

# King's Colours

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The Termly Newsletter of the King's School in Macclesfield

## Head's letter



*It has been a remarkable year, as will be obvious from the pages of this newsletter. Without doubt, the most significant event was the Royal Visit on 24 July, when HM the Queen and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh came to King's.*

*The weather was kind to us in that it did not rain but the day was dull and overcast and not to the Duke's liking. He was heard to ask what it would be like in winter if it were so cold in the summer. On the other hand, the event **was** to everyone's liking and it was a great day for the school and the community who joined us on the main field during and after the visit.*

*Once again, our academic performance has been outstanding and details can be found in the main article on this page as well as elsewhere in the newsletter. The results certainly made it a summer to celebrate but, unusually, I have a third special event to outline. Macclesfield has marked the Quincentenary of the school by awarding King's the Freedom of the Borough. Any of you who see me with my flock of sheep grazing outside St Michael's will know that I am exercising my rights on the school's behalf. Seriously, this is a very prestigious honour and I will be attending a ceremony to mark the event in October. The last institution to be so honoured was the Cheshire Regiment in 1949, so King's can be assured that it is in extremely elevated company.*

Stephen Coyne

## BREAKING THE RECORDS

Congratulations to King's pupils who have produced very good A level results this year, with 81.7% at grades A-C. The pass rate was a very pleasing 99.8%, with 32.6% at A grade.

The overall picture was:

- 28 pupils with 3 A grades or better.
- 9 pupils with 3 A grades and 2 A grades at AS.
- 8 pupils obtained 4 A grades.
- 425 out of 426 entries were passes.
- 5 out of 6 passes were grades A-C
- 1 in 3 entries was passed at grade A.

Richard Cartmel secured one of the top five marks in the country in both his Chemistry and Computing papers (see page 2).

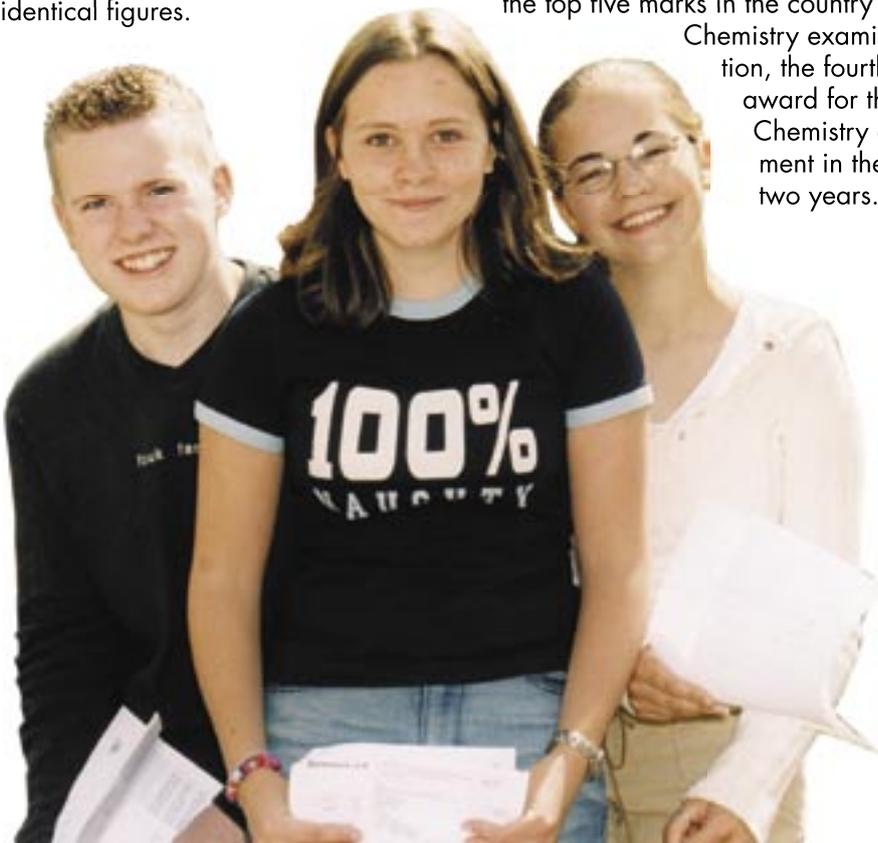
At GCSE the pupils excelled with 56.3% of the grades at A/A\*, a school record. The A\*-C pass rate was 97%, with boys and girls demonstrating almost identical figures.



### All stars

Special congratulations go to the following pupils: David Illingworth (above) who achieved 10 A\* grades, the best in Manchester according to *The Manchester Evening News*; Matthew Beardmore, Elizabeth Harrison and Emma Wood (pictured below) who all obtained 9 A\* grades; Alistair Patrick who passed 10 GCSEs, 9 at A\* grade. Matthew and Elizabeth also each achieved one of the top five marks in the country in their

Chemistry examination, the fourth such award for the Chemistry department in the last two years.



## Flying high

Yet again, the results for Year 6 pupils in the national KS2 Tests were excellent. All reached Level 4 (the national 'average') in English, Maths and Science, whilst a staggering 90% reached Level 5 in Science (compared with

the national figure of around 35%). Three children—Sarah Gales, Johny Marshall and Matthew Murray—also reached the highest available standard of Level 6 in Maths, a feat normally achieved by less than one thousand children nationwide.

## So long, farewell...

We would like to pay tribute to three teachers who retired in July. Between them, they gave nearly 100 years of service to King's and each made a significant contribution to the education of our pupils.

Michael Aiers taught Physics at the school for 31 years. Second in the department, he was also a senior adviser for his subject. John Mellor also started work here in 1971 as a Metalwork teacher. He rose to become Head of Department of a rapidly changing subject, now delivered by computers as well as by the lathe. Peter Mathews (pictured) joined King's 34 years ago



and completed over 100 terms here. He has undertaken so many roles it is impossible to quote them all: head of year, master in charge of

first XV rugby, master in charge of the ornithology club and, most recently, Head of PSE, a subject he introduced to the school.

We wish all three a long and happy retirement. We are very much in their debt.

## Meeting a need

In response to a request from the Rotary Club, King's Girls collected around 100 items for an emergency supplies box for families in need. The diverse items included a hatchet and a shovel. Charities prefect Nicola Roper organised the whole collection while a sponsored swim by Year 7 girls Nicola Hayes, Jessica Hodgson and Hannah Lock raised money for the project.

## Checkmate

It has been an eventful summer for Joe Worrall, who has just started Year 8 in the Boys' Division. He reached the National Chess finals, having swept the board in the Cheshire and North Wales heats and having beaten off stiff opposition from England and Scotland in the semis. Joe, aged 13, has been able to beat his father for about a year now and will soon be beating just about everybody else from the look of it.



## Melodies and memories

At the start of the summer holidays, 94 past and present members of the Foundation Choir flew to Barcelona to celebrate the Quincentenary with a week of sun, sea, sightseeing and song. The Choir rose to the occa-

sion in every respect: concerts were a highlight, performed in beautiful churches to enraptured audiences. Above all, however, memories of the camaraderie and fun shared by so many boys, girls and staff, young and old, remain in the heart.



## Double whammy

Richard Cartmel has had a magnificent summer, having obtained 5 A grades in his A level and AS examinations. He also managed one of the top five marks in the country in his A level Computing examination and, as if this were not enough, achieved the same feat in Chemistry. 7,500 candidates took the Computing examination and 11,000 the Chemistry. Richard is going to Robinson College, Cambridge, to read Computer Sciences.



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### Picture perfect

Leigh Paton (above) is a winner in the Astra Zeneca Primary Calendar Competition. Out of thousands of entries from local schools, Leigh's was chosen for the month of February. For her picture, on the theme of Safety, she won a book token and the Junior Division received a £200 cheque.



### Move over Man Utd

King's under 11 footballers have triumphed in the Brocklehurst Wiston Cup—Macclesfield's primary schools' answer to the FA Cup.

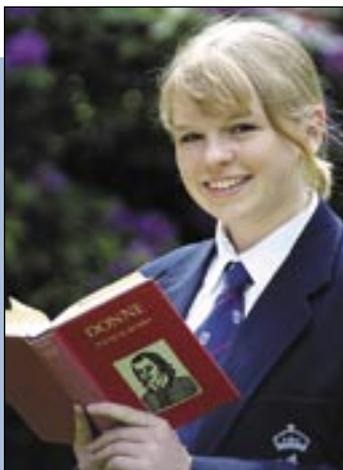
### Happy Birthday infants!

The Infants' Division is celebrating its fifth birthday. It has been a successful and exciting five years. From the originally planned single class, there are now two classes from Reception to Year 2 and one class for 3 year-olds in the Nursery.



### Jubilee poet

In a right royal competition, Kate Hamilton has had a poem chosen for inclusion in the book *Fifty Jubilee Poems*. The Queen's Golden Jubilee Poetry Competition attracted entries from all over the United Kingdom and the judging panel was chaired by Andrew Motion, Poet Laureate. Kate, of the Girls' Division, will receive her own copy of the book, signed by the Laureate, and the school library will be given two further copies.



### Bursary Scheme jigsaws

Head of Foundation Dr Coyne was delighted to announce at Prize Giving that the first three pupils had now entered the Sixth Form under the auspices of the Quincentenary Bursaries Scheme, inaugurated by Steve Smith, the famous rugby player, last January

Retired King's teacher Guy Milner has commissioned wooden jigsaws with views of King's painted by artist and former pupil Ian Price. All profits from the sale of these are going to the Bursary Fund. For further details of these delightful gifts contact the Foundation Office.

## Congratulations to:

**Katherine Baker** (200m) and the Girls' 4x100m relay team who won their events at the Macclesfield Primary Schools' Athletics Championships in June.

**Anika Bulcock** who won the Eastham Country Park Orange Orienteering event in April.

**Laura Davenport** for winning the Intermediate Girls' Shot in Macclesfield and District Athletics meeting in May.

**Tim Egerton** (800m & 1500m), **Aundré Umebuani** (100m) and **Stephen Campbell** (3000m) who won their events at the Cheshire Schools' Athletics Championships in June.

**Kaila Hall** for raising £575 for the Meningitis Trust by walking 15 miles.

**Mr Harbord** for completing the Cheshire Half Marathon.

**Lloyd Kennedy** who scored a 50 for the Junior Division against King's, Chester, featuring a 100 partnership with Andrew Parton.

**Jacob Rhodes** and **Ashley McCormack** who, with two former pupils, were part of the winning team in the Quincentenary Golf Day competition at the Tytherington Club.

**Pauline Scott** for her nomination by Cheshire as an outstanding sportswoman.

**Siobhan Wesley** and **James Tuffin** for the quality of their broadcasting on Silk FM during the Royal visit.

**Zoe Wolstencroft** for raising £324 for Leukaemia Research in the Cheshire Bikeathon.

**Robert Wreglesworth** who won the Gower Orange Orienteering event in June.



### Alan hits MCC for a ton

It has been an excellent summer for cricket. The first XI had their best ever season, winning 14 games out of 22. The highlight of the summer turned out to be the MCC match, which was a tie. In a very exciting finish, King's sixth former, Alan Day (pictured), was caught in the outfield for 152, having completed one of the best innings seen by a schoolboy against a team of professionals.



### Biathlon man

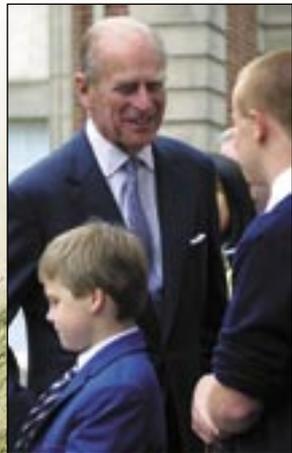
The World Championships for the biathlon—not for the faint-hearted—were held in Sardinia in the summer. Contestants have to run 1500m, swim for 200m and then complete another 1500m run. King's sixth former, Stephen Campbell, came second in the 17/18 age range, making him the second best at his sport in the world for his age group. This is a quite remarkable achievement for Stephen, who can regularly be seen pounding the pavements of Prestbury.

## The Queen at King's

The royal seal of approval was set on King's Quincentennial celebrations when Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, visited the school in July. As part of her tour, the Queen was shown three different classrooms representing three different times in history.

The first room featured a dramatic re-enactment of a schoolroom in 1502, with a lesson in Latin and an introduction from Sir John Percyvale, King's founding father.

The 1952 classroom was recreated in collaboration with the Silk Heritage Centre in Macclesfield. This time, the lesson was Art, focusing on the work of Charles Tunnicliffe, who was born on a farm locally and became famous for his bird paintings.



The 2002 room showed the hi-tech world of the modern classroom. Wireless laptops and interactive white boards were kindly provided by Jarvis-MPC Systems Ltd, part of Agilisys.

The Queen met several pupils before a recital from the King's Foundation Choir featuring the first movement of John Rutter's *Gloria*. Her Majesty then unveiled a commemorative stone that now stands

next to the flagpole on the Cumberland Street site.

His Royal Highness also met several pupils, including a large selection of Duke of Edinburgh Award winners and the sailing club. He showed a particular interest in the World War I Battlefields group exhibition and the group that helps disabled swimmers, the Macclesfield Seals.

Picture courtesy of  
LivingEDGE Magazine  
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This stone  
was unveiled by  
Her Majesty The Queen  
on  
24 July 2002  
to celebrate 500 years of  
The King's School  
in Macclesfield

# King's 500

**Quincentenary Art Exhibition** 26 October - 2 November  
Saturdays 10am - 5pm, weekdays 2 - 5pm. Admission Free.

## Good News for Leek Area!

A new school bus route will be in operation from September 2003 for pupils in the Leek area. The details of the route are still under discussion but it is anticipated that the new bus will service Rudyard and the Leek area.

If you are interested in this new service, please contact Admissions, who are keen to establish the current demand



## Hockey blue

Is Katherine Coveney King's first woman Oxbridge hockey blue? Katherine, who joined King's in 1993 as part of the first Year 7 intake of the new Girls' Division and was the first girl to win King's T T Shaw Award, took part in the Varsity hockey match in her second year at Cambridge.

## Royal visit on CD

A CD featuring hundreds of photographs of the Queen's visit to King's is now available. Produced by the school in co-operation with photographers present on the day, it can be downloaded on to a computer and the photos printed for personal use. (Copyright prevents resale to a third party.) The CD costs £12 (+ £1 p&p) and can be ordered from the Foundation Office.



## Former Pupils' Association

### Concert raises £2500 for East Cheshire Hospice

An open-air concert in the school quadrangle, featuring Mart Rodgers Manchester Jazz, raised a momentous £2500 for the struggling East Cheshire Hospice. Many thanks to all who came, and also to the Macclesfield High School Old Girls who helped with the organisation.

### Dates for your diary

Change of date: Old Boys' Rugby at Macclesfield RUFC now Sunday 22nd December at 2.00 pm. Contact A Rice at school.

### Annual General Meeting

Thursday 19th December at the Old Boys' and Park Green Club, Churchside, Macclesfield at 7.30 pm.

## Dates for your diary

21-25 October	Half Term Holiday
21-28 October	Classics Trip to Rome & Pompeii
25 October	Quincentenary Art Exhibition Preview 7.30 pm Cumberland Street Hall
26 Oct-2 Nov	Quincentenary Art Exhibition Cumberland Street Hall
31 October	Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award Parents' Evening 7.00 pm Cumberland Street Library
7 November	Open Evening 5.30 pm Juniors & Infants 6.30 pm Boys, Girls & Sixth Form
11 November	Remembrance Day Service 10.45 am Cumberland Street Hall
14 November	Years 11 & 12 Careers & HE Evening Cumberland Street Hall & Main Block Year 3/4 Pantomime Macclesfield Jubilee Concert Foundation Choir 7.30 pm Leisure Centre
21 November	Sixth Form Options Evening 6.00 pm Cumberland Street
23 November	Friends of King's Beaujolais Evening 7.30 pm Cumberland Street Hall
29 November	Quincentenary Gala Concert 7.30 pm Bridgewater Hall
4 December	Infants Nursery Christmas Concert 10.00 am Infant Hall
5 December	Infant Christmas Concert 10.00 am Infant Hall Charity Fashion Show 7.30 pm Cumberland Street Hall
7 December	Friends of King's Christmas Fair 1.30 pm Cumberland Street Hall
10 December	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols 8.00 pm Chester Cathedral
12 December	Junior School Christmas Service 2.15 pm St Michael's Church Service of Nine Lessons & Carols 8.00 pm St Michael's Church
14 December	Quincentenary Christmas Concert Foundation Choir and Northern Chamber Orchestra 7.30 pm Heritage Centre
15 December	Old Boys' Rugby Festival pm Macclesfield RFC

## Admissions

For information about admissions to all Divisions, please contact the Admissions Office on 01625 260000 or email: [mail@kingsmac.co.uk](mailto:mail@kingsmac.co.uk)