

# King's Colours

Autumn 2018

The termly newsletter of the King's School in Macclesfield



## Ground-breaking work for our new campus!

Work has now started on the school's new campus after Governors unanimously approved the build contract and finance agreements to deliver the school's 2020 Vision. The transformative £60m investment will deliver a completely new campus for the King's School from September 2020. See pages 4-5 for more details...

## Outstanding exam results

Students from Year 13 were elated after recording another bumper set of A Level results. Students achieved the best results in Cheshire East at A\* – A grade, with 43% of all grades at A\* – A and three-quarters at A\* – B.

Headmaster Dr Hyde said: "We are immensely proud of our students' achievements and the doors that are now open to them for the next exciting stage of their learning journey."

"Brilliant exam results are an important element of school life, but we believe the opportunities at King's enable our students to meet all the challenges of university and beyond. Students are joining some of the country's leading universities including Cambridge, Durham, UCL, Imperial, Bristol, Nottingham, as well as two outstanding musicians who are joining the Royal College of Music



in London and the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. Other students are joining industry apprenticeships with top companies such as Rolls Royce, Ernst & Young and AstraZeneca." Pictured above (from left) are: Freddie McNulty, who got A\*A\*A\*A and will now go to St. John's College Cambridge to read Mathematics; Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award holder Verity Griffin, who got AAB

and will read Environmental Science at York; fellow Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award achiever Kieran Bailey, who got A\*AAA and will read Chemical Engineering at Leeds; musician Alex Clarke, who got A\*AB and has earned a top jazz scholarship to the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, and Alex Fray, who got A\*A\*A\* and will read Medicine at Sheffield, ultimately aiming to train as a surgeon.

At GCSE, pupils and staff celebrated a fantastic set of results. Despite the move to the reformed, more challenging form of GCSE, our results were up on last year, particularly in the top 9/8 grades (A\*). Around half of all grades were at 9-7 (A\*/A) and 60% of pupils got a 9/8 (A\*) in at least one subject.

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At such a momentous point in the school's history, with our Governors taking the decision to move to the new school campus, I thought I would outline the role of Governors.



The role of the Governing Body is to provide strategic leadership and oversight of the school, offering professional advice and shaping future strategy in the best interests of staff, pupils and parents.

Whilst Governors are volunteers, they carry a significant responsibility, including for the appointment of the Head and ensuring that every aspect of the school is scrutinised effectively.

There are two broad categories of Governors: co-opted and nominated. The former are appointed for their specialist knowledge, be it financial, legal, commercial, fundraising or property. Knowledge of planning, surveying and construction, for example, has been invaluable to King's as we have moved forward with our 2020 Vision. Nominated Governors at King's are proposed by the University of Manchester, the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, the Bishop of Chester and Cheshire East Council.

The Governing body includes several parents and former parents as well as educationalists and former pupils. Governors sit on a number of sub-committees including the Education Committee, Finance Committee, External Relations Committee and, recently, the Steering Group for the 2020 Vision.

In addition to attending meetings, Governors regularly spend time in school, either at concerts and plays or in a particular division observing lessons that are aligned to a Governor's interests or role. Sitting in on lessons and talking to pupils and staff ensures Governors are in touch with what goes on in the school.

We are extremely grateful to all our Governors for their contribution to the school and, in particular, would like to thank Rob Barrow, who retired earlier this year, for his contribution to the External Relations Committee and to Tony Greenham, who steps down in December, for his invaluable knowledge and advice regarding our 2020 Vision.

If you believe that you have the time, interest and skills to bring something to our Governing Body, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact either myself or my secretary in the first instance.

*Dr Simon Hyde, Headmaster*



• Pupils presenting at the Education Committee

## Rachel and Richard join Senior Team

King's has welcomed two new members to its Senior Management Team. Rachel Cookson has returned to the school as Principal of the Infant & Junior Division, whilst Richard Davies joins as Principal of the Sixth Form.

Rachel was part of the original team that opened King's Infant department in 1997 and, more recently, was Head of the Lower School at the prestigious Queen's School, Chester.

She said: "King's is an outstanding school with an ambitious plan for 2020 and I very much wanted to be part of that vision. On a personal level, I feel I am returning to the school that made me the practitioner I am today: someone who believes in a child-centred approach, in valuing each individual child, someone who aims to instil a collaborative approach where children reason for themselves and are resilient to all life's challenges."

Oxford University history scholar Richard Davies has been appointed to oversee the Sixth Form. He says: "I could not have come at a more exciting time. The Sixth Form already has a reputation for delivering outstanding A Level results and, as a historian, I am excited to be joining a school with over 500 years' experience of educational excellence, but I also have the chance to be part of something which will make history as a member of the team entrusted to deliver the 2020 Vision."

A proud Welshman and former rugby prop forward, Richard's career has spanned state, independent and boarding schools in New Zealand and the UK and also establishing from scratch Salisbury Sixth Form College.



## Pupils take a step back in time

Year 2 children were transported back to the Victorian age during a visit to the Heritage Centre. A traditional Victorian classroom offered an insight into how children had lived, been taught and disciplined! Ma'am instructed the pupils on how to do copper plate writing using an inkwell, as well as some art skills using a slate and chalk. They also had a go at weaving and visited a Victorian silk worker's home and learned about bath time by the fire and how all the family would sleep in the same bed.

Year 4 visited Chester as part of their Learning Challenge topic: 'Romans – Brawny or Brainy?' The children enjoyed many activities



including visiting the galleries, listening to the Educational Officer, dressing up

as Roman slaves and soldiers and marching through Chester holding shields, wearing armour and shouting at the top of their voices. They learnt about Roman soldier formations in the amphitheatre and how best to attack their enemy.

## Foundation Choir sings in the Vatican

The Foundation Choir sang in the world-renowned St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City during a fabulous five-day tour of Rome this summer.

Director of Music, Ian Crawford, said: "It was a once in a lifetime opportunity for all of us. For nearly 2,000 years, Mass has been celebrated in what is one of the most sacred sites for the Christian religion, essentially the centre of the Christian World, and we were honoured to be part of that tradition."

The 38 students also gave performances in two world-famous churches in Rome: Sant'Andrea della Valle and Sant'Agnese in Agone in the Piazza Navona, where an audience of over 200 gave the King's singers a standing ovation. Students also visited numerous world famous sites including the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, Pantheon and the Trevi Fountain. On the final night in Rome, the group enjoyed an open-air concert under the stars given by the world-renowned Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia.



## Conservation work in the African bush

Biology students became volunteer conservationists over the summer holiday, helping to monitor African wildlife.

The Operation Wallacea trip saw students provide the essential monitoring data for key biodiversity and conservation projects in the Balule Game Reserve, South Africa.

Head of Biology, Dr Patrick, along with Miss Richards and 18 pupils from Years 11 – 13 took part in the two-week project incorporating study of both the African bush and its coastal waters.

During the first week, pupils stayed in the Greater Kruger National Park on the bank of the Oliphant River. They worked with scientists to carry out early morning bird counts, large mammal counts and study of the flora and fauna to monitor natural and man-made damage.

Dr Patrick said: "Students saw some amazing sights including a herd of elephants at a water hole and heard a pack of hyenas stealing a leopard's kill."

During the second week, pupils headed out to Sodwana Bay for a week of scuba diving to undertake surveys of the sharks, turtles and moray eels with one group even seeing a huge manta ray, humpback whales and a massive potato bass.

Pupil Ellie Watkins, said: "I loved seeing the great African mammals in their natural habitats and learning how we must all play a part in the planet's conservation of wildlife."



# THE 500-YEAR ROAD TO 2020

**T**HE ground has been broken on what is undeniably the biggest and most ambitious project in the school's 516-year history.

When finished, the transformative £60-million development will deliver outstanding school facilities set on a large rural campus, which, at nearly 80 acres, will be one of the largest of any day school in the country.

Vinci Construction UK has been appointed lead contractor and completion of the build phase is expected by May 2020, in time to allow familiarisation visits for pupils, staff and parents during the end of the summer term, and well in time for the start of the 2020/21 academic year.

The school's new home will transform and centralise our facilities, bringing together all of our pupils, staff and resources on to a single site. The Headmaster says: "The Governors and staff are very excited about the new opportunities this development offers current and future pupils at King's. Our new campus will allow the school to chart a future that is every bit as ambitious and distinguished as our 500-year history."

## ACADEMIC FACILITIES

Located on land adjoining the school's Derby Playing Fields on Alderley Road, the 80-acre campus will include a main academic building featuring dedicated space for Infants, Juniors, Seniors and Sixth Form pupils. Learning spaces have been developed with flexibility in mind and are arranged in faculty areas, to facilitate collaboration between teaching teams. The Science faculty will contain 15 state-of-the-art laboratories across Physics, Chemistry and Biology; an Arts and Design faculty will offer contemporary workshops and studios and an exhibition space to display pupils' creative work. A Performing Arts faculty for Music and Drama will house a range of

practice rooms, a recording studio, music technology suite and dedicated performance spaces for rehearsals, productions and concerts.

A 950-seat Main Hall will allow the whole school community to come together for major events and productions. The latest ICT infrastructure will be incorporated to underpin the critical place of technology to support teaching and learning. A school refectory, central library and spacious foyer areas will be key shared spaces.

The new Infant and Junior Division is based on the latest thinking on the design of flexible learning spaces and outdoor classrooms, including a dedicated Infant and Junior hall, library and ICT suite, plus specialist rooms for science, art and music.

For students in the Sixth Form, the new campus will offer a dedicated learning zone with tutor rooms, study spaces, a Careers' Hub and common room. We also have exciting plans for an outdoor learning centre to complement our outdoor activities programme and Duke of Edinburgh schemes.

## A SHARED FUTURE

King's will introduce co-education on its new site from September 2020. Whilst valuing the school's heritage, Governors decided that a move to full co-education was a progressive and natural evolution for King's as it looks well into the 21st century. The school is committed to equality of opportunity for all pupils and staff believe boys and girls will benefit from sharing the fantastic new environment and from learning together. The success of co-education in our Infants, Juniors and Sixth Form, along with broader societal changes, were all important factors in reaching the decision.

netball courts, eight senior rugby and three junior football pitches as well as a 400 metre athletics track and facilities for rounders and tennis.

## FINANCING THE SCHEME

The cost of the new school will largely be met from the sale of the current sites, which will be developed for housing.

The historic Cumberland Street site has been acquired by Hillcrest Homes, which specialises in high-quality and heritage developments. The

intention is to preserve the listed 1856 school building (now the library) and the main block façade as well as the open aspect to the Memorial Gates.

At Fence Avenue, the original 1910 school building is also to be preserved and converted into flats.

In addition to the major £1.5 million donation already received from a former pupil, an ongoing fundraising programme will enable the school to invest in facilities that enhance and develop the current specification.

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## A CENTRE FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

A separate Sports Centre will offer exceptional facilities, including a six-lane, 25-metre swimming pool, a six-court main sports hall, specialist indoor cricket facilities and a fitness and well-being hub, which will contain a dance/martial arts studio and a strength and conditioning suite.

The impressively large campus, bordered by Big Wood and Prestbury Golf Course, will feature two all-weather hockey pitches, six

1502



The Savage Chapel of Macclesfield Parish Church housed the school in its early years. The scholars were probably taught in the porch and the master lived in two rooms upstairs.

1748

The governors purchased Sir Peter Davenport's house, where Bonnie Prince Charlie stayed in 1745 and moved the school there in 1748. The street was renamed King Edward Street.



1552

School Bank, at the rear of the parish church, is believed to have been the original Grammar School of 1552, erected in accordance with the Charter of Edward VI.



1844

To complement the academic curriculum of the Grammar School, a Modern School was erected on the corner of Bridge Street and Great King Street in 1844 in order to provide a plain and practical training.



1856

When the Grammar School outgrew the premises on King Edward Street, the governors purchased Westbrook House and the Westbrook Estate in order to build a new school on Cumberland Street, which opened in 1856.



1911



The eventual merger of the Grammar School and the Modern School provided funds for the new main building in 1911 which incorporated the former gymnasium.

1993

The major development of the 1990s was the purchase of the Fence Avenue site, formerly Macclesfield High School for Girls, for the establishment of a Girls' Division and Infant and Junior Division.



2020

The move from Cumberland Street and Fence Avenue will enable King's to bring together all its pupils and staff onto a single 80-acre site and face the challenges of the 21st century with renewed vigour.





### Fell running

Four Senior pupils took part in the English Schools' Fell Running Championships, with Susie Moores and Philip Goodfellow (pictured) securing top 15 positions.

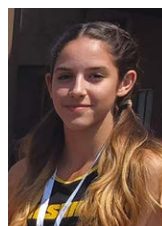
The Championships were held in North Yorkshire on a demanding course where hundreds of girls and boys competed together. Years 8 and 9 followed a 4.2km course with a 206m ascent. Philip Goodfellow achieved 15th place and Rory McCabe came 86th.

Year 11 pupils ran a course of 5.5km and 247m ascent with athlete Susie Moores coming in 13th position, whilst Year 7 pupils ran a 2.7km distance and 130m ascent and Sam Burns achieved 59th place.

### Athletics



Sam Danson and Thomas Danson had further success at the Cheshire County Track and Field Championships, where they both came out as County Champions in the long jump, with personal bests of 5.80m for Sam (U15) and 4.46m for Thomas (U13). Sam was selected to represent Cheshire at the English Schools National Track and Field Championships in Birmingham alongside Claudia Rodriguez Martinez (pictured), who was selected to represent Cheshire in the 100m at the National Championships.



## King's cheerleaders picked for World Championships

King's cheerleaders have been selected to represent Great Britain in the World Championships in Florida next year. It will be the second time King's has been awarded the honour, having achieved a brilliant second place finish for GB in 2014.

Coach Rachael Burrows, said: "To be allowed to compete in the World Championships you have to demonstrate outstanding technical excellence, creative team-work and an abiding passion for the sport. Second place in 2014 was a fantastic result, but it was won by the US, where cheerleading is rightly recognised as a top-class, high-performance sport, so they will be the favourites again." King's won the race to represent GB after winning the National Cheer Championships earlier this year.



### Cricket

Congratulations to Joey Chong who scored 100 not out against the MCC. Joey shared a 170 run partnership with Angus Thomson (86) with the school going on to win the game. To celebrate the century, Joey was presented with a cap from MCC captain Nigel Muirhead (pictured left, congratulating Joey) and has

been invited to Lords for a lunch. Joe Moores also had an exceptional summer of cricket, playing two years above his age group to represent Cheshire U11s. He finished the summer with the highest batting average of 49.5 runs with an incredible top score of 95. We are very excited about what the future holds for Joe (pictured right).



## South Africa Sports Tour

King's U14 and U15 girls' hockey and netball teams enjoyed a successful two-week tour of South Africa this summer, playing 16 matches, of which they won 13.

Many girls competed in both sports and performed exceptionally well, enjoying fantastic hospitality from their host sides. Everyone experienced the rich diversity of people and cultures in South Africa, from Johannesburg to Cape Town, and met many different people and school children from the privileged to those in extreme poverty.

In Johannesburg the girls spent two days at Mabula Game Lodge undertaking three game drives on the lookout for 'The Big 5'.

Cape Town provided a wealth of opportunities including a visit to The Cheetah Outreach Centre, the world-famous Boulders Beach penguins, The Cape of Good Hope, as well as a day at the Goedgedacht Trust, where the girls were involved in two Path Out Of Poverty Programmes.



## SPORTING BRIEFS...

### Football success

The U11 Football team won the King's invitational tournament in September, beating many of the teams from local independent schools. The fantastic morning of sport saw the King's team notch up wins against Cheadle Hulme 1-0, Altrincham Prep 3-1, Terra Nova 2-1 and Bolton Grammar 7-0, with tougher opposition coming from Stockport Grammar 0-1.

### Netball

Congratulations to Lydia Hine (U13) and Maddie Johnson and Anna Warham (U14) who have been selected to represent Cheshire County Netball. Well over 250 girls competed for each age group, so this is a huge achievement. Anna is also through to the next round of Manchester Thunder trials.

### School Games 2018

Olivia Moores and Sam Buckingham represented England in the National Finals of the School Games 2018, a four day multi-sport event. The 2018 event took place at Loughborough University, which offered an inspirational and motivational setting to help accustom the country's most promising young athletes to a high-pressure environment. Olivia and Sam participated in a mini-Olympic style event, which has previously produced many GB athletes including Rio Gold medallists Lily Owsley and Georgie Twigg.

### Netball tournament

In September, 40 former pupils and 17 current Senior girls participated in the inaugural Old Girls' Netball Tournament. Despite the wet conditions, eight rounds of competitive netball were played with high spirits. The overall winners were the current Senior first VI and runners-up were the year group that left King's in 2010, who played some brilliant netball (Yasmine Lavassani, Anna Beasley, Victoria French, Emily Gilmour and Victoria Mobbs). Aimee Rosson (2006) said "We had an absolutely amazing day and it was so nice to be 'home' as such. We are already looking forward to the tournament next year."



### Stage award for Sophie

Sophie Macfadyen (2010) has been awarded the 'Stage Manager of the Year' Award by the Stage Management Association. Now living in London, her first taste of stage management was working on King's productions of *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui* and the *Government Inspector*. She is currently working on the Secret Cinema's production of *Romeo & Juliet* and, from September will also be working on her first West End production, *The Inheritance* at the Noël Coward Theatre.



## CONGRATULATIONS to the following former pupils...

**Gracie Butler** (2015), who gained the top score at Leeds University in International Business and a First class honours degree.

**Harriet Burrows** (2014), who graduated from Newcastle University with a First Class BA (Hons) Business Management and came top of her year, winning the Academic Prize.

**Adam Garnett** (2017), who achieved his Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do in July.

**Lewis Haigh** (2015), who has graduated from St Mary's University with a First in his BA (Hons) Tourism Management degree.

**Ruairidh Nichols** (2014), who graduated from St Andrew's with a 2.1 MA in Ancient History and Latin. He has now taken up a position as junior press secretary with the Home Office.

**Katie Robertson** (2014), who has achieved a First Class degree in English from the University of Leeds.

**Victoria Tann** (2015) has graduated with a First class honours degree in English Literature from Durham University and is joining Oxford University to do a Masters in Victorian Literature.

**Alex Thomson**, who was part of the England cricket squad line-up at Edgbaston in August.

## DIARY DATES

### London Drinks in the City

Thursday 18 October | 6pm – 9pm | Browns Courtrooms, Covent Garden

### King's Girls' 25-Year Reunion

Saturday 17 November | 2pm – 5pm | Fence Avenue

### Alumni Gala Dinner

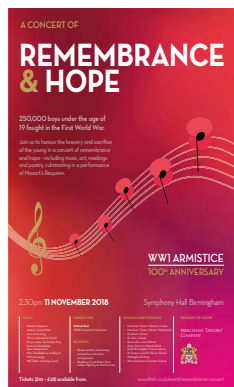
Saturday 30 March 2019 | 6pm onwards





## Marking the end of World War One

King's Foundation Choir will be joining Merchant Taylors' Company Schools from across the country to perform at a Remembrance Concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Sunday 11 November 2018 at 2.30pm. The performance in one of the world's finest concert halls will commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1

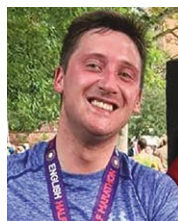


The concert will include an extract from "The Armed Man" by Karl Jenkins and will culminate in an extraordinary combined choir and orchestra performance of Mozart's Requiem. Tickets for this unique event are available from Birmingham Symphony Hall Box Office on 0121 780 3333.

The concert forms part of a series of commemorative events the school is holding to mark this important anniversary. In addition to our customary Remembrance Services, former King's History Teacher and World War specialist David Hill will join Year 7 boys and girls on Wednesday 26 September to celebrate the McKay family. The family's sons attended King's and they lost a father and five boys in service to their nation. Two years ago, relatives left the family's medals to the School and a copy of their fascinating story The Fighting McKays of Macclesfield is available from the school office, priced £5.

## Marathon effort for Hand on Heart charity

This term, Senior pupils have embarked on an ambitious charity challenge to support Hand on Heart Macclesfield. Each year, 12 young people die every week from cardiac arrest in the UK. Hand on Heart is aiming to provide a defibrillator for every primary school in Macclesfield and to train teachers how to use them.



Over the weeks ahead, pupils will be embarking on a variety of fundraising events which we know they will enjoy. Already giving the cause his full support is Mr Deakin, who successfully completed the England Half Marathon in September and raised £300 for Hand on Heart.

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mrdeakin1](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mrdeakin1)

**Charlotte Baxter**, who has been selected for the English Youth Ballet's production of Sleeping Beauty and Ballet Études at Buxton Opera House.

**Fiona Beeston**, who gained a Merit for her Grade 7 singing exam.

**Sam Booth**, in Year 6, who won a bronze medal at British Marathon Canoeing National Championships in the U10M Lightning class.

**Ella Bray**, who has qualified for the National School Equestrian Association Grass Root Jumping Final in December.

**May Broadley** and **Emily Friston**, who passed their Grade 6 Singing exams.

**Scarlett Brough**, who has been selected for U15 Hockey Performance Centre.

**Jasmine England**, who gained a Distinction for her Grade 7 singing exam

**Eryn Gravett** in Year 7, who won a Ladies Medal Golf competition at Astbury Golf Club. She has also qualified to play in the Ladies Medal Winners Cup.

**Maahir Halwani**, who has passed his Grade 5 LAMDA exam with Merit.

**Lydia Hine**, who passed her Grade 5 flute exam.

**Joe Larnar**, who passed his Grade 6 Piano exam.

**Matilda Machin**, who was selected to ride for England at the BD Youth home internationals in Dorset. Matilda finished in the top 20 out of 40+ riders.

**Louis Merica**, who won 4 out of 5 silver cups (Mirror Challenge Cup, Mirror Novice Cup, Regatta Cup and Memorial Cup) and 4 silver spoons in his mirror boat at the Trearddur Bay Sailing Club.

**Ben O'Donnell** and **Jake O'Donnell**, who have been selected for the East Midlands U14 Orienteering team. Jake was also crowned British U12 Sprint Orienteering Champion and British U12 Middle Distance Champion.

**Sam Parry**, who has qualified for the national Terafinal of the Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge.

**Harry Pinches**, who passed his Grade 7 Piano exam with Merit.

**Katy Radcliffe**, who won two trophies in the Hayfield Sheep Dog trials, one for most promising beginner handler, one for best young handler.

**James Smith**, who passed his Grade 6 Drum Kit exam with Distinction.

**Lara Tabachnik**, who has been selected for Performance Centre at U15 level on the England Hockey Pathway.

**Amanda Vel**, who passed her Grade 6 Music Theory exam with Distinction.

Fantasy Gaming Team **Alex Campbell**, **Tomaso Roncaroli**, **Sam Parry** and **John McDermott** who came second in the Age of Sigmar National Final.

