

# King's 500

## Countdown to Quincentenary

From January 2002, King's will be starting a whole year of celebrations to mark its 500th anniversary. The complete programme for the year is attached and we anticipate that there will be something of interest to all in the numerous events on offer. This is truly a historic year for King's and we hope that the pupils will remember it for their entire lifetime.

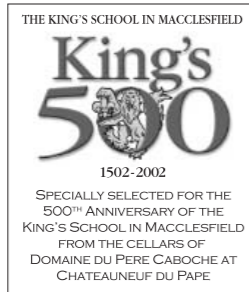
### Bursary Scheme

One aspect of the Quincentenary celebrations, that we hope will be of interest to all is the launch of Quincentenary Bursary scheme. King's has a long tradition of education and the aim of this scheme is to start a new fund to educate talented pupils of limited financial means as a way of commemorating the intentions of the School's Founders. We hope that many readers will want to support this scheme. All enquiries or donations for this venture should be addressed to Dr Coyne, the Head of Foundation, at school.

### In vino veritas?

The School has chosen two wines from the Domaine du Pere Caboché at Chateaufeu du Pape for its celebrations during this milestone year. Both the fresh white and the elegant, well-rounded red have been specially selected by wine merchant Peter Pugson of Buxton. This is an exclusive arrangement for the School's Anniversary; the wines are not available in shops or supermarkets. Each bottle will carry the specially designed commemorative back label shown here.

The wines, can be ordered through Pugson's Wines on 01298 77160 and will be delivered direct to the school for collection.



### Dates for your diary

October 13	Open Morning All Divisions 10am - 1pm
November 8	Open Evening Seniors 6.30 - 9pm Juniors 5.30 - 8pm
November 22	Lunchtime Concert at Fence Avenue
November 29	Christmas Concert 7.30pm
December 1	Christmas Fair Cumberland Street Hall 1.30 - 4pm

### Admissions

For information about admissions to all Divisions, please contact the School Office on 01625 260000.

## Taking the long view in purest platinum

The King's Quincentenary Platinotype is no ordinary photograph. A collaboration with Dr Mike Ware, an international authority on traditional photographic processes, has yielded a unique record of the school's past.

A Fellow and Medallist of the Royal Photographic Society and a consultant to the National Museum of Photography, Dr Ware has worked with Michael Patey-Ford to produce an image composed of pure platinum embedded in the surface fibres of the finest art paper.

This labour-intensive process of hand-coating paper with light-sensitive chemicals has been used to create a limited edition of 12 exquisite prints from a still-life photograph of precious objects and collected memorabilia representing the school's 500-year history. (The faint image underlying these pages is a mezzotint taken from the final ten by eight inch negative.)

At a time when so much contemporary imaging is ephemeral, the platinotype process, invented in 1872, is now practised by only a handful of specialists in Europe for making photographs of great permanence. Our prints are archivally mounted to the highest conservation standards in museum board and are completely stable to light. When King's celebrates its Millennium, these prints should still be pristine.

Two framed prints will be presented to the school, one for each site. The remaining photographs are being made available for sale by sealed bid; further details of this opportunity to secure one of these unique objects will be published in the new year.

Michael Patey-Ford and Dr Mike Ware at work in the studio



# Quincentenary Programme

### 2001

September - launch	Aberlour 12 year Malt Whisky & King's 500 Wine
October 19-28	U14 Rugby Tour (Vancouver, Canada)
October	Planting of Daffodils in Junior garden
October 20-24	History Field Trip to WWI Battlefields
November - launch	Kingsmacc Commemorative Rose - Delivery Summer/Autumn King's 500 photographic still-life Limited edition Platinotypes and posters 2002 Colour Calendar Ian Price Commissioned Print
December 12	'500 Years of Fashion - Junior disco and fashion parade

### 2002

January 8-Feb 22	Charity Readathon - Year 7
January 21-Feb 1	Quincentenary Exhibition. Macclesfield Library
Friday January 25	Founders' Day Services at St Michael's, St Paul's, Heritage Centre and F/A Hall am Buffet Lunch for Staff & Pupils. Several locations on each site Governors' & Guests' Lunch (Town Hall) Directory of Former Pupils launch Computer Exhibition (Memorial Pavilion) Infants Medieval Fayre, pm Sports Fixtures pm v Former Pupils
Sat Jan 26 5pm	Commemorative Peal of Bells - St Michael's
February 14-19	Rugby Tour U12 to Scotland
February half term	U13 & U15 Rugby Tour to Italy (Rome)
Saturday 9 March	Junior Rugby Festival (U12; U13)
March 12-16	School Play: 500 years of Drama
Saturday 16 March	Myles Marshall U15 Rugby Sevens
March 16/17	Hockey Festival. Boys 1st XI
Thursday 21 March	Professor Tylecote Memorial Lectures Stephen Venables on Shackleton 2.30pm 6th Form 7.15pm Public Lecture
March 25/26	Science/Technology talk to Junior School. 500 years of Inventions
April	Opening of Kingsmacc Rose beds and Sponsored Roundabouts Commemorative tree planting in town. Memorial stone (K.Ed VI GS) relaid
May 3-6	1st XI Cricket Tour to Northern Ireland
April 2-9	Lake Garda & Italian Cities Tour
May 7	Invitation Athletics Quincentenary Relays Trophy
Friday 10 May	Foundation School Photo at C/S
Wed May 15	Governors' Quincentenary Sherry Party

Friday May 17	King's 500 Golf Day at Tytherington Golf Club
Thursday 30 May	U12 Cricket Festival 6-a-side
Friday June 21	Rounders Festival
June	Orienteering Trip to Ireland
June	Infants Picnic and Barbecue Tudor Sports Day
Late June	Governors' Photo
Late June	'King's 500' C/S Aerial Photo
June	Junior School Walk - 500 metre climb
Friday 28 June	FoK Annual Ball at Adlington Hunting Lodge
Saturday 29 June	Staff Reunion Doins
Saturday 29 June	Junior Division Tudor Summer Fair, pm
Thursday 27 June	Quincentenary Gala Choral Concert
Tuesday 2 July	Dance Workshop. Wise Moves Dance Co. Year 8 Girls
Friday 5 July	Old Boys' Cricket & Evening Social Event
Early July	Cricket Festival at King's 1st XI
Friday 5 July am	Outdoor Foundation Assembly
July 8-13	Past & Present Choir Tour to Barcelona
July 10-29	Rugby Tour (1st XV/2nd XV to Canada)
July/August	Overseas Expedition: India
Tues September 3	Foundation Staff Photo, 2.00pm
Sat September 7	Rugby Festival 1st XV's & Reception for Manchester Referees Society at Macclesfield RFC
Thurs September 12	Prize Giving Evening
Sat October 5	Quincentenary Ball at Shrigley Hall
Friday October 11	KSMFPA Quincentenary Dinner Adlington Hall Hunting Lodge
14-18 October	'500 for 500' Sponsored Run for Charity
Half term	Classics Trip to Rome, Pompeii & Sorrento
Friday 25 October	Art Exhibition Preview & unveiling of Public Art Ceramic Commission
Oct 26-Nov 2	Art Exhibition
November 11	Remembrance Day Service Presentation Exhibition
Mid November	Governors' Civic Reception
December	Cathedral Service of 9 Lessons & Carols St Michael's Service of 9 Lessons & Carols 1st XI Cricket Tour to Barbados
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# King's Colours

Autumn 2001

The Termly Newsletter of the King's School in Macclesfield

### Head's letter

I take great pride in being Head of King's during its Quincentenary year. I extend an open invitation to all readers to come and visit the school during 2002. Much of this issue is dedicated to the Quincentenary and I hope that you enjoy reading it.



I trust that you will also note the improvements that have been made around the sites. Over the last 18 months, we have spent nearly £ 2/3 m on upgrading or extending our facilities. The completion of the Infants' block sees this area of the school expand again as a result of demand for places. The school is in excellent health and we look forward with justifiable optimism to the next 500 years.

Once again, our academic performance has been outstanding. Four of our pupils obtained one of the top five marks in the country in their subjects. The record A level results, make us one of the most successful co-educational schools in the Manchester area. The splendid GCSE results also demonstrated the strength of the separate system of education for boys and girls at 11-16. Our Key Stage SATs results were also very pleasing, with the KS2 English performance being truly exceptional.

The celebrations to come are for us all to share. I am particularly keen to see the Quincentenary Bursary scheme succeed because I think that a school with our tradition should be able to educate deserving pupils regardless of their financial situation. I would like to record my thanks to all of you who have donated to this worthwhile cause and hope that you all enjoy our 500th year.

Stephen Coyne

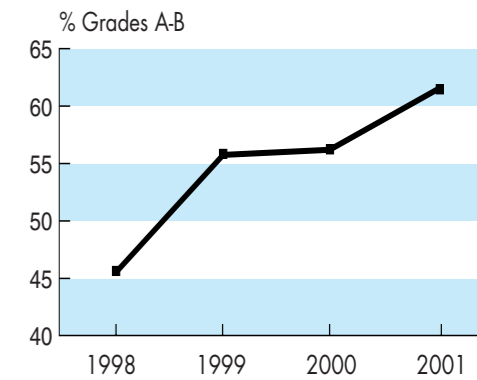
## RECORD RESULTS AGAIN

For the third year in succession King's has secured record A level results. The percentage of A/B grades was over 5% higher than last year's record: a remarkable achievement. Not only did the whole year group do well but two of our pupils gained some of the top marks nationwide.



The overall picture was:

- 23 pupils achieved 3 As or better
- 13 pupils obtained 4 A grades
- 7 pupils achieved 5 A grades
- percentage of A/B grades: 61.5%
- the pass rate was 98.3%.
- UCAS points per pupil: 28.9



James Evans, secured 6 A grades, one at AS, the highest total in the school's history. Peter Seden and Dominik Stukowski (above right) obtained one of the top five marks in the country for their Chemistry and Computing papers respectively. Both secured 5 A grades and Peter is Cambridge bound to read Natural Science at Selwyn College. 10 of our graduates will be proceeding to Oxford or Cambridge as a consequence of their results.

### Top Marks at GCSE

Emma Gilroy and Damien Ming also managed one of the top five marks in the country for their chemistry and geography papers respectively. Emma and Caroline Walters (pictured right) managed nine straight A\* grades. The overall A\*-C pass rate was 97.1% and 49.2% of grades were at A\*/A. These are the second best ever GCSE results at King's.



### Quincentenary Rose

What better way to commemorate our Quincentenary than to plant roses in your garden! Why not invest in 'Kingsmacc' roses direct from Fryers of Knutsford (£7 each including p&p) which for one year only are exclusive to King's. The rose, a Hybrid Tea, peach to cream in colour with a glorious scent, has performed well in trials and is available from November.

Fryers Nurseries - 01565 755455. www.fryers-roses.co.uk



### A PAIR OF PRINCIPALS

The King's Foundation has two new Principals this term and they are both making a mark in their own separate ways. We welcome Elizabeth Spence as the new Principal of the Girl's Division. She has already made a significant impact by her caring manner with the pupils and for her approachable demeanour with staff. We know that the Girls' Division will flourish and prosper under her leadership.

When Ian Wilson decided to step down as Principal of the Sixth Form Division, Timothy Andrew, Head of English, was eager to take over the reins during the interim. We all wish him well in his new role, which he has already tackled with exceptional energy, commitment and attention to detail. He has great academic success to build upon and we are all eager for more.

### King's bids a fond farewell to The Rev

Robin Craig has been at King's since 1985 as Chaplain, Head of Religious Studies and Vice Principal of the Boys' Division. He arrived as Head of Depart-

ment and took on the role of Chaplain thereafter. He is retiring with his wife Anne, who left the Girls' Division a year ago, to live in Chichester. He plans to be near his grandchildren and to be involved with the church there.

Robin is a truly good and compassionate man of integrity. He always found time to be listen to the pupils and help with their problems. He will be greatly missed for his patience and understanding. His colleagues held a farewell party for him and Mr Hidden from the art department designed a good luck card that Robin is seen holding. Everyone at King's wishes him and Anne well in their new life in Sussex.



### PRIZE GIVING

The annual Prize Giving took place at the Silk Heritage Centre in September with Dr Coyne delivering the address. Music scholars, David Baskeyfield and Sarah Varney performed the introductory music in their last recitals for the school and many of the departing Upper Sixth were present to receive their awards.

Books and certificates were presented to pupils from the different Divisions, with Development Trust Scholarships being awarded for outstanding pieces of independent research. Katie Riddell won the Macclesfield High School Best All-Rounder Cup and the Deryck Siddall Cup was presented to Edward Barker. A social occasion was held afterwards to say a final farewell to this year's graduates.



### More space for King's Infants

Four years after the Infant School was first opened, building development during the summer has greatly increased the accommodation that this flourishing department can provide. A doubling of numbers from age 4 upwards has led to the provision of further classrooms and staff areas to house over 100 children and 14 staff. Places for entry into King's Infants from age 3 upwards continue to be much in demand with registrations being placed from birth. New teacher Miss

Erica Smith is pictured with Infants James and Isobel in front of artwork of the new building created by nursery nurse Nicola Few.

*Thirty Year 6 pupils ended the school year by taking part in a variety of adventurous activities in rural South Wales. Jane Ford is shown here in full control of her quad bike and having just completed a 30 foot abseil descent on the right.*



### Girls' First Challenge

Mrs Helen Broadley took 12 girls on an expedition to Greece this summer; the first trip of its kind from King's Girls. In temperatures of up to 40 degrees they climbed mountains, ventured through forests and forded crystal clear rivers en route to the idyllic mountain lakes of the Mount Helmos and Ziria range. After camping out each night on their adventure they arrived home a week later exhausted yet exhilarated.



### Record SATs results

This year's Year 6 pupils gained record results. Out of 61 children, an astonishing 58 (95%) gained Level 5 or better in English, 50 (82%) in Science and 36 (59%) in Maths. National figures are normally of the order of 30%, 35% and 25% respectively. In addition Emily Middleton (pictured below) and Jonathan Buckle are congratulated on their successes at Level 6 in English and Maths respectively.



### Congratulations to

The Boys' swimming team who won the Aldenham Cup

The U14 Cricket team who won the County Cup

Tim Egerton who won the Blair Drummond Trophy and was selected for the England Junior Fell Running team

Andrew Laing who won the Yr 7 TRIOS Trophy

Justin Perring and David Illingworth: awarded Divisional Colours

Mr & Mrs Adams on the birth of their lovely daughter Elizabeth

The newly-weds Mr. Potts and Dr. Cohen!

Year 5/6 Choir who successfully defended the Gleave Trophy at the Alderley Edge Music Festival

The Under 11 Cricket Team on winning the Stockport GS 6-a-side competition and being runners-up in the AJIS final

James Irlam: North West Independent schools U11 High Jump champion

Aundré Umebuani: represented Cheshire at National Schools Championship



*James Plowright sails over the line in the Junior Sports Day sackrace.*



### Toronto Tour

A mixed party of pupils and staff went to Toronto in July for a joint hockey/netball tour. Canada is a big country but it is a small world as evidenced by the fact that they shared accommodation with some rugby players from Stockport. A convention of unicyclists at the training ground also added to the fun, particularly when they were playing night hockey with flaming pucks! More games were

won than lost on the tour and a good time was had by all. The Canadians were extremely warm hosts and there were plenty of opportunities for sight seeing. The finale was a trip to Niagara Falls and a ride on the Maid of the Mist boat to wind up a most enjoyable trip.

### Sponsored Squash

Squash players at King's will have many reasons to thank local businessman, Steve Keefe, as they play their favourite game in the future. The Money-point Squash Courts were officially opened by Mr Keefe to celebrate this partnership with business that allowed the recent refurbishment of the Cumberland Street courts. Businesses around the area would probably like to

know that the school is keen to get involved in more partnerships of this type. With the readers of King's Colours being some of the most affluent consumers in Cheshire, working with business could be of mutual interest to all. Prospective sponsors should contact the Head of Foundation, Dr Coyne, at school if they have any schemes for consideration.



## Super Sarah

Sarah Gales, currently in year 6, proved herself to be an outstanding all-rounder in the last school year. She is the current Macclesfield Primary Schools Under 9 Cross Country champion. She also won the AJIS (Association of Junior Independent Schools) Under 10 Cross Country championships competing against girls a year older than her and was the Under 10 800m champion at the AJIS athletics sports held at Blackpool's Stanley Park. Not content with such athletic prowess alone, she holds a bronze award for the Junior Mathematics Chal-

lenge (for children Under 13), plays the piano and was a member of the Junior School Choir that won the appropriate class at the Alderley Edge Music Festival.