



Kingston Maurward
College

January Newsletter



September 13th 2023

We started the new academic year with some Freshers Fair fun!

We were delighted to have several local businesses and organisations join us for our Freshers Fair this week, where all new and returning students had the opportunity to visit their stands and discuss all they have to offer within their respective industries, the support they provide, and more.

Our own College Careers Team attended, as well as NFU Online, Dorset Police, Discover Farming, Wopwops, NHS Dorset, Weymouth Street Pastors, Dorset Council, Volunteer Centre Dorset and STARS Dorset - our thanks to all the businesses and organisations that attended!



September 26th 2023

Our Level 2 Wildlife, Ecology & Conservation students took part in some Dry Stone Walling practical sessions.

They undertook the practice of Devon, Dorset and Southern wall building styles. This is just one of the many types of boundary that students will learn to maintain as part of their current and future work in the countryside industry.



October 15th 2023



One of our **BIGGEST** attended Open Mornings **ever!**

We were delighted to welcome well over 100 potential students and their families to the College to learn more about future study at Kingston Maurward.

October 20th 2023



Our Simply Flowers group with funky pumpkin designs!

It was such a treat working with our amazing floral designers and we hope you have been inspired to continue on your own floral adventure.

October 31st 2023

Happy Halloween!

One of our Level 3 Agriculture groups did pumpkin carving in their group tutorial and then looked at some pumpkin cells under the microscopes.



November 2nd 2023

Our Level 1 Construction students have been practicing different brick models, including developing knowledge of terminology and the geometry of building arches and formers. It is great to see them developing the skills, methods and brick bonding required to prepare them for industry work.





November 8th 2023

Our higher education students graduated from the University Centre Kingston Maurward!

Thank you to all our students and families who braved the weather to share this moment with us. We wish you the best of luck in your future; please stay in contact!



November 10th 2023

Kingston Maurward College hosted not one, but three MPs at once during a special meeting this week to look at the future of farming, the importance of land-based education, and the ways in which the needs of food security as well as environmental sustainability can and should work together.

The NFU, students and members were joined by Farming Minister, Mark Spencer MP, as well as South Dorset MP, Richard Drax, and West Dorset MP, Chris Loder pictured here with Principal Luke Rake and Wakely Cox.



November 10th 2023

A sunny November day provided the perfect opportunity to complete a site survey of the Kingston Maurward Cottage Garden. A group of Level 3 Horticulture students used the techniques of offsets, triangulation, and running total measurements to survey the garden.



November 13th 2023



Our annual Remembrance Day Parade saw several hundred students and staff led on foot by horses from the entrance of the estate to the front of the Main House. Principal, Luke Rake, addressed the congregation with a reading and poem. The Kingston Maurward estate has direct links back to World War II when the Estate was taken over by the armed forces for the duration of the war.



November 14th 2023



Our Year 2, Level 3 Sport and Fitness students visited Everyone Active in Blandford to get information about their exercise referral process. The students were completing Unit 29 - Exercise for Specific Groups, and were required to create an exercise referral programme. They were put through two types of referral programmes, one for a client with mental health issues, and one for older adults (less impact).

November 17th 2023

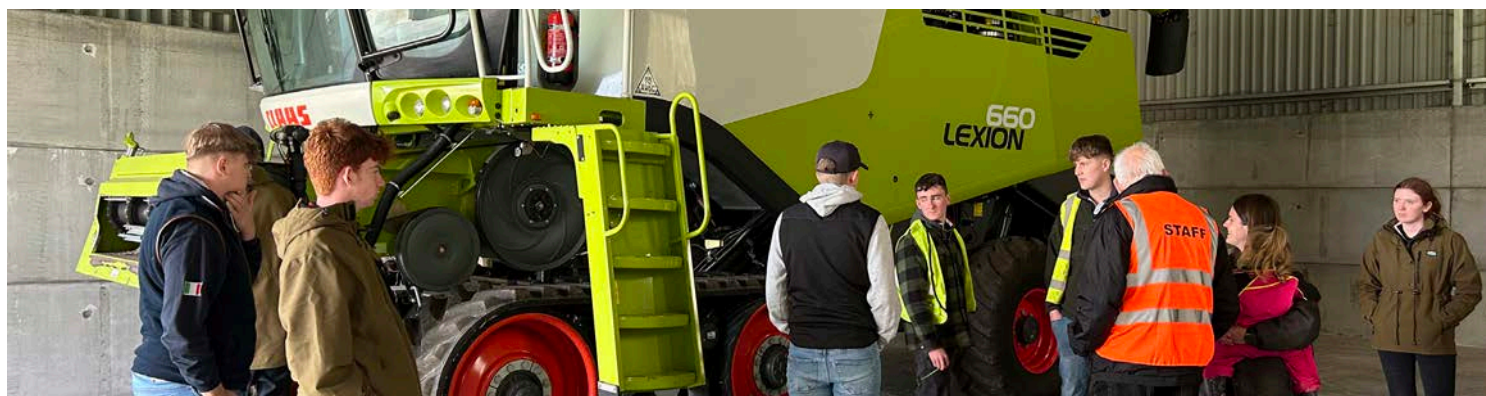


The Walled Garden provided a sunny setting for our Level 2 Landscape Horticulture students to exercise their planting skills. The students spent time working to carefully plant different species of *Narcissus* which will provide a splash of botanical colour in the spring.

November 21st 2023

Eight crested geckos were hatched in 2023 in the Animal Welfare & Science department. Baby chinchillas were born over the summer and have been a real hit with students!

Lots of new animals have been arriving since the start of the September term: rabbits, guinea pigs, a cave gecko and Vietnamese mossy frogs! Students have helped with the initial health checks of the animals before they officially went into the collection after their quarantine period.



November 23rd 2023

Our Level 3 Extended Diploma Agriculture students went off-site for a visit to a local arable farm.

They undertook a tour, discussed the problematic Cabbage Stem Flea Beetle in Oilseed Rape crops, farming practices, and looked at machinery.

Special thanks to Emma and Chris Foot for hosting the students - it is always great for students to gain industry contextualisation by visiting different businesses.





November 28th 2023

Looking back at some of our trips from late last year, our degree students in HND Animal Management and FdSc Marine Ecology & Conservation went to Studland and Chesil Beach to measure profiles, practise techniques for recording beach shapes, and learn more about the change in plants in sand dune succession. Plus, it was a great a way to get to know each other and develop some teamwork skills!



November 30th 2023

Hedge-laying lessons teach our students a traditional method of maintaining boundaries whilst increasing bio-diversity within hedgerows.

The demonstration showed students the future of maintenance machinery and the advances technology is making. Horticulture students joined them for this session and were privileged to be able to take a turn in operating the robot too.



December 1st 2023

Our Events Team requested festive floral displays in November, ready for Christmas parties and main house decor - Our Level 2 and Level 3 Floral Design students did not disappoint!

With traditional colours and a modern twist, they utilised faux flowers, foliage grown on campus, gold accents and fairy lights to create spectacular displays in the state rooms of our beautiful Georgian manor house.



December 5th 2023

Our HND Animal Management and FdSc Marine Ecology students joined together for an off-site visit to Osmington Mills to survey marine molluscs.

Students measured the diameter of Topshells, and by doing so, they hoped to monitor the population to see if they are breeding at Osmington - an indicator of climate change. Breeding regularly at this location could signify warmer conditions that allow survival here in the UK.

They also took the opportunity to measure limpets to test if they were showing signs of adaptations to avoid being eaten by crabs.





December 12th 2023

The College Combined Cadet Force (CCF) had their formal pass-off parade. The cadets were inspected and questioned on their military knowledge by members of the Royal Wessex Yeomanry - the College's affiliated regiment.

This marked the end of their initial training phase and meant the regiment accepted that the cadets were sufficiently trained and educated to wear the regimental cap badge on their berets. The cadets performed their parade with a skill belying their short time in uniform, and the inspectors remarked on how well they conducted themselves.

The cadets, who are on our Level 2 and Level 3 Military Preparation courses, will now go on to more in-depth training and learn more about their chosen military careers.

December 14th 2023



Our Animal Behaviour & Welfare students took great care in preparing our animals for the Christmas break. One important task is wing clipping our peafowl, chickens and waterfowl. This painless process helps keep our birds safe and prevents them flying too far from home. It's an essential skill for any students interested in bird management in the future.



Student Support

Out of hours



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To start a conversation,
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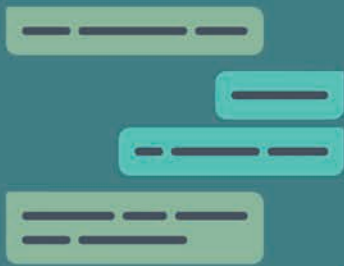
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Kingston Maurward Tractor Run



Sunday 4th February 2024

 **Arrive from 10am - Starts at 11am**
Equine entrance at Kingston Maurward College, DT2 8PY
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 **£15 per tractor**

Kind donations from passengers

Food :: Drinks :: Raffle :: Photography

Prizes to be won
'Cleanest Classic'
'Modified Modern'
'Just Come From Work'



For enquiries contact - kate.barfoot@kmc.ac.uk
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Kingston Maurward Wedding Fair

Sunday 18th February 2024
10am - 3pm
Scan for free tickets



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Kingston Maurward is proud
to announce its status as
official venue of the 2024
Dorset Spring Show!



Kingston Maurward Equestrian

An evening with Charlie Unwin

- Exploring Rider Psychology -

How our mind and body affect
critical moments in the saddle

Kingston Maurward House
Thursday 22 February 2024
19:00-21:00



Tickets £16 (to include refreshments)
£21 on the door

Book online via Equo Events, or over the phone on 01305 215016, or in person at the indoor arena office (Kingston Maurward, Dorchester, DT2 8PY)



Kingston Maurward Equestrian

January 2024

Sat 20th Jan - Clear Round Show Jumping (20cm-90cm)

Sun 21st Jan - Unaffiliated Show Jumping (50cm-1.00m)

Sun 28th Jan - British Dressage

February 2024

Sat 3rd Feb - Dressage Clinic with Donna Beha

Sat 10th Feb - Unaffiliated Dressage and Quest

Sun 11th Feb - British Dressage

Sat 17th Feb - Clear Round Show Jumping (20cm-90cm)

Sun 18th Feb - Unaffiliated Show Jumping (50cm-1.00m)

Sun 25th Feb - British Dressage

March 2024

Sun 3rd March - Unaffiliated Show Jumping (50cm-1.00m)

Sat 9th March - Clear Round Show Jumping (20cm-90cm)

Sun 10th March - British Showjumping (cat.2)

Sun 17th March - Unaffiliated Dressage and Quest

Sun 24th March - British Dressage

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**Supporting
Employers to Find
Funded Training**

Dorset Skills Day 2024

22 February, 2024 | Doors open at 8am
Springfield Hotel, Wareham

**Expert Advice | Q&As | Funding Guidance
Meet Training & Education Providers**

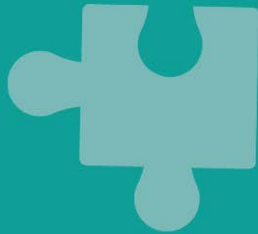
Book a talk or drop-in and meet the experts!

Thursday 22 February

8.00 am - 2.00 pm

Springfield Hotel

Event Price: FREE



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