

# King's Colours

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The termly newsletter of the King's School in Macclesfield

## Oliver!



King's pupils brought Charles Dickens' beloved novel to life with their enigmatic stage production of Lionel Bart's musical *Oliver!* Taking audiences on a wild adventure through Victorian England, the epic show was sold-out on all of its four showings. Gus Rutherford starred as orphaned Oliver Twist as he navigated London's underworld of theft and violence, searching for a home, family, and love. Also wowing with their stunning performances were Ellie Webster as

the Artful Dodger, Harry Collett as the charismatic Fagin, Kieran Cullen as Mr Brownlow, Josh Clayfield as Bill Sykes and Fiona Beeston as warm-hearted Nancy. Ably assisted by a huge cast and crew, the audiences were enthralled by the students' professionalism.

*Oliver!* showcased the incredible talents of a huge and very committed group of pupils in Years 7 to 13, who will forever remember the fun, hard work and dedication required to put on such a production.



## Kieran proves he's a Model UN pupil...



Kieran Cullen won the 'Best Young Delegate Award' in the North West Model United Nations debate for his insight into global issues. The Year 11 pupil was part of the King's team representing the interests of India in the event which simulates UN procedures.

Over 300 delegates from schools across the North West attended the conference to get a deeper insight into the complexity of

global politics. Each team was given a country to represent, researching and then presenting that nation's position throughout the day across a series of special committees on issues including defence, human rights, health, ecology and economic growth. Kieran, who is taking 11 GCSEs and wants to study Medicine, was speaking on the Health Committee on behalf of India.

He spoke on the global drive to eradicate female genital mutilation, the logistics of supplying doctors into crisis zones and Yemen's famine.

Also making her mark at the event was Year 12 student Lucie-ann Lawton who managed to get a resolution passed by over three hundred delegates in the final General Assembly.

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ONE of the most pleasurable aspects of being Head at this time of year is the chance to interview potential new entrants to the school and to meet their families. Generally, the pupils take the entrance assessments in their stride. For the parents, it can on occasion be a little more traumatic! Some applicants will only be able to join our community with the benefit of a bursary (means-tested financial support). The school's ability to provide bursaries is sadly limited, but their award can be life-changing, opening new horizons to individuals who often contribute hugely to our community. As one pupil who is currently in the Boys' Division wrote recently:

*"Without the financial support of the school's bursary and scholarship, I wouldn't have been able to come to King's, and I can honestly say the bursary has changed my life. From the first day I joined King's, I felt like I belonged. Each day I come to school with a positive attitude because the teachers make learning fun, but challenging. King's has made me realise I can achieve my dreams and ambitions to become a doctor."*

Ensuring breadth of access is an important part of our heritage as a school. I would like to thank the Former Pupils' Association, Friends of King's and the Merchant Taylors' Company for their regular donations to help us continue the legacy of Sir John Percyvale, our original benefactor. We are also indebted to Gail and Stuart Anderson, who fund two Sixth Form places each year in memory of their wonderful son Alex.

A previous recipient of the Alex Anderson Bursary, Kate de Campos (pictured right), is now in her third year of a four-year degree at London's Guildhall School of Music. She secured a first in her exams last year and has recently been invited to perform at Buckingham Palace in April.



Inevitably, demand for bursaries each year outstrips our ability to supply them. To address this challenge and in an attempt to maintain the social mix that is an important part of our school's fabric, we have established a Development Office with the appointment of Lauren Tidey as our Alumni and Development Officer.

You will hear more in the future of the work of the Development Office as we try to match the success of schools like Bolton and Manchester Grammar, which have raised sizeable endowments to support their schools' bursary schemes. Our starting point will be a Legacy Campaign, but I would be pleased to hear from anyone who feels as passionately as I do about access to King's and social mobility.

Dr Simon Hyde, Headmaster

## It's good to be Green...



Last term, King's recycling schemes for the first time ever achieved our target of 100% diversion of waste from landfill. Peter Jackson, Estates Manager, said "King's is a large school and, like other businesses, we generate a lot of waste. We see it as part of our responsibility to dispose of it in a sustainable and eco-friendly way."

"100% of our waste is diverted away from landfill and into recycling schemes. Our recycling bins are collected weekly, cardboard and paper is recycled into new products, general waste is taken to a Recovery Facility where any recyclables are removed and the rest is sent for processing into Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF). Food waste is 100% recovered into renewable energy and nutrient-rich bio-fertiliser."

Peter added: "King's now saves over 5,000 kg of carbon each month." Our Junior Eco Monitors are now leading a campaign to reduce the amount of single-use plastic consumed by pupils.



## Brain Day

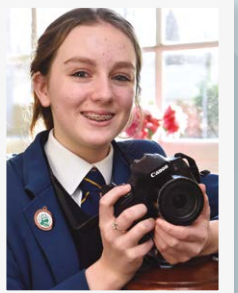
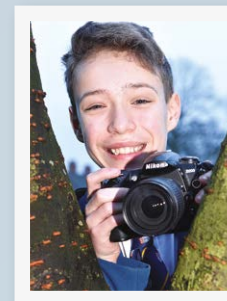
International neuroscience expert Dr Guy Sutton joined Sixth Form students for a full day devoted to human grey matter. Speaking to A Level Biology and Psychology students, the Honorary Consultant Assistant Professor at the University of Nottingham Medical School and the Director of Medical Biology Interactive, examined brain anatomy and function, including the concept of 'free will' and the ramifications for our criminal justice system of increased knowledge of brain function.

Dr Sutton brought with him a box of sheep's brains for students to dissect and highlighted the different functions of the lobes, cerebral cortex, cerebellum, hypothalamus and the problems associated with their damage.

Student Antonia Bianchi (pictured) who wants to study Psychology at university, said: "It was fascinating to see a correlation between behaviour and brain injury and the potential links to criminal behaviour. It's an incredibly important and fascinating branch of science in which the pace of discovery is rapid."

## Reece racks up medal haul

At the 2018 Cheshire County Swimming Championships, Year 8 pupil Reece Grady won five titles and a total of 16 individual medals. Reece competed in all events, over three weekends, ranging from 50m to 1500m. Reece is now Cheshire Champion in the 100m and 200m Individual Medleys (IM), 100m and 200m Fly and 200m Backstroke. Reece's time in the 100m IM ranks him second in the UK for his age group. He also came close to breaking the 60-second mark for the 100m Free in a time of 1:00.69. Twelve-year-old Reece, who swims at Satellites of Macclesfield and Stockport Metro, has now earned selection for the English Schools' Swimming Championships in March.



## Students snap up top photography prizes

'A picture paints a thousand words' according to award-winning photographers Ellie Webster and Thomas Danson, who have both received prizes in the Merchant Taylors' Photography competition.

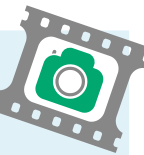
Thomas Danson's spectacular picture of a frosty morning in Yosemite National Park won the junior section of the Merchant Taylors' Company of Schools Photography competition. The Year 7 pupil said: "My dad taught my brother and I to think about the composition and the light and to respect the environment." The annual Merchant Taylors'

Photography Competition attracts entries from around 250 students from schools nationwide with the very best exhibited in the historic Merchant Taylors' Guild Hall in central London.

Ellie's picture of a rainy day in Granada was one of three runners-up. The Year 9 pupil remembered how she captured the moment: "The weather in Granada was not what we were expecting on our summer holiday. Then a crowd flocked out onto the streets putting up umbrellas and it seemed to sum up my family's mood, and that of the city, as well."

## 'Top performing school'

King's has been named the top performing school in Cheshire East for A Levels in the Department for Education league tables for the fifth consecutive year. Dr Hyde says: "I am always delighted not just with the results achieved by our students but, more importantly, the wide range of courses and institutions that our students are then able to join."







There are literally hundreds of children worldwide who finish school having already established their own micro-business. These **kidpreneurs**, as they are referred to, are not just making money, they're also learning vital business skills. They are managing budgets, sourcing materials from suppliers, using e-commerce platforms, dealing with customers and even meeting celebrities en-route to building their businesses. Self-starters with the diligence and focus to run their own micro-business while at school can be a sign of great things to come. After all, Richard Branson founded a magazine at just 16 and Warren Buffett sold chewing gum door-to-door at the tender age of six.



# ENTERPRISING ideas



## Fuelling the economy

Deputy Head, Richard Griffiths, explains: "It is estimated that 80 per cent of today's junior pupils will one day be working in jobs that don't yet exist."

"The jobs that will be created will require such things as the ability to innovate, to think creatively and to work well with others. At King's, we are developing skills, aptitudes and mind-sets alongside the academic content of our curriculum, so as to 'future-proof' our pupils' education."

"Our 'learning habits' develop the pupils as independent thinkers who are not

reliant on teachers to spoon-feed them information. We want them to be self-starters who can ask the right questions and find answers themselves. Resilience and learning how to 'bounce back' are also key skills that our pupils will need during their careers."

Entrepreneurial spirit is encouraged through many activities and schemes at King's, including running a Post Office and Christmas Shops in the Juniors, through to Dragon's Den style activities in the Seniors.

At A Level, of course, we offer both Business and Economics as subject choices, both of which are increasingly popular.

## Dragons' Den

Last summer, we held an enterprise competition in the Girls' Division. The winning idea was put forward into the Manchester Airport Dragons' Den competition. 'Go Papier' was the business idea of Molly Ives, Megan Roche and Alex Brooks (pictured below).

Over a six-month period, with the help of their mentor Rick Lord and A Level Business teacher Miss Jestin, the girls set up their own business Go Papier. This involved designing, financing and manufacturing their own unique product of personalised wrapping paper. They had to pitch to the Dragons for the £100 start-up fund, and raise further finance through bake sales.

In November, the girls sold their product around the North West at various fairs and at Manchester Airport. They produced a profit of over £250 in just two of months of trading.

In December, the girls returned to the Dragons, this time to return the £100 start-up money and to explain what they had learnt from the experience. All three girls now plan to study A Level Business.

Richard Griffiths added: "It is important schools encourage entrepreneurship and start the process of developing skills needed by a changing economy and workforce. I'd like to think King's is at the forefront when it comes to developing lifelong learners and leaders. Leadership and innovation are the major challenges facing businesses, and I believe King's is mindful of this demand."



## Enterprise Events

The LionHeart Business Challenge is a flagship programme for the National Learning & Skills Council.

Each year, boys and girls in Year 10 undertake the high energy and high impact LionHeart Challenge, which is delivered by trained and experienced Business Coaches and entrepreneurs. The emphasis is on collaboration and 'real-world learning'; finding solutions to current world problems and working to time pressure as if they really are a business.

The pupils are issued with a challenge on a theme of national importance and work in teams of 10 (from outside their normal friendship groups) who come together and, with their Business Coach and materials provided, develop a comprehensive Business Proposal comprising an HR plan, product solution to meet a target customer's needs, a financial plan and full marketing strategy. The team then put together and deliver their final presentation to their peers, teachers, business professionals and judges.

## Young Enterprise

King's participates in the national scheme to develop employability skills, deliver inspirational enterprise education and a taster of real-world business. Each year, our Sixth Form students join around one million young people across the country who set up and run a student company. Running throughout one academic year, students make all the decisions about their enterprise, from deciding on the name and product to creating a business plan, managing the company finances and selling to the public. Students are supported by a volunteer Business Adviser who brings a wealth of business knowledge and a range of resources. Teams track their progress using self-assessment tools and even compete against other schools in regional and national competitions.

## More than child's play...

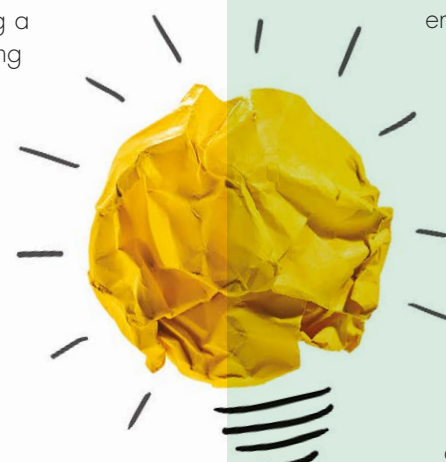
At King's, there are many pupils who are already engaged in running their own business enterprises. They range from clothing brands to greetings cards companies. Here are just a few of our enterprising young people:

**Christian Beeston** (right) is already somewhat of a big brand in Macclesfield. Named 'Young Cartoonist of the Year' in 2015, the talented artist has his own greetings cards business. Now in Year 10, Christian has produced 18 designs featuring local landmarks, famous buildings and sports clubs around Macclesfield with the most popular also featuring on mugs and coasters. His work has impressed even the most experienced retailers with Paul Bianchi, Chairman of Arighi Bianchi, saying "Christian is totally original, a fantastic talent and a wonderful flag bearer for the town and we are delighted to be selling his work." Other retailers stocking Christian's designs include The Heritage Centre and Tegg's Nose Tea Room.



Sixth Form student **Jasmine England** (left) established her handmade jewellery business four years ago. Now retailing mainly through Etsy.com and local fairs, Jasmine has shrewdly re-invested her profits into new materials so that she can continue to experiment, invent new styles and broaden her product range.

Year 10 pupil **Finlay Blakemore** (right) runs not one, but two global enterprises. He established his football kit design business 2 years ago and has already designed kits for football clubs in 17 countries. They are currently all amateur teams including his own Bollington United Warriors U15s, but he hopes to design for a professional team soon. His spin-off company 'Lazy Clothing' specialises in T-shirts and lounge wear, with everything made to order for customers around the world. Lazyclothing.co.uk has so far generated £500 revenue in just the short period since it was founded last May.





## Representative Rugby selection

King's School rugby goes from strength to strength with an astonishing 27 players from Year 9 up to the First XV gaining representative honours already this year.

Pictured are just 10 of King's top talents (back, from left): Sion Davenport, a tough hooker who has been picked for North Wales trials and Cheshire U18; Owen Jones, the First XV Number Eight and Captain who has been picked for the Independent Schools' Lambs U18s and Sale Sharks U18 Academy; Ollie Leatherbarrow, First XV Openside Flanker, who has been picked for Sale Sharks U16 Academy and Cheshire U16s; Will Davies, First XV Fly-half, who has won honours for U18 North of England, Sale Sharks U18 Academy and Cheshire U18s and James Warr, who has been picked for Sale Sharks U16s and Cheshire U16s. On the



tough tackling centre James Heywood; dominant Number Eight Cyrus Kerfoot; fast centre Will Davies and talented scrum-half Alex Davies. King's Head of Rugby Giles Hetherington said: "Sion

Davenport, Owen Jones, Will Davies and Ollie Leatherbarrow have been at the heart of an excellent season with the First XV reaching the quarter-final of the National Schools' Cup, equalling the school's best ever achievement in the prestigious competition. Owen Jones has been in remarkable form and has been picked by Sale Sharks Academy and also selected for the prestigious Independent Schools' Lambs U18s, which boasts a glamorous fixture list and he will also tour Italy and Croatia against their respective International age-grade XV's.

Giles added: "The five under-15s have been the back-bone of the all-conquering King's side that have lost just once in almost three years and collected several county cups and sevens honours. We expect all to be pushing for First XV berths next season and beyond."

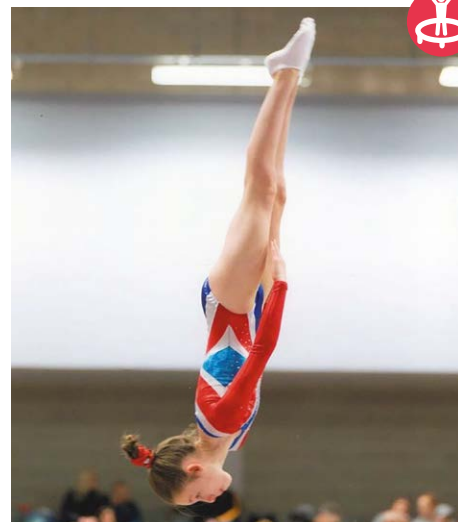


## Cross-country running

Brothers Peter and Philip Goodfellow (pictured above) put in an excellent performance at the Cheshire Schools' Cross Country Championships in February. Year 7 pupil Philip beat a 50 strong field to win the group race on a rain soaked, mud splattered day in Delamere Forest. Older brother Peter, in Year 11, then finished fourth over a tough 5.1km race against a larger and more competitive field.

Peter has now been selected to represent Cheshire in the English Schools' National Cross Country Championships in March, while Philip will be in the Cheshire team for the forthcoming Inter-Counties meetings.

Also putting in strong performances in the Cheshire Championships were Lulu Griffiths, who was 7th in the Inter Girls race and was selected to be a reserve for Cheshire at the English Schools' National Cross Country championships, and Maddie Lucchi, who was 17th in the Junior Girls race.



## Trampolining

King's trampolinists swept the board at the North Of Britain Championships in February, with 8 teams qualifying to the National Finals in March. King's also had 7 outstanding individuals qualify, with Vicky Theaker, Otis Hughes and Oliver Jones winning their respective categories as North of Britain Champions. Coach Rachael Burrows said: "The children performed with great execution and style. I am so proud of them, and the pressures they overcame to produce such beautiful routines."

## Captain Kyd launches largest aircraft carrier

Former King's pupil and Commanding Officer of the HMS Queen Elizabeth II, Captain Jerry Kyd, stood side by side with the Queen as she launched the Royal Navy's newest aircraft carrier in a glittering ceremony in Portsmouth. On the launch of the 280m-long ship, which is one of the nation's most significant military investments, Capt Kyd, said: "There are very exciting times ahead. To see her just as a ship is too simplistic. HMS Queen Elizabeth is a mobile four-and-a-half-acre airfield. She'll be deployed around the world, a very flexible asset used by all three services." Jeremy Kyd, who attended King's from 1978 to 1985, studied A Level Physics, Chemistry and Biology before winning a Royal Navy Scholarship to Southampton University to study Oceanography and Biology.



## Former pupil reveals insight into Military

Former pupil Alex Seabrook returned to King's to talk to current pupils about life in the military police. Alex left King's in 2012 to study Architecture at Leeds University, but was then drawn by his dream of a 'more adventurous, more active life'. Currently based in Colchester as one of around 2,500 Military Police, the Lance Corporal is 'enjoying every moment'. He gave a very engaging talk on the wide range of duties that the Royal Military Police are responsible for such as Garrison Policing and Close Protection Deployments, which includes protecting senior military officers, visiting MPs and the Royal Family. There were a number of questions from the pupils, perhaps reflecting the top secret nature of some of the work, and it certainly gave the students food for thought about potential career options.



## Charity Rugby Match

The Christmas charity match is now a regular fixture for the King's Old Boys vs Macclesfield Rugby Club. This year's match was, as always, extremely competitive and played in a fantastic spirit. The King's side spanned the generations from Tom Blackwell, who left last year, to Joel Williamson who is still playing at a vintage age! The advantage swung back and forth early on, but the Club took a 2-try lead with only about 15 minutes to play. King's Old Boys picked up the pace repeatedly with Will Hodgson, being Man of the Match, driving everything on. After a wonderfully exciting finale, the game ended as a tie, and a sociable evening was enjoyed by all, plus another £800 raised for East Cheshire Hospice. Save the date for later this year: **Saturday 22 December.**



## Events

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## Alumni Gala Dinner

We will be holding our first ever Alumni Gala Dinner in the main school hall on Saturday 24 March. Preceded by tours of the school and a drinks reception in the Alan Cooper Library, the response to the event has been overwhelming and all 140 tickets are now sold out. To register your details on this year's waiting list, or your interest for next year's Gala Dinner, please email: [lauren.tidey@kingsmac.co.uk](mailto:lauren.tidey@kingsmac.co.uk)

### Friday 11 May @ 7pm

London Dinner | Brasserie Blanc, Chancery Lane  
£45.00 | Under 30 Alumni – £30.00

### Thursday 14 June @ 6pm

Manchester Drinks in the City | Restaurant Bar & Grill  
£15.00

### Thursday 18 October @ 6pm

London Drinks in the City | Brown's Courtrooms, Covent Garden  
£15.00





## Community



### Sixth Form Fashion Show

King's Sixth Formers danced their way down Hollywood Boulevard during a 'Night at the Oscars' for a record-breaking fashion show which raised over £7,000 for The Christie Hospital. Organised by industrious students Jennifer Johnson and Sophie Hancock, the sell-out event had an audience of over 300 parents and pupils and took three months of planning.

Thanks go to leading online fashion retailers Boohoo and Glamorous who donated the clothes for what was an unforgettable night, and to everyone who donated the raffle prizes including two return flights to the USA from Thomas Cook Airlines.

### MIND the gap

King's Girls' Division fundraisers have given Macclesfield MIND their largest ever single donation. June Plymen, MIND Chair of Trustees, was thrilled to receive a cheque for £5,015 for the charity adding: "We are the



only community-based mental health support organisation for people with mental health problems in East Cheshire. Crucially, this donation will enable us to fund another part-time member of staff at our drop-in centre." Macclesfield MIND survives on £40K funding from the East Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group, but is able to add extra key services through donations and legacies.

The girls raised the fabulous sum with a Gala Dinner for parents, a Santa's Sleigh ride, Year 7 Disco and a spa for parents. King's raises around £25,000 per year for local, national and international causes.

King's Charities Co-ordinator Lynne Adams said: "Mental health problems are on the increase and can debilitate both the seemingly confident and the socially vulnerable. An essential element of our annual fundraising efforts is to support a local charity working hard for local people."

## Congratulations to:

**Susannah Austin**, who passed her Grade 5 flute exam.

**Lewis Bell**, who achieved a Gold certificate in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge.

**Georgina Bloomfield**, who has been awarded the Dame Ruth Railton Memorial Prize.

**Eve Carter**, who passed the flute grade 5 exam.

**Sophie Fletcher**, who has been selected for the U13 Hockey JAC Greater Manchester selection and who has also qualified in the top 3 places in the North West Trampolining Championships.

**Oliver Gotts**, who has been selected to represent Team UK in STATE WARS, the biggest inline hockey tournament in the World, this summer in Missouri. He will compete against American State teams and national teams from across the globe.

**Toby Gray**, who passed the flute grade 6 exam.

**Ellie Hammonds**, who has been selected for the GB Junior International Prime Squad (Dressage).

**Judy Hammond**, who raised £150 for the Little Princess Trust.

**Jemima Jordan**, who raised £315 for MIND.

**Olivia Mackenzie**, (pictured right) who has been selected for the prestigious U10 National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain.

**Charles Morrison-Hughes**, who finished 3rd in a Cheshire U15 closed squash tournament and is now seeded 3rd in the County.

**Elliot Naylor**, who has achieved his 2nd Dan grading in karate.

**Will Peakman**, who represented Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire & Derbyshire (NLD) U18s rugby and has been selected for Midlands Counties U18s.

**Sam Wilcock**, who won a Silver medal at the ICO World Cup in Birmingham.

**The Cross-Country Inter Girls (Year 10 & 11)** who qualified for the Regional Finals of ESAA Cross Country Cup. Susie Moores, May Broadley, Betty Kemp, Jess Evans and Charlotte Smith finished in a creditable 7th position out of 12 teams.

**Pistol Shooting Club**, who achieved their first Bronze in the intermediate age category or the northern schools region.

