



Awesome US

Driving nearly 1500 miles, King's geographers revelled in their trip to the States. Sustained by the Great American Cuisine of burgers and milkshakes, they moved from the glitz of Las Vegas to white-water rafting and helicopter rides in the Grand Canyon, from Death Valley to bone-chilling Alcatraz and über-cool San Francisco. The whole tour was pronounced 'like, totally awesome, dude!'

Maths medals

Laura Embrey (Year 9) and Richard Southern (Year 10) have been awarded distinction medals in the UK Maths Challenge. They competed with the top 500 students nationwide, from an original entry of more than 100,000, and their outstanding scores mean they are ranked among the top 75 or so in the country. Laura, who wants to be a musician, has also gained a distinction in her Grade 8 Theory musical examination, and Richard hopes that the logical approach he brings to Maths will help him to train as a surgeon.



Ancient and modern

After the History Department trip to China, everyone agreed that they needed a holiday to recover from the packed itinerary! Everything about China was on a grand scale, from the Bird's Nest Stadium to Tiananmen Square. The Great Wall at Baddaling (below) was a highlight and the views across to Mongolia were stunning. At the ancient city of Xian, the group visited the Terracotta Warrior Museum. The group could not help but be impressed by China's diverse history and future potential as rickshaws pedalled beside modern cars and skyscrapers overhung corrugated shanty towns.



Live from Westminster

Sixth Form economists learned the realities of the economic situation direct from Westminster when Macclesfield's MP David Rutley visited the school. David Rutley, who was educated at the LSE and Harvard Business School, opened the students' eyes to the practical applications of economics and stressed that economic theory cannot be divorced from political context. He also revealed that Macclesfield is about to be rebranded, as part of a drive to support the town's long tradition of entrepreneurial flair.

Grimm Tales

Grimm Tales was anything but in the Girls' Division's polished production of Carol Ann Duffy's work. Six stories were performed in a magical space dominated by a huge white tree. Striking animal masks, from lion to wolf, contributed to the fairytale effect and the versatile and talented cast included Sophie Hurst, the accomplished narrator, Isabelle Kenyon, a scary witch, and India Sleem, a majestic lion.



Guys and Dolls

At the end of the Spring Term, King's Juniors performed the Junior Broadway version of the toe-tapping musical. With assistance from a production team consisting of staff, parents and grandparents, the children were transformed into gamblers and showgirls with a stunning backdrop which featured a New York skyline and symbols of the 1920s. Lauren McNeil and Blake Richardson both sang with great maturity and Joe Laugh-ton and Lauren Heywood were hilarious in their comedy roles. The Junior Brass Group played live to add an authentic feel to this visually and vocally spectacular production, which will stay in the memory of cast and audience for a long time to come.



Party time for King's Infants

The bunting was out at King's Infants as the youngest members of the community staged their own traditional street party to celebrate the wedding of Prince William to Kate Middleton.

All week, Kate and William had featured in King's Infants' English, History and Art lessons with a special celebration held prior to the big day.



The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui

The *Resistible Rise* proved irresistible drama. Students rose magnificently to the challenges of ensemble acting in a powerful production of *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui*, Brecht's satirical attack on Germany's inability to 'resist' the rise of the Nazis. In a remarkable team effort, fine per-



Seasoned cooks

Boys can cook – it's official! After four nights' training in February, 33 pupils from the Boys' Division prepared and served a lavish and delicious three-course meal to 108 parents and guests. The masterchef experience, an annual event organised by Chartwells, the school's caterers, is designed to give boys the confidence and skills to cook healthy meals.



formances were played out against video and still images of parallel historical events and the actors were supported by a highly organised technical crew. Throughout, Eleanor Strutt sustained a menacing portrayal of lead gangster Arturo Ui, morphing between Chicago mobster and Adolf Hitler.



Olivia's jacket

Olivia Hamblyn's exciting design will grace the front cover of a new edition of *Invisible City*, the first book in M G Harris's successful series, *The Joshua Files*. Year 7 pupil Olivia competed against thousands of others to win a competition organised by Scholastic, the children's book publisher. Her design – a blog imprinted on a map of Mexico, overflown by a bi-plane – deftly reflects Joshua's time travels.

As part of her prize, she had a meeting with M G Harris, who also talked to Olivia's class.

Young Journalist prize

Jack Walker's account of his battle against a rare jaw cancer has won him *The Sentinel* newspaper's Young Journalist of the Year award. The Sixth Former's article tells how, when he was a football-mad 10 year-old, the removal of a tumour and most of his lower right jaw left him with a very fragile jawbone. He was warned that contact sport would be out of the question. But, determined to remain involved with sport, he took up bowling and (protected by a helmet) cricket. Miraculously, after 14 months, Jack's jawbone started to re-grow until it was almost full strength again. He even got his surgeon's blessing to return to the football pitch.



Success in the saddle

Members of the equestrian squad have been excelling this year. Charlotte Horne qualified for the Royal International Horse Show at Hickstead, and Hattie McCance, Laura Bennett and Imi Ashwood competed in the National Schools Equestrian Association finals. Hattie won a class in dressage and show jumping. Jack Mantel, Laura Bennett, Anja Knudsen and Jenny Mercer competed at an inter-schools' dressage competition at Reaseheath College, where Jack and Jenny were first and second in their class.



Musical munificence

Spring Term concerts comprised Soirées for GCSE and A Level musicians, whilst King's Swings and the Instrumental Concert showcased remarkable musicianship. Audiences enjoyed three lunchtime concerts at St Michael's Church: beautiful singing from the BFC, stunning playing from the String Orchestra, and a Valentine's-themed Organ Recital. Visiting musicians of national standing gave a concert of music by the Altrincham-born composer, John Ireland. String players rehearsed at Trigonos; pupils watched a terrific performance of Bizet's 'Carmen' at the Lowry and the Big Band played at St. Andrew's Church, Cheadle Hulme. Term ended with rousing singing and fine words at Founders' Day.

Congratulations to:

Pupils
Sacha Allen, Isabelle Kenyon, Lydia Myers and Anna Watson, who gained Merits in their London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) exams.

Anna Baldwin, who has been awarded a scholarship for the English Youth Ballet in connection with their performance of *The Nutcracker* in May.

Tom Baston, who achieved a high distinction for his Grade 8 ABRSM piano examination.

Alex Denny, who has been signed for another season with Everton Football Academy.

Jack Eggar, for taking 5 for 28 against MGS and also for taking 5 for 24 against Stockport, including a hat trick.

Tom Fairclough, Dan Percival and Jake Robinson, on selection for Cheshire U15 Rugby team and **Tom Fairclough**, on selection for the Cheshire Rugby Development Squad.

Tom Foreman, on scoring 120 not out against MGS.

Rachel Harrington and Euan Scott, who were runners-up in the team section of the Liverpool University Open Challenge 2011 – a maths contest open to Sixth Formers throughout the UK.

1st XI cricket captain, **Jonny Marsden** who has been selected to play for Derbyshire 2nd XI.

Tim Saxon, for taking 5 for 8 against Cheadle Hulme.

Rugby 1st team who won the Plate in the Sedbergh Tens Tournament.

U13 Rugby team, on winning the Cheshire Cup.

The Year 8 girls who became media journalists for a day, taking part in the BBC School News Report in March.

Junior Cross Country Runners who achieved success in The Macclesfield Primary Schools' Cross Country Championship in April. Year 5/6 boys won team Gold (**George Barker, Charlie Toms, Sam Buckingham**) and individual Silver (**George Barker**). Year 5/6 girls won team Bronze (**Georgina Boden, Antonia Bianchi, Clea Kapadia**).

Staff

Olivia Walwyn, on becoming a chartered librarian.

A LASTING LEGACY

There have been so many achievements at King's under Dr Coyne's leadership that it was hard to know which he would rate as his finest. Perhaps the glowing inspection report received by the school in 2009? Or the remarkable 20 percent increase in A/B grades at A Level and A/A* grades at GCSE? Or the magnificent new Sixth Form centre?

Though the school does not normally release details of individual students receiving bursaries, former pupils Laura Hope and Joe Durrant are happy to pay tribute to the Fund and all that it has done for them. Since leaving in 2004, Laura has found her niche in nursing in the RAF and is now a staff nurse based at DMRC Headley Court. Joe is a civil engineer working mainly in the railway sector, designing new bridges. Both feel that King's provided them with superb opportunities, as well as an excellent foundation for the future.

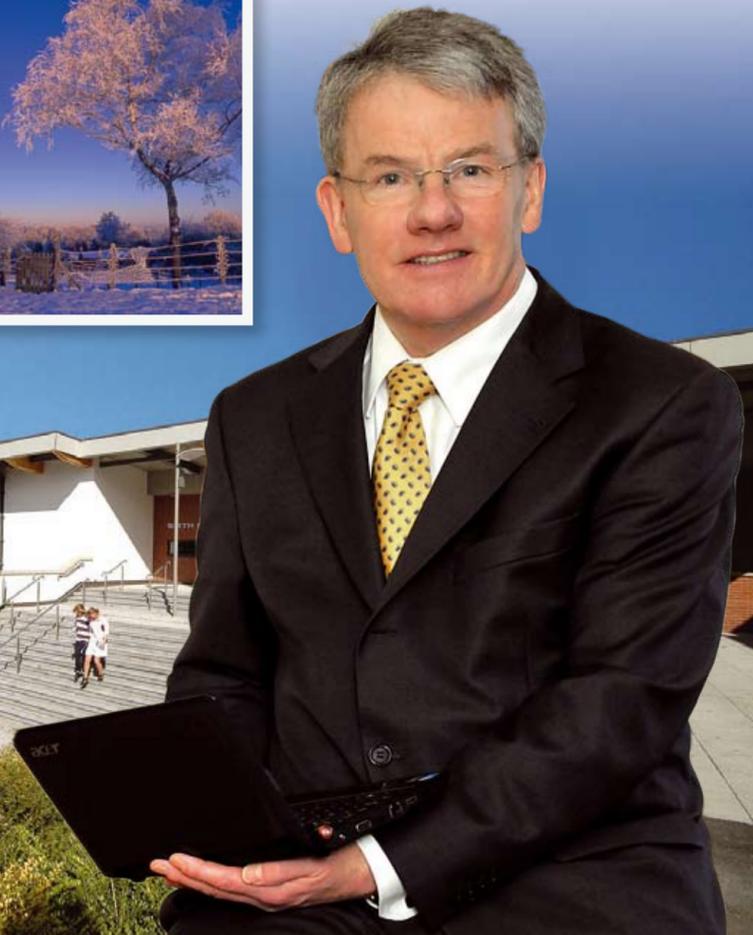
Many other achievements, large and small, will be associated with Dr Coyne's eleven years at the helm – from his organisation of the magnificent Quincentenary celebrations to his highly accomplished photography – but the Bursary



Fund is the legacy closest to his heart. If anyone would like to contribute and help more pupils gain a first rate education, they should please contact Dr Coyne direct: (head@kingsmac.co.uk).



In fact, though understandably proud of all of these, Dr Coyne puts something quite different at the top of his list. What he would most like to be remembered for is the Quincentenary Bursary Fund, which he set up in 2002, not long after his arrival at the school. Since then, the Fund has flourished, raising over £400,000 and enabling 50 pupils, who would not otherwise have been able to do so, to take full advantage of a Sixth Form education at King's. It is, he says, a cause with special significance for him: 'I was born in a council house and went to a grammar school, so the provision of high quality education for those who cannot afford to pay fees is a real priority for me.'



Changes at the top

After a decade of outstanding leadership, Mr Tim Andrew will retire as Principal of the Sixth Form Division at the end of this term. Since he took over, the percentage of A/B grades has increased by 20%, an incredible achievement, and he has established an ordered and aspirational Division full of motivated and happy students. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Ruth Roberts, the present Vice Principal, will replace him in September.

Former Pupils' News

Dinners

Thirty students, postgraduates and staff enjoyed a splendid dinner at the University Club, Oxford, in March. It was a special celebration to bid farewell to Mr Andrew and Dr Coyne, both of whom are retiring this year. In May, approximately 40 Former Pupils attended the London Dinner at the RAF Club in Piccadilly and Dr Coyne delivered his final address to this group. Pictured below are Lucy Horton, Jay Mosedale and Francesca Bernard.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27 May	FPA Golf, Frank Moore Trophy & Geoff Dakin Salver, 1.00 pm Macclesfield Golf Club
1 July	FPA Bursary Fund Golf Day Macclesfield Golf Club
6 July	FPA Inter-Schools' Golf 1.00 pm Bramhall Golf Club
8 July	Former Pupils' Cricket Match 11.30 am Cumberland Street

SPORTNOW UPDATE

King's parents showed their team spirit when they raised £8,000 at the stunning Sport Now dinner dance at the Tytherington Club. A luxury double bed donated by Arighi Bianchi raised £925 at the auction, with other prizes swelling the total. The Sport Now fund has reached £36,500, as we seek to raise £150,000 to contribute to a new all-weather pitch and AstroTurf at King's Fence Avenue site.

Future Events:

Pampered Chef luncheon at Derby Pavilion (Thursday 16th June); Thai Night hosted by the Twambley Family (Saturday June 18th) and a Sponsored Run (Wednesday 29th June – all divisions).

If you have ideas and want to help, please contact us: Melanie Toms: tel: 07990 557 446, melanie.toms@momentum-projects.co.uk or Jane Garnett: tel: 0787 2626146, jane@jgmc.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26 May	Year 13 Leavers' Morning Derby Fields
27 May	Marking Day No school for pupils
17 June	Friends of King's Summer Ball 7.30 pm Hunting Lodge, Adlington Hall
21 June	Governors' Sherry Party 6.30 pm Capesthorpe Hall
23 June	Junior Sports Day
29 June	Sponsored Run for Sport Now Music Competition Soirée 7.15 pm Fence Avenue Hall
1 July	Junior School Walk & Talent Show Friends of King's Second Hand Uniform Sale, 2.00 pm Cumberland Street Hall Friends of King's Juniors & Infants Summer Fun Friday 3.30 pm Fence Avenue Sixth Form Leavers' Ball, 6.15 pm Hollin Hall BFC Concert, 7.30 pm St Alban's Church
3 July	Year 6 Leavers' Family Party 5.00 pm Fence Avenue
5 July	King's Sings Concert 7.15 pm Cumberland Street Hall
6 July	Infant Concert 2.00 pm Fence Avenue Hall
7 July	Girls' Division Sports Day
11 July	Infant Sports Afternoon, 12.00 pm Fence Avenue Junior End of Year Celebration 1.30 pm Fence Avenue Hall Junior Summer Concert 7.15 pm Fence Avenue Hall
12 July	Term ends at lunchtime
18 August	AS & A2 Results Day
25 August	GCSE Results Day

Admissions

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

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King's Colours

Summer 2011

The termly newsletter of the King's School in Macclesfield



It hardly seems possible that eleven years have elapsed since I took over the reins in 2000. This has been a very fulfilling time, full of significant achievements, and I cannot believe that my years here are nearly at an end. I am proud of what we have achieved at King's – but there is no winding down as the school is always such a hive of activity.

It is good to know that we have upheld the great King's tradition of excellence in all areas over the last eleven years. It is very easy for a Head to arrive and change the ethos of a school significantly. We have made impressive strides in many areas, as evidenced by the superb inspection report two years ago, but I am delighted that the fundamental philosophy has not changed and we are still a happy, but not complacent, school that sees the success and happiness of its pupils as its primary motivation.

The North West section of HMC (the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference) has accepted my invitation to meet at King's this term to help me celebrate my retirement. This seems very fitting as I have much enjoyed the company and support of my fellow heads during my time here.

I hope that you enjoy reading about our most recent successes in these pages. I wish my successor well; I know that the students will be in good hands. I shall follow the school's future progress with great affection. Many thanks for your interest in King's and for reading these pages over the years.

Stephen Coyne

SPORTING SUCCESS

From rugby to swimming, trampolining to cheerleading, King's is on a sporting high. In rugby, Johnny Kenny's selection to the England U16 squad for matches against Wales and Italy means the school can now boast three England internationals among its current students. The other two are George Drury and Andrew Hodgson. The school also secured four Plate successes in the Sevens/Tens season, while the girls' 1st VII were runners-up in the North of England Sevens, a title they won last year. This particularly pleased Mr Guy Mason, King's new Head of Rugby.

In a wide range of successes elsewhere, four girls reached the British Schools' Modern Biathlon Championships at

Crystal Palace; King's swimmers won seven first places in the Sandbach Swimming Gala in March and a team of youngsters competing against Sixth Formers achieved second place at the Whitgift School Invitational Swimming Gala in London. On top of all this, come the regular national successes achieved by the trampolining, equestrian and cheerleading groups, and county representation in hockey and netball.

