

## CONGRATULATIONS

### Five As at A & AS Level

A R Aldcroft  
C Barringer  
J M O Brooks  
R J Dafforn  
M D Goodsell  
J Livesley  
J P Mitchell  
T C J Petty

### First Class Degrees

E B Cripps PPE, Oxford  
C Canning-Smith Int Bus Studies, Newcastle  
J Fildes Geology, Edinburgh

### T T Shaw Memorial Awards

Lower Sixth: D Bowers  
R Tunwell  
Upper Sixth: K Coveney  
C Watts

### Silk FM Community Award

J Southall

### Music Competition Winners

G Laughton  
D Illingworth  
F Howe  
R Lea  
Juniors:  
C Bailey  
L Hutchings  
S Lea  
E Beesley  
D Kennerley

### First Impressions Poetry Competition

K Usher (written entry)  
K Harrison (illustrated entry)

### Blair Drummond Trophy

(Best performance in athletics)  
K Ritchie

### NW Triathlon Champion

P Hopkins (Former Pupil)

## Chemquiz 99

Every year the Royal Society of Chemistry organises a Chemistry Quiz for all schools in the Manchester area. This year, 34 schools took part. Teams had a representative from each of Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 and the quiz was in four sections. King's were the winners of the practical session and the runners-up overall. It was particularly pleasing to win what was the most 'chemical' of the sections and the team each received a £10 book token.

Pictured right with the trophy they won are Matthew Batchelor, Jonathan Gartside, Yannick Malins and Robert Colville.

# KING'S NEW HEAD



Dr Stephen Coyne will be the new Head of the King's School Foundation from September 2000. A graduate of Liverpool University, with a doctorate

from the same institution, he started his teaching career at Rainford High School, Lancashire. At the same time he took a PGCE and followed this up with an MEd degree part-time at Manchester University whilst teaching at Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby. He went on to teach at the Manchester Grammar School for seven years. After a spell at Arnold's School, as Head of Chemistry, he moved south to Croydon, where he has been Deputy Headmaster of Whitgift School since.

His appointment to the King's School brings him back to the North West, an area he already knows well. Since his wife Judith taught at Manchester High School for Girls, both of them are also extremely well acquainted with the educational set-up.

Dr Coyne carries the school forward into the new millennium and to its Quincentenary!

## Science finalists on TV

For the annual Zeneca Science Prize, a team of Sixth Formers (J Ritchie, A Ham M Seaborn and T Petty) designed a continuous process for the manufacture of ethanol from potato waste. Ethanol is a very efficient, renewable source of energy but can only be produced by a slow and inefficient batch process. The team won a place at the National Finals and presented their project at Loughborough University. All were awarded a Silver Crest award and James Ritchie (pictured below) was interviewed for the new digital channel, BBC Knowledge. The TV crew picked the King's project as they were impressed by the relevance to a significant problem in the world today: the conservation of energy resources.



## Poetic double

Girls' Division 'Poets of the Term' Jenny Mayo and Miranda Swift have received another accolade. Both were selected by the *Times Educational Supplement* as their Young Poet of the Week and have had poems published in the newspaper.

Senior Subject Teacher for English Nicola Chadwick said: 'To have two of our poets selected for such a significant honour within two weeks of each other is a remarkable success.'

## Chemical reactions

Exciting activities in this year's Chemistry Club have ranged from making vampire's blood to exploding mixtures of hydrogen and oxygen. Among other activities, Year 9 club members made and tested foam fire extinguishers and lead-acid batteries, watched the spectacular oxidation of ammonia, the exploding can, the thermit reaction and the fountain experiment.

## The sum of success

A new prize for Mathematics has been awarded for the first time in the Girls' Division. The Jenny Lee Mathematics Prize was presented by the parents of the former King's pupil in memory of their daughter who died earlier this year. The prize goes to the top mathematician in year 10 and proud first recipient was Vicky Weaver.

# King's at Large

## Pakistan

In the summer holidays a party of twelve Sixth Formers, with leaders Mr Harry Lock (from school) and Mr Robin Andrews (from World Challenge Expeditions), spent four weeks in Pakistan meeting the cultural and physical challenges of travelling to the remote and seldom visited Shimshal Paniv. Each student took a turn to lead the group, leadership and team skills being a key part of the experience. Pictured right are some of the party with the Pakistani friends on the summit of Mingli Sar (19,850 feet). The party emerged from their experiences, which included appropriate safety procedures for illness, with enormous credit.



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## County Champions

The King's School is one of the few schools in the North West to hold the prestigious Sportsmark Gold Award, given to schools which provide both breadth of opportunity to a full range of pupils and top quality coaching to the talented.

Pictured here are the U14 XI. The U14 XI and the U15 XI won their age-group County Championship last summer. The U14s defeated Stockport Grammar School in the final by seven wickets, and proceed now to the national U15 Championship. The U15s beat the Wirral Grammar School by 123 runs in the final.



U15 Midland Bank British School's Tennis NW Champions: A Burr, J Gartside, A McVeigh, L Owen

## Swimming to success

The King's Girls' Division swam their way to Gold and Silver medals at the prestigious Public Schools' Relay Championships, Crystal Palace, London.

The girls competed with top schools from all over the UK and in Open Age Group Championships which can include swimmers up to Upper Sixth Form.

Pupils Jackie Barker, Claire Riseley, Emma Johnstone and Kirsten Henry rose to the occasion magnificently, not only winning the Medley Relay race but smashing the existing records by over 2 seconds.

In addition to their Gold medals the girls won Silver medals in the Freestyle Relay earlier in the day.

## Riding high

Girls' Division horse lover Amy Broom has struck gold by winning a nationwide competition for young carriage drivers.

Amy won the British Driving Society Junior Whip Scholarship against top junior riders from all over the UK after completing an interview, written test and practical driving assessment at the national centre of excellence in Stow-on-the-Wold.

She will be presented with her prize at the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley Arena and will receive a bursary for £250 towards professional tuition and training.



## Duke of Edinburgh Awards success

Eighteen Silver and twelve Gold level candidates successfully completed their expeditions and explorations in the Lake District at the start of July. This follows on from the twenty-four Bronze candidates who endured a midge-ridden night to complete their expeditions in June.



A party of infants at Stockley Farm on one of the many school visits taken over the year.

## Experiencing Edale

The weather for the Year 9 pupils' camping trip to Edale at the end of the Summer Term was wonderful. The trip is one of the many opportunities which give all boys and girls the chance to show their talents in other areas as well as to develop the skills of working together in a non-academic environment.

Pictured left are members of 9MP-F striking camp after breakfast before embarking on a seven-mile hike through the Edale valley, over Losehill and into the village of Hope.

Year 8 pupils also had an opportunity to develop their co-operative skills when the Leadership Challenge team visited the school during the last week of term, setting various puzzling problems which could only be overcome by using teamwork and leadership skills.



## All-Rounder Cup

Macclesfield High School Old Girls presented a magnificent cup to the Girls' Division, to be awarded to the Year 11 girl who makes the best all-round contribution to the school. This year it has gone to Jackie Barker, who achieved nine As (four A\*) at GCSE, played a full part in school sport and exercised a strong, positive influence as a prefect.



Jackie Barker receiving the cup from the Headmaster.

## King's musicians

Pictured here are the members of the newly formed Boys' Division Treble Choir with their conductor, Dr Lynda Palazzo. This brings the numbers of choirs which the school

now boasts to five. And how they sing! Last summer the Junior Division Choir won the AJS Festival under their Director, Mrs Alison Lea. Not to be outdone, the Senior Choirs

entertained an enthralled audience for two hours in the Macclesfield Methodist Church with a programme which showed the range and quality throughout the school.



The new school organ scholar, David Baskeyfield (pictured right) contributed his talents, too, to allow the singers a brief break. The concert was in aid of the Kosovo refugees and £1040 was raised.



# King's Boys: a Division with a vision

When, in 1993, the King's School Girls' Division and the Junior Division opened on the site of the former Macclesfield High School for Girls, two Divisions were 'created' on the established site at Cumberland Street – the Sixth Form and the Boys' Division. The Boys' Division, therefore, continues to enjoy the same superb location in the centre of the town that it has for so long. With it goes a sense of history, top quality facilities and extensive playing-fields.

So how have the boys benefited?

As with all the Divisions in the school, King's Boys enjoys the close attention of a Principal, Vice-Principal, Heads of Year and Form Tutors so that pastoral needs can be readily monitored and academic progress carefully checked. Each Division engenders its own pride in performance, in line with the school's overall expectations. It is also possible within this structure to give the pupils considerable responsibility at a younger age than is normal. Our Year 11 pupils serve as prefects and help in the running of the school, as the Sixth Form do. Because they are given responsibility early they respond with striking maturity.

Opportunities exist, too, for pupils of all ages to take responsibility: to serve on the School Council and the Charity Committee, to help with House competitions, taking responsibility for younger boys, and to show people round the school on Open Days.

The response to high expectations brings high standards. Visitors often comment on their smartness and maturity – something not readily associated with adolescent boys!

At the same time, of course, the pupils lose nothing. They continue to enjoy the wide range of extra-curricular activities that has always been available. Those with particular talent in music can sing in the Foundation Choir or play in the Foundation Orchestra. Drama draws equally on boys and girls, whilst those with special talent at sport can, of course, play

alongside the Sixth Formers in the First and Second teams. The Duke of Edinburgh Award spans all Senior Divisions.

When the boys move on to the Sixth Form, they do so with a 'head-start' in terms of self-esteem, and there, of course, they are joined by the girls from the Girls' Division (many of whom they already know) who have enjoyed the same expectations and opportunities



## Former Pupils' Association

The refurbishment of the fiction library/cricket pavilion has been completed, and the school cricketers will now have ample space to change and enjoy excellent shower facilities. The main 'long room' will be ideal for cricket teas, as well as providing an excellent area for meetings and tutorials during the week. The Association has had many donations from its members and the target is within reach, but we still need another £15,000 and would welcome any contributions from former pupils. Please contact the school or Alan McInnes on 01625 428961 for details.

### Forthcoming events

**Jazz Evening:** Macclesfield Heritage Centre  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 1999

Contact: Ian Price on 01625 876476

**Annual General Meeting:** Old Boys' Club  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1999

Contact: Mike Hyde on 01625 423732

**Opening Ceremony for Cricket Pavilion:**  
early May 2000

Followed by Old Boys XI v School  
(Full details in the next edition)

**Annual Inter-School Golf Day:** Bramhall Golf Club  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2000

Contact: Alan McInnes on 01625 428961

### Charities update

In addition to the concert for Kosovo refugees, all Divisions of the school responded wholeheartedly to the Children's Aid direct appeal, sending 200 packs of educational essentials to Pristina.

Charities Week raised over £4000 to support eleven different charities.



Comic Relief Day

## Website shortlisted for award

In June the King's School website was shortlisted for a prestigious BECTA award in the national competition promoted by *The Guardian* and sponsored by leading educational IT suppliers.

The competition sought to identify schools which have developed exceptionally creative and effective web sites and aims to promote and reward good

practice in web publishing from primary to further education in five categories.

The King's Site was one of four secondary school sites to be nominated in the Technology category, which focused on particularly innovative and effective use of multi-media, design, navigation and technology.



[www.kingsmac.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.kingsmac.cheshire.sch.uk)

## King's Contacts

### Dates for your diary

16 October Open Morning  
10.00 am–1.00 pm All Divisions

21 October Infants' Harvest Festival

30 October - King's Art Exhibition (CS Hall)  
6 November

11 November Open Evening  
5.30–8.00 pm Junior Division  
6.30–9.00 pm Senior Divisions

20 November Rugby 2000 Beaujolais  
Nouveau French Evening  
7.30 pm CS Hal

3 December Foundation Christmas Concert  
7.30 pm CS Hall

9 December Infants' Christmas Concert

16 December Junior Division Carol Service  
2.15 pm St Michael's Parish Church  
Family Carol Service for Age Concern (Senior Divisions)  
St Michael's Parish Church 8.00 pm

### Admissions

For information about admissions, please contact:

King's Infants Mr G J Shaw,  
King's Juniors Principal, Junior Division

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Sixth Form Secretary

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# King's Colours

Autumn 1999

The Termly Newsletter of the King's School in Macclesfield

### Headmaster's Letter

Dear Reader

*At the start of this new academic year King's enters the final stage of the development started in 1993, as the first full cohort of girls enters the Upper Sixth. The school now reaches its steady state, with continuous education for boys and girls from 3 to 18, and a Sixth Form some 300 strong.*



*It is a good year to review progress for another reason. The Governors are delighted with the appointment of Dr Stephen Coyne as my successor (see page 2) and what an auspicious year to start a new headship!*

*This edition features the Boys' Division, highlighting the benefits for the boys of the new school structure. They have gained a whole range of new opportunities, particularly in areas of responsibility at a much younger age than is normal. The maturity they gain is frequently commented upon by visitors.*

*Academic results this year were as usual very gratifying, as this page indicates, and our Key Stages 1 and 2 results show King's consistently above national average.*

A G Silcock

## BEST EVER A LEVELS

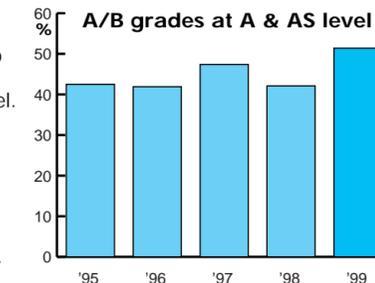
Expectations of our pupils at A Level this year were high but their achievements exceeded them. Details are as follows:

- 130 pupils took the examinations
- Average points per pupil: 27.9
- Percentage of A/B grades: 56.8
- Average points per subject: 7.02 (an average of B/C grade)
- No fewer than 30 pupils obtained three As or more.

All of these statistics are the best on record. They are particularly pleasing on two counts: firstly, those pupils who had already done well at GCSE performed with equal distinction at A Level. Twelve of our former pupils will be proceeding to Oxford or Cambridge and others to top universities. Equally pleasing are the large number whose results at A Level were significantly above the national average improvement from a more modest GCSE base. The overall percentage moving on to

Higher Education is 93. In simple terms this year's cohort flourished in the academic ethos of the Sixth Form at King's.

Now, for the second year, we have a full cohort of girls joining the boys entering our Sixth Form with some distinguished GCSE results behind them. Next summer will see our Upper Sixth taking their A Levels with almost equal numbers of boys and girls for the first time, and the signs are very good!



Some of the students with 5 As at A Level