

The past year has been a troubled one for schools. We have been horrified by massacre and murder and we have read and heard much of the breakdown of discipline and the enforced closure of schools by disruptive pupils.

We have seen also, sadly, a series of "knee-jerk" responses which offer, at best, palliatives but certainly not solutions to complex and deep-rooted problems in society. Beneath all this, however, we have sensed a yearning for established values and moral standards.

How uplifting, therefore, has been the response of Frances Lawrence to the murder of her husband: not a call for revenge but a dignified plea for positive and constructive outlets for young people's energy. Instant solutions are not offered but the tenor of her appeal has found an overwhelming response from the public.

It is easy, in an age of immediate communication, to allow the negative elements to distort the true picture. Shocking though the violence and disrespect for authority are, the fact is that the majority of schools are civilised places, where young people work hard and show, besides courtesy and respect, deep compassion and an awareness of the needs of others. Where the security of a good home and a good school exists, the drive for high standards in all one undertakes, far from distracting pupils from a sense of responsibility for others, can and does raise a strong awareness that such privileges also carry such responsibilities. Acts which exemplify this awareness occur daily in schools up and down the country. Rarely, however, are they broadcast.

I hope the pages which follow will testify to a year of purposeful activity and high standards in all the King's School undertakes. We always strive for this and at the start of the academic year our efforts were judged by a team of outside observers - an OFSTED inspection team. We had only six weeks' notice, so the school really was inspected in its everyday state.

Though an inspection is always a stressful experience, much of value came from it. We received an encouraging and very pleasing report and it was heartening that so much of what we do was commended. Three aspects, in particular, gave us pleasure. The school is described as "very caring" and, since this is one of our top priorities, we felt that the unstinting efforts of the staff in this area had been duly recognised. The extra-curricular

provision is described as excellent which, again, is a tribute to the dedication of the staff. And, in the responses to the statement in the questionnaire sent by the inspectors to the parents, "My child is happy at school", 97% answered positively. That, of course, is not good enough, but it is heartening.

This year also saw the first class of girls, who entered the school when the Girls' Division opened in 1993, take their first public examinations. They had been a credit to the school in so many ways and duly completed their time in the Girls' Division with distinction, every one of them passing at least five GCSEs at A-C.

The results at GCSE in the Boys' Division were in line with previous years, with a 95% pass rate and all but six pupils achieving at least five passes. The average number of GCSE passes per pupil in the Foundation was 7.9.

At A Level, every one of the 134 pupils attained an entry qualification to Higher Education and 23 pupils attained straight As. Ten pupils secured places at Oxford or Cambridge.

Statistics, however, only tell us a limited amount. At King's, it is our aim that every pupil should fulfil his/her potential, and it is our policy to admit to the Sixth Form as many pupils as we think have a reasonable chance of some success at A Level, *not only* those pupils who are sure to succeed with flying colours. It is very pleasing, therefore, to stress that *every one* of the 134 candidates at A Level qualified for Higher Education, over twenty of them from a very modest GCSE base. These are real and valued achievements by individuals, which raw statistics do not identify.

In addition, it is pleasing to note that, once again, we had a good entry for our Lower Sixth extended essay scheme and were able to make over twenty awards, which are detailed in Appendix 5. Not all of these pupils will necessarily gain top grades in all their A Levels but they have completed, on their own, an extensive piece of research, submitted to a deadline, and the skills acquired remain with them.

We do aim, however, to develop rounded individuals with diverse interests. It will be apparent how diverse the activities in the school are from this report, but I would like to highlight a number of striking achievements over the year.

The school's reputation for drama is established and we were treated to three very different, but all highly successful, productions over the year. In the Autumn the Sixth Form gave us

*Ring Round the Moon*; the Spring Term production was the musical *The Baker's Wife* at Cumberland Street; whilst the Summer Term saw *Our Day Out* at Fence Avenue. All these plays were fully co-educational and it is clear that this is an area where the full Foundation comes together most successfully.

The structure for music in the school now also provides for boys and girls to develop their talents in separate groups and to come together when they reach a higher standard. With over 400 pupils now taking music lessons, the range and quality of our concerts and musical events provide a rich programme over the year. The basis of much of this is established in the excellent and wonderfully diverse programme of music in our Junior Division. The Foundation Choir performed stunningly in the Sainsbury's Choir of the Year competition. Equally impressive is the development of composition among our young musicians, whose works frequently form a part of our concerts.

It has also been a purposeful year for sport. Our 1st XV enjoyed one of the best seasons ever, losing only in the final match. In it, we produced two under-19 internationals, one for England and one for Scotland - surely a unique achievement! The hockey teams enjoyed successful seasons; the 1st X1 cricket team, after a shaky start, developed into one of the most successful sides for years; our tennis teams performed well and the sport of orienteering has established a national reputation for the school. Outward Bound activities remain as popular as ever, and in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme we now have a steady stream of Gold awards.

I mentioned the many complex problems which confront society now. This year we have established throughout the school a programme of personal and social education (PSE) which addresses some of these problems and encourages our pupils to make informed choices. It is a positive programme and one which was highly commended by the inspectors.

Nothing is possible in a school, however, without dedicated and able staff. In this we are well blessed at King's. All the staff, both teaching and non-teaching, give unstintingly of their time and, for them, the pupils' interests always come first. I am happy to pay tribute to their high standards and commitment.

A G Silcock  
November 1996

## Hail...

Welcome to those members of staff who joined King's in September 1995. The following have kindly provided brief histories:

### Lisa Booker

*(Girls' PE & Games)*

Lisa was born and brought up in Chesterfield. Throughout school, she was active in all sports, representing the school in hockey, netball and cross-country, and representing her county, Derbyshire, at English Schools cross-country and athletics competitions. From an early age she was interested in horse-riding and still has two horses at her parents' but rarely finds time to ride them any more.

Lisa studied in Liverpool for her degree in Physical Education & Sport with Geography (BA Hons) and com-



pleted a PGCE at the Carnegie Department of Human Movement in Leeds.

Returning to Derbyshire in 1989, her teaching career began at New Mills School, where she taught PE, Games and A Level Geography and developed GCSE and A Level Sports Studies over her six years there. She also coordinated the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

During her last three years at New Mills, she studied part-time at Sheffield University for a Master of Medical Science degree in Sport & Exercise Science. It was a relief and an honour to gain this qualification in February this year.

Lisa's interests are in fell running and road running when time and energy permit. She has competed in local fell races in the Peak District but her greatest achievements have been complet-

ing the Ben Nevis Fell Race, the Snowdonia Marathon and the London Marathon. She has also enjoyed several mountain marathons, including Karrimors, Rock & Run and the Saunders. She plays netball weekly and tries to attend aerobic sessions regularly.

In April she married an Outdoor Pursuits Instructor, who works for an LEA Outdoor Centre in Derbyshire. They look forward to pursuing their shared interests of mountaineering, running and outdoor activities together in the future.

### Judith Brown

*(Junior Science)*

Judith was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and lived there until she was eighteen. She then went to Leeds University, where she gained a BSc (Hons) in Microbiology, followed by Masters degree in Forensic Science at Strathclyde University. She worked for several years at Manchester University and then at Aberdeen University on various medical research projects, including rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn's Disease and contraceptive agents. She recently resumed her working career after completing a PGCE at the Manchester Metropolitan University in 1995.

### Anne Cohen

*(Physics)*

Anne was brought up in Berkshire and attended university in Exeter and then Manchester. Her interest in astronomy really began to develop while using the Norman Lockyer Observatory at Sidmouth during her undergraduate years, and she carried on with radio astronomy at Jodrell Bank when she moved north. Her research involved identifying radio sources outside our own galaxy and she discovered the first "Double Quasar". After completing her PhD thesis, she became a research associate, and then retired from astronomy for a while to have a family. When her two daughters, Helen and Beth, were at school and playschool, Anne returned to work in astronomy, but at the Jodrell Bank Visitor Centre, in the planetarium and exhibition area. This involved giving star shows and talks to the public and appearing once on television!

Anne went into teaching in 1987 and has taught mainly at Dane Valley High School in Congleton since then, although she was part-time for one year at Macclesfield High School just before it closed. She taught in Lab A6 then, where her classes see her today.

Although she does not have much

spare time, Anne enjoys walking, swimming and being with her family on holiday in Cornwall. She still gives in-service training courses for teachers who need to teach astronomy and she is currently the president of the Association for Astronomy Education in the UK.

### Sandy Gibson

*(Drama)*

Born in Durham, Sandy lived in both the North East and East Yorkshire before moving to Cheshire in her early teens. She attended Oriel Bank High School in Davenport and trained as a teacher at Mather College, Manchester, specialising in Drama and Music. Married, with two children, she went on to study and obtain the Guildhall Teachers' Diploma in Speech & Drama while her children were still small.

Sandy ran her own Speech & Drama studio in Cheadle for thirteen years, as well as a casting agency. Before joining King's, she taught Drama and Creative & Expressive Arts at Poynton County High School. She is a member of CHADS Theatre, Cheadle Hulme, and is currently in charge of casting.

A keen golfer, she is a playing member of clubs in Wales, the Isle of Man and Cheadle.

### Christine Harrison

*(Mathematics)*

Christine graduated from Sussex University with an honours degree in Mathematics with Physics, before entering the IT industry. She spent twenty years in that industry and became Director of Software with the National Computing Centre.

She left to have her second child and embarked upon a completely new career in teaching, choosing Mathematics as her main subject because of her enduring enthusiasm for the subject. She trained at Manchester Metropolitan University and continues her studies there towards a Diploma in Education.

Christine is delighted with her career move and is thoroughly enjoying teaching Maths and IT in the Girls' Division.

### Michael Houghton

*(Classics)*

Mike was born in Widnes, Cheshire, but travelled to school on the train to St Francis Xavier's College in Liverpool. At this Jesuit run school he soon gained a love of Classics, starting Latin at the age of eleven and Greek when he was twelve. Contemporaries of his at school included football players Sammy Lee (Liverpool and England), Mike Newall (Everton, Blackburn Rovers and now

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Birmingham City) and “Nasher” (lead guitarist in the pop group Frankie Goes to Hollywood). Mike, however, remained more interested in reading the epic poems of Homer or the great speeches of Cicero and gained a place to read Classics at Worcester College, Oxford.



Four years at Oxford were followed by four years in Sicily (Messina and Palermo), teaching Italians to speak English with a Liverpool accent. Soon, however, the sun-drenched beaches, lemon groves and Sunday morning fishing trips were left behind as Mike moved to a prep school in the snowy hills of Aberdeenshire. Red squirrels could be seen from the classroom window and rugby matches were held up while the boys watched the buzzards fly past.

Alas! After eighteen months this idyllic existence also came to an end and Mike came back to his roots to work at Liverpool College, where he stayed for seven happy years before moving to King's in September 1995.

### Jim Keefe

*(Economics & Business Studies)*

Jim joined the King's School after spending five years at the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne. He was educated in Essex and Johannesburg, before moving to the University of Newcastle to read Economics. His main interest outside the classroom is sport - particularly football - and he is looking forward to becoming involved with the school's hockey and cricket sides.

### Alison Lea

*(Junior Division)*

Alison was born in Nottingham, where her musical studies began with piano lessons at the age of four. Whilst attending the local grammar school, she won a scholarship to South Nottinghamshire Saturday Music School and it was here that she also began to study the violin.

After O and A Levels she moved to Manchester University to read Music. Here she realised a long held ambition, that of learning percussion. After a year, it became her first study and a percussion recital formed part of her final exams. She then spent a year in London at the National Centre for Orchestral Studies, receiving orchestral training.

Moving back to Manchester in 1982, Alison began to work as an orchestral musician, working with such orchestras as the BBC Philharmonic, the Halle Orchestra and Opera North. She also worked as a musical director and musician at the Library Theatre and Contact Theatre in Manchester. During this period she spent four years as a member of the peripatetic music staff at King's, teaching percussion and piano.

Alison has always enjoyed composing music for children. She has had three books of songs published and in 1990 began the Let's Go Music Company, producing children's music cassettes.

In 1994 she decided to extend her work in children's music by studying for a PGCE at Manchester Metropolitan University. She was subsequently delighted to return to King's as Junior Division Music Co-ordinator.



### Sue Madden

*(Biology)*

Born in Buxton, Sue was educated at Buxton Junior School before making the long journey into Manchester each day to attend Manchester High School. Having gained four A Levels and a qualification to teach horse-riding, she then went to Nottingham University School of Agriculture. Three very happy years were spent studying for a degree in agriculture and plant physiology, running the university bar and riding every day.

The draw of an academic lifestyle was at that point quite strong, so she went up to Newcastle University to study for a PhD and a possible career in research. However, when the reality of research posts and postdoctorate work became clear, she decided to return to her original plans and go into the family trade of teaching.

By then married to Peter and living in Sale, Sue attended Manchester Poly to gain a PGCE. In 1989 she started her first job at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Blackburn, where she quickly found her feet and took on roles as stage manager and co-producer of the school's musical and dramatic productions, taught skiing at Rossendale for Sixth Form games each week and organised both skiing and art based trips abroad every year. It was with great regret that she decided eventually that it was time for a change of scene.

So, after five years at QEGS came the move back south to Macclesfield and the King's School. Sue is still living in Rossendale with the unenviable journey back and forth every day. Peter now lives and works in Toulouse, so all holidays and some weekends are spent in their house in the south of France, which is conveniently close to the Pyrenees, making day and weekend skiing a real option.

Although having little spare time due to the travelling, she is still to be found most weekends at Bowdon cricket and hockey club and enjoys trips out to the many local theatres whenever possible.

### Sue Matthews

*(Geography)*

The land of the Red Rose was where Sue started life: Preston, in fact. She did have to suffer a short period under the spell of the White Rose, before returning to the west side of the Pennines.

Sue attended school in Lytham, where her love of Geography was established amongst the stiff westerly

sea breezes and the first of many trips to the Isle of Arran. She read Geography at the Victoria University of Manchester before travelling east once again to undertake a PGCE at Nottingham University.

Her first job was again in the land of the Red Rose - back at Queen Mary School, Lytham, in fact, where she taught at the school she attended. This meant teaching the sisters of her best friends, an interesting experience.



With marriage came a change of school and Sue spent four happy years at Culcheth High School in Warrington. She stopped full-time teaching with the birth of her daughter, the start of eight years' full-time devotion to the role of mother. Throughout this period, however, she maintained her interest in Geography by tutoring A Level candidates outside school.

With her family, Sue has always maintained her love for walking, taking every opportunity to get on to the fells, preferably the Lake District variety. Swiss, Arran and Peak District versions have substituted from time to time. Now her children (a son being her second child) are older, they have been kitted out with boots and are themselves enthusiastic scramblers.

Sue's spare time is filled with being a parent governor at her children's school, where she enjoys the challenge of seeing how schools operate from another viewpoint. She returned to teaching last year, covering a maternity leave as a job share. This confirmed her enthusiasm for the classroom and her approach to King's.

## Anne Woods (Biology Technician)

Anne was brought up in Kew, Surrey, and attended a grammar school in Hammersmith. After graduating from Wye College, London University, with a degree in horticulture, she returned to Kew. There, she was first in charge of the Landscaping and Public Education Department before moving to be in charge of the Micropropagation Unit, where rare and endangered plants were raised using sterile culture techniques.

In 1980 she married Paul and, after more than nine years at Kew, she gave up work to look after their two children, Graham and Elizabeth, born in 1983 and 1986. The entire family moved to Gawsworth, Cheshire, in 1988 after Paul obtained a position with Zeneca (then ICI).

Anne is an active member of the Gawsworth community and is currently chairman of Gawsworth Parish Council. She is a keen walker and has recently helped produce a leaflet of walks for Gawsworth, in conjunction with Cheshire County Council. She is a regular member of Prestbury Choral Society and also plays the piano.

A warm welcome, too, to:

**Jillian Eccles** (Religious Education)

**Kim Griffin** (English)

**Richard Grime** (Chemistry)

**Simon James** (Junior Division)

**Richard Killen** (Modern Languages)

**Avril Waters** (History)

## ... and Farewell

and our best wishes for the future to:

### Michael McNulty

Michael was appointed Deputy Headmaster to the school in 1976. During his time with us his influence was felt in virtually every area of the school and all who knew him will testify to his total dedication to his job and the school.

As a true academic, he conveyed his love of the English language and of literature to his pupils, encouraging in them a pride in clear, cogent self-expression and an appreciation of the works of great authors. He was meticulous and thorough himself and brought home to his pupils that high standards are not achieved without application.

The same care and thoroughness were evident in his major roles as Deputy Headmaster: discipline and the administration of the school. He set himself high standards and expected them of others but, for all his firmness

with indiscipline, he was a caring schoolmaster and colleague, always supportive to those who were upset or suffering. He was also extremely skilled at turning away wrath if members of the public voiced complaints about the school, treating their concerns with tact and sympathy.

Given his range of interests, it is not surprising that he was so supportive of the school's extra-curricular activities. Drama, in particular, benefited both from his skill as a producer and from his unfailing support. He was also a loyal supporter of school sport and the foundation of the Friends of King's, with its initial emphasis on sports tours, was one of his ideas.

Above all, in speaking to Michael one could not fail to be struck by his love of and commitment to the King's School. Ill health forced him, firstly to reduce his teaching, and then to retire early. Pupils and colleagues will remember his unstinting service to the school with gratitude and affection.

### Derek Todd

Derek came to King's in September 1966 as Head of Chemistry, having previously taught in Lytham and Winsford. Immediately there were revolutionary changes. Innovations like teaching syllabuses appeared. Teachers were given areas of responsibility for which they were held accountable. By the time he relinquished his position of Head of Department in 1978, Chemistry was on a very sound footing in the school. Not only was it well managed and successful but there was considerable innovation afoot in teaching approach and method.

Since 1978 he has held the post of Senior Master in the school with special responsibility for timetabling and cover. His mastery of the timetabling process, being able to grasp the whole picture and at the same time retaining the most impressive control of every detail, made a major contribution to the smooth running of the school. He rose supremely well to the challenge of extending the timetable to a split-site when the Girls' Division opened and the Juniors moved to Fence Avenue. In all his dealings with staff, as with pupils, he was scrupulously fair, being prepared to spend long hours making sure that staff and pupils experienced a fair distribution of timetable periods across the week in each subject, whilst trying hard to accommodate all the many and various special requests. He took pains to ensure that individual staff only did their fair share of cover for absent colleagues.

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Apart from his teaching, many scores of pupils had cause to be grateful to Derek for the time he spent with them in holidays and at weekends introducing them to the art of ornithology. It must have tried his patience considerably having to calm down excited youngsters who were in danger of frightening away the very species they were trying to observe.

He will be remembered most, however, by both pupils and colleagues as a most inspired and inspiring teacher, able to communicate his enthusiasm to a very wide variety of pupils and always ready with an alternative strategy for getting his message over if the first was found wanting. His teaching was considerably enlivened by his sense of humour and his inexhaustible fund of stories. His skill as a ballroom dancer enabled him to wake up any slightly dozy pupils with the occasional pirouette. Rarely has a retiring member of the profession finished on such a high note, still trying out new methods of communicating his subject to the pupils right up to the last lesson. Even after the last day of the summer term he had not quite grasped what it meant to have retired and was still working on the timetable for the coming year with enthusiasm and relish. Derek will be sorely missed.

### Chris Urwin

Chris Urwin was appointed to the school in 1960 as an assistant teacher in the Classics Department. He always had a strong belief in the importance of contact with the classical civilisations for a full education and this was later to materialise in the many and varied trips that he organised for that purpose. These included visits to Italy - Rome and Pompeii - and to Greece. The trips were a mixture of serious educational purpose (visits to sites and museums with scholarly commentary) and most enjoyable holidays. They continued for many years while their value was appreciated.

Chris was promoted to Head of Department in 1971, when the department had three full-time members of staff. Others were borrowed from other departments and Chris gave clear leadership and created an atmosphere in which colleagues felt that their efforts and contributions were valued. He kept in touch with developments in his own subject through his work as an examiner.

He always believed in the maintenance of "standards" and his understanding of how pupils tick made him a very effective form master for many

years. He was also, for a long period, responsible for the Sixth Form Common Room and, for many years, the staff representative of the ATL (formerly AMMA), a task which he pursued with diligence and sensitivity.

In more recent times, Chris developed an interest in France and began to accompany Alan Reed and Richard Starkie on the Lower School trips to Paris. He also contributed to the organisation of the October French trips for colleagues.

A teaching career of thirty-six years cannot be adequately summarised here and there will be many other things for which Chris will be remembered. Those of us who knew him will remember him with affection and wish him a long and healthy retirement.

### Gordon Meir

Gordon joined the staff at the King's School in 1968, having gained an honours degree in Mathematics from Manchester University. His contribution to the Mathematics Department was substantial, with pupils of all ages and abilities having benefited from his effective teaching. Meticulous planning ensured that he always got the best out of his pupils, as results over the years testify.

During much of his time at the school, Gordon held the post of second in department, but prior to this he was a First Form year group master. As a Sixth Form tutor, he was responsible for overseeing the progress of numerous A Level students. More recently, he took on the role of tutor for students and newly qualified teachers.

Outside the classroom, Gordon for many years jointly coached the U12 rugby squad and during the Summer Term was frequently seen officiating, with stop watch in hand, at many of the athletics fixtures.

We thank him for twenty-eight years of loyal service to the school and wish him well.

### Alan Reed

It is not always a happy thing to say goodbye to a person you have known and worked alongside for a long time. But it is a pleasant duty to say thank you to Alan for all the many services which he has rendered to the Modern Languages Department and to the school over that time.

It is twenty-four years since Alan joined King's. It was a time of different exams, different text books and a different clientele. There has been much change. But Alan, always a man of reason and order, inspected each trend

as it emerged and tried to see the best in what was proposed. He taught with application and rigour at all levels of the school and students knew where they were with him. He guided A streams to their best endeavours, coaxed and cajoled with admirable patience the less gifted and yet always found time to go the extra mile with the aspiring Oxbridge candidate. For Alan took scholarship seriously. For him a course in culture for General Studies meant tackling the pinnacles of European art and literature from the beginning and not excluding that particularly French dimension: gastronomy. Educated up to the age of eighteen in France and at university in England, Alan was a mine of knowledge on things French and a reliable authority on current affairs, two areas in which the department will be the poorer by his departure.

Over many years he organised *Reed's Tours*. These loosely encompass the exchange with Sainte-Marie, Albi, where he cultivated excellent staff relations, numerous trips to Paris for pupils in their first and second year - models of economy and legendary for outwitting transport strikes - and sundry adult-only forays. His particular speciality was world war battlefields but few areas of France, of the north especially, were unfamiliar to him and many of us, both staff and students, will look back on his initiatives in this connection with gratitude.

No doubt Alan was most in evidence as master in charge of examinations. To this role he brought exemplary commitment and meticulousness, and if King's has a good reputation as a Centre, then he will have played a major part and can take pride in his achievement.

It is not possible in a few paragraphs to depict Alan in all his various subsidiary roles. But his ubiquitous presence around the school and in the staffrooms will be much missed and both staff and students will no doubt carry their individual cherished memories: perhaps the voluminous briefcase, maybe the hand rearranging the forelock, the figure in the stout green raincoat receding over the front field or, ritual of rituals in the staff canteen, the studious polishing of grapes! But however we may choose to remember Alan, surely it will be with gratitude and affection for his unstinting long service and the friendly manner in which it was offered. Our best wishes go with him at his new base in Warwick.

## Graham Bibby

Graham joined the Biology Department as a newly qualified teacher in 1981. He was a lively teacher and he combined his interest in Biology with a passion for computing. The Department still appreciates his energy and visionary input in this fast developing area. Graham jointly ran the field course programme and, in addition to helping with A Level field courses, he initiated field trips of his own, including a visit to Ireland.

In addition to his work in the Biology Department, Graham had many other roles. He was a popular Sixth Form tutor, a member of the Sixth Form Common Room Committee and chairman of the Professional Development Committee. In his role as Professional Tutor he was responsible for the induction and welfare of all new staff, providing help and advice and monitoring the progress of newly qualified teachers, and for student teaching practice programmes.

After fifteen years in the Biology Department, Graham has moved on to become Director of Sixth Form at a school in Gloucester.

## Shirley Wagner

It is over thirteen years since Shirley arrived to take on the role of School Secretary and Office Manager at King's. During that time the responsibilities of the post changed and increased out of all recognition, not least because of the expansion of the school with the acquisition of the Fence Avenue site, and she rose to all the challenges with unruffled calm, energy and good humour.

The School Office is in many ways the hub of the school. The variety of demands placed on the staff there is bewildering to the uninitiated: at any one moment, as well as the standard secretarial and switchboard work, stock checks might be in progress, injured pupils patched up and comforted, company reps interviewed, change provided for pupils' phone calls, parents' queries dealt with, teaching staff chased with messages, members of the public listened to... The list is endless but under Shirley's able generalship, the system functioned with a smoothness and efficiency which gave no hint of the vast amount of work and planning beneath the surface.

Shirley will be very much missed, not only for her supreme administrative skills but also for her warmth and humour. She welcomed all comers to the school with reassuring competence and charm; she was a supportive

colleague and a witty companion. We wish her a very happy retirement and wait with interest to see what new challenges she has taken up.

## Kate Ellington

Kate came to King's as a part-time Biology teacher in September 1988, having previously held posts as Head of Biology and Science, Regional Project Leader for the Secondary Science Curriculum Review and Research and Development Officer for British School Technology. She taught Biology as part of the General Science courses and as a pure discipline to classes from Year 3 through to the Sixth Form. In 1990 she was appointed an Assistant Examiner to the Midlands Examining Group. Kate was responsible for devising, co-ordinating and editing *Vita*, the successful in-house Biology magazine produced by students in the school.

## Eve Harrington

Eve joined the school in 1989, making an immediate impact on the life of pupils at both senior and junior level. Her energy, ebullience and quite extraordinary musical versatility inspired a passion for music in all pupils who met her. Equally talented on skis or in the great outdoors or as a teacher of Maths, she offered much to the school.

When the Girls' Division was launched in September 1993, Eve was Head of Year One and Senior Subject Teacher for Music. Her absolute commitment to the new venture was in evidence from the start and there was music soon to be heard every lunchtime or after school. It was not uncommon to encounter groups of girls working at composing or experimenting with patterns of sounds or rhythms dotted around the school before reporting proudly back on their achievements. The Girls' Choir just grew and grew; orchestra and jazz group became central features in the Division; our musical *Dracula Spectacula* involved almost every girl in some way. An annual music competition saw up to 100 girls participating in a whole series of preliminary events before the splendid concert/finals.

As Head of Year and Form Tutor, her guidance and support were appreciated by parents and pupils alike. Her early organising of the Joint Activities programme and many ski trips again displayed her devotion to her pupils.

The arrival of Thomas has brought a new dimension to her life. Eve will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege to work with her or be taught by her.

## Alex Lain

Alex joined the Biology Department in September 1991 with a BSc in Zoology and a PhD in the Physiology of Predatory Reptiles. His teaching inspired an interest in Biology in pupils at all levels in the school from First to Sixth Year. He also taught General Science, becoming Head of General Science in September 1993. Alex was a lively biologist and loved to share his experience with students and colleagues alike.

He will be remembered for the exciting and ambitious field trips that he organised, particularly those to study the flora and fauna of the Arctic Circle in 1992 and Australia in 1994, as well as to the Farne Islands. He ran a popular Wildlife and Biology Club, best known for its expertise in rare fish keeping and breeding, together with the growth of exotic succulents. For a year he was responsible for running the Charities Committee, encouraging pupils to support the education of children in India and raise money for the WWF.

Alex leaves King's to take up a teaching post in Sao Paolo, Brazil.

## Allison Rice-Birchall

Allison joined the Junior Division at its inception in September 1993 and in her first year taught some First Year girls History as well as her Junior classes. For the last two years she was Class Teacher to J4S, teaching across the curriculum. She co-ordinated the teaching of IT and, latterly, English, where her deep subject knowledge was keenly sought and freely given. However she was equally at home teaching any subject where her undoubted intellectual skills were tested by many very demanding eleven-year-olds. The children also benefited from her caring approach to her role as Form Teacher, her calm, unruffled manner settling many disputes!

She produced last year's Junior Division magazine, *Junior Focus*, and was a major force behind the setting up of a Junior Venturers' Society. She, along with her husband Brandon, attended many Venturers' trips into the great outdoors.

Allison had her first baby, Elliot, last December and the stresses of bringing up a young child meant that she was unable to fulfil a full-time teaching post. So it was with great sadness that she left in July. However, she is not presently lost to the teaching profession as she has taken up a part-time post at a school in Alsager, close to home.

## Art & Design

### King's 21

The twenty-first annual art exhibition, King's 21, was held in the first week of the latter half of the Autumn Term. Fifty-nine artists and designer craftmakers contributed to the exhibition. Twenty-three of them had not exhibited with us before and one had exhibited in each of the previous twenty-one years.

The exhibition seemed to be well attended. The level of sales was somewhat down on last year, though, and the increased cost of producing this landmark twenty-first event resulted in a less healthy bank balance than we have become accustomed to.

It has been regularly remarked upon, by artists and visitors, that the exhibition provides a full range of visual experience. There does not appear to be a similar event in the area which provides such an opportunity for exhibiting artists.

The work on display again provided a diverse range of styles, approaches, media and aims, and something of interest was thus available for everybody. It included painting in oils, gouaches and water colours, printmaking, textiles, carved, constructed and modelled sculpture, ceramics and pottery, jewellery, woodturning and photography. Work produced by recent graduates also provided a focus for teaching purposes (although no other schools took advantage of our offer for them to visit the exhibition) and contributed to a full range of visual experience.

It is impossible to discuss all the exhibitors here but one who perhaps deserves a mention is John Renshaw. John is an old boy of the school who is now Head of Painting at Chester College. His curriculum vitae is wide-ranging - his most recent achievements being his repeated acceptances for the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, and current work on exhibition in Toronto. He is about to hold a solo exhibition in Hong Kong in 1996. He is the only artist who has exhibited at the King's School exhibition every year since its inception - and, as stated in the catalogue, he never sends his details in on time! It is gratifying to know that visitors to the exhibition over this period have been able to watch his work develop and mature.

All the artists contributed work of a high standard.

King's Sixth Form A Level Art & Design students complemented the

main exhibition by displaying a selection of their work in the entrance hall and main corridor outside the exhibition hall. Their work was largely produced as a consequence of the annual field trip to the Goyt Valley and Cracken Edge, where the subject matter was rocks, waterfalls and quarries. It was a reflection of the nature of the A Level course which places as much emphasis on three-dimensional as on two-dimensional work, with a thematic studies approach, to provide a sound foundation for those students going on to study Art & Design in further education.

Sadly, there will be no exhibition in 1996. Perhaps, after a year's rest, a revitalised exhibition will be something to look forward to in 1997.

### Pottery Workshop

The Autumn Term began with a pottery workshop in which Fourth Year boys, instructed by Annie Tortora, an artist well known in the North West, built a variety of ceramic forms based on the study of seedcases. The forms were subsequently fired in sawdust, this activity taking place outside the Kent Block. The Fourth Year girls were instructed by Peter Jones, an old boy of the school now lecturing in Art in Further Education, and produced a series of ceramic sculptural forms by suspending slabs of clay from butter muslin. These were subsequently fired and assembled in sculptures.

### Yorkshire Sculpture Park

On a trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Fifth Year boys and girls were able to see first-hand a variety of styles of sculpture, including a retrospective Henry Moore exhibition that was exhibited in the adjoining Bretton Country Park.

### Life-Drawing Classes

A new departure this year was the organisation of life-drawing classes for the Sixth Form students. These took place for two hours after school on Monday evenings for a period of ten weeks leading up to Christmas. They proved extremely successful and we hope to repeat them in future years.

### Field Trip to North Wales

The highlight of the Summer Term was undoubtedly the Lower Sixth students' field trip to North Wales as part of the A Level Art & Design course. This involved packing the school bus with thirteen sets of personal belongings, thirteen sets of artists' materials and paraphernalia and thirteen bodies, and

we all set off in the early morning heading for Tremadog. Miss Inman's partner, Phil, who became our intrepid video cameraman, joined us later with the television and video.

We arrived at the field centre at about lunchtime after driving over the Welsh mountains. The centre is known as the Centre for Living Art & Science (CLAS - which is also the Welsh word that implies a range of enlivening educational opportunities, with an emphasis on community building and social development). It is built in the grounds of the Ysgol Steiner Eryri (the Snowdonia Steiner School) and is made in the Scandinavian style from wood. It is in a beautiful setting of hilly woodlands and cascading waterfalls, houses a forestry project, a large bio-dynamic garden, and a shop specialising in goods handmade by potters, weavers and other craftspeople within the wider school community. The community includes the internationally renowned sculptor, David Nash, whose influence can be seen throughout the grounds of the centre.

A tour of the grounds was made and a collection of natural forms was made by each student. These were selected and arranged to depict a changing range of colours. Another project that the students were working on was the building of a sculpture from natural materials found in the grounds. The evening meal was a wholesome vegetarian one that set the tone for the meals yet to come. These were simple, filling, healthy and delicious, and largely made from home-grown produce. Some of our students could not survive without their dose of meat, so they acquired their own supply of bacon which was high on the breakfast menu. The home-made bread was delicious and was made by one of the staff known as "Dough". It took us a while to realise the significance of the nickname!

The following day began with a demonstration of charcoal making from home-grown willow. This was both fascinating and useful and will undoubtedly lead to us producing our own charcoal back in school. We have brought some willow back for the purpose. The afternoon saw us on the beach at Borth-y-Gest, where a remarkable series of rock formations were the subject of detailed studies.

The following day was spent at Blaenau Ffestiniog, where detailed studies of the slate quarries, waterfalls and mountains were made, noting the effect man has had on the landscape and the vast scale of the natural environ-



ment when compared to man-made objects like houses, fences, etc. The final day was spent in the grounds of the centre, each student continuing the sculpture from found objects and drawing both the sculpture and its surroundings. The long weekend was far too short but we nevertheless assembled a wealth of useful visual material which will provide the basis for work in school next year and the results of which will be evident in the end-of-year displays for A Level.

### Exhibitions, Workshops, etc

In the latter part of the Summer Term visits were made to the end-of-year shows at Stockport, Macclesfield, Manchester, Northwich and Newcastle.

The department hosted Junior Workshops on both sites on the Friday of examination week. These provided the opportunity for primary school children considering taking a place at King's to experience some aspect of artwork at King's. They were given the opportunity to make and decorate a small press-moulded dish which was subsequently fired and which they were able to take home.

In the final week of the academic year we held a Sixth Form Open Evening, and on the final Monday there was an Art Day at the Fence Avenue site. In the morning, the First Year pupils were introduced to the art of Raku when they were able to glaze and fire their own pots in the school's raku kilns, which were temporarily sited by the "quiet area". In the after-

noon the Second Year pupils were able to build their own paper kilns out on the field before firing their own pots in what was a dramatic and exciting activity.

Pupils in the Girls' Division worked busily on producing a set for the Summer Term production of *Our Day Out*, which attracted a lot of positive comment.

During the year pupils' work was exhibited at Zeneca and at the Macclesfield branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland. Pupils from the Girls' Division also participated in the Olympic Challenge Competition organised by the Midland Bank.

It is hoped to have a similarly stimulating programme of events for next year.

PS

### Drama

#### *Ring Round the Moon*

Huge potted palms, tubs of ferns, white wrought iron furniture, trellises and fairy lights filled the main hall as it was transformed into the winter garden setting for our Christmas production of Jean Anouilh's elegant comedy, *Ring Round the Moon*. Translated by Christopher Fry from *L'invitation au chateau*, the play is a series of wonderful set pieces, allowing actors to demonstrate versatility and the stylish comic technique more usually associated with revue.

Hugo and Frederic, the identical twins, were played with confidence by Andrew Whatmough. In the remarkable sequence between Isabelle and first one brother then the other, Andrew swiftly changed character, never for one moment leaving the audience in doubt as to which twin was which.

Charles Thurlow played the part of the wheelchair-bound Madame Desmortes, while Sarah Cripps was a suitably downtrodden foil in the role of Capulet, her faded companion. Madame Desmortes regards old age and infirmity as licence to speak openly and quite tactlessly about everyone around her. Charles Thurlow savoured the impish humour of the role and presented the character of the grande dame without ever descending into pantomime.

Perhaps the greatest test of timing is the tango scene in which Lady India



Scenes from *Ring Round the Moon* (photos: MP-F)



and Patrice, played by Jo Sokill and Matthew Patterson, enter from the dance floor to squeeze conversation in between the bursts of Latin American music. Accentuated by freezing in the ridiculous poses demanded by the style of dancing, the conversation was hilarious but delivered with deadpan seriousness. Jo's outrageously breathy delivery intimidated Matthew's wimpish, apologetic Patrice to great comic effect. The scene, which stopped the show every night, was delightfully executed with precision and polish.

Anna Brewin was convincing as the cold-hearted and grasping Diana while Esme Patey-Ford was quietly understated but totally sincere in the role of Isabelle. The fight scene, which teeters on the edge of comedy, was beautifully handled, as was the money tearing scene between Isabelle and Josh Bradbrook's poor millionaire.

Julie Browne as Isabelle's mother was particularly striking. The snobbish airs of the woman whose dreams had never been fulfilled and who is now living vicariously through her daughter

were beautifully observed. Despite her youth, Julie managed to realise a convincing portrait of mutton dressed as lamb.

Tom Petty played Joshua, the crumbling butler and Andrew Emslie Romainville. Although minor characters, they were presented with flair and great attention to detail.

The production sparkled with wit, was beautifully costumed and was enhanced by delightful Cole Porter standards played by Jamie Serafi with Edward and Richard Coxson.

FW

## ***Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat***

After weeks, or what seemed like months, of rehearsals, Joseph actually got to wear his amazing technicolour dreamcoat on three consecutive evenings in March in the hall at Fence Avenue. Sixty-six Fourth Year Juniors, accompanied by choir members from J1, J2 and J3, donned their multi-coloured T shirts to provide a multi-coloured musical entertainment of

outstanding quality.

Joined by members of the Junior Division staff, who adopted such roles as angels, caretakers, dancers and cyclists, all accompanied by the highly professional Mrs Lea on the piano, a marvellous time was had by all. Colourful performances were given by Joseph and his brothers, the rockin' and rollin' Pharaoh and the extremely hard-working Narrators, not to mention the cowboys, showgirls, tourists...

The performances were enjoyed as much by the audiences as they were by all who participated in them. It was definitely worth blowing up all those balloons!

PJA

## ***The Baker's Wife***

Immediately before the Easter holidays, the Dramatic Society joined forces with the Music Department to present one of the first amateur performances in this country of *The Baker's Wife* by Stephen Schwartz and Josef Stein. Based on *La Femme du Boulanger* by Marcel Pagnol, it is a simple but touching



Cast of *The Baker's Wife* (photo: MP-F)

account of rural life in France. Despite a richly melodic score and a well-crafted libretto, its original West End run had been unsuccessful but it proved to be an ideal vehicle for the talents of the large cast at King's.

James Denton played the role of Aimable, the baker, with affecting warmth and a gentle touch of comedy. The transition from the raucous swagging of the drunk scene to the pathos of "If I have to live alone" was particularly impressive. The honesty of his portrayal was remarkably poignant.

In the title role, Cheryl Tyler gave a performance well beyond her years. She sang her numbers with great conviction and presented the reconciliation scene with considerable maturity. As Dominic, her lover, Josh Bradbrook delivered his songs dynamically and held the audience with a sense of energy and personal magnetism.

The priest, the teacher, the marquis, the café proprietors and the villagers all afforded wonderful opportunities for cameo performances. Eddy Wild, as the henpecked husband of Denise

(Julie Browne) extracted every last ounce of comedy from his role, particularly in the shaggy-dog story which captivated the audience from its breathless opening through to its masterly climax. Dan Hallam, Paul McKeating and Curtis Jordan sang their parts well and gave clear accounts of the warring factions of the village of Concorde.

The show was staged on the hall floor, allowing a much wider acting area and height than is available on stage. Mr Hidden and the maintenance crew were responsible for the ambitious set, which represented the village of Concorde. The café, bakery and bedrooms above were easily accommodated in the space and the well researched properties included an enormous number of baguettes each evening, contributing to the French atmosphere.

The orchestra under Mr Green provided excellent accompaniment to a well drilled and talented cast and the packed houses showed their approval at each performance.

*The Baker's Wife*, like our previous

musical *The Hired Man*, proved once again that the popular success of a West End show has little to do with the merits of the piece.

FW

### ***Our Day Out***

On June 27th, 28th and 29th the hall at Fence Avenue was filled to capacity with family and friends of pupils at King's enjoying a performance of *Our Day Out* by Willy Russell.

It proved to be a highly successful venture for all concerned, the first time pupils of the senior Divisions had been brought together to work on a production at Fence Avenue. The choice proved to be a popular one from the point of view of both audience and cast. The musical play gives an insight into the social backgrounds of inner city children and how the efforts of one teacher help to relieve the apparent hopelessness of their lives.

The production was directed by Sandy Gibson, who was supported by other members of staff at Fence Avenue and Cumberland Street. Many



*The cast of Our Day Out (Photo: MP-F)*

pupils also gave support backstage, not to mention the invaluable assistance of some of the ladies from the Drama Committee.

Particular mention must be made of Esme Patey-Ford in the role of Mrs Kay. She managed successfully to convince us of this character's total commitment to the children in her care. Mark Greaves appeared as Mr Briggs, a teacher who strongly disapproved of Mrs Kay's "woolly-minded liberalism". This was Mark's first major role at King's and he carried it off with aplomb. Duncan Farrar and Vick Spencer gave excellent performances as the two younger teachers, and Natalie Cottrill's performance as Rita, the bus driver, was superb. Her rendition of "This is my bus" really got the audiences tapping their feet!

Special mention must also be made of Jo Moroney in her role as Carol, a young girl who cannot accept that her lot is likely to be the backstreets of Liverpool. Jo played the part with great sensitivity and managed to bring tears to the eyes of many members of the audience. Other supporting roles were equally well played. Beth Swindlehurst and Natalie Moroney provided many moments of delight with their interpretation of the "Bored Girls". Jonathan Despontin and Adam Sumner made an excellent Digga and Reilly, and Cheryl Tyler nearly stole the show with her "I'm in love with Sir" number.

The cast were highly committed and a credit to King's.

SG

## Theatre Trips

This year, each year group of girls went to at least one live performance. On 11th October Fourth and Fifth Year girls went to see the English Touring Theatre at Buxton Opera House. Both groups were studying *Macbeth* for GCSE and the production provided much to discuss and criticise.

On 9th November, Second Year girls were given the opportunity to see *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Octagon Theatre, Bolton. The girls had read the play and improvised some scenes for themselves, but were taken by surprise when they saw the play performed in the round on a very metallic set by actors in modern dress. The fairies were very hard to recognise!

Later that month Third Year girls went on a two-day trip to Stratford-on-Avon. We travelled first to Mary Arden's house to hear the guides' fascinating stories about the daily life and language of Shakespeare's times. Then, on to his burial place, the museums

and the sights of Stratford. In the evening we saw the RSC perform *Romeo and Juliet* and were impressed by the staging, if not the casting. The next day, we enjoyed a drama workshop with the RSC's Movement Director, who helped us to appreciate the relationships and language of the play.

On 17th January, all the First Years went to see *Gulliver's Travels* at Theatre Clwyd, Mold. It was a very unusual adaptation of the classic, with a stage design based on Ralph Steadman's drawings and ideas.

Our last visit was on 23rd March to the Royal Exchange Theatre to see *A School for Scandal* by Sheridan. Third and Fourth Years delighted in Maureen Lipman's performance as Mrs Malaprop, though the quickfire repartee was a little difficult for them to follow at times.

We hope to find as many good productions in the North West next year, too.

GDT

## Music

### Autumn Term

The musical year began very early in the Autumn Term, when the Chamber Orchestra met for a rehearsal weekend in September, culminating in a splendid concert on the Sunday evening. The Chamber Orchestra includes the best string players of the Foundation, augmented on this occasion by a couple of parents and a few Old Boys (and Girls). The orchestra met on Friday evening to sight-read through the music for the weekend. Rehearsing on Friday, all day on Saturday and on Sunday afternoon, the orchestra produced an astonishing standard of performance in the concert on Sunday evening, reminding all of us once again just how much potential these young players have.

This rehearsal weekend has traditionally taken place in the Easter holidays. Other major changes in concert arrangements were afoot in the Autumn Term: after eight continuous years of giving Lunchtime Concerts in aid of the East Cheshire Hospice, in conjunction with Chetham's School of Music in Manchester, the last Lunchtime Concert took place at the beginning of October. Changes to the timing of lessons and the length of the lunch break at King's made the concerts no longer viable. The concerts, therefore, were transferred to the evening. This enabled us to continue to support the Hospice and also to widen the scope of

the concerts and the possible audience. The audience remained quite small, however, with a nucleus of regulars augmented by parents of the performers. The audience was larger, of course, when we included one large ensemble in support of the individual performers who are the traditional mainstay of these concerts. An exciting development this year was the inclusion of 'world première' performances of new compositions by some of our own pupils.

The other major change of the Autumn Term risked an angry visitation from the patron saint of Music: for the first time in living memory, we did not hold 'Saint Cecilia Concerts' in November, but replaced them with Christmas Concerts in the middle of December. The concerts were sold out, as usual, with excellent performances from all the many orchestras, bands, choirs, ensembles and some soloists from Boys' and Girls' Divisions. The Foundation Choir began an exceptionally busy period with these concerts, closely followed by a Service of Nine Lessons with Carols in Lichfield Cathedral, repeated in St Michael's Church, Macclesfield. They also sang Carols for Cancer in a very cold Christchurch on a December Saturday morning, and on two occasions were broadcast singing carols on local Radio Silk. The standard of singing, in the opinion of many, was the best ever.

### Spring Term

The Spring Term was slightly less hectic. Another evening concert for the Hospice was a splendid success, as was the Girls' Division Inter-House Music Competition, culminating in a final which was an afternoon feast of music. The Girls' Division also staged a highly enjoyable evening of Drama and Music to celebrate St David's Day. The term was dominated, however, by preparations for performances of a musical, *The Baker's Wife*, at the end of March. This is an almost unknown musical by the composer of *Godspell*. The Drama and Music departments combined to produce outstanding performances which convinced enthusiastic audiences that the piece should have been a rip-roaring success on Broadway and in the West End, if only it had been performed there by King's!

### Summer Term

The Summer Term is dominated by examinations of one kind or another, which often leaves little time for music. However, the musical having prevented the usual Spring Concerts, the Boys'

Division staged its termly concert at the beginning of May, the girls already having celebrated March 1st. The Boys' Division also began its Lower School Inter-Form Music Competition in class music lessons, going through various rounds until the whole event culminated at the end of term in a wonderful final, together with the competitors in the Upper School competition, a rousing final Concert in aid of the East Cheshire Hospice.

For the Foundation Choir, however, the Summer Term was important for its visit to Warwick University for the heat of the Sainsbury Choir of the Year Competition. They sang superbly and were named 'Choir of the Day', the only choir from a single school to be honoured in this way. After a very long wait for the results of the next round, which only uses the tapes of the heats, we were disappointed not to progress to the semi-finals. A trip to the Opera House in Manchester to see *Grease* was a welcome end to the Choir's year.

We should not forget, in the midst of all this concert activity, the continued sterling work done by over 25 peripatetic teachers in teaching almost 400 pupils each week. The increasing numbers of entrants for Associated Board examinations, and their success, is a credit to pupils and staff. Some of the peripatetic music staff found out what it feels like on the other side of the fence, as it were, when they were sponsored to learn a new instrument and take the Grade 1 examination in one term, having a lot of fun and raising money for charity in the process.

This was a year of new experiences for a number of pupils. For the Salsa Band and the Big Band, there were opportunities to perform in venues outside school. For some A Level Music pupils there was a particularly memorable trip to see an opera by Sir Michael Tippett in the grand setting of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. We must never forget, however, that even the long-held traditions, such as the visit to a cathedral to sing in a carol service, are new experiences for some of the pupils. Music remains an area of school life which provides challenge and enrichment in so many ways for a large number of pupils at King's. For that we are grateful to the full-time staff, the superb band of peripatetics, loyal and supportive parents and committed pupils.

AKG

### Music in the Junior Division

This was a busy year for the Junior Division. All of the children partici-

pated in certain musical events. These began in September with the Harvest Service, for which there were musical contributions from the two choirs and the children of J1 and J4.

Because so many children take instrumental lessons, there was no shortage of volunteers to perform in our Friday morning music assemblies. We were treated to items from children whose abilities ranged from beginner to Grade 4 Associated Board standard, displaying a variety of musical styles.

The Wassail Evening in December was a happy occasion, featuring the orchestra, recorder group, choirs and solo items. It was especially memorable for the first performance by the newly formed J4 Elastic Band, who entertained with a choreographed version of "I wish it could be Christmas every day".

The Carol Service in the Parish Church involved all the children in the Division presenting the Christmas story in song. Children from each year mimed the story in costume.

The Junior 3 children took part in the combined schools Macclesfield Music Festival. Songs presented during the evening included a selection from "Me and my Girl" and "Jonah Man Jazz". Our individual item was a Tudor dance with instrumental accompaniment involving all the J3 children.

The J1s performed *The Pyramid* in May, a musical play about Ancient Egypt. It displayed their excellent singing, acting and dancing talents.

The J2 children presented *The Children of Lir*, also in May. This play is set in Ireland, in the mythical land of Dedanaan. As well as acting, singing and dancing, the children provided percussion accompaniments to songs and performed their own compositions.

The Music Festival in July was a wonderful occasion. There were over one hundred entries from children of all ages and abilities. Adjudication was provided by Mr Andrew Green and Mrs Joan Houghton and their encouraging comments were much appreciated by the children.

Many of the festival prize-winners played in our end of year concert. The standard of performance was most impressive from such young instrumentalists. A trophy was awarded to an outstanding young musician from each year: J1: David Kennerley (clarinet); J2: William Laughton (saxophone and piano); J3 Lorna Powell (cello); J4: award shared by Victoria Bostock (voice) and George Laughton (French horn and percussion).

ALe

### Junior Visit to BBC Philharmonic

On January 31st 1996, the children of Junior 3 travelled into Manchester to attend a rehearsal given by the BBC Philharmonic under their Principal Conductor, Yan Pascal Tortelier. The orchestra offers frequent opportunities for school children to see professional musicians at work. On this occasion, the orchestra were rehearsing for a concert which was to be given at the Victoria Hall, Hanley.

The children were particularly excited by the sight of such a vast array of different instruments. One of the pieces being rehearsed was "The Planets" by Holst. This requires a large percussion section and the children enjoyed seeing the full-sized versions of the instruments they use in school!

In the break the children chatted to Martin Winter, Associate Principal Trumpet, who himself hails from Macclesfield. He answered questions and told them about some of the more unusual instruments that Holst's score requires.

The J3s had been studying "The Planets" in class lessons but this rehearsal really brought the music to life and gave added depth to their understanding of the music. This was a valuable and enjoyable morning and one which we hope to make an annual event.

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## Biology Field Trip to Bangor

Once again the Lower Sixth Form biologists visited the University of North Wales in Bangor. The purpose of the trip was to study ecology in a number of specialised habitats which included the rocky coasts of Anglesey and the sand dunes of Harlech. Graham Bibby, Sue Madden and Rebecca Knight (a student teacher) accompanied the students.

The visit commenced with an afternoon at the Sea Zoo on Anglesey, which provided an excellent introduction to the marine work. Next the students settled into their accommodation, before tea and an evening lecture on basic ecological ideas and sampling methods. The first full day out was to the rocky shore and neither tides nor weather proved favourable during the early part of the day but happily both cheered up after lunch and all the data collecting was satisfactorily completed. The evening was spent analysing the data. The weather was fine for the trip to the sand dunes and the assessment of biotic factors and succession was completed in comfort. The data collected during the day provided the students with plenty of opportunity for analysis and some beautifully creative presentations of their findings during the evening. Friday dawned all too soon and the morning was spent in lectures and completing any outstanding survey work before returning home to Macclesfield.

CJB

## Geology Field Courses

This was the first year in which fieldwork was to be formally assessed by the Examination Board and so a change in emphasis was required, with students, as far as possible, initiating and carrying out their own "investigations".

In the Autumn Term the Upper Sixth spent a day at Alderley Edge, studying the ancient desert and river-lain sandstones and pebble beds. This was followed at school with sand sieving and microscope analysis. In the Spring Term, the Upper Sixth then visited a variety of outcrops of igneous rocks around the village of Tideswell, including the impressive lava flows exposed at the Calton Hill Quarry SSSI.

After the usual introductory day trip to Castleton in the Autumn Term, the Lower Sixth residential course again visited the Shap area of Cumbria. In response to the increased geo-morphological content of the new syllabus, a day was spent exploring the



Biology Field Trip to Bangor (photo: CJB)

classic limestone scenery above Malham, in the Yorkshire Dales. For the first time in three years, not a drop of rain nor a flake of snow fell during the week. This probably guarantees poor weather for the 1997 Cornwall field course!

HEL

## Villiers Park

Andrew Hibbert attended a Villiers Park project week, in which he completed a practical project, and Paul McKeating was chosen to attend one of their Chemistry reading parties. Both Upper Sixth students had a stimulating, challenging and rewarding time and have since gone on to Cambridge and Oxford respectively to study Natural Sciences and Chemistry.

Harith Haboubi (Lower Sixth) attended a one-week residential course on Engineering and Management. He reports as follows:

"We had two tutors, R Tully and G Robinson. Both were research students, at Brunel and Oxford respectively. During the week we spent time in lectures at Villiers Park itself, given by the two tutors, except one given by a lecturer from Oxford, Dr Oldfield, on aspects of aeronautical engineering. Other than that we also went to Oxford University and were shown round five different departments, Aeronautical, Electrical, Robotics, Chemical and Orthopaedic Engineering. We spent between half an hour and forty minutes in each section.

We also spent time doing things such as the building game. In this, we were split into groups of four: someone was the manager, someone the

builder, someone the buyer and the final person the architect. The idea was that we had to work as a team and had to use everybody's special ability to aid the team. Teamwork and presentational skills - when we all had to give speeches in a subject we knew a lot about - were some of the main things the week was to attempt to teach. These skills were tested a second time, when we all had to sell our pinball machines. These we built ourselves from very few parts and with very little time.

The lectures given by the two tutors were very good - very different to school lectures. There were also very good sports facilities, which we all used virtually every morning.

We all had a really good time and learned something new, or gained more experience in several fields. The week was extremely useful and I would go on it again. As well as all this, I gained a lot of new friends. All in all, the week was definitely worthwhile and I would recommend it to anybody."

## Zeneca Science Prize

Andrew Hibbert represented King's in the Zeneca Science Prize presentation. Along with students from other local schools, he presented a project on the absorption of chemicals onto activated charcoal as a contribution to water purification.

He was highly commended by the judges and received a cheque.

KJS



*NW Young Analyst of the Year Competition (photo: Community News)*

## Young Analyst of the Year

Three Lower Sixth students, Michael Sellars, Dominic Taylor and Matthew Mellor, came second in the North West Young Analyst of the Year competition. After completing individual experiments, they worked together on an analysis of the different chemicals in a solution, to finish 1% behind the winners, Bolton Grammar School for Girls.

KS

## University Lectures & Visits

In October, a group of fifteen Fifth Year boys attended a "Science Event" at Manchester University, aimed at promoting interest and enthusiasm for Physics in general and Particle Physics in particular. A lecture on Cosmic Physics was given by Patrick Moore and another, entitled "Inside the Atom", was given by Professor Frank Close. There were also demonstrations involving liquid nitrogen and superconductors.

A group of forty-seven Fourth Year boys and girls attended the Faraday Lecture at Salford University in October on the topic of Eurotunnel.

In March twelve Sixth Form students attended a lecture at UMIST. The topic of the lecture was nuclear fusion. Our students learned about the extreme conditions necessary to cause fusion and about the need to contain high temperature plasma. The JET (Joint European Taurus) designed to contain hot plasma, and the possible development of fusion reactors early in the next century were also discussed.

Also in March, six Fifth Year girls attended a one-day course entitled "Women and Physics" at Manchester University. There was a series of lectures and laboratory sessions spanning a broad range of Physics applications.

CPH

## Other Physics Dept Visits

Forty four Fourth Year boys and girls attended the SET96 Science and Technology Exhibition held at Jodrell Bank in March. There was also a lecture entitled "Fantastic Science", given by Johnny Ball of television fame.

On June 27th, eighteen Sixth Form students visited NORWEB's unique Electricity Marketing, Test and Experience Centre (EMTEC).

CPH

## Museum of Science & Industry

In March, J3 pupils paid a visit the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester, as part of their Science and Geography studies. The children were required to complete questionnaires on various forms of energy, one of them requiring a visit to the sewers! They also carried out some hands-on science investigations in the X-periment section.

HIW

## Badminton

The Badminton Club this year has consisted mainly of an enthusiastic group from the Fifth Year. With so few players attending from the first three years or from the Sixth Form, it was not possible to run an U14 or U18 team, as has usually been the case.

However, the standard at U16 level has been good and those attending have steadily improved their game throughout the year. The U16 team played three matches in the local schools' league, winning all of them (5-2 v All Hallows High School, 7-0 v Henbury High School and 7-0 v Poynton High School) and thereby winning the league for the first time. This promises well for the U18 team next year but the club really needs an influx of younger players next year.

U16 team: from Tom Thornber, Matthew Whitehurst, Stuart Rowell, Chris Greenham, James Wilson.

*ICW*

## Chess

The 1995-96 season was a very quiet and disappointing one. The Stockport and District Schools League did not take place through lack of support, and we do not have the option of playing in the Manchester League because of the travelling time across Manchester on Fridays after school.

Internally, the Chess Club met twice weekly during the Autumn and Spring Terms but attendances were very low, especially when compared to the huge membership of just two years ago. The shortened lunch-break could be a factor, as could the absence of a totally suitable room.

Inter-form competitions took place in the First, Third and Fourth Years; there was a tie between 1RG and 1BE in the first of these, whilst 3PME and 4NCJR won the others. An individual competition was started towards the end of the season, with some encouraging support from older boys, but other demands on time meant it was not completed.

The two members of staff involved at least enjoyed some successes: Mr Riley played several congresses and won in Wolverhampton; Mr Laurence won the Stockport Major Championship and was selected to play for Cheshire in three country matches. Both played for the quite successful Macclesfield Club. It would be nice to report some successes for pupils in twelve months' time!

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## Computer (Junior)

The Computer Club was well enjoyed during the Spring and Summer Terms, being mostly attended by J4 children. This gave them time to explore further the IT Club window selection and produce extra pieces of work or enhance set class work, especially for English. The working knowledge these boys had of the programs available to them was astounding. The club will continue next year and will be open to all J3 and J4 students.

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## Debating

Once again, a full and lively programme of debates took place at Fence Avenue every fortnight. Girls from the First to Fourth Years prepared speeches on topics that included "Children should be seen and not heard", "Tigers are not worth worrying about", "Age limits are there to be broken" and "Everyone has the right to express her individuality".

In the Autumn Term, a joint debate took place. Girls were taken by bus to Cumberland Street to discuss with the boys the motion: "Fishing is a blood sport and should be banned", while in the Spring Term boys came to Fence Avenue to discuss "The National Lottery is nothing more than a tax on the poor". Both events were very well supported and provoked some lively interaction!

At the end of exam week, on June 21st, a public speaking team comprising Charlotte Rhodes, Second Year (Madam Chairman), Clare Butterworth, Third Year (Speaker) and Lyndsay

Lomax, Second Year (Voter of Thanks) went to the Macclesfield Conservative Association Inter-School Competition at Henbury Church Hall. Eight teams competed and were given advice and encouragement by Nicholas Winterton, MP, and his panel of judges.

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## Lego

The club was run every Friday throughout the year and proved to be popular with J2 children. It gave them free time to explore the kits and design their own models. The children enjoyed working together, building giant space stations and all manner of fantasy machines and vehicles. The club was also attended by the Technology monitors of J4, who helped the children with their creations. The popularity of this club meant it grew to bursting point on wet play days but it was always a great favourite. It will be run again in the Spring Term of 1997.

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## Orienteering

The club has gone from strength to strength over the last 15 months and with this the national recognition of the school as a top orienteering school has grown. This is through the superb results obtained by the dedicated members of the school team.

The school year started very well with the youngest member of the team, Thomas Bradfield coming second in the U10 boys category at the National Championships held in the Lake District. The British School champion-



*Orienteering Team, March 1996 (photo: CO'D)*



ships were held in November 1995 at Craggs Estate, near Rothbury, Northumberland. The U13 trophy was returned, so the same boys now under 14 were determined to win the U14 trophy. This time the team of Richard Bradfield, Chris Watts and Richard Warren duly did. As well as this team success there were some excellent individual results, the pick of these being Richard Bradfield who came third in the U14s, James Watts who came third in the U12s, Michelle Tinker who came fourth in the U14 girls and Chris Watts who came fourth in the U14s.

The Greater Manchester School Championships are held annually around the Manchester area and King's managed a clean sweep of every category entered. King's won both the Primary and Secondary Schools Trophies. The school team achieved national fame for this achievement. The North West of England squad took note of some of the individual performances of Richard Warren, Michael Bamber, Andrew Bruce, James Watts and Nick Barringer and these five joined Michelle and Matthew Tinker, Richard Bradfield and Chris Watts who were already in the squad.

The school had its first international honour for over a decade, when Michelle Tinker was selected to run for Wales and Matthew Tinker as first reserve. The Junior international was in Ulster, Northern Ireland, and Michelle came tenth. Matthew Tinker competed in the Northern Night Orienteering Championships at Tandle Hill, near Oldham and won the championships in the U16 age group.

The New Year proved to be the turning point when many of the King's orienteers really improved nationally. The orienteers that had started a few years previous were starting to reap the benefits of their experience. Michelle Tinker, Chris Watts, Matthew Tinker, Richard Bradfield, Richard Warren, Tom Bradfield and James Watts were recording top performances week after week. In the first National Championships of the year Michelle came third in her age group, James Watts sixth and Chris Watts fifth. A tough series of events was planned by coach, Chris O'Donnell to prepare the orienteers for the British Championships held near Oban. A long weekend trip to Oban proved well worthwhile when outstanding success was achieved both individually and in the relays. In the U14 boys, Richard Bradfield came third, with Chris Watts right behind him in fourth. James Watts also came fourth in the U12 boys. Richard Warren

came eighth in the U14 boys race. Thomas Bradfield came seventh in the U10 boys championships. In the relays the next day there was success all round. The team of Chris Watts, Richard Bradfield and Richard Warren added the British Championships trophy to their numerous other awards. Later they won the Scottish Championships too and justifiably were awarded the Ridac cup for their achievements over the academic year. King's also won the U12 team British Championships with James Watts achieving the fastest time of everybody in this race. Michelle Tinker competed in a team from Manchester who came second in the girls U14s.

April saw a turning point for Chris Watts. In the U14s he started to increasingly dominate every race he took part in. He won race after race with larger and larger margins and was rightly ranked second in the UK at the end of July. His improvement did not stop there, since then he has beaten the top ranked competitor in every race since. Chris became the second school orienteer to gain international colours when he ran for England in September 1996. Michelle was picked again to run for Wales. Michelle came third in the UK this time, but Chris received ill luck and came seventh. Richard Bradfield was very unfortunate not to be picked himself. In July 1996, Michelle Tinker, Matthew Tinker, Chris Watts, Richard Bradfield, Richard Warren and Michael Bamber were all picked by the North West to run in the inter-regionals held at Longshaw estate in the Peak District. Chris Watts came second in the U14 boys, with Richard Warren in eighth. Michelle Tinker came fifth in the U14 girls.

Over the summer Michelle was picked for British Juniors tour near Aviemore in Scotland. This took place over a week in some of the best terrain in Britain. Chris O'Donnell went along in a different capacity as a coach for the British Orienteering Federation. Eight of the school's orienteers competed in the Welsh six day championships, having organised the trip themselves. Andrew Hibbert left the Sixth Form for university with a lasting memento. This was the map he had surveyed and drawn of Riverside Park, a part of the Bollin Valley. The map took about a year to complete and draw and after it was complete Andrew constructed a permanent orienteering course on the area. This course is in weekly use by local schools. The map will be entered into the best newcomer's map for 1996, a national competition for first maps.

The club has welcomed many youngsters who have come and given the sport a try. Most of them are doing other sports and so regular attendance has not been possible, but they have all enjoyed themselves. There are many social events organised for the club over the year and in the summer of 1996, the group attended about three Ceilidhs. Even Mr. O'Donnell was starting to learn the steps!

During the year the team has achieved smaller awards which have demonstrated the progress they have been making. Some of these are listed below:

**Chris Watts:** Championship, Green and Blue badges

**Matthew Tinker:** Gold, Blue and Brown badges

**Richard Bradfield:** Championship, Green and Blue badges

**Michelle Tinker:** Championship and Green badges

**Andrew Hibbert:** Gold, Blue and Brown badges

**James Watts:** Gold and Green badges

**Richard Warren:** Gold and Green badges

**Michael Bamber:** Gold and Green badges

**Andrew Bruce:** Gold and Green badges

**Nick Barringer:** Gold and Green badges

**Thomas Bradfield:** Gold and Orange badges

**Jonathan Powell:** Silver and Yellow badges

**Ralph McGraul:** Bronze badge

**Richard Isherwood:** Bronze badge  
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## Sailing

On Saturday mornings from April to November the club meets at Redesmere Sailing Club, part of the Capesthorne estate. Congregating at 9.00 am, we endure the Saturday calm and decongregate at 1.00 pm. The club is for recreational sailors from all parts of the Foundation. Indeed, our aim for 1997 is to increase the representation from the Girls' and Junior Divisions.

Three members of staff gather to provide the opportunity to experience sailing and to develop boat-handling and racing skills: Mr B Edwards, Mr T Andrew and Mrs V Costello. As the fleets become larger and more serious, so we need more and more parental help and support for the staff and sailors. Tim and Sandie Isherwood, Mary Walker and Amanda Percival are just a few of the parents who have



*Members of the Sailing Club at Plas Menai (photo: BE)*

helped make 1996 a successful and busy season. In addition to helping rig and unrig over twenty boats, the parents' group has run a "galley" for the club. This has been much appreciated by those who have enjoyed Mars bars, coffee and tea, hot dogs and Mary's egg butties and also by Redesmere Club, whose galley finances now look more healthy than they did in 1995.

Redesmere Sailing Club and the committee have become increasingly supportive of King's SC over the years and we are very grateful for all the material and organisational help that is available to us. Particular thanks should go to Tim Baker, now Commodore. Increasingly we are trying to include ourselves in and support the activities of the club. Last year we participated in the club's "Topper/Oppie" Day by contributing boats; this year many of the participants were King's sailors.

In future we are happy to involve ourselves increasingly in the club's Sunday racing programme. This year two King's sailors participated in Redesmere's Topper Open Meeting. It was one of those days when the Saturday calm was at its most intense. Richard Isherwood received the trophy for the first King's sailor. Richard, 2RS, was eleventh out of twenty-three. After the event, King's parents ran a very successful barbecue, raising over £200 for club funds. On the back of this success, fourteen King's sailors participated in Redesmere's Founders' Trophy. Since it was not a Saturday, it was not calm: all the sailors had to cope with very difficult and windy conditions. Anthony Walker showed true grit in coping with the conditions and received the trophy for the first King's boat.

King's "Oppie" sailors raced the same course as the fleet but a reduced number of laps. The racing was very close and very impressive. Eventually Laurence Jay won the event. His tactical appreciation and boat handling skills were shown in every race save the first. In the first, having completed four fifths of the race, he capsized at the gybe mark and had to be towed home. He did not make the mistake again and won all the other races.

The school's Topper fleet enjoyed some interesting racing in the Saturday series. Andrew Goodwin, Richard Isherwood and Anthony Walker were all in contention in the final races. Anthony Walker won both the last two races to win the series. Winner of the Optimist series was Laurence Jay.

The money raised by parents at the Topper Open barbecue did not sit in the building society for long. Mr Edwards found another Topper "at a price we couldn't pass up", this time an "as new" boat that was ten years old but had only been on the water four times. The only drawback is the colour - dayglo yellow. We now have nine Toppers available on Saturday: enough to be able to sail matches against other schools - Rydal, Sedbergh, Ellesmere - and return some of the hospitality we have enjoyed in previous seasons.

Some of last year's Topper stalwarts have now moved on to Lasers. Andrew Goodwin, Tim Abbott, Jim Percival and Anthony Walker all have access to Lasers. All have taken a new interest in swimming as a sailing skill.

In addition to the six Optimists sailed with the club as a joint venture, we are hoping that the club will be taking over a fleet of three plastic Mirrors for shared

club and school use. Chris Holden's personal Mirror and the Mirror bought by Mr Edwards for £100 have both proved a great success.

In the first week of the summer holiday twenty-five King's sailors went to Plas Menai, the Welsh National Sailing Centre between Bangor and Caernarvon (see School Trips section). Also at Plas Menai, Mr Edwards completed his dinghy instructors pre-entry and assessment course in March this year.

Next event on the calendar was a team racing event organised by Rydal School at Llyn Aled, high on the Denbigh moors. The event was sailed in Toppers and our second and third year sailors were second in Division II.

Finally, to close the season we organised a cruising weekend on Windermere, with two Jeneau 30s and a Catalina 28. Saturday calms prevailed over the weekend but the event was a great success and will be repeated in 1997. Our thanks to Windermere Holidays Afloat.

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## Science

The Science Club at Cumberland Street takes place every week in the Percyvale Building. It is open to Second Years and, after a term of "entertainment", it is hoped that members will enter for the CREST Awards in Science.

There is also a thriving Science Club at Fence Avenue and last year a number of girls achieved CREST bronze awards.

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*Tom Newham at Science Club*

## PGL France (J3/J4)

After an extremely early morning start in October, we arrived at Dover to make our first school crossing through the Chunnel, which was an amazingly quick and efficient journey. We headed towards Boulogne to visit the Nausica Sea Life Centre, where the children were surrounded by beautiful aquatic life - not to mention the tank where sharks swam above us threateningly.

We arrived at Hardelot that same evening, exhausted but very excited at what was still to come. Apart from the on-site activities of archery, rifle-shooting, initiative exercises and sand sledging, we also enjoyed visits to a chocolate making factory where the smell was intoxicating, a boulangerie where the children made their own croissants which they then consumed, and an awesome Nazi bunker on the north coast, the sheer size of which was overwhelmingly frightening. The whole place evoked an extremely sombre mood as thoughts of what might have been raced through our minds. Our visit to Aqualand was much more lighthearted as we waited for the half-hourly wave machine to begin and in the meantime relaxed in the bubbling small round jacuzzi - all 25 of us!

The visit concluded with a French evening at the centre, where all the staff donned their black curly moustaches, not to mention their onions, ready to serve frog's legs and snails to the customers. A disco followed where the most topical conversation seemed to include the words "Boom boom boom - everybody say Wayo"!

*PJA*

entertained the children with games from the "Saxonators" and where burping noises echoed throughout the hall - which were, of course, signs of Viking appreciation!

After a very comfortable night spent at accommodation in the Mount School, York, we ventured to the Arc, where we were able to handle more artifacts from the past. We also travelled through the Jorvik Centre before arriving back at school with forty-four very tired children and three even more tired slaves - I mean teachers!

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## Brittany

For the third year running, at the beginning of the Summer Term, the First Year girls went to the Château de la Vicomté in Brittany, where they spent a week absorbing the sights, sounds and flavours of France. The dates of the GCSE oral examination forced us to go a week earlier this time and, although the weather was not quite as good, we were still able to enjoy all the water activities on the lake, the sporting activities around the Château, and the town and beach visits.

Miss Inman was unable to join us this year and Mrs Griffin, a newcomer to the English Department, agreed to step into her shoes. This added a dramatic, as opposed to artistic, extra to the week and great fun was had by all.

Drama continued to be a theme as, on our visit to the ruined Château de la Hunaudaye, where the girls are normally told, in French, what life was like for a 14th century peasant, there was a

group of French actors who acted out the story, involving the girls. This was extremely well done! With much giggling, the girls put on chain mail, held swords, pikes and muskets, were put into stocks and heard the most beautiful rendering of the Beatles' "Michelle ma belle" sung by a counter-tenor, accompanied on a stringed instrument of the period.

Once again, on our return parents commented that their daughters had gained much more than simply putting their French into context and it is hoped that a fourth trip will run next year, from 3rd-9th May 1997.

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## Memmingen

At Manchester Airport, despite growing confidence as pupils, fear of the following fortnight had not totally disappeared. "What would he be like?" "Will I get on with her and her family?" and "I've forgotten all my German" flew through our minds with numerous other thoughts.

Upon arriving, we discovered that living with a German family was a very interesting experience. Learning the different customs between our two countries was also most enjoyable. We learned many new words which have greatly improved our vocabulary. Aside from the obvious educational benefits of the trip, it was also a very good holiday which everyone, both German and English, enjoyed immensely.

Some of us were lucky in that the mothers of our exchange partners were very good cooks and we were able to try some traditional Bavarian dishes,

## York (J2)

In February, armed with thermal underwear, fleeces, gloves, hats, three pairs of socks and wellingtons, forty-four J2 children set off for York to travel back in time to Viking England. At Houlgate village, scaled-down "husses" became our home for a day as we were divided into Viking families, some lucky enough to have highly trained Saxon slaves! Being blessed with beautiful weather - clear blue skies and brilliant sunshine - made our outdoor tasks all the more enjoyable. Tilling the land, collecting firewood, grinding corn, collecting water from the well, making pots and cleaning our "husses" kept us all very busy. Even a Saxon intruder was easily fought off by our ferocious guards. We all worked so hard we were granted a banquet in the evening by "my lord", where the slaves



*First Year Girls' Trip to Brittany*

## School Trips

some of which were delicious. We also discovered how German children use their free time.

Many of us felt that the most interesting part of the exchange was seeing if the lessons at school were different. Although we did not understand all of what was being said (especially in a Physics lesson), it was surprising how similar German lessons were to our own. Some of us answered questions from children who had just begun learning English that school year and we were then informed that our answers would be entered in the school magazine.

In another lesson we compared national opinion with the Sixth Form there. The Germans think we all wear bowler hats, have a stiff upper lip and drink tea while eating After Eight mints, whilst our opinions tended to refer also to Germany fifty or sixty years ago.

We also visited the NATO airbase near Memmingen. Surprisingly, most of the equipment was English. We watched Tornados take off both from close quarters and from the control tower.

Also included in the exchange were visits to Munich and Ulm. In Ulm we saw - and some of us climbed - the world's tallest cathedral: 768 steps to the top and 161.53 metres high. In Munich we went to the IMAX cinema and the Olympic Centre. Both cities offered abundant opportunities for shopping and souvenir hunting. Memmingen is also a lovely town.

MDG, DRH & SAM (Fourth Year)

### Alton Towers (J4)

This visit, the first of its kind, proved to be very successful. As the remaining children stayed at school slaving away over their final examinations, the J4 children received their reward for working hard on the Key Stage 2 Tests in May by taking a day trip to Alton Towers, accompanied by six staff and seven parents. This allowed the children to be supervised in small groups of five or six and yet enabled them to go on most of the rides that they wanted. The park was relatively busy but there was still time to experience the *Beast*, *Black Hole*, *Log Flume* and *Nemesis*, as well as the surprisingly popular *Squirrel Nutty Ride*! The children's behaviour was impeccable and it was suggested that this should become an annual event.

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### La Rochelle

Following the visit to Macclesfield in February 1995 by pupils from College Beauregard, La Rochelle, forty-two King's pupils from Years Three and Four spent May half-term 1996 on a return exchange. The week involved some time *en famille* experiencing French family life and practising the language, some time at school, and some time as a King's group visiting places of interest in the area.

Apart from a *very* wet treasure hunt which, for all but the most intrepid pupils, became a *chasse au chocolat chaud*, the weather was very kind and highlights included the canal ride on the Venise Verte and an afternoon on

the beach at Minimes, both Anglo-French excursions.

The French pupils are looking forward to their return visit next February, though I doubt they will need *quite* as much suntan lotion as our pupils did there! The staff who accompanied the visit were delighted with the behaviour and attitude of the pupils, who were a pleasure to be with and good company throughout.

BD

### Junior Division Walk

As is now expected, the weather for the summer walk was fine and sunny (although with a pleasantly chilly breeze) as the Junior Division (200 children, fifteen staff and a dog) set off up Buxton Road en route for Langley. All, that is, except the J1s who were minibussed to the first checkpoint. The route then took all up the long slog to Tegg's Nose Car Park where a welcome rest was had (aided by Mrs Robinson's endless supply of ice pops). The next part went across to Buxton Road and eventually dropped down into Rainow. The J2s had an interesting experience en route with a bovine creature - JRD eventually won the staring contest but it was a close call! Lunch was taken on or around Kerridge Ridge before the group reached White Nancy. A quick descent and soon the canal was sighted - phew! No more hills to climb. Almost all completed the eight-mile route comfortably but were glad of the Marking Day holiday to follow in order to recover.

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### Courmayeur

To an onlooker, our group of twelve L6 pupils and three tutors huddled at Geneva airport on the 28th May must have looked pretty odd. In actuality, we were exhausted! Six days earlier had seen us at the same place, but going in the other direction, with our Geography field course only just beginning...

I don't think we students realised what we had let ourselves in for. For us, it was to have been a week of pleasant relaxation in the Italian sun. In reality? Not quite. However, despite all the miles of steep, mountainous terrain that we covered, despite the hours spent in the evenings writing up each day's events and despite the unpredictable weather, we would very willingly have stayed for another few days of the same.

BJE, CJB and DG had it perfectly



Departure to La Rochelle

planned. The daily treks were rewarded with plenty of free time to explore the resort at our leisure, and there was lots of variety in our itinerary. Soil sampling at 1956 metres alternated with a dramatic rescue in a glacial meltwater river and vaulting over felled pines on the French side of the Mont Blanc tunnel, not to mention walking up a ski slope to assess the hazards caused by those more fortunate who skied down!

The knowledge that comfortable beds and endless courses of delicious food awaited us in our hotel, Lo Scoiattolo, spurred us on. If we had not had so much exercise during the week, we would all have put on a lot of weight.

BJE was responsible for the final day's sport - a three kilometre mountain 'marathon'. It was fortunate that the previous days of mountaineering had built us up to a level of physical fitness that enabled all of us who started to last the course (just!)

The verdict? An excellent and informative field course that proved the highlight of the Summer Term.

*SMC (L6th)*

## Town Walk

In June, J1K and J1S, accompanied by Miss Chisholm and Miss Green and a willing band of parents, made their way around the streets of Macclesfield; their mission was to study land use in the town centre as part of their Geography course. One hour later they had gathered a significant amount of information which was then analysed back at school.

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## PGL Royal Oak

A group of eighteen J4s accompanied Miss Wheeler and Mr Atkinson to the quaint Royal Oak Centre situated on the shore of Lake Llangorse, South Wales. The children experienced a water-based holiday, with sailing and windsurfing. Also included were drier activities such as abseiling, archery, rifle shooting, quad bikes and the assault course. Everybody returned thoroughly exhausted after an enjoyable three days.

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## PGL Boreatton Park

Forty Junior Division children plus Mrs Aspinwall, Mr James and Mr Shaw set off on the last day of the Summer Term to Boreatton Park, PGL's major activity centre, situated in beautiful Shropshire countryside. The weather looked distinctly unsettled and cool but spirits were high, not least because it was the end of the year! As ever there was a friendly welcome awaiting us at the centre as groupies Ben (from Australia) and Linda whisked the children off to their sleeping quarters before the ritual tour of the site. It was soon time for the evening meal, followed by the first visit to the tuck shop and then the dreaded *assault course*. The cool weather did not add to some people's "enjoyment" of this activity although all got muddy to some extent and some actually revelled in getting themselves completely yucky! The showers came as a welcome and warming relief. Sleep did not come easily to most (in particular the staff who were grumpily woken up at unearthly hours!)

The sun shone briefly on Saturday morning as an early morning parachute game was followed by abseiling (not for the faint-hearted) or pony



*Lower Sixth Geography field trip to Courmayeur (photo: CJB/SMC)*



*PGL Boreatton Park*

trekking (where Mr James was paired with the farm's enormous shire horse). After a swift lunch it was on with the face paints for the Canadian Canoeing session (the paint really itches!) then up and down the River Perry in your four-berth canoes. The evening's entertainment began with a blindfolded 'nightline' through the woods followed by a ride on the aerial runway, accompanied by ear-shattering screams.

An early morning swim began Sunday's activities following a more settled night's sleep and then it was off to the archery targets. The afternoon sessions were quad-bikes/rifle-shooting (as ever, the most popular activity amongst the majority) or abseiling. The evening session allowed Mr Atkinson's technology teaching to come to the fore in the Bivvy Building activity. There were many meritorious efforts (with many that would not exactly shelter you from the slightest shower) but the winning team built what can only be described as the *ultimate* bivvy, complete with many adornments, including its own garden and barbecue area!

Monday morning meant it was time to put all the belongings back in the suitcases (or, to be more precise, the few belongings that had ventured out of the case), pick up the sweet/chocolate wrappers from the caravan floor before heading off for the final activity (trekking or quads/rifles). All too soon it was time to say "Cheerio" to Ben and Linda and head off back to Macc. Then the holidays could really begin.

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## Plas Menai

On the first Monday of the summer holiday Mr Edwards, Mr Andrew and Mrs Costello took a party of 25 pupils from the Foundation to the Welsh National Watersports Centre at Plas Menai. This was the second visit to the centre and the trip is rapidly becoming the highlight of the sailing season.

The centre is modern and purpose-built. It is located on the mainland side of the Menai Straits between Bangor and Caernarvon. Sailing conditions are excellent. There is reliable wind, too much on occasion, and extra interest - challenge even - in the very strong tidal streams in the straits. Sessions are often planned so that the moving carpet of water sweeps a fleet down towards Port Dinorwic during the morning and then reverses the flow to bring them back at the end of the session. Force 4 Beaufort and a strong tide underneath you offers uncanny speed. Beating into a Force 4, wind against tide, offers a buffeting and banging that is quite beyond anything experienced on Redesmere. Salt spray in the face and aching thighs as you "hike" out trying to drive the dinghy back towards a centre that never seems to come any closer are very dispiriting.

The accommodation and food at Plas Menai are excellent and the "kit" offered for use by the group was mind-boggling to a school sailing group brought up on Toppers at Redesmere.

There were aspects of the holiday that were structured and orientated towards the attainment of RYA certificates. Michael Abbotts and David Isherwood had parts of their Level 4

logbooks signed up. However, the main thrust of the holiday was to provide excitement and challenge in high performance boats. Virtually all the group sailed something that they previously would have thought twice or even three times about. The exception was Mr Edwards. His choice was always the conservative one - a windsurfer with something he called "6.5 Pryde". There were Lasers, Laser IIs, Buzzes (trapeze dinghies with asymmetrical spinnakers - a high "wow" factor), Dart and Hobie catamarans - and even Toppers.

The highlight was the gathering of all the group in their chosen craft into an Armada to sail up the straits, past Caernarvon and on to Aber Menai. King Philip of Spain must have torn his hair out as he struggled to assemble his fleet for the invasion of Britain. Mr Edwards was first afloat and he was still reaching backwards and forwards an hour later as the last of the more complicated craft were launched. Like the previous Armada, this one too was scattered by the wind and did not quite make the objective. However, everyone enjoyed the unequal struggle as a cold front pushed a Force 5 Beaufort down the straits, wind against tide.

The fleet struggled as far as Caernarvon. The decision was then made to beach on a sandbank on the Anglesey side of the straits while the last of the tide ebbed. The group were ferried in semi-rigid inflatables to have lunch on the sea wall in Caernarvon. Mr Andrew was not seen until much later and one of the inflatables was despatched to "red card" Mr Edwards, who had sailed on to Aber Menai.

All good things come to an end. Next year's week at Plas Menai has already been booked. See you there perhaps?

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## Zell am See

On 25th July, two weeks after term had ended, a Bostocks' "Goldliner" left Westminster Road for Austria. There were forty pupils from the First, Second and Third Years of the Foundation and nine staff and friends of the school aboard. The annual summerski and activity holiday was under "weigh".

This was the sixth trip to Kaprun and the Kitzsteinhorn glacier. The group ski in the morning on the glacier at 10,500 feet, where the air is thin and the temperature at 9.00 am is below freezing. The journey up there is quite an effort. The group leave the hotel at 7.30 and try to get on the first "train" to

the Alpengasthof at 8.00. "Train" needs to be understood a little differently. This train is drawn up through a tunnel running at 45° through the mountain. From the Alpengasthof we have to queue for a cable car to carry us over the highest pylon in Europe, over the glacier to the observation centre at the top of the Kitzsteinhorn, a pyramidal peak and home of the glacier. More tramping and climbing leads us to another "train"; this one takes us 150 metres on to the top of the glacier, where Herbert Thayer and our instructors are waiting for us.

After getting into groups, we ski until 12.30, when the snow is beginning to become soft and slushy. This year it actually snowed here on top of the mountain but for the most part, we have to endure brilliant sunshine. "Endure" is the right word. At this height, total sunblock, lip salve and high factor creams are essential.

The holiday is essentially for beginners but some accomplished skiers do join the group in order to enjoy the holiday fun. Skiing went well for groups. A bonus for Sam Webster and John Russell of 2JAD was a personal snowboarding coach - Rick Gregory, now of St George's School, Ascot. Rick is a former pupil of King's. Rick also gave another eight of the group the benefit of his enthusiastic coaching. All are now converts.

The Rodelbahn, summer toboggan, is one of the most popular of the afternoon activities. Down in the valley, picnic lunch over, we set out for the Rodelbahn, a concrete half-pipe that zigzags its way up the side of a

mountain. It takes ten minutes to get to the top in a chairlift. The group then climb aboard a blue plastic toboggan with a "joystick": push it forward and you accelerate, pull it back to slow down. The trick is not to get caught behind someone who will be "slow". The descent is exhilarating. Bends are tight and as G forces tighten you climb higher on the wall of the "pipe", hoping against hope that you are not going to flip out.

However, this year even the Rodelbahn had to give place to an even more exciting activity: white-water rafting. The rafting took place at Taxenbach. Also on offer are gorge walking and "canyoning". Canyoning seems to involve sliding down the course of a river, waterfalls, rapids and all. A moment of light relief was provided for the party by Jonathan Dunkley (1BE) who, after watching a demonstration of how to paddle, demonstrated the stroke with great aplomb but inside the boat.

Safety on the river and working as a unit were stressed in the safety briefing. The moment came to launch, six rafts in all under the control of the river master. There is no turning back once the raft is under way. In an activity the amount of exhilaration is in proportion to the risk. The prospect of bouncing out of the raft into that tumbling, diving, roaring stream was not an inviting one. Backwards, sideways, sometimes pirouetting, we completed the descent. Exhilaration and relief were experienced in equal measure as we stumbled ashore after a two-hour trip. Back to Taxenbach on our Goldliner

for coffee and cake - but the café was closed!

Next day we relaxed, swam and sunbathed by the side of the lake at Zell am See.

Many thanks to Miss Sellers, Mrs Turner, Mr Levin and the other helpers who contributed to the success of the trip.

Next year, thanks to the uncertainty of the local authority's summer holiday dates, the trip will take place in the last week of May, summer half-term.

BE



Summer skiing at Zell am See (photo: BE)



## AJIS Quiz

On 18th November 1995, five members of the King's Junior Division travelled to the King's School, Chester, for the annual AJIS Quiz. The team performed very well to finish sixth out of nineteen teams. This is the highest finishing position that King's have ever achieved in this prestigious competition. Congratulations to the following, who represented the school: Yannick Malins, Debajeet Choudhuri, Stephen English, Richard Cowan, Leigh Simpson.

FAMC

## Book Events

During the year, several events were organised to promote reading and an interest in books.

### Bookfairs

Mrs Horobin, from The Legend Bookshop, Alderley Edge, came to both Fence Avenue and Cumberland Street in November to talk about her favourite books and recommend them to young readers.

### Sponsored read

In February, First to Third Year pupils were encouraged to take part in our own readathon over a period of a month. Over £700 was raised by girls and boys and was fed into the school's general fundraising in Charities' Week.

### Visiting poet

In February, Alicia Stubbersfield, a professional poet, came to talk to all Second Year girls, who then wrote their own poems on love, emotions or characters from fiction. Alicia gave very specific guidelines and even the most pessimistic girls were surprised at their poems, composed and completed in one workshop.

### Book project

To add to this sense of achievement, the girls published their own anthologies on a very special day. Working in groups of four, they illustrated, printed and organised their book before photocopying their work and photographing themselves - the poets! Each girl took home her own copy of her book and one copy was given to the Resource Centre. The atmosphere that day was exciting and intense. The girls organised themselves and learned to work together without adults interfering. What an achievement!

GDT

## Charities

Diverse fundraising activities within the Foundation made a considerable amount of money for a variety of charities this year. Efforts were concentrated around Charities Week in February, when individuals and forms set up a host of events which allowed the school to make substantial donations to the NSPCC and ActionAid, maintaining our sponsorship of seven children in India.

The Charities Committee steered the various activities and debated the merits of many charitable causes before making the difficult decisions as to who should receive what. A sum well in excess of £5000 has been raised this year. Other organisations to whom the school has made donations include

National Libraries for the Blind, Save the Children, Amnesty International, Wilmslow Wells, CRU (Uganda), World Vision and Leukaemia Research.

PRMM

## Duke of Edinburgh Awards

On November 27th 1996 four young men and one young woman, Michael Dafforn, Simon Davies, David Kinshott, Andrew Hibbert and Sunita Vaja, together with their parents, attended a Gold Award Holders Reception at St James' Palace in London. These five young people are the school's first Gold Award holders to pass through the scheme.

To gain the Gold Award is no mean achievement as it represents four years of sustained effort, working through



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award holders

the scheme's three stages. As a measure of determination and the ability to confront new and different challenges, the Award Scheme is a unique process. Under many different names, it has been developed in many countries throughout the world and has become an internationally recognised standard of achievement for young people.

Throughout the year, the Awards units at King's have continued to work well at all stages of the scheme. Expeditions have taken place in the Peak District and the Lake District. Service courses have been organised by the Macclesfield branch of St John's Ambulance and the staff of Macclesfield Fire Station.

The service section at Gold level asks much of the candidates, as it requires a minimum of 60 hours practical service over a period of twelve months. Practical conservation work, youth work and work with handicapped children are just a few tasks undertaken by candidates at King's.

At the moment, 68 young people are involved in the Award Scheme at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. The success of our first Gold Award recipients will act as an example to all who follow the difficult challenge which one day leads to a reception at St James' Palace.

The following Awards were achieved in 1995-96:

*Bronze:* Natalie Bedford, Anna Harwell, Nina Thompson, Toby Butcher, Ben Caulfield, Paul Cole, Richard Coxson, David Flegg, Michael Ford, David Harbord, Chris Hidden, Michael Hordley, Matthew Jackson, Jon Kendon, Simon Priestnall, Matthew Tinker, Richard Walker

*Silver:* Ben Badger, Gareth Bromley, Harith Haboubi, Richard Hibbert, Mark Jackson, Chris Malkin, Alex Morgan, Jon Phillips, Jamie Serafi, Paul Wood

*Gold:* Sunita Vaja, Michael Dafforn, Simon Davies, David Kinshott, Andrew Hibbert

JRD

## Friends of King's

The Friends of King's go from strength to strength, providing magnificent support for the school. In the Autumn Term the Quiz Night raised £550 and the Christmas Fayre raised a record-breaking £3,200. Other major fundraising events during the year included an auction sale, a bedding plant sale and, of course, the social event of the year, the Summer Ball at Adlington on 7th June.

The Friends' major contribution to the school this year arrived just in time to be put to good use for the production of *The Baker's Wife*: a state of the art audio system. This is available for use on both sites and provides a sound system of professional quality.

## Junior Division Charities

Various fundraising events held throughout the year resulted in significant contributions to charity. Firstly, after the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, thanks to children and parents who contributed many gifts of food, we were able to send a large bounty of harvest gifts to the Manchester Central Methodist Mission for distribution to hungry people in the local area.

The Readathon raised the substantial sum of £2,500 for charity and the two non-uniform days raised over £400 for Children in Need and UNICEF. In December, parents and children again generously donated wrapped presents of books and toys, which were then collected by the NSPCC, which helped brighten Christmas for several needy families. J4M built and supplied their own Christmas Shop to raise funds for the RSPCA and J4S's Christmas Sundries raised money for UNICEF. The Christmas service resulted in a very generous collection of £200, which was forwarded to the Save the Children Fund.

This year's production of *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* was a huge success, with £100 being donated to the Dunblane Fund.

Our major charity event this year was the Charity Day for The Gambia, held on 23rd May. All manner of fundraising activities were on offer, from "Guess the name of the teddy" to tombolas, penalty shootouts, etc... Over £800 was raised and donated to Schools for Progress, to help supply school equipment for Gambian schools.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all children and parents for supporting the appeals so generously.

HIW

## Maria Maw's Orphanage

Maria Maw's visit to the King's Girls' Division began with one of those strange coincidences we occasionally experience in life and which later make us pause for thought. I had been planning, with Mrs Harrington and Mrs Gibson, the Girls' Division Concert. March 1st being the last day of King's Charity Week, a concert entirely for charity seemed appropriate. My final

words to the other staff were, "I'll give some thought to which charity we choose." Just seconds later, another member of staff handed me details of Maria Maw's orphanage and school in Uganda, saying, "I thought this might be worthy of our support." The School Council were excited at the prospect of our actively helping a locally-based project where much neglected girls' education was a special area of concern. A concert *by girls for girls* seemed very suitable indeed.

The concert raised over £300, topped to £400 after the Charities Week money was distributed and a cheque was presented to Maria at an assembly during her visit to Macclesfield to launch her venture as an official charity.

Again coincidentally, I met Frances Turner, a Sixth Former, at the Founders' Day service, knew she was thinking of a GAP year somewhere and invited her to hear Maria speak. Inspired by the sprightly, dedicated seventy-year old, Frances has decided to spend next year in Uganda working with Maria and her orphans. Already younger girls in the Division, too, have commented how they would like to do something similar before university, and we hope King's Girls can enter into communication with girls in Maria's school and forge lasting links.

One final part of this story makes me wonder if "coincidence" is the most appropriate explanation. Maria told me she was very worried one night and lost sleep, uncertain how she would find the money to pay for a desperately needed piece of equipment for her school. The next morning she learned of our cheque awaiting her collection. King's Girls were happy to be there when their help was needed.

BD

## First Aid Training

As part of the General Studies programme, pupils in the Lower Sixth were given the opportunity to acquire very basic skills in emergency life-saving procedures such as resuscitation, control of bleeding and care of the unconscious casualty. We hope this will have whetted their appetites enough for them to want to enrol for further training in future.

First Aid was also one of the many topics on offer for First Year Activities on Friday afternoons. Boys and girls from both sites met and enjoyed learning new skills. Many of them received the St John's Ambulance Three Cross Award.

APP

## 1st XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
20	16	3	1	400	153

Only occasionally in schoolboy rugby do player skills, fitness, determination and the correct game plan combine to produce an outstanding season. 1995-96 was such a season. The successful pre-season tour to Canada had reinforced the previous season's "rucking and running" ideals and, with players stronger and fitter than before, this proved too much for many sides.

The side possessed the right blend of a mobile pack of forwards, able to secure ball from tight and loose positions, and a pacey, highly talented back division capable of destroying defences. Allied to this was a high pressure defence which intimidated many oppositions, forcing many turnovers of possession.

As always, the season started with demanding fixtures away at Lancaster and at home to QEGS, Wakefield. Victories in both these games were due to the total commitment both with the ball and in defence. However, in between these games was a dour 0-0 draw in appalling conditions at Rossall. Dulwich College were defeated 15-12 in a thrilling game under floodlights at Macclesfield RUFC, with the school failing to make one successful kick at goal, Dulwich's points coming from four penalties.

As the season progressed the side continued to record victories but without ever reaching the heights of early season, perhaps due to playing or training continually for nearly twelve months. With several exceptions, most wins were by only one or two scores, usually secured in the final ten minutes of the match. Sadly, because of the adverse weather conditions in February, challenging games against Bradford, St Edward's and Merchant Taylors' were cancelled.

The talent available augured well for the Sevens season but injuries and unavailability for representative games meant, yet again, the heights were never reached. In every competition the side failed to progress through the group stages.

In a generally outstanding season, the forwards played consistently with verve and determination. The set scrummage was sound, with the front row of Milne, Thompson and Howarth generally dominating proceedings. At line-outs, King's battled well and generally achieved the upper hand through Griffiths at the front and Payne in the middle. As the season progressed, Perriss developed into a good tail of the line jumper. Furthermore, the many short line-out options usually meant good possession.

The outstanding unit of the year proved

to be the back row of Hulme, Perriss and Forbes. These players were tenacious and aggressive in defence and provided excellent support and link work. However, the outstanding facet of their play was the ability to steal loose ball and to establish the rucking platform. The rest of the pack proved almost as mobile and equally aggressive. Thompson, the hooker and captain, had an outstanding season, showing great pace and the ability to read the game. The two props, Milne and Howarth, played a major role, Howarth responsible for tidying line-out taps and setting up clean ruck ball. Milne, providing rampaging performances and continually troubling sides with his power, had an outstanding season. The second row of Payne and Griffiths were effective and mobile, with Griffiths producing a series of outstanding performances, be it in the line-out or cover tackling.

Behind the scrum the half backs of Mason, Bones and latterly Jenkins formed an effective partnership, directing the side and launching the backs. Mason was very combative, always solid in defence and alert in attack. His service was crisp and quick enough to give Bones or Jenkins ample time to direct proceedings. Both used the possession well, either with accurate kicking or good selection of the many handling moves at their disposal. At centre Keep, Patterson and Riley were solid in defence and their hard, straight running was in contrast to Riley's jinxing, pacey runs. All were an essential element of the side's attacking strength. Moroney and Campbell occupied the wing positions and, though not blessed with outstanding speed, managed to score on a regular basis. Both showed great determination, both in attack and defence. At full back, Hartley proved what an excellent footballer he is, with most of the back plays revolving around his outstanding skills. Devastating in attack and rock-like in defence, he gave the back line confidence to move the ball wide at every occasion.

Perhaps the real indication of the talent available is the fact that Hartley and Milne were selected for England and Scotland respectively. Indeed, Milne captained Scotland twice. It was therefore disappointing that many other players were ignored by the Cheshire selectors.

The team's strength over the season was the fierce, competitive instinct and determination not to lose. Throughout, attractive rugby endeavouring to trust the ball to hand at every opportunity was the trademark. Without doubt, a very successful season enjoyed by both the players and the management.

*PFH/PJP*

## 2nd XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
20	13	0	7	529	240

Matching the undefeated 1994/95 team and the all-conquering tour to Canada in the summer was never a realistic objective. Indeed, initially this legacy became a millstone hung unfairly around the necks of a totally revamped squad. After the routine early season victory over Cheadle Hulme School, the wheels came flying off at Lancaster RGS when, it is sad to report, the fledgling team quite simply capitulated. Not a pretty sight and not excusable even against this very good side. After this trauma, and a brief but frank exchange of views (!), progress was made. The real turning point in the season was, however, following the narrow and spirited defeat by Dulwich College. The self-evident pride, commitment and passion in this game engendered a new-found confidence and self belief that became the foundation for the rest of what eventually became a highly satisfactory 1995-96 2nd XV season. Over the two terms, twenty games were played, with the now traditional February games all, as usual, cancelled. Forty seven players represented the 2nd XV, with only Dan Smart and Marcello Distefano playing in all the games. Marc Rimmer initially, and then Robert Willis, shared the captaincy. Steve Nicholson was the top points and try scorer (including a four try haul versus King Edward VI GS, Lytham) whilst Tim Jenkins was the leading kicker (including an outrageous drop goal at Rydal). Mark Drabble earned admiration for fifteen touchline appearances as "super sub", whilst Tristan Wood was without doubt the most regular visitor to the Macclesfield Hospital A & E Department. The policy of only selecting Sixth Form players for the 2nd XV undoubtedly distorted the results table, as did the now usual frustration of never having a settled 2nd XV.

When at full strength, the threequarters were a potent force, ably led by the skilful Tim Jenkins at fly half and by the ever competitive Andrew Mundy in his new-found position at the base of the scrum. Rob Cummings, powerful in the tackle, James Keep, when not on 1st team duty, and leading scoring Steve Nicholson, in various combinations, filled the centre slots and were, with the front row, the key unit in the side. Out wide, Marc Rimmer, Chris Hill, Nick Hanson and, late in the season, Tom Hadfield, ably filled the number 11 and 14 jerseys. Robert Willis, an ever-present at full back, was a demanding last line of defence and, over the season, one of the most improved players.

The powerful front row of Duncan Gibb, Dan Smart, Marcello Distefano and, on occasions, Chris Williams would have given many first teams a tough ride. Neil Hudson, particularly at the front of the lineout, was impressive in the second row, alongside various partners who included at various times Adam Pamment, Robert Flinn and even flanker Dan Hallam. Chris Buckley, a strong and talented runner with the ball, was the pick of the back row and, with Hallam, Chris Rowe and Russell Charlesworth, was a match for most outfits. The 7-12 defeat by Dulwich was, curiously, the highlight of the season and certainly proved to be pivotal. Reaching this game with just three victories in seven games, ten of the subsequent eleven games were won, most by emphatic margins. A team that initially lacked belief rather than ability finished the season with a creditable and well deserved playing record.

The following played for the 2nd XV (most appearances first): D Smart, M Distefano, R Cummings, S Nicholson, R Willis\*, C Hill, M Rimmer\*, C Buckley, N Hanson\*, C Rowe, R Charlesworth\*, A Mundy\*, D Hallam\*, N Hudson, T Jenkins, D Gibb\*, R Flinn, J Keep, M Drabble, C Williams, A Pamment, T Hadfield, T Wood\*, W Gittins\*, A Wheeler\*, J Phillips, D Wildey, J Campbell\*, R Sheldermine, S Jones, S Hewitt, J Schofield, J Randall, R Howarth\*, M Baylay, G Payne\*, S Moroney\*, J Williamson\*, M Kirby, T Eastham, J Bracewell, C Thurlow, A Emslie, M Rice, M Dunnington, M Forbes\*. (\* Club colours and 1st Team colours  
\* School colours)

KLP

## U16 XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
17	14	0	3	399	103

This year it had been decided to run an U16 XV rather than a 3rd XV. The team held a tremendous playing record from the previous two years and it was going to be very difficult to live up to this reputation.

The forwards were big and powerful and with some considerable skill, whilst the backs had pace and ability. Unfortunately, they did not listen to advice given last year and often repeated throughout the season regarding their attitude to fitness training and technique improvement. It may seem a little harsh to fault them as they only lost three games during the season but the sooner they realise that they could all improve their game, and the need to play as a team, the sooner they will achieve their true potential.

The team was made to work very hard

in a number of games against sides they had beaten easily in previous years. The front row saw the return of Steve Hewitt, where he made his presence felt in all the games. Along with Andrew Norbury and then James Shockledge, Tim Eastham or Mark Dunnington always secured our ball and a good percentage of the opposition ball in the scrums. The possession from the line-out was usually gained by John Schofield at the front, or from David Baylay or David Wildey. On the flanks, Greg Cook and Joe Randall were prominent in both attack and defence.

During the early part of the season, the half backs of Nick Jones and captain Michael Rice worked well together. Unfortunately, Nick Jones broke his collarbone during the first round of the Liverpool St Helens Floodlight Competition, which meant Jimmy Arthur had to move from centre to scrum half. This seriously disrupted the back play, so we were not able really to use the pace of Guy Tristram or David Childs on the wings and Jared Clay from full back. The latter adjusted to his new role quickly, where his defence proved crucial on occasion.

Joe Hallam, Toby Butcher and Colin Robinson were the utility backs who were often asked to play out of position but did so with good success.

The following played for the U16 XV: J D A Arthur, M J Baylay, T J Butcher, D P F Childs, J S Clay, G B Cook, M W Dunnington, T N Eastham, A D Flegg, J K Hallam, S M Hewitt, N J Jones, M H Kirby, A J Norbury, J L Randall, M J Rice,

J D Robertson, C T Robinson, J Schofield, J M Shockledge, G R G Tristram, D W Wildey.

DTB

## U16 Sevens

The Sevens season offered us four tournaments in which to reproduce the winning performances of previous years. As a result of injuries or unavailability, the squad never really played consistently well enough to win the early competitions at Merchant Taylors' or the Cheshire Schools. The squad realised that their fitness was a real key to the lack of success and so had to work really hard during the last two tournaments. Playing in the All England Sevens we were very unlucky to lose in our first pool match to the eventual winners. This showed that we were not ready for the first game and only played when it was too late. Thankfully, the team showed their true commitment and ability in their final competition at Oxford, where they were very unlucky to lose in the semi-final.

Throughout the season players did improve, none more so than Matthew Kirby who really came to light during the Sevens tournaments.

The following played for the Sevens team: J D A Arthur, J S Clay, G B Cook, J K Hallam, S M Hewitt, M H Kirby, J L Randall, M J Rice, J Schofield, J M Shockledge, G R G Tristram.

DTB



U16 Sevens (photo:DTB)

## U15 XV

P W D L  
17 13 1 3

It was a very enjoyable and successful season with a talented group who were willing to listen to advice and attempt to put it into practice. They produced a dynamic brand of rugby, with powerful, mobile forwards driving relentlessly past the gain line and usually recycling the ball at the appropriate moment for the efficient and direct-running three-quarters to capitalise on.

The season started with an even contest with RGS Lancaster and then a comfortable victory over Rossall School. QEGS Wakefield outplayed us for the first twenty minutes after the long coach journey but, although we never threatened their superiority, we did show we could match them in the last two-thirds of the game. In the following few games a notable success was achieved at Manchester GS against a powerful side who had defeated us by a large margin the season before, and sparkling, running rugby was much in evidence as we destroyed Woodhouse Grove. However, we were brought very firmly down to ground by a resounding defeat at St Ambrose College just before the half-term break.

Easy victories over Rydal and Newcastle followed the break and, although the score looks comfortable in the Kirkham match, the contest was more even and the team had to play at their best to subdue a strong running and committed team. At this stage, the team was playing their best rugby of the season and good wins at Birkenhead, at KES Aston (where forwards and backs combined exuberantly in a seven try romp) and at home against Arnold were recorded before Christmas.

The sequence of victories was maintained into the new year as we defeated Adams GS without playing very well, KES Lytham, where the forwards played powerfully against a good side who created a number of opportunities which they failed to take, and - after a long weather-enforced break - St Joseph's, Ipswich. Unfortunately for us, the final match was lost to Stockport GS and this ended a nine-match winning run. However, the season ended on a high note with an outstanding victory in the Myles Marshall Sevens, beating Hymers from Hull 12-5 in the final.

The success of the team reflected the depth of talent in the squad as another notable feature of the season was the number of fairly long-term injuries or illnesses which were encountered. Over twenty players made significant contributions during the season.

Forward play was undoubtedly the main strength of the team; however, the backs also played with much skill and at times were quite splendid. Richard Lees was the regular scrum-half and gave an efficient service to either Richard Emslie or Simon Bush, who competed throughout the season for the fly-half berth. Both could make useful players in the future. Simon Challinor moved from the forwards into the centre with a great deal of success, providing commitment and power, and as he gains experience I am sure he will improve his distribution. James Sweetzer never played poorly and often was outstanding; a strong tackler and elusive runner, he is developing his talent well. Paul Adams was ever present on one wing and scored many fine tries with his strong and deceptively quick running. Gary Mairs and Tom Smith contested the place on the other flank with much enthusiasm. John Spicer was the full back and regularly produced an excellent standard of play; quick and powerful, he also tackles well and if he improves his kicking will play at a high level.

The sight of our pack mauling the QEGS Wakefield forwards twenty metres down the pitch set the standard for the whole season. Although the game was lost, the forwards constantly dominated the opposition throughout the season, the only blemishes being against St Ambrose and Stockport, when injuries caught up with us.

In the front row, Jonathan Kalthoeber adapted quickly to playing prop after switching from flanker and remained a mobile and destructive runner in the loose. Matthew Anderton was a powerful prop, although still frustratingly ineffective in open play. Between these two, Julian Brooks was an outstanding hooker, always prominent around the pitch; he just needs to work on the consistency of his throwing in. Thomas Masheder and Adam Higgins formed a powerful and intelligent second row, rarely getting the glory but always at the hub of the collective effort. Duncan Farrar also played regularly and developed through the season as an effective middle line-out jumper. The back row had to be reshuffled regularly through the season due to injuries and the loss of captain Ian Selbie for half the season through illness. Yet, despite these setbacks, they were invariably outstanding. Before his illness, Selbie was outstanding, a dynamic and destructive open side flanker, who always led from the front. In support, David Brocklehurst went from strength to strength as an aggressive, hard-tackling flanker. Andrew Unterhalter was a mobile and rangy number eight whose

cover tackling was at times excellent. The fact that the side coped so well with the loss of Selbie speaks volumes for the development of Philip Hart into a player of A team quality. He was a strong scrummager and showed excellent mobility around the pitch. The final accolade goes to John Bisset who, more than anyone, typified the enthusiasm and commitment that helped make the season such a success. Early in the season, when his opportunities were limited, he volunteered every week to turn up as reserve with no guarantee of a game. His loyalty was rewarded with an extended run at hooker after Christmas when Brooks was injured.

Sadly, the B team had a very limited fixture list but they always trained with great enthusiasm, Matthew Roberts, John Barber, Simon Woodcock, James Orme and Sam Mason were particularly prominent and performed well when they were given opportunities in the A team.

DMH/JDN

## U14 XV

	P	W	D	L	F	A
A XV	17	12	0	5	492	180
B XV	7	2	0	5	162	173

In many ways, this season very much resembled the previous year: the side had a mixed beginning, losing and winning alternately the first seven games, to then embark on an unbeaten nine match run before losing the final game of the season at Stockport 5-7. Of the remaining lost games, Lancaster, Wakefield and Manchester all had the measure of the side, but not by a huge margin; a weakened side performed miserably in trying circumstances at St Ambrose for the season's heaviest defeat. Emphatic victories resulted against Rossall, Cheadle Hulme, Newcastle, Arnold, Aston, Adams and Lytham; much more testing successes were recorded against Woodhouse Grove, Rydal, Wirral, Kirkham and Birkenhead, this latter result on the back of the season's best performance, illustrating the strides the side had made.

As a squad, steady improvement was noted, although first time tackling still requires some attention, as do decision making and ball availability skills. Nevertheless, the commitment that the side showed against Stockport augurs well for the future.

Individually, a number of players played a significant role in the side's successes: Moran and Hirst were the most mobile and positive forwards, Pickup a hard-working supporting flanker; behind, Dan Isherwood was especially threatening from full back,

Horrocks, a new addition, brought a touch of class at fly half, and Bones, after a shaky start, began to buzz effectively. All players developed some element of their game: Young as hooker displayed sound basic technique and generally threw in well; Leech and Fox became much more prominent in the loose, and the latter also began to gain some measure of control in the line out. Levings made big strides in the back row and showed good awareness, Rathi was strong on the ball and Robertson aggressive, if lacking experience. Of the remaining three quarters, Mosedale and Cooper were generally solid and dependable, but perhaps lacked the pace of the emerging Watts. On the flanks, Tsalikis when at his best was formidably powerful, Sharp elusive if not electric and Baker, no slouch at all, determined and strong.

Others not quite managing to command a regular place but who nonetheless were valuable squad members were Chapman, a skilful runner, Howell and Jones, a competent half back pairing, Mather, a burly hooker, Rushton, a strongly built lock and David Isherwood, very much an emerging prop. Once again, the B XV fixtures allowed others pushing hard for places to develop their skills and, whilst it was good to see more games played this year, the problem of playing genuine A XVs of whatever stature again emerged. Prominent B team players with some potential were Lloyd and Gartside in the backs, Forshaw, Lane and Oppenheim in the forwards. Given all the boys retain their interest, enthusiasm and willingness to learn, the squad can look forward to further successful seasons, in spite of a number of taxing opponents to face.

Undoubtedly, the most satisfying performance of the year was saved for the finale of the Sevens campaign where, in spite of a lack of sufficient preparation and competition (only one entered competition was eventually played), the side came back from Warwick with a well deserved trophy. On the day, we were committed and determined, Bones and Pickup in particular relishing the abbreviated version of the game. A difficult opening fixture against last year's winners, Bablake, was successfully negotiated and whilst all the group games were close, we came through as group winners to beat Bishop Vesey in a tight semi-final 10-7 and romped away in the final 26-0 against Solihull. Initial trepidation at the beginning of the day had turned into glorious euphoria at the end. So much for practice and preparation! What will the side achieve next year? Who knows!

The following represented the A team:

C R Baker, E V Bones, J M H Chapman, C M Cooper, T S W Fox, C P Gartside, N J Hirst, J R J Horrocks, J R Howell, D Isherwood, D P Isherwood, O R Jones, D E Leech, C E Levings, T A Lloyd, T E F Mather, E T G Moran, K W Mosedale, O J Pickup, A A J Rathi, J W Robertson, O C W Rushton, A B Sharp, P D Tsalikis, C D Watts, H D M Young

The following represented the B team: E V Bones, J M H Chapman, R Davies, M A Forshaw, T S W Fox, C P Gartside, N J Hirst, J R Howell, D Isherwood, O R Jones, J M Lane, D E Leech, C E Levings, J F J Livesey, T A Lloyd, T E F Mather, E T G Morgan, P T Nicholas, E W Nichols, A D Oppenheim, C J Orford, O J Pickup, A A J Rathi, J W Robertson, B J Rosamond, M E Rudge, O C W Rushton, A J Russell, A B Sharp, A M Tarran-Jones, A M Taylor, D H Topalian, C D Watts, H D M Young.

RGD

## U12 XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
15	12	1	2	455	109

The U12 A team enjoyed a successful year, losing only twice in the entire season, with those encounters being closely fought.

The season opened with the traditional fixture against Stockport. A draw seemed to be the likely outcome until pack leader Ian Sear scored in the corner, only a moment before the final whistle was blown. As the season progressed the team played exciting, expansive rugby. The wingers, Stewart and Cumberbirch, made the most of the ball they were given, scoring thirty times between them. The elusive running by the pair, along with Kennedy, was complemented by the swift passing of the captain, Isherwood, the solid tackling of Davenport and the awareness of stand-off Gartside. In addition, the tackling and handling of McVeigh at full back created countless opportunities.

The forwards did their job admirably, providing an excellent platform on which the backs could perform. The powerful front row of Boston, Duncalf and Maguire who, as an added bonus, could all run and handle effectively, proved more than a match in the tight for their opponents, while the back row of Barker, Sear and Warburton hunted tirelessly as a unit. Richards and Beveridge locked the scrum and grafted, for the most part unseen and unpraised, but nonetheless with courage and determination.

The season was rounded off in spectacular fashion with a convincing victory in the Festival held at the Derby Fields in late March. The boys played probably their best rugby of the year. They won all

their matches comfortably, conceding only one try all afternoon. This sole try was scored by Manchester Grammar School, who were defeated 22-5 in the final.

The boys can be thoroughly satisfied with what they have achieved this year. They displayed great enthusiasm throughout the season and should experience further success in the coming years.

## B team

P	W	D	L	F	A
8	5	0	3	158	117

There was considerable depth in the U12 squad and the B team had a good season in winning five of their eight games. The matches proved a useful stage for players to develop their talents and stake claims to positions in the senior team. To their credit, several players did exactly that and played themselves into contention for the team next year.

The opportunity for development offered by playing B team games undoubtedly gives strength to the A team and in no small way accounts for the outstanding successes achieved this year.

The following represented the school (A team appearances first): I Sear, M Barker, L Richards, G Maguire, J Beveridge, J Gartside, P Stewart, T Isherwood, A McVeigh, T Cumberbirch, T Davenport, A Boston, P Kennedy, A Burr, G Duncalf, T Gathercole, C Abbott, S Bacon, T Warburton, T Woodland, P Johnson, A Geake, J Arnfield, N Griffiths, A Wilson, J Petty, O Li, R Davidson, P Taylor, J Williams, M Bush, T Green, J Watson, J Rathi, A Armstead, R Burns, E Jones, C Millward, C Rodgers, A Quas Cohen, A McDonnell.

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## Boys' Hockey

### 1st XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
22	8	5	9	41	41

It was always going to be an extremely difficult task to live up to the record-breaking standards of the King's 1st XIs of the previous few seasons. Both Upper and Lower Sixth, however, had gifted individual players, and players with experience of hockey at a high level.

The early season form was promising, with victories over Knutsford HS, Sandbach and Birkenhead Schools and hard-fought draws with Doncaster Hall Cross and Merchant Taylors' School. A well-drilled Calday Grange team and a skilful Warwick School team were too powerful, however, and a very disappointing loss to Newcastle-under-Lyme School meant that the team was disheartened as they entertained Maritzburg College from South Africa. King's emerged from the game with much to their credit, in spite of a 5-1 defeat. Maritzburg are one of the top three teams in the whole of South Africa and had an undefeated tour of England, playing many top teams, but the expected King's qualities of skill, determination and heart were in abundance during the game.

A slight hiccup against Disley HC (and a King's U16 player) in the Cheshire County round-robin competition was avenged as King's easily defeated Sandbach, Cheadle Hulme and Birkenhead Schools, to become county champions. Once again, a lengthy journey to Kendal was the reward, where the Lakes School (Windermere) were comfortably defeated in spite of some indifferent play. Form started to return before the divisional semi-finals in the matches against the traditionally strong Repton and Rossall Schools. Neither game was won but pattern, shape and confidence were increasingly evident.

In the divisional semi-finals Bolton HC were fortunate not to be well behind, but luck was not with the King's players as chances presented themselves. King's strength at strokes, however, saw them comfortably through the deciding penalty-stroke competition. Once more Calday Grange GS were to be the opponents in the divisional final. The King's team was eager to avenge the defeat of earlier in the season. The first half was an extremely quiet affair with the only score coming from Calday's first short corner. Confidence returned at half time and a tremendous effort in the second half made the game very close indeed but Calday secured victory with a second

short corner goal.

The end of season fixtures saw a King's team oscillate from very good against a very strong Trent College team to very bad against a much poorer Birkenhead team. Once again, it had been a lack of consistency and a lack of determination on occasions which had made the season only an average one.

Mark Weeks had an excellent season in goal, fully justifying his England assessment and county U21 status. James Robinson returned to his best, reading the game well and sweeping with confidence behind the usually solid defence of Nick Edwards, James Jackson and Adam Taylor. Nathan Lowe scored some memorable goals and combined well with the strangely subdued Jonathan Jacques and Andrew Mott. Richard Skelhorn worked tirelessly along with Guy Emmett and the much improved Andrew Clayton. The powerhouse of the team should have been Laurence Barnes, Simon Hobbs and Ben Ballon and they did on occasions play some excellent hockey, but they were too inconsistent in their performance. Next season much will depend on their contributions to the team. They have the ability to dominate many opponents and provide match-winning team performances.

Appearances: 21 N Lowe, J Robinson, A Mott; 20 N Edwards, A Taylor, J Jackson; 18 B Ballon; 17 G Emmett; 16 M Weeks, L Barnes, S Hobbs, R Skelhorn, J Jacques; 7 A Clayton; 6 C Billington; 3 J Leigh; 2 D Unterhalter; 1 S West, W Gittins.

JAD

### Indoor 1st Team

A small group of determined indoor players showed much promise and the North of England Indoor Tournament was entered for the first time in years.

The long journey to Hull seemed to affect the players as the first match against Birkenhead School was lost by the odd goal. This defeat stirred on the players, however, and victories over Hull HC, Halifax HC and Yarm School meant that the North of England title could be secured by a victory of seven goals over Guiseley School in the final match in the round-robin competition. This target was not only reached but surpassed as the team demonstrated what can be achieved when skilful players, the correct tactics and the correct mental attitude all come together. That game will live long in the memory of everyone who saw it.

The national finals in a snowy Kidderminster in January were a far more difficult task, however, as the best teams from the South, East, West and Midlands were played. All four matches were lost, but the team could rightly hold their

heads high as they played some superb indoor hockey; indeed, the hockey magazine *Hockey Digest* commented favourably on the display put up by King's.

Mark Weeks proved to be a rock in goal. Laurence Barnes tackled superbly at left back and moved forward with great confidence on the ball. Nick Edwards, at right back, gained in confidence as the opponents became more skilful. In midfield, Simon Hobbs and Ben Ballon had great power and strength on the ball and were able to feed good ball to Nathan Lowe to show his great ball skills and scoring technique. When called on, Andrew Mott, Richard Skelhorn. Guy Emmett and Christian Billington all rose to the level of those around them to complement and complete this excellent squad.

Team: M Weeks, L Barnes, N Edwards, B Ballon, S Hobbs, N Lowe, A Mott, R Skelhorn, G Emmett, C Billington.

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### 2nd XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
7	4	2	1	15	7

This was a very successful season for a strong 2nd XI team, losing just one match at Birkenhead. The season began with a very satisfying 5-1 victory over Cheadle Hulme 1st XI, including a hat-trick for Tanbir Jasimuddin, with Richard Skelhorn and Simon Hobbs also scoring. The game was much closer than the scoreline suggested, King's withstanding long periods of pressure before scoring breakaway goals. After the 1-0 defeat at Birkenhead, where without Jasimuddin King's were unable to convert chances in a closely fought game, there came a 1-0 victory over Newcastle-under-Lyme, played in a bitter blizzard under floodlights at Stone. Richard Skelhorn scored the goal in the opening minutes, but conditions made it virtually impossible to play and King's should have won by several goals, but freezing hands made the finishing touch difficult.

After Christmas came home and away fixtures against Wirral Grammar School 1st XI. These games were played in a great spirit, both games being very close, with a 3-2 victory at King's (Jasimuddin, Hoare and Clayton) and a 1-1 draw at Wirral (Jasimuddin). The return fixture against Cheadle Hulme 1st XI saw the opposition's determination for revenge spill into indiscipline and in-fighting as they went behind and were frustrated as their incessant attacks proved fruitless. The contest was still finely balanced with five minutes left with King's 1-0 ahead, but a frantic last few minutes resulted in a flattering 4-1 victory (Jasimuddin 2,



Clayton 2). The final game saw an understrength King's team intent on revenge in the return fixture against Birkenhead, but in another tight game King's were unlucky to only draw 1-1 (Skelhorn).

The overall end of season record was excellent, and showed the strength of hockey at King's with most matches being against other schools' 1st XIs. Many of the squad played for the 1st XI on occasions, and were unlucky not to be regulars. Special mention should be made of the inspirational skipper Christian Billington, who fired the players up and pulled off many a remarkable save to keep King's in matches. The nucleus of the team was Andrew Broom, Michael Hoare, Alex Morgan, Jonathan Leigh, Edward Cox, Andrew Clayton, Ian Turner, David Brown and Tanbir Jasimuddin. These players should all be proud of their performances, but special mention is deserved for Jasimuddin with seven goals in six games, which is an excellent strike rate. Most of these players have finished their days at King's, and many will continue to display their silky skills at university and club level.

Appearances: 7 C Billington, E Cox, D Brown, I Turner; 6 A Broom, M Hoare, T Jasimuddin, A Morgan; 5 A Clayton, 3 R Skelhorn; 2 J Robinson, A Taylor, J Bradbrook; 1 L Barnes, S Hobbs, D Hallam, J Campbell, J Bracewell

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## U16 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
18	9	1	8	39	46

This season was one of steady improvement for a squad that consisted of only twelve players and had had a mixed record in previous years. The overall record shows more victories than defeats, and but for four matches against the excellent North West champions, Birkenhead, in which heavy defeats were suffered, the record would have been very good. Indeed, it was the first defeat at Birkenhead, 7-1, that revealed the weaknesses in the team that had been less evident in the first three matches against Knutsford (drawn 1-1), Doncaster Hall Cross (won 2-1) and Merchant Taylors (lost 0-1). The main problem was the inability to score goals, which is severe handicap to any team! Sam Hardman was moved from midfield to centre-forward, and with a new 4-3-3 formation, with the key players up the centre of the field and across the midfield, there followed several improved performances, including comprehensive victories against Sandbach (won 6-0) and Newcastle (won 3-1) before the next big test against

Birkenhead. After a poor start, in which three early goals were conceded, there was a fighting display in which King's held their own for most of the match, losing 4-0 in the end. The fact that we had been on level terms for much of the match boosted confidence for the rest of the season.

In the new year came the Cheshire Cup, which King's began in style beating Disley Hockey Club 3-0, and Sandbach 4-1. The crucial game was against Bowdon Hockey Club, which was lost in the last minute 4-3 after a see-sawing match. But for that defeat King's would have met Birkenhead in the last match with a chance of the title, but there was little to play for, and Birkenhead had to win to guarantee the title. At the end of a very long and tiring day, Birkenhead's incentive and better fitness led to a comprehensive defeat.

Due to poor weather, it was almost two months before the next match, which began a series of seven games in three weeks. These included another defeat at the hands of Birkenhead when King's were severely understrength and relied upon many of the excellent under-14 squad, and a defeat at Trent College. However, there were excellent victories against Rossall (1-0), Knutsford (3-0), Merchant Taylors (3-1) and Liverpool College (8-0), as well as a narrow defeat against the formidable Repton (2-1). These end-of-season fixtures, particularly against Knutsford and Merchant Taylors, highlighted the improvement, where an early season draw and defeat respectively were turned into good victories.

Several players had very good seasons, with James Blower leading the team and playing the key central midfield role, and contributing 10 goals. He was supported in midfield by the ever-dependable Luke Sharman, and the versatile Jonathan Fielding, although Jonathan played in several other positions when required as the team's utility player. He also developed the art of reflex off-the-line clearances, including three in the last match at Trent College. In attack Sam Hardman scored 17 goals in as many matches (including two hat-tricks), many of which were outstanding. At the heart of the defence was Daryush Farshchi, the Alan Hansen of hockey, who hardly missed a tackle all season and often played the defence out of trouble. His partnership with the physical Bill Marshall in central defence was crucial to the team, these two absorbing much pressure in many games before releasing breakaway attacks. David Harbord and Liam Murray also played key roles in this strong defence. Simon West had a good year in goals, producing some very good

performances. Stephen Brown, Matthew Shepherd and Andrew Jepson all played important roles through the season, and Mark Yates played in several matches, providing extra strength in the midfield.

Many of the team play club hockey, and several players should be 1st XI regulars next season, although the departure of Sam Hardman and Bill Marshall is a pity for the sake of King's hockey. The season was enjoyable for the team in their last year together, although there were some disappointments in the repeated defeats by Birkenhead, and in that Simon West failed to score a goal, again!

Appearances: 18 J Blower, J Fielding; 17 S West, D Farshchi, S Hardman; 16 L Sharman; 15 W Marshall, S Brown; 14 L Murray; 13 M Shepherd; 7 M Yates; 4 M Tunwell; 1 W Oakes, T Crawford, A Kane, J Stanley, M Jay, J Gregory, J Westcott

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## U15 IX

P	W	D	L	F	A
17	9	3	5	40	24

To the end of February, the season had been much as the previous season - mixed, with some pleasing performances, but inconsistency preventing good progress. Thus, good early victories over Doncaster Hall Cross, Merchant Taylors' and Birkenhead were offset by indifferent performances against Hazel Grove, Newcastle-under-Lyme and a return fixture with Birkenhead School. A pleasant tour to King William's College, Isle of Man, followed the usual pattern of a King's team taking a game on grass to settle before producing adequate hockey to defeat the King William's College team. The journey to Repton brought back bitter memories of the team's 10-0 defeat of the previous season but the game itself had some positive points, in spite of the 8-0 scoreline. Only two ten-minute periods separated the teams, during which the King's team lost their self-belief and heart.

A long journey to Rossall School, with the team in pensive mood, began the March fixtures: and what a month it was. The game saw a dominant King's team unable to score. A disheartened team on the return journey was very eager to return to winning ways and a new formation and strategy were planned. The results were immediate. In the next four fixtures, crammed into a fortnight, twenty-one goals were scored and only one was conceded as Merchant Taylors', Birkenhead, Knutsford and Liverpool College all succumbed to positive, skilful and determined hockey. It was in the

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Liverpool College fixture, on a difficult shale surface, that the team finally realised what the game was all about and what they could really do.

The final game of the season saw a strong Trent College team just pip the King's team by the odd goal, but the manner of the play was more important than the result itself.

It would be very easy to list the strengths of the individual members of the team, but they are a team and the team must come before the individual. The pattern has been established and the 1996-97 season will be the season when this team will have the goal of county and divisional championships. The national finals are within their grasp and what better reward is there to work towards? Hard work has a habit of being rewarded.

Appearances: 17 A Kane, M McNamara, T Grant; 16 J Westcott, M Yates; 15 C Renshaw, O Smith, C Allday, M Edwards; 14 G Basnett; 13 T Crawford; 12 M Tunwell; 11 A Robinson; 3 J Gregory, M Jay; 1 M Westcott, B Westcott, D Kendrick, W Marshall.

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## U14 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
19	14	2	3	52	23

The U14 side produced a highly successful and rewarding season, eventually finishing as Cheshire champions, NW champions and only missing out on the National semi-finals by goal difference.

The previous year's U13 side was strengthened by no less than six players with experience at county level who had recently started at King's, so much was hoped for the new season. We started with two 7-0 victories against Knutsford and Merchant Taylors', and two contrasting 1-0 victories versus Birkenhead and Katherine Lady Berkeley's School. Against Birkenhead, the team converted only one of about ten clear-cut chances and the win was facile despite the scoreline. KLBS were very impressive. Frankly, they outplayed us in the first half but we defended well and showed much determination to steal a late goal and win.

The following day we became Cheshire champions. We played poorly against Disley and Deeside Hockey Clubs but managed to win both matches, 1-0 and 2-1 respectively. The final was against Birkenhead and, contrary to our previous encounter, we managed to convert chances and won 4-0.

The team progressed well in the next five friendly matches, winning all, before the North West semi-final. In this time Joe Gregory achieved the only hat trick

of the season in an easy win versus Newcastle. The semi-final was against King William's, Isle of Man. We won easily 5-0, leaving our season to date at thirteen straight wins.

Our first blemish was drawing 1-1 against a vastly improved Birkenhead side. We again failed to convert chances, a regular occurrence all year, but never played well enough to win.

The following day we again played at Birkenhead, but this time against Southport Hockey Club in the North West final. They started impressively but Oliver Burr managed to score to leave us one up. Southport scored immediately to level just before half-time. The second half remained scoreless despite Southport pressure, so the final went to penalty flicks. "Cometh the hour, cometh Jon Stanley." He achieved two tremendous saves, leaving Rhys Owen to coolly score our final flick, leaving us 4-2 winners.

Our second blemish was our first defeat. Trent College soundly beat us 7-0. Up to this point we had only conceded nine goals all season, so what had gone wrong? Well, they were a very good team, consisting of three internationals and seven county players, and we were over-confident and lazy at the back. At least we were now aware of the level of work required before the National finals.

Our warm-up matches for the Nationals consisted of a friendly against our U15 side and a match against Calday Grange - beaten by Southport in the other North West semi-final. We looked and played like a tired team - they played with great determination and deserved to win 4-0.

The National finals were held near Milton Keynes, the format being the top two from our group of three qualifying for the semi-finals the following day. The team was very keen to reverse the embarrassment against Trent and we played exceptionally for all but the last ten minutes. Ben Westcott had an admirable game at sweeper and managed to glance in a Joe Gregory shot to leave us 1-0 with ten minutes to play. Trent won a series of penalty corners and converted three within a couple of minutes, leaving us beaten and exhausted. As Trent had beaten our other opponents, Dean Close School, 2-1, we needed to beat them to reach the semi-final. We played well but Dean Close defended solidly and a goal was never likely.

The season was highly enjoyable and all twenty squad players made at least one appearance, ten scoring goals. As a team they can only improve and the future looks very encouraging.

Appearances: 19: R Thompson (5 goals); 18: J Gregory (12), R Taylor (7), W Sheard (6), M Westcott (4); 17: B

Westcott (4), R Cowgill, W Roberts; 15: O Burr (6); 11: J Stanley; 10: M Jay (5), N Battersby; 8: D Kendrick; 7: B Walker (2), C Stevens (1); 6: R Owen; 5: R Tighe; 4: R Worthington, E Coxson; 1: A White.

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## U13 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
9	4	1	4	14	12

As usual, many of the boys who were in the squad had played very little hockey before. It was pleasing to find a group of boys so willing to listen and learn.

Overall, the results are only average to look at but the standard of hockey was often very good against strong opposition. In particular, two identical right-wing crosses executed by Matthew Hobbs and beautifully converted by Robert McAuliffe will remain as memories of the team's success. Ryan Hodson and Robert Worsley also added to the attacking success of the side. Four boys - Allan Williamson, Jonathan Yearsley, Tom Byers and Matthew Batchelor - all are developing as good defensive players with the ability to distribute good passes. Our goalkeeper, John-Paul Dodd, has also gained in experience and made many important saves for us.

In possibly my last season as U13 boys' hockey coach, I am delighted by the development of this squad and am sure they will do well in the future.

The following represented the school: J-P Dodd, A Williamson, J Yearsley, M Batchelor, R Ogden, M Hobbs, T Byers, N Adams, R Worsley, R McAuliffe, R Hodson, M Hunt, P Alexander, C Howell, G Pickup, M Bamber, J Beech, I Spencer, P Seden.

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## Girls' Hockey

### U16 XI

The season began with three girls attending the U16 Trials at Sutton High School. This proved to highlight the kind of opposition that we were likely to be confronted with during the year in our friendly matches. The major disadvantage for us has been the lack of similar ability teams to have fixtures with. Hence our matches have been few and far between.

With only eleven girls interested and keen enough to play hockey, our U16 team did have a problem in consistency of numbers. However, our U15 and sometimes even our U14 girls came to the rescue on more than one occasion.

Although our defence has played marvellously and our midfield players

have made some magnificent manoeuvres, we have had difficulty finding the goal. Viewed from a realistic angle, however, this year's results compared to last year's show that we have made considerable headway in preventing the opposition from scoring against us so often.

We entered the U16 tournament in November and, despite the lack of goals, our girls in no way disgraced themselves.

Appearances: 6 Joanna Hastie (capt), Caroline Canning-Smith; 5 Siân Llewellyn; 4 Isobel Densem, Hannah Davies, Anna James, Kelly Ison, Nina Thompson, Louisa Menaged; 3 Nicola Turnbull; 2 Hannah Pike. U15/Fourth Year: 3 Nicola Price; 2 Rani Axon, Rosanna Wilson, Natalie Solomon, Eilir Watkinson; 1 Lucinda Clarke, Vicky Spencer, Michelle Gratton, Tori Harle. U14/Third Year: 1 Katherine Coveney, Kira Williams, Danielle Higginbotham

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## U15 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
5	0	0	5	0	23

Our Fourth Years faced a repetition of last year's problems: few in number as far as experience is concerned and a distinct lack of comparable opposition. Enthusiasm, however, could not be faulted.

Appearances: 5 Nicola Price (capt); 4 Rani Axon, Lucinda Clarke, Michelle Gratton, Joanne Jamieson, Natalie Solomon, Eilir Watkinson; 3 Zara Cox, Katie Bagshaw, Vicky Spencer, Rosanna Wilson; 2 Tori Harle. Third Year: 3 Katherine Coveney; 1 Sharon Ketley. Second Year: 1 Ruth Tunwell, Jackie Barker, Nicola Edwards, Rachael Kirk, Bryony Wills, Louise Barber.

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## U13/U14 Tour to Isle of Man

Following a very choppy journey (force 8) across on the ferry, it came as no surprise to find the pitches as windswept and open to the elements as we had been led to believe (the airport landing strip on one side, the raging sea on the other!) Although extremely well drained after the torrential rain, the pitches were no less undulating than our ferry crossing!

With a definite downhill, wind-assisted homeground advantage in the first half, King William's College took the lead. Our defence, determined in their struggle to withstand the KW persistence, unfortunately had conceded two goals by half-time. However, the second half had everyone marking closer, intercepting quicker, clearing the ball to set up some attacking moves *and* there were some exciting breaks by our forwards. Unfortunately, most were foiled

before they became too dangerous. Considering our team was a mixture of U13/U14 hockey players and U14 netball players, it was not surprising they were not able to get together as a well practised regular side. We did not achieve a goal but we did contain the score to a 0-2 loss which, on reflection, was a very good effort from all those who played.

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## U13 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
15	4	5	6	17	16

Last year's grit and determination definitely did not wane over the summer months. The girls arrived back as keen as ever. The team is showing clear signs of great potential.

The trip to Holland in October pulled everyone together (although it was a shame that not all the U13 players could attend). The benefits were tremendous.

The season has still been a matter of trial and error with some players' positions, but gradually we are finding our best combinations. For some reason, the U13 Cheshire Coaching Days have eluded us during the season, but this has now been rectified and already some of our girls have attended two separate coaching sessions at Sutton High School.

The future for this team looks good if our players continue to practise hard and have the hunger for success. Their attitude is good and, with another trip to Holland in October and hopefully the Isle of Man in February, their experience of touring will stand them in good stead when we venture to expand our horizons to more distant parts of the globe.

Appearances: 15 Jackie Barker; 14 Louise Barber, Rachael Kirk; 12 Ruth Tunwell, Joanne Adams; 11 Kate Ritchie; 10 Lyndsay Lomax, Joanne Kirby, Alex Jamonts, Bryony Wills; 9 Nicola Edwards (capt), Emma Johnstone; 8 Amy Mason; 6 Anna Steele; 5 Lyndsey Allman; 4 Ruth Bourne, Tori Wheeldon; 2 Emma Potts, Abby Bullivent. First Year: 1 Charlotte Taylor, Hannah Roberts, Holly Smith

*Footnote:* Farewell to Alex Jamonts, who has been on loan to us this year! We are extremely sorry to see her return to her native Australia but we hope she will take back with her many fond memories. Many thanks to her and to her parents for their most enthusiastic support.

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## U13 XI Tour to Holland

The U13 tour to Noordwijk in Holland proved to be an extremely worthwhile and enjoyable trip. The coaching was superb and, linked with matches against some local Dutch teams, the experience

was invaluable. We can now claim to be the first Girls' Division team to achieve success internationally!

We played three matches:

Mon 23rd October v Overbos

Won 1-0 (Kate Ritchie)

Tues 24th October v Haarlem

Lost 1-2 (Kate Ritchie)

Wed 25th October v Archbishop Beck

Drawn 1-1 (Louise Barber)

The immaculate presentation of our team for training sessions and matches, and their enthusiasm and determination did not go unnoticed. They were presented with their shield at the presentation ceremony on the last evening and announced the Best Team on the course.

This was a very beneficial tour with a touch of Dutch culture. I hope it will prove the first of many such trips.

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## U12 XI

The beginning of the term saw many First Years keen to become involved in hockey, some for their first time and others who had played a little before. Their enthusiasm and determination was creditable throughout the season which, together with increasing skill levels and team cohesion, created some encouraging performances.

Within the A team several girls possess great potential for the future, as indicated by their results. This proved to be a strong team, defeated only against NULS when disadvantaged by playing on an unfamiliar grass pitch. It was an encouraging start for everyone involved, from which to draw a full team and squad for a promising year ahead. In particular we are looking forward to our coaching tour in Holland in October.

The following girls represented the school: Philippa Bestley, Lucy Bradbrook, Abigail Broomhead, Kimberley Byrom, Colette Caldwell, Sarah Cornes, Hannah Gledhill, Deborah Heap, Fiona Heap, Lauren Hindle, Kara James, Shona Lloyd, Sarah Mitchell, Jenna Orme, Holly Pemberton, Amy Percival, Hannah Roberts, Charlotte Taylor, Helen Whitworth.

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## Junior Girls

In May a squad of ten girls took part in the AJIS girls competition at Kirkham Grammar School. The girls gained valuable experience from this one hockey fixture and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Although they did not win their group, they played extremely well and put up a gallant fight.

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## 1st XI

P	W	D	L	Cancelled
20	11	6	3	1

This was eventually a season of outstanding achievement, with the eleven victories matching the second highest number of victories, gained by the 1991 side.

Until Saturday 15th June, the side's performance had been varied. Victory over the Royal Grammar School, Lancaster, however, started a sequence in which nine wins were to be seized from twelve matches. By the time the end of term festival was reached, the team was playing with a maturity and confidence which made them a formidable unit.

Seven of the nine wins were to be gained with the team batting second and this indicated, possibly correctly, that the strength of the XI lay in its batting. Against Lancaster we chased a declaration total of 211 and excellent knocks from Buckley and Bones meant that the target was reached comfortably. The following Saturday a remarkable victory over Manchester Grammar School increased the team's confidence. Given a target of 244 in 44 overs, we won by six wickets with three overs to spare. Buckley was once more the major contributor but he was given invaluable support from Wheeler as 150 runs came in the last 18 overs, 100 runs in the last ten, an awesome batting display. Three drawn matches followed in the first week of the cricket fortnight, although we would probably have beaten St Ambrose if rain had not intervened. Against the normally strong Birkenhead, our bowlers, particularly Jones and Emmett, did the main work, bowling our opponents out cheaply for 117. What looked an easy victory at 88-2 turned into a nail-biting finish as wickets fell steadily, Moroney and Jones finally seeing us home with eight wickets down.

The second week of the fortnight started with a comfortable win at Lytham and an even easier victory at home to Hulme Grammar School. In both cases our bowling and fielding restricted the opposition to low totals and Bones and Barnes made the runs without bothering the rest of the order. The Old Boys' XI were gathered from distant locations for this year's match, the captain, David Rousham, flying from Denmark, and again it proved a most enjoyable game, with the school maintaining their fine record of success in recent years.

The festival in Edinburgh was approached with confidence, which was not misplaced. The first match against Ipswich proved the hardest, as they made 215-6 in their 50 overs and at 103-

4 the game was evenly balanced. However, a good partnership by Patterson and Mason gave King's their advantage, which was not surrendered. An outstanding 126 by Bones laid the basis of our large total against Edinburgh and, although the host side were up with the run rate at the half-way stage of their overs, their effort petered out against tight bowling and fielding. In the final match of the season, against Brighton College, we did not appear well placed at 124-6 but another excellent innings, this time by Buckley, and fine support from Emmett saw us amass 146 runs from the last 19 overs and reach the impressive total of 270. After losing early wickets, Brighton were never able to threaten this score.

The season had started less impressively with a defeat at William Hulme, where we bowled and fielded well in an exciting game but had batted poorly, not making a large enough total. We defeated Cheadle Hulme in the next match but this was followed by losing to Arnold. This was very much the pattern of the first half of the season, where the performances lacked consistency.

Andrew Bones, the captain, had an outstanding season fulfilling the rich potential he had displayed as a batsman from a young age. He rarely failed each time he went to the wicket and from June on also made some large totals. His innings against Edinburgh was of a very high standard. His season's runs aggregate is the fourth highest in the school's history. Chris Buckley's season in many ways mirrored that of the XI. Unsuccessful in the first half of term, he hit a rich vein of form when returned to his favoured position in the batting order against Lancaster. From then on he played a number of crucial and often match-winning innings, at times with devastating power. Andrew Wheeler came third in the batting averages, something which would have amazed him and many others twelve months ago, displaying a sound technique coupled with a fair amount of strength. Mature innings against Manchester Grammar, the MCC and the Old Boys demonstrated his improvement. He also produced some useful bowling spells, although much of his potential is still undeveloped, and fine fielding. Andrew made an important all-round contribution to the team. Nick Mason likewise filled a telling role in the side, contributing with the bat, ball and as the leading catcher in the outfield. It was pleasing that the third and final Mason to play for the XI in recent years would, like his older brothers, make a significant contribution in his final season.

An important feature of the side was the number of players who did make all-

round contributions when necessary. Matthew Patterson who, with Mason, acted as vice-captains, kept wicket efficiently for the third season in succession and batted consistently throughout the summer. He often produced his best when most needed, revelling in a crisis or scoring quickly if required. Next season's captain, Tim Jenkins, batted throughout the summer at number 4 and would qualify as one of the most improved players. Like Patterson, he often produced runs when most needed and consistently made scores of 20 or 30. Hopefully next year these will be 60s and 70s.

Guy Emmett led the bowling averages for the second successive season and is a most enthusiastic cricketer. Throughout the season he was the bowler who the captain could rely on in a tight situation. His batting will also play a greater role next year, following his excellent innings against Brighton. Simon Jones by the cricket fortnight also became a most useful bowler. Always turning his left arm spin sharply, he developed the necessary consistency of line and length to pressurise batsmen. He was also a significant character in the XI in good and bad times.

Simon Moroney and Laurence Barnes made crucial contributions to the success of the side, although this is not reflected in the statistics. Both were outstanding fielders and played key roles in a number of games.

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## 1st XI Cricket Tour: South Africa

Fifteen boys and three staff departed from Macclesfield at lunch-time on Thursday February 15th, bound for Terminal 4, Heathrow, and flight BA1059 to Cape Town, the start of the third overseas tour by the school 1st XI in the past six years.

Twenty-four hours later, after a fairly uneventful flight and some interesting travel arrangements from the airport, we arrived at the prestigious Diocesan College (Bishops). Under clear blue skies and with Table Mountain as a background view, the party had a net and some fielding practice, followed by a swim. We had arrived.

As with all South African days, we were up early the following morning to travel down the coast for our first match at Fishhoek. Their school day starts at 8.00 am and runs through to 2.00 pm, leaving the afternoons free for extra-curricular activities, which seemed to be almost exclusively sport. Internal travel arrangements, which were to be a constant irritation, proved entertaining as we were provided with a sixty-seater municipal bus and a driver who spoke very

little English. After many hand signals and DMH feeling like the leader of a wagon train in a cowboy film, we managed to locate our destination.

Fishhoek was windy. Our opponents were well aware of the fielding positions needed, not so much for the batsmen but for the retrieving of hats which were blown off at regular intervals. After a good start by the hosts, Chris Buckley bowled a good spell and we reduced them to 98-5 but, unfortunately, we allowed them to recover to 244-7. Thirty-six hours off the aeroplane and on a grass wicket for the first time since the previous summer, our batting was not good enough and we were bowled out cheaply. The Headmaster and the Chairperson of the Governors came to meet us during the afternoon and made us feel most welcome. After the match, the party returned to Bishops, where the boys were being hosted in the boarding houses and were most interested in the power invested in the senior boys!

The following day we played under clear blue skies on the magnificent Bishops ground against one of the strongest teams in the Cape that season. We were again beaten convincingly and only the bowling of Chris Buckley (4-28) was of any note. As we were to encounter throughout the tour, our hosts were very hospitable and a *braai* with staff, parents and boys on a warm South African evening was most enjoyable.

After further complications with transport arrangements, we finally left Bishops the next morning. In a busy day of sightseeing, the party firstly visited a misty Table Mountain. After some discussion it was agreed we should go up. It was the right decision, with impressive views above the mist and an excellent breakfast in the restaurant. A full tour of Cape Point followed, starting at Signal Hill, then to Hout Bay, Chapmans Peak, Kommetjie, Cape of Good Hope, Simonstown and Muizenburg, where we all swam and enjoyed the big waves.

On to Wynberg for our next match on Tuesday, February 20th and a much better performance. Andrew Emslie and Andrew Wheeler provided an entertaining stand of 52 after Bones and Mason had done very well to deal with a very quick opening attack.

Another early start on Wednesday as we started on the Garden route. A six-hour drive to Oudtshorn with stops at Worcester and Ladysmith: scenery spectacular, mountainous and big. Accommodation at Oudtshorn in the very smart Queens Hotel. Thursday started with an entertaining hour at the Kango Ostrich Farm, followed by a visit to a picturesque waterfall where everybody swam and

jumped off rocky ledges. The world-famous (so we were told!) Kango Caves brought the day's activities to a close. We stayed overnight in the luxurious Far Hills Hotel, set beautifully in hilly countryside above George, with ibis on the sloping lawns and drongos in the trees. A cool, quite cold day, much like an English summer, welcomed us as we left the Far Hills for our drive to Port Elizabeth. Another long drive was punctuated with three hours spent on the beach at St Francis Bay which, given the conditions, was not surprisingly isolated, before we reached the airport for our flight to Johannesburg. It was an extremely bumpy one-and-a-half hours before landing in a lightning storm. They had had a great deal of rain in the Transvaal and there was some doubt about how much cricket we would play.

St Stithian's playing fields were under water but they had arranged for us to play at St John's. The grounds of both schools are very impressive. After a good start against St Stithian's (71-2), with Andrew Bones making 41, we were bowled out for 91 and lost by eight wickets. Simon Jones was the pick of the bowlers, taking two wickets for 23 runs in an eight-over spell. Parktown Boys, almost in the centre of Johannesburg, were our next opponents and before the match we were entertained by a school "chanting practice" on the bank overlooking the rugby pitch in preparation for the 1st XV home matches. On the cricket field we had the best of the early exchanges, taking three wickets for 20 in ten overs. A big hitter came in at 5, slogged a rapid 93 and they declared at 194-7, leaving us 38 overs. The match was drawn: King's 60-5. Guy Emmett had bowled well, claiming 4-47 in 15 overs and, again, Bones and Mason had done well to handle an aggressive opening attack.

We returned to St John's, a most impressive school, with the rugby pitch in front of and below the main school, the chapel, a chateau-like structure to the left. They were our final hosts in Johannesburg. They batted first and our bowlers struggled once more as they amassed 299-2 but a somewhat late declaration allowed us to battle well to secure a draw, with Tim Jenkins and Andrew Bones batting for a long time.

Most of the boys spent an enjoyable night on the waterfront, an area of restaurants and shops built around a lake: a lively, energetic place full of young people.

Wednesday February 28th and the circus moved on once more, this time to Pretoria Boys' High School. Travelling from place to place around Johannes-

burg had been interesting in a ramshackle old bus driven by a pipe-smoking old buffoon. As one of the hosts said: "Are you not embarrassed to travel in such a bus?" We were. The match against Pretoria did not go well and we were soundly beaten. Enough said.

If our experiences on the cricket field on this tour are a reflection of the standards of South African and English cricket, it is not hard to understand why they beat us in the recent Test series and one-day matches. The culture of the white South African seems very greatly sports-orientated and their climate allows them excellent conditions to practise and play in. Our boys were very impressed by how seriously their hosts took their sport, and the structure of their school day meant plenty of time was available to practise. In my opinion, in the seven matches we played, four of the sides were as strong as any that the King's School have played in the last nineteen years in which I have been involved with the 1st XI cricket side at the school.

The final leg of the tour was a visit to the Kruger National Park and a two-night stay at Pretoriuskop Camp. On a night drive in an open truck on the first evening, elephant, hyena and zebra were sighted. Lion, giraffe, wildebeest, impala, more zebra and many birds were seen on the following day, as well as a very large beetle spotted by Nick Mason. A fitting way to bring the curtain down on another African adventure for King's cricketers.

*Tour party:* A Bones (captain), N Mason (v-captain), A Wheeler, C Buckley, S Jones, G Emmett, M Smethurst, A Emslie, L Barnes, T Jenkins, J Clay, N Jones, R Lees, R Emslie, M Tunwell *Staff:* D M Harbord, P R M Mathews, S Moores

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## 2nd XI

P	W	D	L
12	7	5	0

Once again, the 2nd XI had a very successful season, winning the coveted "Team of the Year" award and remaining unbeaten for the second successive season.

The season started on a cold April afternoon at a windswept Derby Fields against William Hulme's Grammar School. King's suffered an inauspicious start, being 62-4 in little over an hour, but a fifth wicket stand between John Riley and David Brown added 95 and helped King's to a reasonable 198-5 declaration at tea. In reply, William Hulme, batting with only ten men because Ellis had been injured whilst fielding, reached 40-1 before Matthew Shephard took over.

He bowled 4.1 overs, taking 4 for 5, and William Hulme lost their last eight wickets for just 16 runs.

At Arnold School, Blackpool, the batting was even more suspect and the innings was only rescued by Colin Robinson and Matthew Shephard, batting at 9 and 11 respectively. In the end, King's had a total of 132 to defend and managed to hold on for the draw, Arnold finishing 13 short of victory.

The following week, the team travelled to play Bolton School on a day when, frankly, many players' thoughts were at Wembley for the FA Cup Final. It hardly showed as, chasing a target of 164, King's finished just six runs adrift, with three wickets standing when time ran out.

The first midweek game was against King's Chester. Undoubtedly the star of the King's innings was Simon Moroney, who scored 81 of King's total of 129. Five of King's batsmen recorded ducks and the second highest scorer was extras (26). King's Chester put up little resistance, however, being bowled out for just 69, thanks to Paul Richbell (three wickets) and Matthew Smethurst, Ben Chiarella and Neil Hudson (two each).

Buoyed by this success, King's took on Stockport Grammar School, the second team in succession to field only ten men. In a 35-over match, King's made a very respectable 216-8, the most significant contributions coming from David Brown (43) and David Harbord (40), their partnership being worth 86 for the sixth wicket. King's bowlers barely broke sweat in demolishing Stockport for just 48 in fewer than half the allocated overs. Once more, Matthew Shephard was the bowling star, taking 4-11 in 3.4 overs.

The team travelled confidently to Newcastle-under-Lyme and, put into bat, made 183-9 declared. Three players scored over 30: James Bracewell, now the captain, David Harbord and Nick Jones. A combination of good bowling and fielding restricted Newcastle to 63-9 with 34 balls left, but King's were unable to overcome the exceptionally defensive last pair.

King's next visitors were the traditionally strong Nottingham High School. Yet, on this occasion, they were overwhelmed by the bowling of, in particular, Matthew Jackson. The King's batsmen had no trouble in reaching the required total with more than 17 overs to spare.

The stars of the trip to Lancaster were wicketkeeper Nick Jones, who made 74\* in King's score of 173-8 dec, and Colin Robinson, who took the side's best bowling figures of the season, 5-7 in eight overs, but once more King's opponents held on doggedly for a draw.

King's next match was against Manchester Grammar School, the last team to defeat the 2nd XI two years previously. The match started at 11.30 am, despite protests from the players. King's, having won their first toss of the season, reduced Manchester to 19-2. After a third wicket partnership of 40, King's then took wickets at a fairly regular rate and reduced Manchester to 179 all out. The biggest threat to King's progress towards victory in the afternoon was a stoppage, agreed by both teams, to listen to England's penalty shoot-out against Spain in Euro 96. When the games resumed, King's reached their target comfortably.

Arguably the best all-round performance was at home to Ellesmere College. Richard Emslie, on his 2nd XI debut, scored 100\* and his brother Andrew made 70 as King's declared at 185-2. Colin Robinson and Ben Chiarella took four wickets each as King's disposed of Ellesmere without delay for 68.

Against Birkenhead, Andrew Emslie improved on his score of three days earlier, this time making 76 as King's reached 170-4 declared. The Birkenhead innings, however, never really came close to an exciting finish, the final score being 113-4.

The final match of the season was against the Clergy of Chester Diocese. In a match of 25 overs per side, both of the openers - Andrew Emslie and Simon Moroney - retired having reached their half-centuries as King's made 153-5. The most notable event in the innings was the six hit by Moroney to reach his fifty, which met a rather resilient car windscreen! Matthew Smethurst took four Clergy wickets as our opponents were bowled out for 102 and the season ended on a successful note.

The following represented the school: *11 appearances* J Clay; *10* M Drabble, J Riley; *9* N Jones; *8* J Bracewell, N Hudson, C Robinson, M Smethurst; *7* D Harbord; *6* D Brown, S Moroney, M Shephard; *5* A Emslie, W Gittins, M Rice; *4* M Jackson; *3* L Barnes, M Hoare, A Vij; *2* B Chiarella; *1* R Emslie, S Hobbs, P Richbell, R Willis.

Special mention should also be made of James Farrar, who was scorer for the team throughout the season.

*JF (16)*

## U15 XI

	P	W	D	L
A Team	14	5	5	4
B Team	2	1	0	1

In some ways, this turned out to be a slightly disappointing season in that a squad who won four of its first five games eventually finished with a playing

record that was inferior to last year's side, a team with considerably less all round talent. How could this be?

A number of factors spring to mind. Entry into the Lords Taverners proved a great fillip initially, and close and competitive games against Birkenhead and Trent, both of which were won, raised morale. This, allied to sound defeats of William Hulme and Arnold, seemed to augur well; within the space of a week, the season fell apart. Defeat by Stockport in the Dews Cup, followed by a more crucial loss to Manchester in the last 16 of the Taverners, seemed to rip the heart out of the side, almost as if there was nothing left to play for. As a result, of the remaining seven games of the season, only one victory was recorded and the side tasted defeat in two further games, the return Birkenhead fixture and at King's, Chester, in the final match of the season.

In addition to this psychological aspect, the team's performances lacked the consistency which is a feature of the really strong sides. The batting occasionally looked fragile, as in the cup game against Trent, where at one stage the scoreboard read 15 for 3 off 6 overs, and the Saturday fixtures against Newcastle, where the side failed to chase the moderate total of 105 in 28 overs, while on the other hand the bowling attack lacked the real penetration to bowl sides out, particularly when they were intent on survival, the Nottingham, Bolton and Lancaster draws being good examples. Naivety in the field was in evidence periodically, but with experience such lapses should be eradicated.

Nevertheless, the side possesses talented individuals. When the likes of Webster, Yates and Richbell are merely occasional performers, then it is a measure of the ability available. Lees, Emslie, Tunwell and the unorthodox Smith all have the potential to become powerful Senior cricketers. Sweetzer and Unterhalter, once they had gained their confidence, proved themselves to be genuine wicket takers and were arguably under-bowled, Sweetzer especially. Allday had another pleasing season with the bat and Jason Lloyd played a full season, initially as a bat, but completed the year bowling five tidy overs at Chester. There is thus no reason why in the future, if the players use this year's experience to positive effect, this side should not mature into a very strong Senior squad.

The arrival of Ben Chiarella from Sydney, Australia, broke new ground for the school. Here for only a term, this talented individual had no problems settling into the side and proved a great asset, top-

ping the batting averages and finishing second in the bowling figures. However, the flip side of this coin means that he is regrettably no longer available and the process of his becoming a key player in the side invariably meant that someone who will be here next year was denied a regular spot. There is no easy solution to this thorny dilemma.

The B XI this year unfortunately only managed two games, an emphatic Dews Cup victory against Highfields and defeat by All Hallows. The value of such games, however, is not to be underestimated. Brocklehurst in this latter game showed genuine ability as a left-hand bat, always handy, and McGlashan, Sumner and Spicer all performed creditably. Ostrowski and Flynn, too, were keen and enthusiastic. With luck, they should be able to play more games in the coming seasons if they wish to.

The following boys represented the A team: C E Allday, E V Bones, D W Brocklehurst, B Chiarella, R J Emslie, D P Isherwood, R R O Lees, C J C Lloyd, D A S Mellor, M J Richbell, T A N Smith, J E Spicer, J W Sweetzer, M R Tunwell, A J D Unterhalter, R M Webster, M S Yates

The following boys represented the B team: C E Allday, D W Brocklehurst, A T Flynn, P M Hart, C J C Lloyd, J P C McGlashan, D A S Mellor, M Ostrowski, M G Roberts, M J Richbell, J E Spicer, A G T Sumner, R M Webster, M S Yates.

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## U14 XI

P	W	D	L
14	8	3	3

The season had three parts. The first eight games resulted in six wins and two draws. On a very cold day at the end of April, Isherwood and Bones began the season against William Hulme as they meant to go on. To give the other batsmen some practice, they retired unbeaten at 140 for 0. This was a worthwhile experiment as three wickets were lost quite quickly, showing the brittleness of the mid-order batting. Happily, the ship settled again and King's were able to declare at a healthy 199 for 3 off 35 overs. William Hulme were then dismissed for 54 and eight King's bowlers were used, Sharp and Taylor taking three wickets each.

On an uneven wicket at Arnold, Isherwood and Bones again made a sound start, demonstrating their excellent technique against the unpredictable bounce. Daniel made 65 and Eddie went on to 100 not out. Rushton came in and promptly ran out Sharp! He made amends by thrashing a brisk 31, including a six into the road.

Arnold defended well against King's total of 217 for 5 off 40 overs, finishing on 79 for 8 off 33 overs. King's bowling was not quite good enough on the day but possibly an earlier declaration would have helped.

The third game was the Hopkins Cup Final, carried over from the previous season. A 20 overs limit for each side did not prevent King's from smashing an unbeatable score of 166 for 3, thanks almost totally to a magnificent knock of 93 not out by Isherwood. Incredibly, King's were only 49 for 0 after 10 overs. A shout of encouragement from yours truly provoked an unprecedented response.

King's Chester batted well but were never likely to emulate Macclesfield's performance. Coincidentally, they were also on 49 for 0 after 10 overs but 118 from the last 10 overs proved too demanding and they finished on 103 for 6. Dan Isherwood, the captain, deservedly received the Hopkins Cup from Mr Hopkins himself after the game, which had been played at Winnington Park Cricket Club.

At Bolton School on an artificial wicket, the opposition made 202 from 41 overs. Once again, our openers seemed to be making a mockery of the target so I again asked them to retire. Rather than that, they got themselves out, enjoying scores of 70 each once again. Unfortunately, the remaining 60 runs almost proved too much for King's other nine batsmen. Only a desperate lunge by number eleven, Jay, edged King's to victory with one ball to spare.

King's then beat Stockport in a tremendously exciting game. Our bowlers at last started to bowl well. Sharp, Rushton and Lloyd were accurate and consistent. However, a six-foot batsman hit 77 not out and helped Stockport to 199 for 6 off 42 overs. The task appeared likely to be too much in a maximum of 37 overs, especially when Stockport opened with two accurate medium-pace bowlers who kept King's down to 83 for 4 off the first 20 overs. However, Rushton and Sharp had other ideas. They set about the bowling with powerful straight hitting. Totally against the odds King's were brought within 20 runs of victory by this pair, and sensible batting by Pickup and Lloyd completed the job. A very satisfying win.

A draw against Newcastle (56 for Isherwood, 51 not out by Taylor) and an easy win in the Lords Taverners Cup against Heathfield brought an end to King's successful first section of the season.

Nottingham arrived to put King's back in their place. They were a very impres-

sive outfit. Each player seemed highly talented with bat and ball, and even their fielding was outstanding. King's election to bat first on a wet wicket proved a big mistake as their four excellent bowlers made great use of the conditions and despatched us for 32 all out! Then, on a drying wicket, they lost only one batsman whilst coasting to victory. To rub salt into the wound, Nottingham also won a 20 over game we played afterwards to use up time before the coach left!

This seemed to stun King's after their previous easy victories and the next two games were also lost. First Lancaster reached our total of 106 all out (Lane and Barber batting well to rescue us from 64 for 7). Our bowling was fair but Lancaster's sensible batting approach was not unduly troubled, losing only four wickets.

Then King's Chester got their revenge in the semi-final of the Cup. This time our batting struggled against good, steady Chester bowling, despite Isherwood's hard fought 44. Chester had little difficulty in surpassing our total.

Happily, King's then entered a successful third stage to the season when beating Manchester Grammar School, thanks especially to an outstanding innings of 103 not out by Bones. Birkenhead were beaten next (Bones 90 not out) and the final game against Lytham was drawn (Bones 45, Rushton 48).

In general, the team acquitted themselves well throughout the season, enjoying their cricket, and everyone made progress. Dan Isherwood (468 runs, average 59) captained the side maturely and shows great promise in this and in his batting. Eddie Bones (611 runs, average 87) is an equally gifted batsman and his season was truly outstanding. Ashley Sharp (294 runs, average 29; 18 wickets, average 14.8) was the top wicket taker and with greater consistency should become a menacing pace bowler. His batting also shows potential. Oliver Rushton (212 runs, average 19, and 5 wickets) progressed with bat and ball and deserved a better bowling return. Oliver Pickup (46 runs and 10 wickets) looks likely to develop into a pacey opening bowler. Richard Thompson (13 wickets, average 13.2) is an accurate bowler and will succeed if he works at his game. Ros Taylor (128 runs) had a couple of good scores, as did Jonathan Howell. John Lane (106 runs), Matthew Jay (7 wickets), Oliver Barber and Ben Westcott all played their part in a good team effort. Nathan Gray (12 wickets, average 9.6) and Alex White bowled with promise earlier in the season.

The B team played three games and



the following took part:

O Barber, J Howell, B Westcott, M Westcott, J Gregory, D Kendrick, J Stanley, M Rudge, T Ward, J Triggs, R Boxall

*CJM*

## U13 XI

	P	W	D	L
A Team	14	8	4	2
B Team	3	0	2	1

The season started in April with the visit of William Hulme's Grammar School to the Derby Fields. Russell top scored with 43 out of the total of 136 for 7 dec. Hart, 8.1-1-21-5, and Childs with 3 for 20 were the main wicket takers in William Hulme's reply of 80 all out.

The first round of the Hopkins Trophy competition saw Fallibroome make a respectable 92 for 3 in their 20 overs but Keep, 41 not out, and Duffy, 37, made short work of the reply, rattling up 94 for 2 in just 11.5 overs.

A trip to Blackpool in early May saw King's declare at 143 for 4, with Russell, 60, again on form and Pickup undefeated on 31. Pickup also collected 4 for 17 in Arnold's reply, but from 27 for 8 their ninth wicket pair held out for 22 overs to secure a draw, a disappointing result in the circumstances.

Bolton, 8 for 4 after 25 minutes, and 33 for 6 later, staged an amazing recovery to declare at 162 for 9 the following week at the Derby Fields. King's had little time to reply but a magnificent opening partnership between Hutter, 74 not out, and Keep, 62, supported by Hart, 26 not out, brought about an unlikely 9 wicket win in less than 27 overs batting.

At Stockport, Pickup, 67 not out, Robinson, 43, and Hart, 36, were the main scorers in our 198 for 5 declared. Keep with 6 for 37 was largely responsible for a good 68 run victory.

With Messrs Laurence and Keefe away, Mr Percival resumed his acquaintance with the team for the trip to Newcastle on Whitsuntide Saturday. Wheetman made 47 not out in our 150, but it was disappointing to find the hosts hanging on at 103 for 8 at the close.

With several regulars on holiday, a somewhat scratch team entertained Solihull, who were on tour, the following day. Despite making only 81, we put up a good fight and the visitors only scraped home by 3 wickets.

Good batting, particularly by Hart, 53, and Keep, 54, saw us to 179 for 5 at Nottingham in early June. On a dull track for bowlers, Nottingham replied with 122 for 3.

When the second round of the Hopkins Trophy was conceded eventually by Whitby High School, we were drawn

against Altrincham. Batting first, the home team scored 87 for 5 in their 20 overs and, after a few alarms, Duffy hit a whirlwind 23 not out to ensure a 5 wicket win, with 11 balls to spare.

Lancaster, a new fixture at this level, was our next port of call. Pickup, 9.3-4-16-4 was instrumental in keeping their score down to 57 all out; a quick finish ensued, with Hart making 38.

The most disappointing result of the season came at the hands of Manchester Grammar School, who had only just clung on for a draw in the U12 fixture last year. Russell took 4 for 16 as they reached 146 for 8 declared, but we seemed unable to cope with their bowlers and were dismissed for 74.

The Hopkins Trophy semi-final followed and Cheadle Hulme were the visitors. Our batting was superb, Hutter, 65, and Hart, 75, being undisturbed throughout the 20 overs and we closed on 149 for 0. To their credit, Cheadle Hulme managed 113 for 9 in reply, Russell 5 for 20.

Rain badly affected the final games of the season. We were 106 for 9 on a very soft wicket against St Ambrose (Hart 44) when further rain forced an abandonment. We did, however, manage to complete the game against Lytham, who managed only 101 (Pickup 11-6-14-4) and, led by Hart with 38 not out, we won easily by 8 wickets.

The Hopkins Trophy final was also a victim of the weather and, at the time of writing, is still to be played.

The B team games this year saw us defeated by All Hallows (100 for 5 against 79 for 9 in 20 overs) and draw 2 games because of the intervention of rain. Against St Ambrose, we had made 106 for 8 (McAuliffe 51) and the game was interestingly poised with the opposition at 30 for 2. Against Barlow High School there were just 9 overs in which we scored 56 without loss, of which Bowers had made 47.

Robert Hart is to be congratulated on his selection for the County team, following some excellent innings full of attacking strokeplay. James Hutter again opened the batting with great success and, providing he can improve his fielding, must surely be a county player of the future. Also close to selection were Jonathan Russell and Jonathan Keep, who had excellent all-round seasons, and James Duffy whose wicket-keeping continues to develop. Guy Pickup captained the team well and, with James Childs, served the team well on the spin bowling front. Ben Robinson batted with distinction and James Ellis and Harry Wheetman made great strides during the season. This is a squad capable of great things in

the seasons to come.

The following boys represented the school: G Pickup, J Russell, R Hart, J Keep, J Hutter, B Robinson, J Duffy, J Childs, J Ellis, H Wheetman, S Webster, D Bowers, R McAuliffe, R Ogden, J Shaw, A Halewood, M Blackshaw, J Redfern, T Hawkwood, A Oxford, S Hart, C Lomax, M Beattie, A Williamson

*GL/JEK*

## U12 XI

P	W	D	L	Abandoned
13	4	3	5	1

If cricket were only played in the field, then the U12 team would have had an extremely successful season. Aply led by captain and main strike bowler, Tom Isherwood, few opponents were able to match the accurate, penetrative bowling of Tom Williamson, John Arnfield, Nick Rice, Oliver Ward and Tom Davenport, or the good ground fielding and catching of the whole team. Batting, however, remains another story. The team found it very difficult to play straight, score runs and remain at the crease for any great length of time. There was the odd exception but, for the main part, opponents were bowled out reasonably cheaply, then it was a matter of hanging on, rather than chasing the runs. The spirit of the team did remain good, however, and everyone was eager to work at their game in an attempt to improve, and for this the whole team deserves praise.

And improve everyone did, with Ian Sear emerging later on in the season to bat with some confidence and power, achieving an impressive half century at King Edward School, Lytham, and to top the batting averages. Jonathan Petty emerged as a straight and steady bowler, achieving figures of 4-17 at King's, Chester, to pip the excellent Tom Isherwood at the top of the bowling averages.

The victories came in low scoring time matches against Arnold and Newcastle-under-Lyme School, and in the new U12 Campey Cup matches against Sandbach School in the quarter-final and Stockport School in the semi-final, the latter having inflicted a heavy defeat on the team in the time game. The cup final against Christleton High School was not played by the end of the season and was played at a later date (see below). Other time games saw strong Nottingham High School and Royal Grammar School, Lancaster, teams bowl the team out cheaply to secure impressive victories. There was great resolve, however, when hanging on for draws, in particular at Manchester Grammar School.

There is much hard work ahead if the team is to turn into an effective unit, but

there is great willingness amongst them to improve and this augurs well for the future.

The following boys were regular players in the A team: T Isherwood (captain), J Arnfield, T Cumberbirch, T Davenport, N Griffiths, J Petty, A Quas-Cohen, N Rice, I Sear, O Ward, T Williamson, A Wilson.

#### *Campey Cup Final:*

*Wednesday 11th September*

The U12 Cup Final was played on a dark and threatening afternoon at Tattenhall Cricket Club. King's won the toss and put Christleton in to bat. The five bowlers bowled extremely well and Toms Davenport and Cumberbirch held fine catches to restrict Christleton to 104 runs in 25 overs. Oliver Ward, opening the bowling, had the impressive figures of 5 overs for only 10 runs.

The King's batsmen got off to a fine start, with Alex Wilson in particular scoring freely as he adopted the Sri Lankan approach to opening. The national disease, however, middle order collapse, meant that the team was restricted to 69 runs and so Christleton, who played extremely effectively on the day, became the inaugural Campey Cup winners.

*JAD*

#### **U11 XI**

	P	W	D	T	L
U11A	7	1	0	1	5
U11B	2	0	1	0	1

It has to be said that both the weather and the standard of play by the team were inferior to that of recent years. However, the spirits of the team were undiminished by their lack of success and they continued to enjoy their cricket.

This year's team lacked the necessary individuals who were regularly capable of building a big innings or of bowling a side out. On the only occasion when the batting was successful (at Bury) the game was won thanks to two excellent innings by Nick Jamonts (51 not out, the only half-century of the season) and Chris Westwood (47), ably supported by captain Tom Kirk (18) and Baz Williamson (13). This excellent batting performance (on, for once, a sunny morning) followed a disciplined fielding and bowling effort with three wickets for Jamonts' well-flighted leg-spinners and two each for the pacy Williamson and Ian Lomax's fledgling off-breaks.

The other pleasurable performance came against Altrincham Prep when, defending a total of 77 for 9 declared (thanks in the main to a brisk 30 from Westwood), the last ball of the match

was reached with Altrincham's score at 76 for 7, allowing three possible results. Williamson's calmness allowed the visitors only one run from the last ball to tie the scores. All the other matches ended in disappointing defeats when the team was outplayed by stronger opponents.

A lack of sound technique was evident in most of the batsmen. Tom Kirk showed a tremendous eye for the ball and hit many lusty blows to the legside boundary which defied his small stature but was too often defeated by a "straight one"! Both Nick Jamonts and Baz Williamson looked classy but very rarely got their innings going. Chris Westwood is another with a very good eye but he often lacked the patience to build an innings. Nick Mills, Michael Harris, Simon Birch and Andrew Triggs all had a number of opportunities but could not get their scores going.

In the bowling department there was also a lack of consistency. Williamson and Westwood both looked sharp on occasions but could not bowl a consistent length and the support seam bowling of Mills, Birch, Triggs and Edward Mack lacked a cutting edge. Promise was occasionally shown in the spin department by Nick Jamonts (who will be sadly missed as he returns to his native Australia) and Ian Lomax with support from Karan Vij. Tom Kirk was an enthusiastic captain as well as an able wicketkeeper.

It was a great pleasure to play matches at Fence Avenue for the first time. To see two games of cricket progressing on the superbly tended fields on a sunny morning against the backdrop of the hills was a sight to behold. Well done to Steve Moores and the groundstaff for their hard efforts over the past two years which will give many more summers (and winters) of pleasure to budding sportsplayers. Thanks also to Mrs Kirk for scoring and supporting the team through thick and thin! If the players can maintain their interest in the game and are prepared to listen and learn they have the potential to endure successful seasons in the future.

The B team had just two matches which provided useful opportunities for those boys who practised regularly. Indeed, James Beaumont, Edward Mack, Chris Ayres, Alex Basford and Debajeet Choudhuri progressed to the A team. The most notable performances came from James Beaumont who hit an excellent score of 48 in the drawn match against Stockport and Chris Ayres who took four wickets in the same match. The other match against Birkenhead was played as a "calypso-style" pairs match where the batsmen batted in pairs for four overs each, giving all the players an opportunity to take part. Other team

members were Daniel Laird, Stephen English, Chris Barber, John Rees, Colin Hinchliffe, Osman Hussain, Charles Richards, Ashley Dale, Adam Harper, Patrick Sutton and Stacy Parker.

#### *Cheshire County Kwik Cricket Competition*

King's entered into this inaugural event which involves a team, consisting of four boys and four girls, playing Kwik Cricket with plastic bats, balls and wickets. In this variation on the grand game the children bat in pairs for two overs each (runs being lost for each wicket with the batsman continuing) and each bowls one over.

In the preliminary competition, held at Alderley Edge CC, the team won all four games against Alderley Edge, Handforth Hall, St Vincent's (Altrincham) and Adlington Primary Schools and thereby qualified to represent the area at the county final on Wednesday, July 17th at Moss Lane Recreation Centre, Hartford, Northwich.

On a delightfully warm, summer's day the team became one of the four "champions of the day" by defeating Hollingworth, St Monica's, Moulton and Brooklands schools and received a shield as well as individual trophies for the players. As a further reward, the team members were invited to take part in a Kwik-Cricket display at the Texaco One-day International between England and Pakistan held on August 29th which was a super experience for all concerned. Deserved congratulations go to the victorious squad of Simon Birch, Victoria Bostock, Fiona Howe, Nick Jamonts, Thomas Kirk (capt), Gemma Lane, Francesca Mortimer, Kate Owens, Katie Riddell, Andrew Triggs, Chris Westwood and Charlie Williamson.

#### *House Competition (held at FOKJ Hog Roast)*

In the semi-finals Capesthorpe beat Gawsorth and Adlington beat Tatton; in the final Capesthorpe beat Adlington. Tatton beat Gawsorth in the 3/4 Play-Off.

Colours were awarded to Tom Kirk, Nick Jamonts, Chris Westwood and Nick Mills.

*GJS*

## Athletics

### Senior Boys

1996 was a very disappointing season as the Seniors ended up with only one triangular fixture. Matches are always difficult to find at this level, and what was most frustrating was that the annual North West Regional Independent Schools' Championships appear to have finished!

The one fixture actually produced a very close and hard fought match between ourselves, Lancaster and Birkenhead. Jonathan Jacques set an early example by winning both the 110m hurdles and the 200m, as he had done for the last five or six years. The only other winning performances came from James Keep in the javelin and the 4x100m relay consisting of Rob Hartley, Jonathan Jacques, Jonathan Leigh and Steve Nicholson. Although everybody gave their best, the final match result was Lancaster 98 points, King's 93 points and Birkenhead 81 points. The Upper Sixth boys decided to hang up their spikes and concentrate on their examinations, rather than compete in the County Championships or for the County. Thanks must be given to J Jacques, J Jackson, J Perriss and D Hallam in particular for their continued support and success during the last seven years.

Three boys from the Lower Sixth did compete in the County Championships at Crewe. They were J Leigh in the high jump, J Keep in the javelin and A Pamment in the shot. As a result of their performances, both J Leigh and J Keep went on to represent Cheshire in these events.

The following boys competed for the Senior team: D Brooks, J Campbell, R Cummings, D Eagle, D Hallam, R Hartley, J Jackson, J Jacques, J Keep, J Leigh, A Milne, S Nicholson, A Pamment, J Perriss, D Taylor, N Thompson.

*DTB*

### U17 Boys

As a result of the cancellation of the North West Independent Schools' Championships, the team had only two matches.

The first was the Macclesfield and District Championships, held at Woodbank Park, where eight schools competed. On a cold and wet afternoon, the team produced some very good results. King's won seven out of twelve events and had six second places. There were winning performances from Guy Tristram (100m and shot), William Gamble (100m hurdles and high jump), Jared Clay (200m), Stephen Brown (javelin) and James Shockledge (discus). This gave an outstanding overall result of: 1st King's (93 points), 2nd All Hallows (70

points), 3rd Dane Valley (26 points). Although the District team could have consisted mainly of King's pupils, only two boys took part in the County Championships because of pressure of examinations. These were Stephen Brown (javelin) and Joe Randall (shot).

The other match was the triangular fixture against Lancaster and Birkenhead. Unfortunately, the team was weakened by one or two boys not being available or not actually turning up. Although the team rallied round to produce some good performances, particularly William Wills in winning the 800m and William Gamble in winning the high jump, the only other winning performance came in the 4x100m. As a result, the final match score was: 1st Lancaster (98 points), 2nd King's (95 points), 3rd Birkenhead (89 points).

The following boys competed for the U17 team: P Adams, S Brown, D Childs, G Cook, J Clay, W Gamble, G Mairs, J Mossrop, J Randall, M Rice, J Schofield, I Selbie, J Shockledge, J Spicer, G Tristram, S Turner, N Ward, W Wills.

*DTB*

### U16 Boys

The season started with the Track League matches. This year saw the promotion of Manchester Grammar School and Stockport Grammar School into the first division to compete against Bramhall High School and ourselves. The first match was held at home, where the team performed very well, winning two of the five individual events and both relays. As a result they had a comfortable victory. The second match, at Bramhall, saw a couple of key changes and as a result the team finished third out of four schools. Unfortunately the third and final match had to be postponed and was never held.

We entered the TSB Track and Field Schools' Cup and took part in the first round, although we knew that we could not compete in further rounds as the next round was during school examination week. Although there was only pride at stake, the team performed well, even though they were one team member short. The outstanding performances came from John Spicer, 39 points (200m and long jump), Ian Selbie, 37 points (400m and high jump), Guy Basnett, 35 points (80m hurdles and javelin) and Paul Adams, 33 points (100m and shot).

The final match was at the Helsby Invitation where, through injury or unavailability, the team was very much weakened - so much so that we only had half a team. A very disappointing way to finish off the season.

The following boys competed for the U16 team: P Adams, M Anderton,

B Ashton, G Basnett, N Battersby, S Challiner, A Irwin, A Kane, G Mairs, M McNamara, A Oppenheim, J Orme, J Robertson, I Selbie, J Spicer, M Tunwell, A Unterhalter, N Ward, W Wills.

*DTB*

### U15 Boys

Twenty-five athletes represented the school's U15 athletics team in the seven matches of the 1996 athletics season. Although there was a self-evident depth of talent, few - with the exception of multi-events specialist Christian Baker - were capable of winning match runs, jumps or throws.

At U15 level, King's placed second in the Track League, behind Bramhall HS but ahead of Manchester GS and Stockport GS. Overall in the four age group Trophy event, however, King's were only third and, for the first time, were relegated to Division Two for 1997. The District Championships, on a very wet May afternoon at Woodbank Park, Stockport, were dominated by All Hallows HS, with King's, at U15 level, a distant second in the eight team match. Christian Baker (javelin) was the only event winner and was also second in the 200m. Alex Oppenheim (2nd, 800m), Nick Battersby (3rd, 1500m) and James Robertson (3rd, shot putt) were the only other "medallists" - a meagre haul which resulted in the smallest ever U15 representation at the County Championships. Christian Baker did, however, win the county discus title and represented Cheshire with distinction at the Inter County Mason Trophy match.

The Field Events Trophy stretches the resources and depth of talent. Sadly, crucial injuries were critical and King's could manage only third in the Year 3 competition. In the combined event (for the three age groups) the Trophy was retained by West Hill HS, Stalybridge, with King's again second of the five schools. At the Helsby Trophy, winners St Anselm's were just too powerful for a King's team that trailed in fifth behind class teams from Helsby HS, Wirral GS and All Hallows HS.

Sports Day was deservedly won by 3PW, with 3PME the runners-up. Matthew Jay, who won both the 100m and long jump, and Christian Baker, who was first in all three throws and the high jump, were the prominent athletes at the traditional finale to a muted season.

The following represented the King's U15 athletics team in the 1996 season (in alphabetical order):

C Baker, O Barber, N Battersby, E Bones, R Bradfield, C Cooper, N Hirst, J Horrocks, David Isherwood, M Jay, T Mather, D Maurice, E Moran, A Oppenheim, R Owen, O Pickup, A Rath, B Robinson,

J Robertson, Z Sawas, S Stanley, R Thompson, D Topalian, P Tsalikis, C Watts.

KLP

## U14 Boys

The Under 14s had an enjoyable and reasonably successful season, although we did not have quite enough star performers nor quite enough strength in depth to actually win any of the matches. We were third in Division 1 of the Track League and also did fairly well in the Helsby Trophy at the end of the season. Two matches that we should have won were the first round of the English Schools Cup at Warrington and the Field Events Match. In both, a single lapse in one event cost us victory.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the IAPS Championships at Bebington Oval, where the boys were competing for medals as individuals. We had a highly successful day, with 1st place for R Hart (javelin), 2nd places for Collins (200m), R Hart (800m), Bamber (1500m) and Robinson (high jump), and 3rd place for Collins (long jump). In addition, Robinson (100m), Blackshaw (hurdles), Shaw (400m) and the 4x100m relay team of Shaw, R Hart, Collins and Robinson all made it to the final of their respective events.

Altogether twenty boys represented the school during the term. They were: M J Bamber, M A Blackshaw, A J Bruce, C M Clarke, A J Collins, T R M Egerton (U13), J W Ellis, R P B Greer, R J Hart, S D Hart, J P Keep, D C Lewis, J C Lomax, L P Oppenheim, M T Robertson, B M Robinson, D J Shaw, J A Slater, N P Small and S M Webster.

MGH

## U13 Boys

The season started in unspectacular fashion with a tough track league match against local rivals Stockport, Bramhall and Manchester Grammar School. King's finished a close third to the latter two schools, in blustery conditions at the Westminster Road track.

However, as the season progressed and the boys were able to gain valuable experience during PE and Games lessons, some talented athletes emerged. This was clearly illustrated when King's hosted the annual Field Events meeting in early June. The host school won all but two of the events at U13 level, comfortably beating All Hallows, Fallibroome, Audenshaw and West Hill. The outstanding performer in the field was Ian Sear, who won the County discus title with a throw of 22.64m. He also came close to the school shot putt record on many occasions. Throughout the season he

was ably supported by Tom Warburton, who managed to come fourth in the Cheshire Championships. Chris Rodgers and John Gartside threw regularly over 20m in the javelin, while the former ran magnificently to finish third in the District 200m.

Perhaps the weakest area was the jumping. However, Paul Stewart and Alex Armstead scored very consistently, with the former showing great promise, particularly if he can perfect his run-up.

The track athletes improved greatly towards the end of term, performing especially well in the ever-competitive Helsby Trophy, where they finished a close second to Wirral Grammar School. Tim Egerton was the pick of the athletes, dominating the 1500m all season, the highlight being his demolition of the field in the IAPS Championships at Bebington, when he lowered John Wild's school record to 4.50.6. Tim also became County Champion with another gun to tape front running performance. He received solid support in the middle distance events from John Gartside, Alex Armstead and Andrew Geake.

Jonathan Powell improved rapidly over 400m while Martin Bush won the District 70m hurdles the day after first practising the event. Tom Cumberbirch was consistently impressive over 200m, winning the District Championships and finishing a close third at County level. Matthew Barker and Paul Stewart performed very well over the 100m and, along with Cumberbirch, formed three-quarters of the sprint relay team that was victorious in the Cheshire Championships.

This has been an encouraging year for the U13 Athletics team, who should perform very well in future years if they are able to maintain their commitment and interest.

PW

## U12 Girls

The U12s had an encouraging season, with fine performances at the Macclesfield & District Minors Athletics Competition hosted by Ryles Park. There were five outstanding performances, with these individuals qualifying for the Cheshire Schools U12 Championships at Crewe. These were: Abigail Broomhead (1st in hurdles), Amy Percival (2nd in triple jump), Rachael Kirk (2nd in javelin), Holly Pemberton (3rd in discus), Amy Seden (3rd in high jump).

Overall the individual performances put us in 2nd team position out of thirteen schools.

At the U12 Cheshire Schools Championships Holly Pemberton's performance in the discus was impressive, earning her 2nd position.

The season provided great encouragement for the future and saw the emergence of several talented athletes.

LB

## Junior Division Athletics

*Area 7 Boys' Meeting - Bebington Oval:*

There were some good performances at this well-attended meeting, most notably by James Beaumont who achieved a Bronze Medal in the high jump with a clearance of 1.23 metres.

*Macclesfield Primary Schools Sports:*

This event was held for the first time at Fence Avenue and was attended by 20 local schools. Here there were several notable individual performances with both the boys' and girls' teams coming fifth in their respective competitions, whilst the combined score was the fourth best of the competing schools.

*Sports Day* took place over two days towards the end of the term. Dreadful weather meant that it was only just possible to fit in the events during breaks in the rain. However the overall results were as follows:

1st	Adlington	260 pts
2nd	Tatton	252 pts
3rd	Capesthorpe	230 pts
4th	Gawsworth	182 pts

Individual champions were: Alex Reade and Eve Marchant (J1), Hari Rathi and Francesca Bernard (J2), Alex Davenport and Stephanie Comfort/Sarah Levitt (J3), Simon Birch and Sarah Spicer (J4)

GJS

## Basketball

The delicate faint flickering flame that was so carefully fanned over recent seasons was finally extinguished at the end of the disappointing 1995-96 Basketball season. Reluctantly, there will be no school matches undertaken in 1996-97. Conflicting and multiplying demands on pupils and staff alike, antiquated and cramped facilities and a further reduction of the available practice time, allied to the consequent declining results, made the inevitable, but frequently deferred, decision absolutely unavoidable. Reality was embraced with little joy.

The U13s won three of their five games in the Macclesfield Schools League and finished well in credit at the season's end. The U14 and U15 squads, however, could not secure a single win between them. The U13s placed third in their league; the U14s and U15s were both bottom of their leagues. Not so many years ago, King's regularly contested and sometimes won league titles, but are clearly no longer able to challenge the better teams in the area.

## Other Sport

Robert Hart, Daniel Bowers and Jonathan Keep were the key players in the U13 team; in U14 games, James Horrocks and Edward Bones were usually prominent, whilst on the U15 squad John Spicer's shooting and the rebounding of Duncan Farrar and James Ritchie were always important.

Inter-form competitions were enthusiastically contested in 1995-96 and will be extended further in 1996-97. The Year 1 leagues for A and B teams were won by 1RG and 1JRH respectively; 2GT dominated both the Year 2 competitions and 3JP convincingly won the Year 3 league.

The following players represented school teams:

*U13:* D Bowers, R Hart, J Keep, M Beattie, J Slater, B Robinson, T Hawkwood, J Halle, S Buckley, S Webster, M Blackshaw, J Shaw, A Halewood.

*U14:* E Bones, D Topalian, D Leech, T Vaughan-Jones, J Robertson, C Cooper, A Sharp, D Isherwood, C Watts, O Rushton, J Horrocks.

*U15:* M Tunwell, J Ritchie, D Farrar, J Spicer, P McGlashan, R Worthington, A Higgins, J Sweetzer, C Allday, J Kalthoeber, R Shea.

KLP

### Cross Country

This year's cross country season was again short, owing to the lack of support for local league races. Nick Rendell captained the school team and represented Cheshire in the English Schools' Championship in March.

The season opened with the Abbotsholme fixture at Uttoxeter in early November. King's acquitted themselves well, finishing third in a strong field of eight schools. Tim Egerton was the find of the season, finishing second in the District Championships but then storming to victory in the Cheshire Championships by over twenty seconds.

In the Second Year, Michael Bamber continued to improve throughout the season, while William Wills was the most consistent of the Fourth Year runners.

The Macclesfield and District League rounded off the season in March. King's only had one victory and that was Egerton. He comfortably won each round of the competition to score maximum points over the three races.

It was Egerton's commitment and achievement that was the highlight of the 1995-96 season. He shows great promise, both over the country and on the track, and is definitely one to watch in the coming years.

PW

### Junior Cross Country

Interest in this sport was less than had previously been known but several good individual performances were noted during the year.

In the first two Macclesfield Primary School races, held at Bollington recreation ground and the Derby Playing Fields, the best performances came from the boys. In particular, Simon Birch (6th) and Andrew Triggs (8th) ran well. At the Harris Trophy meeting held at Abbotsholme School, Shropshire, the boys again ran well, with Andrew Triggs coming a very creditable sixth.

The first fixture of the Spring Term was the AJIS Championships held at Cheadle Hulme School. Simon Birch was fourth out of 115 runners in the U11 Boys race and Abbie Boston was a very credible 10th in the U10 Girls race which again fielded over 100 competitors.

Only one Macclesfield PS 'friendly' race was entered during the term (because of clashes with other events) and Abbie Boston again did very well by coming 9th in the U11 Girls race. There were two very good performances from J2 runners at the Macclesfield Primary Schools Championships which took place at our Derby Fields. Francesca Bernard came third in the U9 Girls race and Nicholas Barker was fourth in the U9 Boys competition. The best placed J4 runners were Abbie Boston (19th in U11 Girls) and Simon Birch (7th in U11 Boys).

The only other fixture of the year was the trios relay involving Stockport GS and King's, Chester, held at the Derby Fields. Unfortunately, a clash with the Macclesfield Music Festival meant that an Under 10 team could not be fielded. The Under 11 first trio of Andrew Triggs, Simon Birch and James Beaumont ran extremely well to win the race convincingly. However, their teammates could not match their showing and King's trailed in third in the team competition.

Tatton were the house champions at both Upper and Lower Junior age groups.

Perhaps the newly instigated weekly run during games lessons will improve general levels of fitness and thus unearth some running talent for the future.

Other children who represented the school this year were:

*Girls:* Stephanie Comfort, Sarah Levitt, Rebecca Halewood, Sarah Taylor, Alex Crawley, Kate Montgomery, Nicola Roper, Sarah-Jane Jamison, Katie Riddell, Charlotte Baskeyfield, Francesca Mortimer, Elizabeth Starkie, Lucy Horton, Tracy Keys, Eleanor Cowan, Lisa Walker, Katie Ayres

*Boys:* Thomas Bradfield, Richard Butterworth, Matthew Scott, Nicholas Reade, Joseph Webb, Laurence Jay,

Charles Richards, Gareth Angus, Ian Lomax, Adam Harper, Jack Pennington, William McLeod, William Malins, Daniel Laird, Nicholas Mills, Colin Hinchliffe, Chris Westwood, Thomas Kirk, Yannick Malins, John Rees, Nick Jamonts, Rory Webb, Michael Harris, Chris Ayres, Charlie Williamson, Chris Barber

GJS

### Football (Junior Division)

After four years of unprecedented success this year's teams did not manage to reach the same heights. There was some improvement as the season wore on, especially in small-sided games. This was most noticeable at the Arnold competition where the small number of skilful players were able to express themselves with abandon.

To their credit the team never gave up in any game with the captain, Andrew Triggs, setting an outstanding example throughout the season. He is a player of exceptional ability, as well as having a penchant for leadership. One of the most pleasing elements of the season was the progress of a promising group of J2 players who received an early bleeding. Their development holds out promise of future successes.

GJS

### Netball

#### Seniors

P	W	D	L	F	A
7	3	0	4	77	95

#### Cheshire County Tournament

P	W	D	L	F	A
4	1	1	2	22	23

The results this year were rather mixed. The team made a slow start to the MDNL, losing the first two games to Ryles Park and Henbury. However, they played with greater determination against Mount Carmel, Knutsford and Fallibroome to achieve three wins in a row.

Sadly, the Tytherington team proved too strong for our defence and we were heavily defeated. We did not deserve to lose the final game in the league against All Hallows - a close game whose score does not reflect the effort and skill displayed by our attackers.

In the Cheshire Schools Tournament the girls played very well together, displaying some of the best netball and team play seen all season. Having drawn easily against Knutsford, our team fought hard against Widnes and then Sutton - both teams of superior standard. Unfortunately they lost these two games but finished on a good note against Tarporley,

winning the game 6-4. Although the team did not qualify for the semi-finals, everyone played their hearts out and thoroughly enjoyed the tournament.

Sadly, the team have now lost the Upper Sixth players but they will hopefully be replaced by new Lower Sixth Formers and the team may look forward to representing the school again in the coming season.

LB

## U14/U13 Tour to Isle of Man

King's U14 started well, drawing the first quarter 2-2. After the end change, however, they were unable to cope with the exposed conditions and failed to score. (Half time: 2-7.) The third quarter saw the shooters back at the less windy end and substitute Lyndsay Lomax and Michelle Tinker worked the ball close to the post to net three more goals. King William's, meanwhile, had gained vital confidence from the second quarter and upped their pace to put seven goals past a now flagging defence. (Three-quarter time: 5-14.) A force 8 wind, waves and a late night took their toll in the final quarter. Desperation showed as Gemma Bullivent was injured off and once again the shooters failed to master the wind. King William's cruised on home ground to another nine goals. We await the return fixture!

With only three regular U13 netball team members and the rest of the squad from the U13/14 hockey players, this was always going to be a difficult game for the U13 team. Added to this, the weather conditions forced the match indoors into a small gym, giving King William's home advantage. Both teams made a nervous start, King William's just edging the lead on centre pass at the end of the first quarter (score: 4-5). In the second quarter, the tall King William's GS got into her stride with devastating accuracy, putting in eleven goals whilst the King's substitution caused confusion and our attack only managed one goal. (Half time score: 5-16.) A reshuffle of the team at half time produced an excellent third quarter. Lyndsay Lomax "contained" the GS and Emma Stanton "discovered" shooting skills and we only lost this quarter 5-7. Hard work at centre by player of the match, Michelle Constantine, in the final quarter kept the team together and again the loss was marginal (4-6). With the exception of a disastrous second quarter, the players are to be congratulated on adapting to unusual circumstances and producing some excellent netball, particularly playing hard to the end in a "no win" situation.

RSH

## U13

P	W	D	L	F	A
8	5	0	3	83	93

### U13 Ciba Geigy Tournament

P	W	D	L
5	4	0	1

This proved to be a successful season for a team with considerable talent and potential. The beginning of the season produced rather mixed results, with two out of four wins. After a long break over the winter months, when the MDNL fixtures are halted, and despite continued practices, the team came back slow and were defeated heavily in their first game v Fallibroome. However, following this shake-up, they rose to the challenge of the final three matches, winning all three games.

At the Ciba Geigy Tournament at Fallibroome, the team performed with skill and determination. They won the first four of their games. However, they lost the final game to finish one point behind the tournament winners, a very close second. There was huge excitement in this last game on which the final result was pinned. The team received the Ciba Geigy Runners Up Cup and individual medals. They are all looking forward to representing the school again in the coming season.

Team players: Joanne Adams, Jackie Barker, Laura Ellis, Nicola Edwards, Joanna Kirby, Lyndsay Lomax, Katie Mountford, Kate Ritchie, Becky Kate Smalley, Rachel Kirk, Katy Mills.

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## U12

P	W	D	L	F	A
U12A	9	6	0	3	92 83

U12B	7	3	0	4	44 47
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### U12 Tournament at Fallibroome

P	W	D	L	F	A
	6	5	0	1	38 26

There was overwhelming enthusiasm at the beginning of the term from girls who were all very competitive and desperate to clinch a place on the school team. Two teams were produced, each displaying potential to do well in the future friendlies and MDNL fixtures.

The A team, containing some very able players, easily won the first four of their five MDNL matches. In the second half of the season, the opponents had improved their standards and posed more of an opposition. The A team had to work much harder to gain success, winning two out of the four remaining matches.

The B team had a more mixed season, winning three out of their seven games. They lacked confidence at times, particu-

larly in the shooting circle.

At the MDNL Tournament, the A team's players represented the school. They played with great determination to finish equal first in the tournament overall. However, on goal difference they lost out to Wilmslow, finishing a very close second. This was an outstanding result, which is very promising for next year.

Team players:

*A team:* Abigail Broomhead, Kimberley Byrom, Sarah Cornes, Hannah Gledhill, Hannah Hardill, Holly Pemberton, Amy Percival, Charlotte Taylor

*B team:* Louise Capper, Fiona Heap, Deborah Heap, Kara James, Abby Rader, Hannah Roberts, Rebecca Rosing, Gemma Leutton, Kim Mitchell, Lauren Hindle, Kate Livesley, Shona Lloyd.

LB

## Junior Division Netball

It was yet another successful year for the Junior Division A team, who were undefeated in the Macclesfield Primary Schools League Division 1, winning the League Division 1 Trophy. The team again played well in the Macclesfield Primary Schools Cup Competition, reaching the semi-finals, where they were eventually defeated by St John's, Macclesfield (5-6) in an extremely close match.

The following played in the team:

Sarah Spicer, Katie Riddell, Victoria Bostock, Francesca Mortimer, Jenny Gladman, Kate Montgomery and Catherine Flynn.

The B team also played well, showing great promise for next year.

HIW

## Rounders

### U12

P	W	D	L	F	A
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This sport proved to be very popular with the First Year pupils, who all clearly enjoyed rounders and were keen to play for the school team. With seven games organised, everyone had the chance to play. The score lines, unfortunately, do not do justice to the girls' enthusiasm and determination. At times they were just unlucky but also team changes to provide equal opportunity of experience initially meant that team cohesion was lacking.

Nevertheless, everyone enjoyed representing the school and all displayed improvements in skill throughout the season. Our top two rounders scorers were Amy Percival and Hannah Gledhill.

The following also represented the school: Abigail Broomhead, Hannah

## Other Sport

Hardill, Holly Pemberton, Fiona Heap, Amy Thompson, Kimberley Byrom, Kimberley Mitchell, Kate Livesley, Amy Percival, Hannah Gledhill, Charlotte Taylor, Hannah Roberts, Kirsty Caldwell, Jenna Orme, Sarah Powell, Helen Whitworth, Sarah Mitchell, Deborah Heap.

LB

### Swimming

The year started with the Division 2 Championships held at Speke in September. A number of our pupils competed and this year, for the first time, we had entries from the Girls' Division. One of the boys, Peter Anderson (intermediate) qualified for the Divisional team for the National Finals in October. At the National Finals, which were held at Ipswich, Peter swam in the individual freestyle event for the Division, as well as for the freestyle and medley relay teams.

The English Schools' School Team Finals were held in Macclesfield at the beginning of October. As all our teams this year consisted of swimmers a year out of age, we did not qualify for these finals as one of the top twelve teams in the country, although we had swum well at a regional level.

In October, we again took both boys and girls to the English Schools' Biathlon, which was held for the first time at Cheslyn Hey. In the Second Year Girls' event, Jackie Barker finished in fourth place, with Chloe Greenwood close behind in fifth place. The two of them, together with Jo Pilkington, were the second placed team in the competition.

School swimmers competed in the annual Eyam Trophy Gala at Rydal School against nine other schools, where we again won the trophy for the combined First and Second Year team of boys and girls. The annual five-cornered match at Bolton School was unfortunately cancelled owing to the weather and was not able to be rearranged.

Our final competition of the year was the Division 2 School Team Championships held at the Ormskirk pool the evening following the finish of our school examination week. We entered a Junior Girls' team (U13), a Junior Boys' team (U13) and an Inter Girls' team (U15) for this gala. All teams swam well and we had some excellent results. The Junior Girls' team of Jackie Barker, Chloe Greenwood, Emma Johnstone and Claire Riseley won both the medley and freestyle relays, so becoming Divisional Champions for 1996. Not to be outdone, the Junior Boys' team of James Ellis, James Hutter, Tim Davies and Jay Rathie became Divisional Champions too, winning the med-

ley relay comfortably. I am sure that, based on the times these teams swam at these championships, they will be invited to compete in the National Championships in October 1996 as one of the top twelve teams in the country.

AMC

### Junior Division Swimming

The 1995-96 season saw the inclusion of two new fixtures: a very welcome match for the girls at Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, and a combined boys and girls match against Bolton Boys' and Girls' Schools. Unfortunately, the AJIS girls' hockey tournament was moved to the same date as the Bolton fixture but this gave more girls opportunities to swim for the school. Creditable performances were recorded by Francesca Mortimer, Alex Crawley, Ros Gathercole, Nicola Roper, Sarah Levitt and Abbie Boston for the girls, and Simon Birch, Michael Harris, Chris Barber, Nick Reade, Hari Rathie, Edward Thorley, Nick Barker, Jonathan Lee, Max Robertson, Oliver McConnell, Max Freeman and Richard Madden for the boys.

October saw the AJIS swimming galas at Crosby and Bolton and also the annual match against QEGS Blackburn, which included a team of under-9 boys, giving them valuable experience of competitive swimming. The annual pentangular match at Bolton School was cancelled due to a freak snowstorm which closed most of the North West schools except King's!

The Summer Term saw the team travelling to Colwyn Bay, where a mixed team swam against eight other schools for the Eyam Trophy. King's came second in this event, but mention must be made of Francesca Mortimer who came second in her final - the other competitors all being boys! The next time the teams swam was at Leicester, where the boys and girls relay teams swam in the All England relay championships. They represented Division 2, which encompasses Lancashire, Cheshire, Merseyside and the Isle of Man. Although they did not reach the finals, they were each presented with a certificate for taking part. The teams were: Francesca Mortimer, Alex Crawley, Ros Gathercole and Abbie Boston for the girls, and Simon Birch, Michael Harris, Alex Reade and Edward Thorley for the boys.

The final fixture took place after the end of the Summer Term, the Macclesfield and District Primary Schools Gala. King's won the overall boys' trophy, were second in the overall girls' trophy, won the overall boys' and girls' trophy and won all four relay trophies for J3 and J4 boys and girls. Congratulations to these children who swam so well: Francesca

Mortimer, Sarah Levitt, Sarah Spicer, Kate Montgomery, Charlotte Baskeyfield, Alex Crawley, Abbie Boston, Ros Gathercole, Simon Birch, Michael Harris, Chris Barber, Nick Reade, Edward Thorley, Hari Rathie, Nick Barker and Jonathan Lee.

JES

### Tennis

#### Senior Boys

The Senior Tennis squad had an outstanding season and proved to be virtually unbeatable in Cheshire and the North West in general. They were ably led by Andrew Mott, who had been a 1st team player each year of his seven years in the school.

The 1st team won the U18 Cheshire Cup for the third consecutive year and for the fourth time in the last five years. In four matches they won 24 sets and only conceded one, that being to the U18 Cheshire Champion from Bridgewater High School, Warrington, who is nationally ranked.

In friendly fixtures, the 2nd team were unbeaten in six matches and the 1st team, in eight matches, lost only one to Manchester Grammar School.

The U16 team, playing on non-examination days, managed to reach the quarter final of the Cheshire Cup and were unlucky to lose on game countback after drawing 3-3 away at Weaverham. The U16 players were, however, a real bonus as they played successfully in most of the 2nd team fixtures.

The 1st team, playing in Area 5 of the Glanvill Cup, a national schools competition, were matched against schools in Wales and the North Midlands. The team did extremely well to reach the final as they beat, in the second round, one of last year's sixteen finalists, St Peter's from Wolverhampton. The match ended in a 3-3 draw, but we had won one more set and therefore qualified for the next round. In the final, playing for a place in the finals at Queenswood School in Hatfield, we played Syr Hugh Owen School, Carmarthen, and were thoroughly beaten 1-5 by a better team on the day.

At Eton College in the Public Schools' Tennis Championships in July, our 1st team won 2-1 against George Watson's, Edinburgh. In the second round, the match against Repton was very one-sided and took less than an hour. Our players did very well, especially Andrew Mott and Patrick Sztukowski, but the opposition were all top England U18 players.

Patrick Sztukowski had an outstanding season as the team's number 1 player and he was clearly the inspiration behind

the success of the team. He played in the Cheshire Schools U15 singles and easily won the trophy for the second year running. Richard Shelmerdine and Chris Hill played in almost every match and were awarded colours for their outstanding contribution to school tennis.

Players: A Mott, R Hartley, M Griffiths, A Clayton; R Shelmerdine, G Payne, C Hill, B Ballon, J Tsalikis, D Millington, J Robinson, N Taylor, T Pike, T Reeves; D Wildey, D Beech, N Bennett, J Schofield, C Greenham; P Sztukowski

CEK

## U15 Boys

The first match of the season against a fairly strong MGS team was lost 4-5. The opposing 1st pair were talented players who won their matches convincingly. However, the matches against the other two pairs were closely fought and MGS had the edge. The remaining "friendly" fixtures against Bolton School, William Hulme's GS, Stockport GS, Leeds GS, The Grange, King's Chester and Marple Hall HS presented little opposition. The match against Bradford GS, which involved only two pairs, was drawn. The 1st pair of Dan Worthington and Adam Higgins played their best tennis of the season, with forceful, accurate serving from Adam and heroic acrobatics from Dan as he demonstrated the volley - often from the ground. Unfortunately, the 2nd pair of Martin Edwards and James Westcott were unable to win either of their matches, although they played valiantly against their opposition pair, losing 5-7, 4-6. It was one of those matches which was decided on one or two points.

In the second round of the Cheshire Cup, the team lost easily to a strong and effective Calday Grange team. In the Midland Bank Tournament, after sound wins against All Hallows and Ryles Park Schools, the team was defeated 2-4 by Fallibroome, after drawing the singles.

It was an enjoyable season and statistically very satisfactory. However, the great lesson to learn at this level is that the serve must go in, the right shots must be attacked and put away, and that most points are won because mistakes are made.

RJC

## U14 Boys

The Under 14 season was almost a replica of the Under 15s. The opening match against MGS was played on the shale at Fence Avenue and was narrowly lost 3-6. The actual bounce of the ball caused problems for both teams. The matches against Bolton School, Stockport GS, Leeds GS, The Grange, Bradford GS and

Marple HS were all won without much pressure. However, the team were to be sorely tested in the second round of the Cheshire Cup, where they were beaten decisively by a strong Calday Grange.

The U14 team has strength in depth. They were well captained by James Horrocks, a talented player who partnered Aidan Tarran-Jones as 1st pair, and together they played some good doubles. David Leech, solid on service and ground strokes, and Oliver Jones, a clever tactician on court, proved a formidable 2nd pair throughout the season. The 3rd pair of Philip Tsalikis and Tom Vaughan-Jones grew in confidence as the season progressed.

This team has played some good, exciting tennis and now must concentrate on lifting their game to compete on equal terms against teams with county players.

RJC

## U13 Boys

After last year's successes, the group of players moving up to U13 level promised well for the season ahead. However, over the course of the term the standard of play was a little variable and there were times when greater concentration would have been of benefit. In view of the different pairings used from time to time, though, the results overall were encouraging, particularly in the cup matches.

The team played a total of ten inter-school matches, winning six and drawing one, and in the three matches lost we were without the regular 1st pair of Guy Pickup and Tom Hawkwood. The difference in being able to play the strongest team was amply demonstrated by the dominance shown in the first two rounds of the Midland Bank Cup. With Robert Worsley and Ian Spencer completing the team of four, five other schools within the country were soundly beaten, with all four single matches being won in each case.

In the North West regional play-off, the team beat Fred Longworth High School from Wigan but were beaten on a wet November afternoon by a strong team from Clitheroe Royal Grammar School. The players can be proud of their success in this competition.

The following played in the team: G Pickup, T Hawkwood, R Worsley, I Spencer, J Halle, D Sztukowski, T Byers, M Batchelor, J Keep.

ICW

## U12 Boys

The U12 tennis team had a good season, winning five out of seven matches. As the team became more settled, the stand-

ard of play improved and by the end of the season they began to show real promise. Adam Burr (captain) and Alastair McVeigh both had outstanding seasons and they produced many sets of real quality tennis.

The players were: A Burr, A McVeigh, N Griffiths, L Owen, N Rice, J Watts, B Clifford, P Johnson, T Warburton.

CEK

## Tennis (Girls' Division)

1996 saw the Girls' Division more involved in tennis fixtures. A group of able and promising girls represented the school in the Wheeler Cup, Gaskell Cup and the Midland Bank Tournaments, as well as in friendlies against other schools.

In the first round of the Wheeler Cup, Nicola Edwards and Victoria Kelsey represented King's against St Hilary's. Victoria Kelsey was successful in winning her matches and going through to the second round. Here, against Mount Carmel in appalling wet conditions, despite her determination, Victoria was defeated but should be congratulated on getting to this stage.

Both girls represented King's in the U13 Midland Bank Tournament at Henbury as our first and second players, together with Rachael Kirk and Lucy Irlam. Nicola and Victoria won their singles matches against S Hilary's, Henbury and All Hallows, and partnered each other in the doubles competition to defeat S Hilary's. Unfortunately, King's second pair were less successful, leaving the King's team to finish a close second to S Hilary's.

In the U15 Midland Bank competition, three Fourth Year girls and one Third Year girl represented King's and hosted the competition. These were Katherine Coveney, Rani Axon, Jenny Leeson and Michelle Gratton. Unfortunately, the opposition of Weaverham School, Tytherington and All Hallows proved too strong for our players and King's finished in fourth position.

At William Hulme's four First Year girls and four Second Years - Hannah Gledhill, Abigail Wilson, Shona Lloyd, Sarah Mitchell, Rachel Kirk, Alex Jamonts, Nicola Edwards and Victoria Kelsey respectively - represented King's. Overall King's won the match after some impressive play from all involved, especially the First Years, who played against William Hulme's Second Year pupils. This result is very encouraging for next year.

LB



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(AS): Advanced Supplementary Subject

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Bajic J R ..... BStd, Comp

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Foster M J ..... BStd, FM, G, M

Fox G A ..... A&D, C, M

Gascoigne N M ..... Ec, GStd, G, H

Gibb D H ..... B, E, G

Gittins W F R ..... Ec, F, G

Glover T P ..... CTh, E, GStd, H

Greaves S T ..... E, F, H

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Jackson J D S ..... F, G, CompIT (AS), ELang (AS)

Jackson S ..... Ec, E, H

Jacques J T ..... BStd, G, M

Jasimuddin M T ..... B, C, GStd, M

Jerath V ..... BStd, H, M

Jones R S ..... GStd, G

Kettle D W ..... Ec, Ger, M

Kinsey R J ..... B, C, GStd, P

Lane S W ..... B, C, M

Laurence I J ..... B, C, M

Lightowler O G ..... GStd, Geol, M, P

Lounds C H ..... B, C, GStd, M

Lowe N S ..... BStd, GStd, G, H

Mackenzie A D ..... GStd, G, Geol, P

Marsden G W ..... BStd, EnSc (AS)

Mason N M ..... F, G, P

Mathewson A ..... B, C, M

McFarland-Davidson T ..... Ec, GStd, G, H

McKeating P D ..... B, C, FM, M

McNair N R ..... BStd, GStd, Ger

Miller Z C ..... BStd, TStd

Milne A G ..... B, C, P

Mitra-Valdes J M ..... A&D, F, H, S

Mokashi A A ..... B, C, GStd, M

# Appendix 2 Examination Results

Moroney S J .....	B, C, P
Mott A D .....	G, M, P
Mundy A S .....	BStd, G, Geol
Murray L S .....	B, C, GStd, P
Parkinson J R .....	Comp, M, P
Patterson M J .....	E, GStd, G, TStd
Pearson T G .....	FM, G, M, P
Pennington D G .....	F, Ger
Perriss J A .....	BStd, G, Geol
Renfrew F M .....	BStd, G
Richbell P H .....	B, C, E, GStd
Riley J J .....	BStd, G, Geol
Riley N A .....	E, G, H
Rimmer M F .....	A&D, E, GStd
Robertson L J .....	BStd
Savage J A .....	C, GStd, M, P
Scott M J .....	C, FM, M, P
Skelhorn R W .....	BStd, Comp, Geol
Smith C .....	C, FM, M, P
Sokill J .....	E, F, GStd, H
Sprowson R P .....	C, M, P
Stuart-Smith D E .....	FM, H, M, P
Sumner S N J .....	BStd, E, TStd
Taylor A C R .....	F, G, CompIT (AS), ELang (AS)
Terry J B .....	B, C, GStd
Thompson N P .....	Ec, Ger, H
Threlfall K L .....	A&D, G, Geol
Thurlow C K .....	BStd, E, G
Torr D R .....	Ec, GStd, P
Turner F C .....	E, F, H
Turner I R .....	B, C, GStd
Unterhalter D J .....	Ec, E, GStd, H
Vij A .....	BStd, M
Walker B S .....	BStd, G
Warburton L .....	CTh, E, H
Weeks A J .....	Ec, M, P
Wheeler A J .....	BStd, GStd, H
White D .....	BStd, C, M
Wild E J .....	B, C, FM, GStd, M
Williamson J C .....	GStd
Willis R S .....	Ec, GStd, Ger, M
Wilson A P .....	B, GStd, G
Wilson A G .....	GStd, G, EnSc (AS)
Wood T T .....	BStd, G, Geol
Yates D S .....	E, F, H
Yearsley A R .....	C, M, P

## London University Examinations & Assessment Council

A Level Chinese:

Chung E (L6th)

Chung K (5th)

## GCSE Results 1996

### MEG and NEAB

*Key:* A&D: Art & Design; B: Biology; C: Chemistry; CDT: CDT Design & Communication; CDT(T): CDT Design & Technology; D: Drama; E: English; EL: English Literature; F: French; G: Geography; Ger: German; H: History; L: Latin; M: Mathematics; Mu: Music; P: Physics; RS: Religious Studies

The following candidates gained grades A-C:

### 5DTB

Beech D J .....	E, EL, M, C, P, Ger, H, G, Mu
Bhatia K L .....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(T)
Clay J S .....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, D
Cotton A C .....	E, EL, M, C, P, F, L, H, CDT
Coxson R S .....	E, EL, M, B, C, F, Ger, H, Mu
Curd T D .....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, CDT
Eastham T N .....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H
Farshchi-Heidari D .....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, CDT
Ford M J .....	E, EL, M, C, P, F, L, H, A&D
Gamble W L .....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, Mu
Hordley M R W .....	E, EL, M, C, P, F, Ger, G, CDT(T)
Jones G E .....	E, EL, M, C, P, F, L, H, CDT(T)
Kirby M H .....	E, EL, M, C, P, F, Ger, G, D
Rice M J .....	E, EL, M, C, P, Ger, H, G, D
Rowell S A .....	E, EL, M, C, P, F, Ger, G, CDT
Schofield J .....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(T)
Tinker M R .....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, CDT(T)
Wiatr A G .....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(T)
Willey D W .....	E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, H, G, CDT(T)

### 5AL

Bennett N .....	E, EL, M, C, P, F, H, G
Bradbrook N J .....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, Mu
Cole P A .....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, G, CDT
Eckhard E N .....	E, EL, M, C, P, F, H, G, CDT
Gwane T R .....	E, EL, M, C, P, F, H, RS, Mu
Hallam J K .....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, Mu
Hewitt S M .....	E, EL, M, C, P, Ger, H, G, CDT(T)
Jaberi N .....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, A&D
Knight M A R .....	E, EL, M, C, P, F, Ger, G
Laurence J J .....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Mills M B M .....	E, EL, M, C, P, F, Ger, G, D
Murray L D .....	E, EL, M, C, P, Ger, H, G, CDT(T)
Partington A G .....	E, EL, M, C, P, F, Ger, H
Pogson J M T .....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D

Rahman M M ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, CDT(T)  
Walker R J ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, CDT(T)

### 5JMr

Barber S M ..... E, EL, M, C, P, F, Ger, H, CDT  
Blower J R ..... E, EL, M, C, P, Ger, H, G, CDT  
Brewin T J ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, H, G, D  
Flegg A D ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G  
Foster G J ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, Ger, G, Mu  
Glynn E F ..... E, EL, M, C, P, Ger, G, RS, CDT(T)  
Hands S R ..... E, EL, M, C, P, F, L, H  
Harbord D ..... E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, H, G, CDT(T)  
Holiday D N ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, CDT  
Jordan C H ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, H, RS, D  
Kendon J P ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(T)  
Norbury A J ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(T)  
Painton D ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D  
Pellatt R E ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, Ger, G  
Priestnall S L ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, CDT(T)  
Quigley P J ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, Mu  
Varney H M ..... E, EL, M, C, P, F, Ger, G, Mu  
Wilson J B H ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, A&D  
Wilson J J ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, A&D

### 5PFH

Arthur T J D A ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, A&D  
Bagshaw N ..... E, EL, M, C, P, F, L, H  
Baylay M J ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, A&D  
Beach C R ..... E, EL, M, C, P, Ger, H, G, A&D  
Bramwell C R ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger  
Broadbent N J ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, CDT  
Butcher T J ..... E, EL, M, C, P, F, H, G, CDT(T)  
Caulfield B J ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D  
Greenham C R ..... E, EL, M, C, P, F, Ger, G, CDT  
Hewitt D ..... E, EL, M, C, F, RS, D  
Lake N G E ..... E, EL, M, C, P, Ger, H, G, D  
Lee D S ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, CDT(T)  
Sharman L K ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, CDT  
Slack S J ..... E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, G, RS, Mu  
Thompson S P ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, Ger, G  
Thornber T M ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, D  
Tute M J ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, A&D  
Williams M G ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, Ger, CDT

### 5CJM

Bagshaw D W R ..... E, M, C, P, Ger, H, G  
Childs D P F ..... E, EL, M, C, P, F, H, D  
Chung K ..... M, B, C, P, G, CDT  
Jackson M R ..... E, M, C, P, F, Ger, G, A&D

Jones N J ..... E, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D  
Mossdrop J J ..... E, M, C, P, F, Ger, H, A&D  
Muenzing M D ..... M, C, P, Ger, H, G  
Oakes W M R ..... E, M, C, P, F, RS  
Oilberg B ..... E, M, C, P, F, Ger, G, D  
Robertson J D ..... E, M, C, P, Ger, H, G, A&D  
Rudge C J ..... E, M, B, C, P, F, G, A&D  
Stanton N J ..... E, M, C, P, F, Ger, G, A&D  
Stewart J F ..... E, M, C, P, F, H, G, D  
Tristram G R G ..... E, M, C, P, F, Ger, G, D  
Turner A S ..... E, M, CDT  
Wish D M J ..... E, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, A&D

### 5PJP

Bithell P A T ..... C  
Brown S I ..... E, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT  
Chattell J A ..... E, M, F, Ger, H, G, A&D  
Dunnington M ..... E, M, B, P, Ger, H, G  
Fielding J K F ..... E, M, F, Ger, H, G, A&D  
Halman T J ..... M, F, Ger, H  
Hidden C J ..... E, EL, F, H, G, Mu  
Jepson A B ..... E, M, C, G, RS, A&D  
Kenyon D J ..... E, M, H, G, CDT(T)  
Nicholls C C ..... E, M, H, G, RS, D  
Pettifer A ..... E, M, F, H, G  
Robinson C T ..... E, M, B, F, Ger, H, G, A&D  
Royle T N ..... E, M, B, P, Ger, H, G, A&D  
Shephard M J ..... E, M, F, Ger, H, G, A&D  
Shockledge J M ..... E, EL, M, B, H, G, D  
West S J ..... M, C, P, Ger, G, CDT  
Whitehurst M T ..... E, EL, M, B, Ger, H, A&D

### 5DMH

Abbott T J W ..... E, M, C, F, L, H, D  
Cook G B ..... E, M, C, Ger, G  
Gray P S ..... E, EL, C, Ger, D  
Gunn M D ..... E, EL, Ger, G, D  
Hardman S W ..... E, M, C, F, G, RS, D  
Jackson T L ..... E, M, C, G, A&D  
Marshall W J ..... E, M  
Randall J L R F ..... E, M, B, C, F, L, G, D  
Rashid M ..... E, M, B, C, P, Ger, H  
Rippon P E ..... M, F, Ger  
Thomas M ..... E, M, C, Ger, RS  
Tutton D M ..... E, M, B, C, F, H, RS  
Young S R M ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, H, D

## Appendix 2 Examination Results

### 4NCJR

Crawford T M ..... L  
 Petty T C J ..... L, Mu

### 4CPH

Westcott M J ..... L  
 Yates M S ..... L

### 5MAC

Bedford N J ..... E, EL, M, F, Ger, Mu  
 Canning-Smith C ..... E, EL, M, F, H  
 Davies H L K ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, Ger, H  
 Densem I G ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, D  
 Distefano S S ..... E, EL, M, F, Ger, H  
 Harlow A L ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, D  
 Hastie J S ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, Ger, G, A&D  
 Hughes A-M ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, Mu  
 Ison K S ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, Ger, G, D  
 James A ..... E, EL, M, C, F, Ger, G, A&D  
 Lane R A ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, Ger, G, A&D  
 Llewellyn S M ..... E, EL, M, F, Ger, G  
 McCoy L A ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, CDT  
 Menaged L ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, L, G, A&D  
 Pike H R ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, D  
 Scott P A ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, Ger, H, D  
 Thompson N J ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, A&D  
 Tooher S C ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, CDT  
 Turnbull N J ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, Mu  
 Williams C ..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, Mu

### 4AMC

Clarke L C ..... L

# Appendix 4

## Higher Education

### Pupils admitted to Higher Education 1995

Name .....	Destination .....	Subject
Acton S C .....	Aston University .....	Biological & Social Sciences
Aljaizani Y .....	Manchester University .....	Electronic Systems Engineering
Allen T B .....	Oxford, Magdalen College (97) .....	Archaeology & Anthropology
Ashworth E F .....	Leeds Metropolitan University .....	Business Studies (HND)
Bajic J R .....	Manchester Metropolitan University .....	Business Studies & Italian
Barlow C A .....	Stockport College .....	Art Foundation
Bennett M J .....	Glasgow University .....	English
Blackburn C J .....	Sheffield University .....	Mathematics
Bones A S .....	Brunel University (97) .....	Business Studies
Bracewell J A .....	Nottingham University .....	History
Bradbrook J D .....	Brunel University .....	Drama, Film & TV Studies
Bradbury J O .....	Sheffield Hallam University .....	Public Policy & Management
Brewin A E .....	Leeds University .....	Sociology
Bridge C M .....	Cardiff University .....	Astrophysics
Broom A C .....	Durham University .....	History
Brown D R .....	Deferred (97)	
Cain S A .....	University of Central England .....	Land Architecture
Charlesworth R H .....	St Andrew's University .....	Geography
Clarke H L .....	Bishop Grosseteste College .....	Primary Education
Clarke J V .....	Lancaster University .....	Combined Sciences
Clayton A J .....	Bristol University .....	Modern Languages
Colclough S .....	Aberdeen University .....	Medicine
Coleman J L .....	Newcastle-u-Lyme College .....	Art Foundation
Cox E T .....	Oxford, Queen's College .....	Biology
Davies A .....	University of West of England .....	Business Studies (HND)
Davies J J .....	Sheffield Hallam University .....	Land Administration (HND)
Davies M G .....	Leeds University .....	Chemistry
Deacon E L .....	Stockport College .....	Art Foundation
Dinham M .....	Manchester University .....	Mechanical Engineering
Eagle D A .....	London, Imperial College (97) .....	Engineering
Edwards N S .....	University of West of England .....	Business Studies
Farra O .....	Manchester University .....	Accountancy with Business Info Systems
Fenton B J A .....	Newcastle College .....	Art Foundation
Flegg A J .....	Warwick University .....	Computer Science
Forbes M A G .....	Oxford, Brasenose College (97) .....	German & Philosophy
Foster M J .....	Warwick University .....	Mathematics, Statistics & Economics
Fox G A .....	Exeter University .....	Primary Education
Gascoigne N M .....	Aberystwyth University .....	History
Gibb D H .....	Plymouth University (97) .....	Environmental Sciences
Gittins W F R .....	Manchester Metropolitan University .....	Accountancy & Law
Greaves S T .....	Oxford, Wadham College .....	Philosophy & French
Glover T P .....	Kent University .....	Philosophy



Greenhalgh A S .....	Manchester University .....	Mechanical Engineering
Griffiths M P .....	Sheffield Hallam University .....	International Business Studies
Hales H F .....	Deferred (97)	
Hallam D M .....	Edinburgh University (97) .....	Philosophy
Hanson N G .....	Northumbria University .....	Quantity Surveying
Hartley R J .....	Newcastle University .....	Geography
Hawley C J J .....	York University .....	History & Politics
Haynes S J .....	Newcastle University (97) .....	Computing
Healey R M J .....	Sheffield Hallam University .....	Business Information Tech (HND)
Heslip E C .....	Northumbria University .....	International Business Studies
Hibbert A P .....	Cambridge, Selwyn College .....	Natural Sciences
Ho S M .....	Manchester University .....	Artificial Intelligence
Hoare M G .....	Nottingham University .....	Economics
Hodkinson K L .....	Plymouth University .....	Computer Systems & Networks
Holt G D J .....	De Montfort University .....	Business & Finance (HND)
Howarth R J .....	Liverpool University .....	Social Studies
Hughes J F .....	Leeds University .....	History of Art
Hulme D J .....	Sheffield University (97) .....	French & Business Studies
Jackson J D S .....	Luton University .....	Sport & Fitness Studies
Jackson S .....	Leeds University .....	Philosophy
Jacques J T .....	Sheffield Hallam University .....	Business Studies
Jasimuddin T .....	London, King's College .....	Chemistry & Management
Jerath V .....	UMIST .....	Management Sciences
Jones R S .....	Reaseheath College .....	Environmental Science
Kettle D W .....	Sheffield University .....	German & Economics
Kinsey R J .....	Oxford, St Catherine's College .....	Biology
Lane S W .....	St Andrew's University .....	Biology
Laurence I J .....	London, St George's Hospital .....	Medicine
Lightowler O G M .....	Sunderland University .....	Environmental Geology
Lounds C H .....	East Anglia University .....	Biochemistry
Lowe N S .....	Deferred (97)	
Marsden G W .....	Central Lancashire University .....	Environmental Land Management
Mason N M .....	Kingston University (97) .....	Geography & French
Mathewson A .....	Nottingham University .....	Applied Biology
McFarland-Davidson T .....	Edinburgh University .....	Politics & History
McKeating P D .....	Oxford, Brasenose College .....	Chemistry
McNair N R .....	Nottingham Trent University .....	Humanities
Mackenzie A D .....	Lancaster University .....	Physical Geography
Miller Z C .....	London Institute .....	Retail Management (HND)
Milne A G .....	Deferred (97)	
Mitra-Valdes J M .....	Sheffield University .....	History & Spanish
Mokashi A A .....	Manchester University .....	Medicine
Moroney S J .....	Sheffield University .....	Materials Science
Mott A D .....	Edinburgh University .....	Mathematics
Mundy A S .....	Deferred (97)	

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Murray L S .....	Bristol University .....	Chemistry
Parkinson J R .....	Manchester University .....	Artificial Intelligence
Patterson M J .....	London, Royal Holloway .....	Theatre & Media Studies
Pearson T G .....	Bristol University .....	Computer Science
Pennington D G .....	Nene College .....	French with European Business Studies
Perriss J A .....	Manchester University .....	Geology
Renfrew F M .....	Deferred (97)	
Richbell P H .....	Deferred (97)	
Riley J J .....	Nottingham Trent University .....	Environmental Business Studies
Riley N A .....	Swansea University .....	American Studies
Rimmer M F .....	Sheffield Hallam University .....	Land Economics
Robertson L J .....	Sheffield Hallam University .....	Business & Finance (HND)
Savage J A .....	Coventry University .....	Mechanical Engineering
Scott M J .....	Oxford, Hertford College .....	Chemistry
Skelhorn R W .....	Northumbria University .....	Business Information Systems
Smith C .....	Glasgow University .....	Management Studies & Computer Science
Sokill J .....	Liverpool University .....	English
Sprowson R P .....	York University .....	Electronics
Stuart-Smith D E .....	Bristol University (97) .....	Mathematics
Sumner S N J .....	Brunel University .....	Management Studies
Taylor A C R .....	Northumbria University .....	European Studies
Terry J B .....	Staffordshire University .....	Biology
Thompson N P .....	Nottingham University (97) .....	History & German
Threlfall K L .....	Leeds University .....	Environmental Geology
Thurlow C K .....	Deferred (97)	
Torr D R .....	Salford University .....	Engineering
Turner F C .....	Deferred (97)	
Turner I R .....	Bangor University .....	Biochemistry
Unterhalter D J .....	Lancaster University .....	English
Vij A .....	Nottingham Trent University .....	Clothing Studies with Textiles
Walker B S .....	Sheffield Hallam University .....	Business Studies
Warburton L .....	Middlesex University .....	Philosophy & English
Weeks M .....	Birmingham University .....	Economics
Wheeler A J .....	University of Central England .....	Business Studies
White D .....	Bristol University .....	Law, Accountancy & Economics
Wild E J .....	Cambridge, Christ's College .....	Medicine
Willis R S .....	Nottingham University (97) .....	Law & German
Wilson A P .....	Lancaster University .....	Combined Sciences
Wilson A G .....	College of Ripon & York St John .....	Geography & Environmental Science
Wood T T .....	Deferred (97)	
Yates D S .....	University of Central Lancashire .....	Politics & Government
Yearsley A R .....	Glasgow University .....	Engineering

### King's School Awards

T U Brocklehurst Awards	M A G Forbes N P Thompson R J Kinsey
W D Brocklehurst Awards	E J Wild R J Hartley
F D Brocklehurst Awards	P D McKeating F C Turner
William Barnett Award	J A Bracewell
Pearson Award	A J Weeks
Goodlad Dobson Award	M J Patterson

### Special Prizes

Headmaster's Prize	M A G Forbes
Former Pupils' Association Awards	R S Willis R J Howarth

### Development Trust Scholarships

#### Major Scholarships

	<i>Project title</i>
D G H Buttery	The Crimean War
N S Cooke	The Mammalian Brain
S M Cripps	The Importance of Animals in Ancient Egypt
M R Freear	A Critical Analysis of Rights in Modern Britain
P A Hopkins	Man: Supreme Species or just your Average Ape?
B B Maher	Death and the Meaning of Life
N Morris	Diving and Hydrostatic Pressure
A R Pavay	"To Draw with Idle Spider's Strings"
G B Payne	Economics of the Corn Laws
M J Sellars	The Introduction of Animals into Foreign Environments

#### Scholarships

M C Abbotts	Aerodynamics
S L Brown	The Evolution of the Modern Romance Novel
A E Close	Privatisation of the Post Office
A D Emslie	Planning a Successful Acquisition
H H Haboubi	Nuclear Fusion
L Hagan	Racism: Is it all Black and White?
R G Hibbert	Colour and Light
A A Hussain	Disability
A J Morgan	Special Relativity
S A Ravenscroft	Plato's Theory of Forms: Beauty

#### Highly Commended

E Y T Chung	Hong Kong after 1997
O Khan	Civil and Common Law
C P D S Wickramaratne	The Psychology of Dreams

### School Prizes (all age groups)

Maimi Wright Prize for Computing	C M Bridge
Simon Schuler Trophy	E Y T Chung
Dr Norman Maurice CDT Prize	M J Mellor
A L Reed Retirement Prize	A J Clayton
D W Todd Retirement Prize	M D Goodsell
C J Urwin Retirement Prize	A E McKeating

### Upper School Prizes

Art (Selwyn Russell Jones)	G A Fox
Biology	R J Kinsey
Business Studies	R J Howarth
Chemistry	A P Hibbert
Classics (Wilmot)	A C Broom
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	H L Clarke
Economics (Canon F W Paul)	M G Hoare
English	T B Allen
French (William Broster)	F C Turner
German	M A G Forbes
General Studies (T B Cartwright)	G B Payne
Geography	M A G Forbes
History (C A Bradley)	N P Thompson
Mathematics (Statistics)	J A Bracewell
Mathematics (Mechanics)	A J Flegg
Mathematics (Double)	E J Wild
Music	R M Farrar
Physics	D A Eagle
Senior Choral	P D McKeating
Senior Orchestral	J M Phillips
Senior Reading	J D Bradbrook
Theatre Arts	M J Patterson

### Middle School Prizes (Boys' Division)

Biology	T D Curd
Chemistry	M R W Hordley
CDT (Design & Communication)	S A Rowell
CDT (Technology)	S L Priestnall
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	S J Slack
English	M J Ford
French	H M Varney
German	M J Rice
Geography	D W Wildey
History	D W Wildey
Latin	A C Cotton
Mathematics	W L Gamble
Music	R J Coxson
Physics	T D Curd
Theatre Arts	T C J Petty
Middle/Lower School Reading	E C Coxson

### Middle School Prizes (Girls' Division)

MHS "Best All-Rounder" Cup	J S Hastie
Art & Design	R A Lane
Biology	C L Williams
Chemistry	L A McCoy
CDT (Design & Communication)	L A McCoy

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## Awards & Prizes

Divinity (Thorneycroft)	J H Lee
English	H L K Davies
French	A L Harlow
German	K S Ison
Geography	N J Thompson
History	H R Pike
Latin	L C Clarke
Mathematics	S C Tooher
Music	A Hughes
Physics	C L Williams
Theatre Arts	H R Pike
Middle School Reading	A L Harlow

### Lower School Prizes (Boys' Division)

Junior Choral	D B Maurice
Junior Orchestral	E C Coxson

### Lower School Prizes (Girls' Division)

Junior Choral	S E Varney
Junior Orchestral	A E McKeating

### Form Prizes (Boys' Division)

4CPH	J Livesley
4SHS	O B Eden-Green
4TJA	D W Dale
4PI	J E Spicer
4PRMM	B V Ashton
4NCJR	R J Dafforn
4RGD	T D Sleeman
3PW	T A Vaughan-Jones
3JDN	C P Gartside
3PME	J W Percival
3ALv	N A Cameron
3JP	B J Crabstick
3BJE	G K Raja Ratnam
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	T A Lloyd
2GT	M A Blackshaw
2CO'D	T J Davies
2CJU	D M Sztukowski
2JAD	A S V Williamson
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	M J Bamber
1JRH	T M Isherwood
1RS	J C Levitt
1MTH	A P Wilson
1BE	R P Burns
1RG	R J Cartmel
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	J R M Rath

### Form Prizes (Girls' Division)

4AMC	E E Dobson
3EH	R K Francis
3AC	E A E Patey-Ford
3SM	H Skidmore
3CEK	J L Williams
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	A M Quartermaine
2VBW	F N Bhatt
2LB	A A Hussain
2CHB	J L Adams
2APW	L J Slavin
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	G R Etchells
1TGN	D J Heap
1RSH	S Dale
1AMS	S L Lloyd
1RLGD	H D Gray
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	R C Taylor

### Other Prizes

Robert Batchelor Prizes	J M Gartside
	J V Ball
	C J Hinchliffe

### Junior Division Prizes

Subject Prizes (J4 only)	
English: Essay	S Owens
English: Poetry	A Harper
English: Reading	R Butterworth
Mathematics	L Simpson
Science	L Jay
Geography	M Harris
History	F Mortimer
Art	C Westwood
Music	G Laughton
French	C Walters
Technology	J Rees
Information Technology	S English
Religious Education	J Skirrow
Physical Education	K Riddell
Swimming	S Birch
Games: Boys	A Triggs
Games: Girls	V Bostock

### Class Prizes

First Prize	
J4K	D Laird
J4S	R Cowan
J4M	F Howe

J3K	S Brooks
J3S	D Choudhuri
J3M	L Powell
J2K	T Keys
J2S	D Johnson
J1K	N Petty
J1S	D Kennerley

### Second Prize

J3K	A Porter
J3S	A Hill
J3M	C Richards
J2K	R Madden
J2S	N Hopping
J1K	K Doncom
J1S	T Porter

### Endeavour Prize

J4K	*H Brunt
J4S	*S Spicer
J4M	*E Robinson
J3K	S Waite
J3S	S Greenough
J3M	C Edmunds
J2K	L Horton
J2S	M Robertson
J1K	C Friday
J1S	S Hinchliffe

### \*Broome Endeavour Prize

Ridings Best All-Rounder Prize	V Bostock
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# Appendix 6 Music Examinations

## Autumn Term 1995

### Associated Board Practical Examinations

#### Sixth Form and Boys' Division

Name .....	Form	Instrument	Grade
Jonathan Aitken .....	3JDN	Clarinet	3 Merit
Andrew Aldcroft .....	4CPH	Clarinet	5 Merit
Matthew Barker .....	1BE	Alto Saxophone	2 Distinction
David Botham .....	3JDN	Tnr Saxophone	3 Distinction
Nathaniel Bradbrook .....	5AL	Clarinet	2 Merit
Ben Caulfield .....	5PFH	Tenor Horn	4 Merit
Ben Clifford .....	1RS	Theory	3 Pass
Edward Coxson .....	3JDN	Piano	5 Pass
Mark Frederick .....	3JP	Piano	5 Pass
Andrew Geake .....	1RG	Alto Saxophone	2 Distinction
Simon Greaves .....	U6GBW	Piano	6 Merit
Daniel Hallam .....	U6DCH	Flute	8 Merit
Andrew Ham .....	4RGD	Oboe	5 Distinction
Philip Hart .....	4NCJR	Piano	5 Pass
Nicholas Hirst .....	3PW	Flute	4 Merit
Christopher Holden .....	3JDN	Trumpet	4 Merit
Oliver Jones .....	3JP	Violin	5 Distinction
Thomas Johnson .....	4RGD	Tnr Saxophone	4 Distinction
Jonathan Mitchell .....	4NCJR	Theory	5 Distinction
Christopher Park .....	4PI	Clarinet	3 Merit
Thom Petty .....	4NCJR	Pr Musicianship	8 Distinction
John Redfern .....	2GT	Cornet	3 Distinction
William Sheard .....	3PME	Alto Saxophone	4 Distinction
James Tibbles .....	4SHS	Piano	6 Merit
Jay Watson .....	1MH	Cornet	2 Distinction
William Wills .....	4NCJR	Alto Saxophone	3 Distinction
Alex Wilson .....	1MH	Alto Saxophone	2 Distinction
Jonathan Yearsley .....	2CJU	Piano	3 Pass

#### Girls' Division

Joanne Adams .....	2CHB	Alto Saxophone	2 Distinction
Anna Beveridge .....	3AC	Tnr Saxophone	4 Merit
Hannah Hallam .....	3CEK	Cello	5 Merit
Alison Harber .....	3SM	Flute	5 Merit
Anna-Marie Hughes .....	5MAC	Singing	4 Merit
Angela Kail .....	3SM	Piano	3 Pass
Sian Llewellyn .....	5MAC	Alto Saxophone	4 Merit
Juliet McLeod .....	3SM	Flute	4 Merit
Joana Moroney .....	2CHB	Flute	4 Merit
Katie Mountford .....	2VCBW	Flute	4 Merit
Esme Patey-Ford .....	3AC	Cello	4 Distinction
Annie Phillips .....	3AC	Double Bass	5 Distinction

Annie Phillips .....	3AC	Piano	5 Pass
Annie Phillips .....	3AC	Theory	5 Pass
Harriet Shaw .....	3AC	Cornet	2 Merit
Nicola Turnbull .....	5MAC	Piano	6 Pass

#### Junior Division

Alex Basford .....	J3K	Flute	1 Merit
Abigail Boston .....	J3S	Clarinet	1 Pass
Fiona Howe .....	J4M	Flute	1 Pass
Sarah Levitt .....	J3M	Piano	1 Pass
Nick Mills .....	J4K	Cello	4 Distinction
Naomi Mortimer .....	J3S	Flute	1 Pass
Sarah Spicer .....	J4S	Alto Saxophone	3 Pass

## Spring Term 1996

### Sixth Form and Boys' Division

#### Associated Board

Name .....	Form	Instrument	Grade
David Baskeyfield .....	2JAD	Piano	5 Merit
John Beech .....	2CJU	Cornet	3 Pass
Richard Coxson .....	5DTB	Violin	6 Distinction
Charles Davenport .....	1RG	Saxophone	1 Pass
Richard Dooley .....	1BE	Saxophone	2 Pass
Christopher Gartside .....	3JDN	Trumpet	4 Pass
Rupert Kendal .....	1MH	Pr Musicianship	5 Merit
Keith Mosedale .....	3JDN	Saxophone	2 Distinction
Mark Ostrowski .....	4RGD	Piano	2 Pass
Kiran Raja Ratnam .....	3BJE	Theory	3 Pass
Philip Reynolds .....	3JP	Theory	5 Pass
Andrew Rees .....	1RG	Oboe	2 Merit
Howard Varney .....	5DTB	Piano	8 Pass
Toby Ward .....	3JP	Piano	4 Distinction
Richard Williams .....	3ALv	Trombone	1 Merit

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Joe Hallam .....	5AL	Violin	6 Pass
Philip Hart .....	5NCJR	Violin	6 Merit
Jonathan Kendon .....	5JMr	Violin	6 Merit

#### Girls' Division

#### Associated Board

Georgina Basford .....	2APW	Clarinet	2 Pass
Alice Betton .....	2VBW	Clarinet	2 Pass
Anna Betts .....	2LB	Clarinet	3 Pass
Ruth Francis .....	3EH	Theory	5 Pass

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Lauren Hindle .....	1TGN	Flute	2 Merit
Lyndsay Lomax .....	2APW	Trombone	1 Pass
Amy Mason .....	2VBW	Cornet	5 Pass
Katy Mills .....	2CHB	Theory	5 Pass
Katie Mountford .....	2VBW	Theory	5 Pass
Rebecca Morris .....	2LB	Clarinet	2 Pass
Becky Smalley .....	2APW	Flute	4 Pass
Heather Swift .....	2APW	Cornet	5 Pass
Sarah Varney .....	2LB	Violin	6 Distinction
Victoria Wheeldon .....	2APW	Flute	2 Merit
Michelle Williams .....	3EH	Flute	3 Pass

### Junior Division

Heather Brunt .....	J4K	Flute	1 Merit
Roslyn Gathercole .....	J3K	Piano	1 Pass
George Laughton .....	J4S	French Horn	3 Merit
Lorna Powell .....	J3M	Cello	1 Distinction

## Summer Term 1996

### Sixth Form and Boys' Division

#### Associated Board

<i>Name .....</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Jonathan Aitken .....	3JDN	Theory	5 Pass
Andrew Aldcroft .....	4CPH	Theory	5 Distinction
David Baskeyfield .....	2JAD	Pr Musicianship	5 Grade B
Douglas Currie .....	3JDN	Saxophone	3 Merit
Mark Frederick .....	3JP	Theory	5 Pass
Mark Goodsell .....	4NCJR	Clarinet	8 Pass
Tristan Millican .....	3ALv	Guitar	3 Merit
Jonathan Mitchell .....	4NCJR	Piano	5 Merit
Michael Morgan .....	L6MGH	Theory	5 Pass

### Girls' Division

Kate Baker .....	2VBW	Saxophone	4 Distinction
Abigail Broomhead .....	1RSH	Flute	1 Pass
Abigail Bullivent .....	2LB	Flute	1 Pass
Kimberley Byrom .....	1AMS	Flute	1 Merit
Katherine Coveney .....	3SM	Flute	5 Pass
Ruth Francis .....	3EH	Flute	5 Pass
Amy Holland .....	1AMS	Flute	1 Pass
Alex Jamonts .....	2CHB	Piano	2 Distinction
Katie Mountford .....	2VBW	Piano	6 Pass
Katie Mountford .....	2VBW	Flute	5 Merit
Amy Thompson .....	1RLGD	Flute	2 Pass
Victoria Weaver .....	1TGN	Clarinet	1 Distinction

Diana West .....	3AC	Clarinet	1 Merit
Abigail Wilson .....	1RSH	Flute	1 Merit

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Lisa Mitchell .....	Violin	3 Pass
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### Junior Division

#### Associated Board

Eleanor Cowan .....	J2K	Piano	Prep.Pass
Richard Cowan .....	J4S	Piano	1 Merit
Stephen English .....	J4K	Cornet	1 Merit
Sam Gladman .....	J2K	Saxophone	1 Pass
Michael Harris .....	J4M	Saxophone	2 Pass
Colin Hinchliffe .....	J4K	Clarinet	1 Merit
Nick Jamonts .....	J4S	Piano	1 Merit
David Kennerley .....	J1S	Clarinet	1 Merit
Tracy Keys .....	J2K	Piano	Prep.Pass
Yannick Malins .....	J4K	Piano	2 Merit
Chris Mills .....	J2K	Trumpet	1 Merit
Kate Owens .....	J4M	Flute	1 Flute
Nick Petty .....	J1K	Cornet	1 Pass
Matthew Scott .....	J3S	Flute	1 Merit
Elizabeth Starkie .....	J4M	Flute	1 Pass

# Appendix 7 Sports Results

## Rugby Results

### 1st XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Cheadle Hulme School	Won	31	6
Lancaster RGS	Won	19	11
Rossall School	Drawn	0	0
QEGS, Wakefield	Won	13	11
Manchester GS	Won	26	3
Woodhouse Grove	Drawn	11	11
Dulwich College	Won	15	12
St Ambrose College	Won	7	3
Rydal School	Won	17	7
Newcastle HS	Won	19	3
Wirral GS	Won	20	15
Stockport GS	Won	11	10
Kirkham GS	Won	9	0
Birkenhead School	Won	18	16
KES, Aston	Won	65	0
Adams GS	Won	25	14
KES, Lytham	Won	53	3
Lady Manners School	Drawn	10	10
Stockport GS	Won	23	5
St Ambrose College	Lost	8	13

<b>Honours</b>	Robert Hartley	England U18
	Alister Milne	Scotland U18

### Colours

*School:* Nicholas Thompson, Nicholas Mason, Robert Hartley, Alister Milne, Robert Howarth, Max Griffiths, Daniel Hulme, James Perriss, Matthew Forbes, Andrew Bones, Jonathan Campbell, Jonathan Riley, Matthew Patterson, Simon Moroney.

*Club:* Andrew Mundy, Marc Rimmer, Daniel Hallam, Robert Willis, Nick Hanson, Tristan Wood, Russell Charlesworth

*1st XV:* Duncan Gibb, Andrew Wheeler, Tim Jenkins, James Keep, Gordon Payne

### 2nd XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Cheadle Hulme School	Won	46	19
Lancaster RGS	Lost	0	39
Rossall School	Won	17	12
QEGS, Wakefield	Lost	24	32
Manchester GS	Won	29	0
Woodhouse Grove School	Lost	5	10
Dulwich College	Lost	7	12
St Ambrose College	Won	68	0
Rydal School	Won	56	3
Newcastle-u-Lyme School	Won	20	0
Wirral GS	Won	36	0
Kirkham GS	Lost	5	24
Birkenhead School	Won	21	10
Arnold School	Won	19	11
King Edward VI GS, Aston	Won	73	0
Adams GS	Won	36	15
King Edward VI GS, Lytham	Won	36	7
Bradford GS	Cancelled		
St Edward's College	Cancelled		
Merchant Taylors', Crosby	Cancelled		
Lady Manner's School, Bakewell	Won	19	5
Stockport GS	Lost	7	22
Wirral GS	Lost	7	19

### U16 XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Lancaster RGS	Lost	5	12
Stockport GS	Won	24	7
Rossall School	Won	34	5
QEGS Wakefield	Won	10	0
Manchester GS	Won	17	7
Woodhouse Grove	Won	39	0
Rydal School	Won	19	3
Newcastle School	Won	31	5
Wirral School	Won	57	0
King's, Chester 1st XV	Won	48	0
Birkenhead	Won	24	0
Arnold	Lost	0	10
Adams GS, Newport	Won	29	14

### Liverpool St Helens Floodlight Cup

St Anselm's (1st round)	Won	30	0
Wirral (2nd round)	Won	12	10
Merchant Taylors' (semi-final)	Won	12	8
Stonyhurst (final)	Lost	8	22

### U15 A XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Lancaster RGS	Drawn	12	12
Rossall School	Won	51	5
QEGS, Wakefield	Lost	0	30
Cheadle Hulme (Cheshire Cup)	Won	37	5
Manchester GS	Won	12	10
Woodhouse Grove	Won	31	0
St Ambrose (Cheshire Cup)	Lost	5	36
Rydal School	Won	34	0
Newcastle-u-Lyme School	Won	43	0
Kirkham GS	Won	29	5
Birkenhead School	Won	18	10
Arnold School	Won	35	12
KES, Aston	Won	43	12
Adams GS	Won	20	3
KES, Lytham	Won	25	15
St Joseph's, Ipswich	Won	34	12
Stockport GS	Lost	22	34

### U15 B XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Lancaster RGS	Lost	12	20
St Ambrose	Lost	17	34
Newcastle-u-Lyme School	Won	60	0

### U14 A XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Lancaster RGS	Lost	14	31
Rossall School	Won	54	0
QEGS, Wakefield	Lost	5	20
Cheadle Hulme School	Won	43	0
Manchester GS	Lost	7	22
Woodhouse Grove	Won	39	13
St Ambrose	Lost	0	40
Rydal School	Won	32	10
Newcastle-u-Lyme School	Won	49	5
Wirral GS	Won	19	17
Kirkham GS	Won	15	10
Birkenhead School	Won	17	5
Arnold School	Won	60	0
KES Aston	Won	51	0



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Adams GS .....	Won	41	0
KES, Lytham .....	Won	41	0
Bradford GS .....	Cancelled		
St Edward's, Liverpool .....	Cancelled		
Merchant Taylors .....	Cancelled		
Stockport GS .....	Lost	5	7

## U14 B XV

<i>Opponent</i> .....	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Manchester GS .....	Won	17	0
Poynton HS A XV .....	Lost	31	59
Newcastle-u-Lyme School .....	Won	45	0
Wirral GS .....	Lost	5	27
Arnold School .....	Lost	15	22
Cheadle Hulme A XV .....	Lost	32	37
Poynton HS A XV .....	Lost	17	28

## U12 A XV

<i>Opponent</i> .....	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Stockport GS .....	Won	10	5
St Ambrose College .....	Won	21	0
Rydal School .....	Won	55	5
Newcastle-u-Lyme School .....	Won	36	5
King's, Worcester .....	Won	17	10
Wirral GS .....	Won	36	12
Kirkham GS .....	Lost	0	10
Birkenhead School .....	Won	26	17
Arnold School .....	Lost	5	12
KES, Aston .....	Won	41	0
Adams GS .....	Won	92	0
KES, Lytham .....	Drawn	15	15
Stockport .....	Won	31	5
Cheadle Hulme .....	Won	51	0
Manchester GS .....	Won	19	17

## U12 B XV

<i>Opponent</i> .....	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Stockport GS .....	Won	17	5
Newcastle-u-Lyme School .....	Won	49	0
Wirral GS .....	Won	21	10
Birkenhead School .....	Lost	7	12
Arnold School .....	Lost	5	27
KES Lytham (A) .....	Lost	5	38
Stockport GS .....	Won	25	15
Manchester GS .....	Won	27	10

## Hockey Results

### 1st XI

<i>Opponent</i> .....	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Knutsford HS .....	Won	5	1
Sandbach School .....	Won	5	0
Merchant Taylors' School .....	Drawn	1	1
Doncaster Hall Cross .....	Drawn	2	2
Caldy Grange GS .....	Lost	0	4
Birkenhead School .....	Won	2	0
Warwick School .....	Lost	2	4
Newcastle-u-Lyme School .....	Lost	1	2
Maritzburg College (SA) .....	Lost	1	5
Kobblers .....	Drawn	3	3
Repton School .....	Lost	1	3
Rossall School .....	Drawn	1	1
Merchant Taylors' School .....	Lost	1	5

Trent College .....	Drawn	2	2
Birkenhead School .....	Lost	1	4

## Hockey Association National Youth Cup

### Cheshire County Finals

<i>Opponent</i> .....	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Disley HC .....	Lost	0	1
Sandbach School .....	Won	2	0
Cheadle Hulme School .....	Won	2	0
Birkenhead School .....	Won	5	0

King's 1st XI Cheshire County Champions

### North West Divisional Finals

<i>Opponent</i> .....	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
The Lakes School .....	Won	3	0
Bolton HC (semi-final) .....	Won	5	3
Caldy Grange GS (final) .....	Lost	0	2

### 1st XI Goalscorers

10 N Lowe; 6 L Barnes, R Skelhorn; 4 S Hobbs, A Mott; 3 J Jacques; 2 G Emmett, A Clayton; 1 B Ballon, J Jackson, J Leigh, W Gittins.

### Representative Honours

Cheshire U17 C Billington, N Edwards, L Barnes, B Ballon

North-West U17 C Billington, N Edwards, L Barnes

Cheshire U21 M Weeks

### School Colours

M Weeks, N Lowe, N Edwards, J Jackson, J Jacques

### School Honours

KSM Team of the Year (Matchmaker Cup): U14 XI

Jonathan Sheard Memorial Shield for Outstanding Player:

M Weeks and N Lowe

Kemp Cup: S Hobbs

### Indoor Team

## Hockey Association National Youth Cup (Indoor)

### North Finals

<i>Opponent</i> .....	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Birkenhead School .....	Lost	1	2
Hull HC .....	Won	3	2
Halifax HC .....	Won	2	0
Yarm School .....	Won	1	0
Guiseley School .....	Won	9	1

King's 1st Team: North Champions

## Hockey Association National Youth Cup Finals (Indoor)

<i>Opponent</i> .....	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Watford GS .....	Lost	3	6
Exeter School .....	Lost	1	9
John Player HC .....	Lost	2	7
Kingston GS .....	Lost	2	9

### Indoor Goalscorers

9 N Lowe; 6 L Barnes; 2 N Edwards, S Hobbs, G Emmett; 1 B Ballon, R Skelhorn, A Mott

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## 2nd XI

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Cheadle Hulme 1st XI	Won	5	1
Birkenhead 2nd XI	Lost	0	1
Newcastle-under-Lyme 2nd XI	Won	1	0
Wirral GS 1st XI	Won	3	2
Wirral GS 1st XI	Drawn	1	1
Cheadle Hulme 1st XI	Won	4	1
Birkenhead 2nd XI	Drew	1	1

## 2nd XI Goal Scorers

7 T Jasimuddin; 3 A Clayton, R Skelhorn; 1 S Hobbs, M Hoare

## U16 XI

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Knutsford High School	Drawn	1	1
Doncaster Hall Cross	Won	2	1
Merchant Taylors	Lost	0	1
Birkenhead School	Lost	1	7
Sandbach	Won	6	0
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Won	3	1
Birkenhead School	Lost	0	4
Repton School	Lost	1	2
Rossall	Won	1	0
Knutsford High School	Won	3	0
Birkenhead School	Lost	0	8
Merchant Taylors	Won	3	1
Liverpool College	Won	8	0
Trent College	Lost	0	6

## Hockey Association National Youth Cup

### Cheshire County Finals

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Disley Hockey Club	Won	3	0
Sandbach	Won	4	1
Bowdon Hockey Club	Lost	3	4
Birkenhead School	Lost	0	9

King's U16 finished third

## Scorers

17 S Hardman; 10 J Blower; 5 M Shepherd; 3 L Sharman; 1 J Fielding, A Jepson, M Tunwell, M Yates

## U15 XI

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Knutsford HS	Drawn	1	1
Doncaster Hall Cross	Won	2	1
Merchant Taylors' School	Won	3	1
Birkenhead School	Won	4	1
Hazel Grove	Drawn	0	0
Newcastle-u-Lyme School	Lost	1	2
Birkenhead School	Lost	2	4
Weaverham HS (U16)	Won	2	1
King William's College	Lost	1	3
Fencibles	Won	3	0
Repton School	Lost	0	8
Rossall School	Drawn	0	0
Merchant Taylors' School	Won	2	0
Birkenhead School	Won	7	0
Knutsford HS	Won	4	1
Liverpool College	Won	8	0
Trent College	Lost	0	1

## Goalscorers

15 T Grant; 13 M Tunwell; 7 M Yates; 3 C Allday; 1 M Edwards, B Westcott

## U13 XI

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Beech Hall School	Lost	1	2
Newcastle-u-Lyme School	Won	3	0
Birkenhead School	Won	2	0
Katherine, Lady Berkeley	Lost	0	3
Knutsford HS	Won	2	0
Beech Hall School	Lost	1	0
Rossall School	Drawn	3	3
Birkenhead School	Lost	1	2
Knutsford HS	Won	2	1

## Cricket Results

### 1st XI

<i>Opponent</i>	
William Hulme's GS	Lost by 1 wk King's 103 (A Bones 44) William Hulme's 104-9 (G Emmett 3-15, N Mason 3-14)
Cheadle Hulme Sch (80 overs)	Won by 5 wks Cheadle Hulme 182-7 (43 overs) King's 184-5 (N Mason 56)
Arnold School	Lost by 6 wks King's 181 (A Bones 45, A Wheeler 31) Arnold 182-4
Bolton School	Drawn King's 203-7 dec (T Jenkins 48, A Bones 39) Bolton 164-6 (A Wheeler 3-44)
King's, Chester	Won by 8 wks Chester 94 (N Mason 4-17) King's 96-2 (A Bones 72*)
Stockport GS (80 overs)	Drawn King's 210-3 (42 overs) (N Mason 105*, A Emslie 41) Stockport 138-5 (38 overs)
Newcastle-u-Lyme Sch (80 overs)	Drawn Newcastle 134-9 (43 overs) (G Emmett 4-33) King's 101-8 (37 overs) (S Moroney 32)
Nottingham HS	Lost by 5 wks King's 125 (M Patterson 35*) Nottingham 129-5
RGS, Lancaster	Won by 7 wks Lancaster 211-8 dec (N Mason 3-44) King's 213-3 (C Buckley 100, A Bones 69)
Manchester GS	Won by 6 wks MGs 243-4 dec (S Jones 3-58) King's 244-4 (C Buckley 86*, A Bones 42, A Wheeler 40*)
MCC	Drawn MCC 175-3 dec King's 154-7 (A Bones 41, T Jenkins 34)
Ellesmere College	Drawn Ellesmere 226-3 dec King's 148-5 (A Bones 80, C Buckley 46)
St Ambrose	Drawn (RSP) King's 229-4 dec (A Bones 113, T Jenkins 83) St Ambrose 25-3

Birkenhead School	Won by 2 wks Birkenhead 117 (S Jones 5-28, G Emmett 3-26) King's 120-8 (A Bones 51)
KES, Lytham	Won by 9 wks Lytham 91-9 (35 overs) (S Jones 3-16) King's 92-1 (A Bones 59)
Hulme GS	Won by 10 wks Hulme 113 (M Smethurst 4-7, G Emmett 3-31) King's 115-0 (L Barnes 55*, A Bones 54*)
Old Boys' XI	Won by 5 wks Old Boys 173 (M Tunwell 3-36, A Wheeler 3-47) King's 174-5 (C Buckley 66*, A Wheeler 37*)
Ipswich (Cricket Festival)	Won by 4 wks Ipswich 215-6 (G Emmett 3-32) King's 216-6 (M Patterson 48, N Mason 33)
Edinburgh Academy (Cricket Festival)	Won by 65 runs King's 264-8 (A Bones 126) Edinburgh 199-6 (S Jones 3-51)
Brighton College (Cricket Festival)	Won by 87 runs King's 270-7 (C Buckley 118, G Emmett 45*, M Patterson 31) Brighton 183-8

*Cricket Festival at Edinburgh Academy: matches 50 overs per innings*

### Batting Averages

	<i>M</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>HS</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Avge</i>
A Bones	20	20	2	126	972	54.00
C Buckley	20	18	4	118	561	40.07
A Wheeler	20	14	4	40*	250	25.00
T Jenkins	20	17	4	83	324	24.92
L Barnes	15	11	5	55*	128	21.33
M Patterson	18	15	3	48	249	20.75
N Mason	20	18	2	105*	308	19.25
G Emmett	20	10	3	45*	108	15.43
A Emslie	9	8		41	89	11.13

*Also batted:* S Moroney 13 m, 6 inn, 58 runs; S Jones 18 m, 7 inn, 25 runs; M Hoare 9 m, 2 inn, 5 runs; M Smethurst 11m, 2 inn, 4 runs; M Tunwell 6 m, 2 inn, 7 runs; W Gittins 1 m.

### Bowling Averages

	<i>O</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Avge</i>
G Emmett	208.1	56	567	33	17.18
M Hoare	48.0	9	174	9	19.33
S Jones	177.4	32	549	27	20.33
N Mason	149.4	23	545	23	23.70
A Wheeler	168.5	26	644	22	29.27
M Smethurst	71.5	15	206	7	29.43

*Also bowled:* M Tunwell 27-6-96-4; C Buckley 25-0-127-3; T Jenkins 3.4-1-8-1; L Barnes 1-0-12-0; S Moroney 1-1-0-0.

**Fielding Catches:** M Patterson 10 (+ 6 st), A Bones 15 (+ 1 st), N Mason 12, L Barnes 11, S Jones 8, S Moroney 7, G Emmett 4, A Wheeler 3, C Buckley 2, T Jenkins 2, A Emslie 1, M Tunwell 1.

### 2nd XI

#### Batting Averages

	<i>I</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>HS</i>	<i>Avge</i>
A Emslie	5	1	223	76	55.75
D Harbord	5	2	128	40	42.66
S Moroney	6	1	203	81	40.60
D Brown	6	1	140	56*	28.00
N Jones	9	2	179	74*	25.57

#### Bowling Averages

	<i>O</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Avge</i>
M Shephard	25.1	13	69	10	6.90
M Smethurst	67.0	23	164	18	9.11
C Robinson	72.1	19	189	16	11.81
M Drabble	46.5	10	140	10	14.00

*Catches:* 9 N Jones (+ 2 st); 6 J Clay, W Gittins; 4 N Hudson; 2 M Drabble, M Smethurst; 1 D Brown, A Emslie, D Harbord, S Moroney, M Rice, J Riley



1st XI (photo: DMH)

# Appendix 7 Sports Results

## U11 XI

### Opponent

Birkenhead Prep	Lost by 66 runs Birkenhead 116 for 4 (28 overs) King's 50 for 8 (28 overs)
Greenbank	Lost by 4 wks King's 85 for 5 (20 overs) (Jamonts 26 no, Kirk 26) Greenbank 90 for 6 (14 overs) (Westwood 5-2-14-3)
Stockport GS (U11A)	Lost by 27 runs Stockport 89 for 7 dec King's 62
Stockport GS (U11B)	Drawn King's 106 for 9 dec (Beaumont 48) Stockport 93 for 8 (Ayres 7-1-24-4)
Bury GS	Won by 5 wks Bury 154 (Jamonts 6-1-28-3) King's 156 for 5 (Jamonts 51 no, Westwood 47)
QEGS, Blackburn	Cancelled (rain)
King's, Chester	Lost by 8 wks King's 55 for 9 dec. King's, Chester 56 for 2
Altrincham Prep	Match tied King's 77 for 9 dec Altrincham 77 for 6
Birkenhead Prep (A)	Cancelled (Birkenhead unavailable)
Birkenhead Prep (B)	Lost by 60 runs Birkenhead 257 (24 overs) King's 197 (24 overs)
(This game was played "calypso style" with the players batting in pairs for four overs and losing runs for each wicket lost.)	
Bolton School	Lost by 5 wickets King's 82 for 8 dec Bolton 83 for 5
Stockport JS (6-a-side comp)	Cancelled (rain)

## Athletics Results

.....	Snrs	U17	U16	U15	U14	U13
1st Track League ..... (King's)	1st	3rd	3rd	3rd	3rd	
2nd Track League ..... (Marple)		3rd	2nd	3rd	3rd	
v Lancaster..... & Birkenhead	2nd	2nd				
District Championships ..... (8 schools)	1st		2nd		2nd	
TSB Schools Cup ..... (11 schools) .....		5th		2nd		
Helsby Invitation ..... (5 schools)		5th	5th	5th	2nd	
Field Events .....			3rd	3rd	1st	

### Overall Track League Result

1st Bramhall	26.5 points
2nd MGS	26 points
3rd King's	19 points
4th Stockport	8.5 points

## U15

All Hallows	86 points
King's	40 points
Wilmslow	35 points

## U13

All Hallows	79 points
King's	73 points

### Helsby Trophy (five schools)

1st St Anselm's	16 points
2nd Wirral	16 points
3rd Helsby	13 points
4th= All Hallows	7 points
4th= King's	7 points

### Field Events

1st West Hill	75 points
2nd King's	69 points
3rd All Hallows	63 points
4th Audenshaw	44 points
5th Fallibroome	37 points

## Tennis Results

### Senior Boys 1st Team

Opponent .....	Result		
Manchester GS .....	Lost	4	5
Ellesmere College .....	Won	8	1
Rydal School .....	Won	8	1
Leeds GS .....	Won	9	0
Bolton School .....	Won	5	4
Stonyhurst .....	Won	8	0
Liverpool College .....	Won	8	
King's, Chester .....	Won	7	1

### Senior Boys 2nd Team

Opponent .....	Result		
Ellesmere College .....	Won	7	2
Rydal School .....	Won	9	0
William Hulme's GS .....	Won	8	1
Leeds GS .....	Won	7	2
Bolton School .....	Drawn	3	3
Stonyhurst .....	Won	7	1

### Cheshire Cup (1st Team)

Opponent .....	Result		
Dane Valley HS .....	Won	6	0
Heathfield HS .....	Won	6	0
Bishop Heber HS .....	Won	6	0
Bridgewater HS .....	Won	5	1

### Cheshire Cup (U16)

Opponent .....	Result		
Fallibroome HS .....	Won	6	0
Westlands HS .....	Won	5	1
Weaverham HS .....	Lost	3	3
(lost on games)			

### Glanvill Cup (1st Team)

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>		
St Nicholas, Hartford	Won	4	0
St Peter's, Wolverhampton	Won	3	3
(won on sets)			
Shrewsbury Sixth Form College	Won	5	1
Syr Hugh Owen, Carmarthen	Lost	1	5
(final Area 5)			

### Public Schools Championships at Eton College

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>		
George Watson's	Won	2	1
Repton School	Lost	0	2

### U15 Boys

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>		
Manchester GS	Lost	4	5
Bolton School	Won	6	2
William Hulme's GS	Won	9	0
Stockport GS	Won	4	0
Leeds GS	Won	9	0
The Grange	Won	3	1
Bradford GS	Drawn	2	2
King's, Chester	Won	6	0
Marple Hall HS	Won	6	3

### Cheshire Cup (U15)

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>		
Sandbach HS	Won	5	1
Caldy Grange HS	Lost	0	6

### Midland Bank (U15)

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>		
All Hallows HS	Won	4	0
Ryles Park HS	Won	4	2
Fallibroome HS	Lost	2	4

### U14 Boys

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>		
Manchester GS	Lost	3	6
Bolton School	Won	8	
Stockport GS	Won	3	1
Leeds GS	Won	7	2
The Grange School	Won	4	0
Bradford GS	Won	4	0
Marple Hall HS	Won	9	0

### Cheshire Cup (U14)

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>		
Heathfield HS	Won	6	0
Caldy Grange HS	Lost	1	5

### U13 Boys

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>		
Manchester GS	Lost	4	5
Beech Hall School	Won	5	1
Bolton School	Lost	4	5
William Hulme's GS	Won	7	2
Stockport GS	Won	4	0
Leeds GS	Lost	3	6

Grange School	Won	3	1
Bradford GS	Drawn	3	3
King's, Chester	Won	2	1
Beech Hall School	Won	7	2

### Midland Bank Cup

(First round)

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>		
Tytherington HS	Won	4	0
Poynton HS	Won	4	0
(Second round)			
Fallibroome HS	Won	4	0
Bridgewater HS	Won	4	0
Queen's Park HS	Won	4	0
(Regional round)			
Fred Longworth HS, Wigan	Won	6	0
(NW semi-final)			
RGS, Clitheroe	Lost	1	3

### U12 Boys

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>		
Manchester GS	Lost	1	7
Stockport GS	Won	4	0
Leeds GS	Lost	1	8
The Grange, Hartford	Won	2	0
Bolton School	Won	7	2
Bradford GS	Won	6	0
Marple Hall School	Won	3	1