

Kingston Maurward **College**

2023 Newsletter

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September 7th 2022

Scott Etches was a previous apprentice here at Kingston Maurward College, and has now taken ownership of Valley View Equestrian Ltd. Scott works alongside fellow KMC graduate and Assistant Yard Manager, Aimee Johnston.

Scott suggested getting a work experience placement alongside a full-time course, or an apprenticeship, via a high-quality provider such as Kingston Maurward College, as the best way to learn how the yard and industry works.

Scott also advised "Work hard and be personable to whoever you meet, as you will need good communication skills if you are to work alongside clients and their horses."



September 8th 2022

Queen Elizabeth 2nd dies and the whole of the UK goes into mourning.



September 13th 2022

Our Level 2 Agriculture Apprentices visited Grange Farm earlier this term. Farmer, James Yeatman kindly gave them a tour around the farm, sharing in his knowledge of farm work both past and present. The students were able to see the intricacies of day-to-day farm operations and were given the opportunity to perform a range of practical tasks - all of which proved as invaluable experience for their agricultural careers ahead.



September 19th 2022



Kingston Maurward closes its commercial grounds in mourning for Elizabeth's death.

November 11th 2022

Kingston Maurward College Parade of Remembrance, November 11th 2022. Today we held our annual Remembrance Day Parade. The whole College participated, including some of the animals on-site, to represent the ongoing support that horses and dogs play in many serving roles today. Horses from our equine department led the parade, crowned in wreaths made by the Floral Design department. They served as a symbol of the many horses lost in both world wars. The dogs in the parade included an ex-military service dog previously stationed in Afghanistan. Students from our Combined Cadet Force and Military Preparation courses marched at the head of the column, followed by students from all other academic fields. Ex-service personnel staff laid wreaths, whilst one of our Teaching Assistants played the Last Post and Reveille on the Cornet. Our Level 2 Blacksmithing students made a steel wreath and memorial poppies, which were laid during the service. The poppies will be sold in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Luke Rake, Principal and CEO said; "As a civic institution, it is important to take time to remember the sacrifices of those taken for our liberty. As a community that also trains young people to work in the armed forces, we are proud to take this moment of reflection." The Kingston Maurward estate has direct links back to World War II when the Main House was taken over by the armed forces for the duration of the war. The Royal Army Medical Corps and the US Army were stationed on-site, and the park was used as a petrol storage depot for the D-day invasion. Today, all staff and students stood united in a common cause and spirit; to honour the courage and sacrifice of those who have served their country.



November 29th 2022

Our 20ft Christmas tree now stands mountainous and glittering over our Grand Entrance Hall, thanks to our Floristry students who decorated the tree so magnificently.



December 2nd 2022

Kingston Maurward College countryside apprentices recently visited Chard Reservoir to help with vegetation management work. The students cut away the Willow and removed dead vegetation from the water's edge. Well done all!

December 6th 2022

Earlier this term, our Wildlife, Ecology & Conservation students were generously gifted £500 worth of spill mat gear from Plant-Nappy. The spill mats are designed to sit under plant machinery and hand-held equipment to adsorb oil and prevent it from reaching the ground, protecting the environment.



January 23rd 2023

Our level 4 Animal Behaviour & Welfare students recording and comparing species and water flow data from different parts of the stream on campus. Our degree students use these exercises as a practical way to learn to analyse statistical data.

January 27th 2023

Friday 27 January 2023 is International Holocaust (The Shoah) Memorial Day, marking the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in Poland on the same day in 1945. Today we remember the millions who perished during the Holocaust. The 'Legend Pole Two' was unveiled here last year at Kingston Maurward - a tribute to the rich culture and heritage of the Dorset Gypsy & Traveller communities.

It also stands as a monument in remembrance of 'The Night of the Gypsies' on 2nd August 1944, when 2897 Roma and Sinti perished over one day and night in Auschwitz-Birkenau. The Legend Pole Two was carved by Gary Orange and unveiled by Betty Smith-Billington of @kushti_bok



February 2nd 2023

Congratulations to Rebecca Hewlett, who won the Cornish Mutual competition! Rebecca submitted a 500-word essay on her passion for agriculture, supported by a portfolio of 20 photographs. Her prize included a crystal plaque and £500.

February 23rd 2023

On Pancake Day, some of our HE students opened a crêpes stall for business! Together they sold over £100 worth of crêpes using sustainable palm oil products. Proceeds were donated to the Rainforest Alliance.



March 8th 2023

Today is International Women's Day! John Deere, whose tractors we are proud to own at the College, are one of the official partners for International Women's Day and have created recruitment and employee development processes that are focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion.



March 14th 2023

This week our Level 3, Year 2 Wildlife Ecology and Conservation students took part in the Dorchester Science Fair at the Dorset Museum. Together, Viv Hughes, Emma Douglas and Katie Chapman made a tree exhibit and interactive display centred around Mycelium (Part of a mushroom). Throughout the day, they spoke to hundreds of people about Mycelium's benefits for human beings and its future possible use.

April 25th 2023

Last week, our Level 1 and Level 2 Agriculture students went on a trip to build dry stone walls, courtesy of The Dry Stone Walling Association, who kindly offered tuition. The students enjoyed the sunny weather atop the Dorset hills while learning the many aspects of dry stone walling.



April 28th 2023

Congratulations to our Horticulture students for winning a platinum medal and Best College Garden 2023 at The BBC Gardener's World Spring Fair! Level 3 Horticulture Student Alison Firth designed the stand while working alongside her fellow students to organize and build the garden in Beaulieu, Hampshire.



May 4th 2023

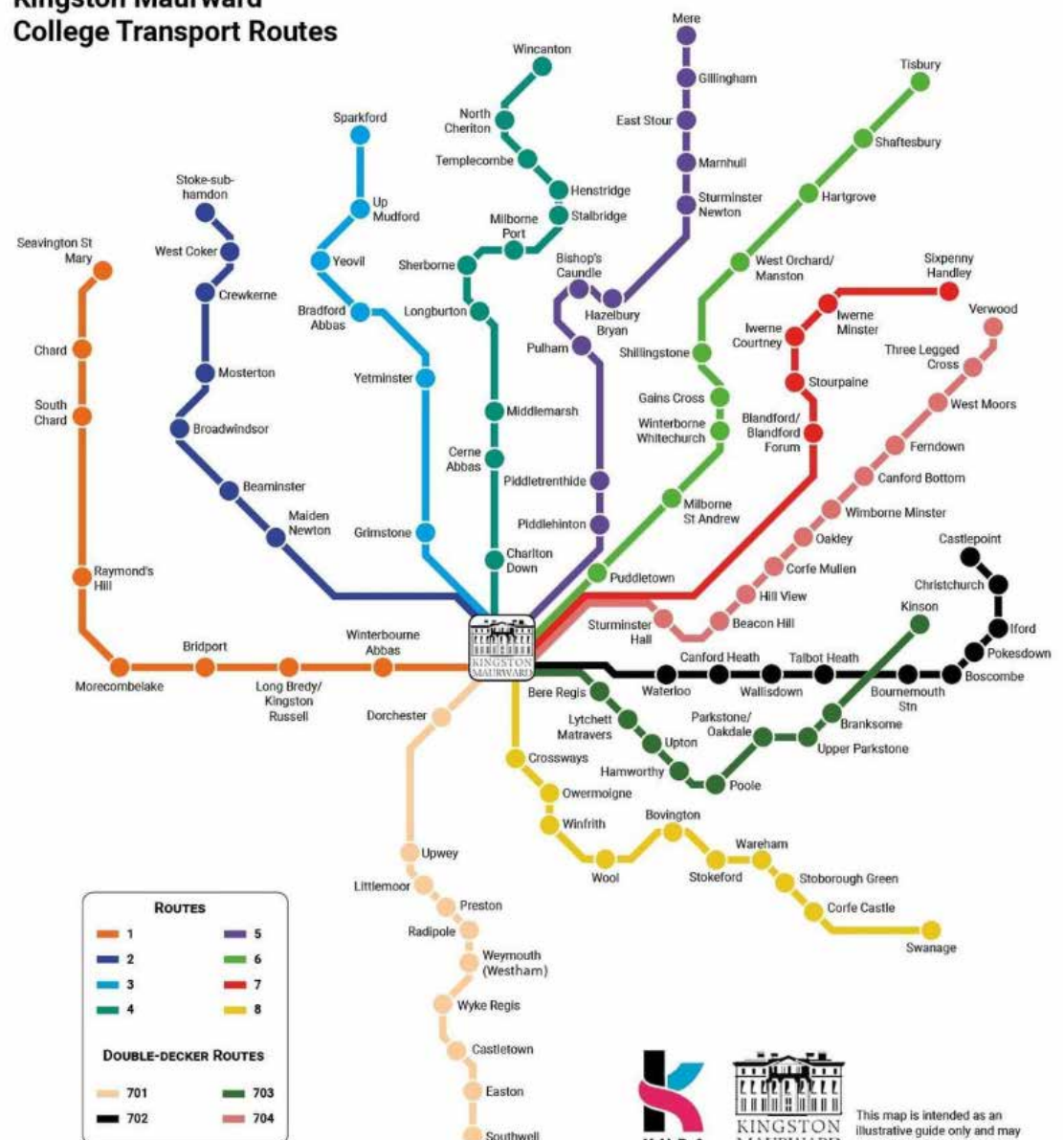
Our Level 2 & Level 3 Floral Design students put together a wonderful display in the Manor House to celebrate the Coronation. The chosen flowers depict the four nations: the red rose for England, the white narcissus for Wales, the blue thistle for Scotland, and the green chrysanthemum for Ireland.



King Charles' Coronation.



Kingston Maurward College significantly expands student financial support for transport from September 2023, with a new company, Kura.



May 9th - 13th 2023

Lundy Study Tour Degree students from the University Centre Kingston Maurward got an amazing opportunity to see great British wildlife in their habitats on their Study Tour to Lundy. There were great views of seals and other wildlife too along the way, plus this year had the added excitement of a helicopter ride or two! We hope to return in 2025 with degree students again for more projects on Puffins, Gulls and other marine life.



May 15th 2023

Outdoor Adventure and Military Preparation students enjoying the heights in Brenscombe Outdoor Centre



May 19th 2023

Today our Horticulture students participated in Low Carbon Dorset's photoshoot within our Manor Glasshouse. The Manor Glasshouse is heated by our new ground source heat pump, which was partially funded by @lowcarbondorset as part of the European Regional Development Fund, saving 140 tonnes of CO2 a year!



May 23rd 2023

Our Outdoor Adventure and Uniformed Protective Service students undertook an expedition down the sunny stream of the River Wye.



June 16th 2023

Our Animal Welfare & Science students have been observing natural life, both living and dead, ancient and modern, in their expeditions to Marwell Zoo in Winchester and the London Natural History Museum, for their end-of-year trips.

June 21st 2023

Last night here at Kingston Maurward College, we saw a celebration of our Level 2 and Level 3 Floral Design students' work for this academic year. They exhibited various designs, with some students modeling their beautiful creations! They successfully followed a Tutankhamun theme - as it's been just over 100 years since his tomb was discovered. We also welcomed parents, friends and family to celebrate in the floral joy.





June 22nd 2023

Our Agriculture students continued yesterday's end-of-year celebrations with an Agricultural Sports Day. Students teamed up from across Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 and formed groups to compete in showcasing their tractor driving, animal handling and quad-biking skills. Staff were on hand to judge the activities and to provide encouragement and support - a real team effort with lots of fun!

June 23rd 2023

Animal Welfare and Science students had fun celebrating the end of another successful academic year yesterday. A mini 'Olympics' was held on the Sports Field in the glorious sunshine. Several games were played, including a ring toss and a water relay - a lot of laughter and smiles all around, especially for the winning team!



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Wishing all our students, past
present and future a wonderful
summer!

The College is now closed for the
holidays, but our Animal Park &
Gardens, The Estate Shop & The
Cellar are open as usual.

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