Thursday	15:00 - 16:40	Enrichment Hub
Enterprise Hub	Friday	15:00 - 16:00 & 16:00 - 17:00	Arena Gym
Fantasy Premier League	Friday	15:00 - 16:00	Café
Dungeons & Dragons Club	Friday	15:00 - 16:40	Enrichment Hub
Journalism Club	TBC		
Student Volunteers	N/A	N/A	N/A

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KCxTRA COLLEGE ENRICHMENT



GCSE English and Maths Exam Dates

Some students will be able to resit GCSEs in November (depending on the grades achieved in the summer). Students who need more time to work on their GCSEs will complete the exams in the summer.

GCSE Resit Dates;

English

Paper 1 (English Language) - Tuesday 5 November 2024, 08:30

Paper 2 (English Language) - Thursday 7 November 2024, 08:30

Maths

Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) - Wednesday 6 November 2024, 08:30

Paper 2 (Calculator) - Friday 8 November 2024, 08:30

Paper 3 (Calculator) - Monday 11 November 2024, 08:30

GCSE Summer 2025 dates

English

Paper 1 (English Language) - Thursday 23 May 2025, 08:30

Paper 2 (English Language) - Friday 6 June 2025, 08:30

Maths

Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) - Thursday 15 May 2025, 08:30

Paper 2 (Calculator) - Wednesday 4 June 2025, 08:30

Paper 3 (Calculator) - Wednesday 11 June 2025, 08:30

All students (16-18) who did not achieve a grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths and/or English will need to resit the exams this academic year.
