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King's Wildlife and Environmental Study Area.

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Head of Foundation's Report

If 2003 was the year dominated by the BBC *Songs of Praise* Choir of the Year award, then this was certainly the age of Paperclip Physics. The school team not only won the national competition, they also became media regulars as they were interviewed more than once for radio on the same subject. We are very proud of them and pleased with their achievements. None of this kind of success would be possible without the great commitment of the teaching staff who give up so much of their time outside the classroom. It is the time that they sacrifice at lunchtime, after school and at weekends towards extra-curricular life that makes King's such a special place.

We said goodbye this year to some special people who have been of service to King's for many years. It is not my normal practice to mention retirements in my introduction but the contribution of some of our staff has been immense and cannot be ignored. Ian Wilson has been at the school for thirty-six years and has distinguished himself in many ways. He has been involved in 1st XI cricket for thirty years and is nothing short of a legend with the sportsmen. Alan Brown, the Deputy Head, and David Smith, the Bursar, have also retired after many years' service. I am indebted to both of these colleagues for reasons too numerous to mention here. I have worked closely with both of them and they will be sorely missed. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr David Pook from Churcher's College, Hampshire, as the Deputy and Director of Studies, and Mr Jonathan Spencer Pickup as Director of Finance. King's also welcomes three new Vice Principals this year, two of them in the Junior Division. Among them, Mrs Emma Warburton has been appointed Vice Principal (Infants) – a new title – and takes on the role of Head of Infants. We implemented this change of name in the light of one of the recommendations of the inspection team who were so impressed with the good work of this division a year ago.

On the academic front, King's has had another very good year. At A Level, one in every three papers achieved an A grade and the pass rate was a very pleasing 100% for the second time in the school's history. Matthew Beardmore managed A grades in his A level papers for French, Chemistry and Mathematics. He also obtained A grades in his AS examinations in Biology, German and General Studies. This makes half a dozen A grades at this level. Four more pupils obtained five A grades,

mainly by managing three top scores at A Level with two extra qualifications at AS. Among these, David Illingworth obtained one of the top five marks out of almost 6,000 candidates in his Computing examination, a feat matched by Lizzie Harrison who scored one of the top five marks out of nearly 13,000 candidates in her Biology paper. Lizzie achieved the same feat at GCSE two years ago.

At GCSE, seven students obtained nine A* grades each. This is a school record by some distance. 53% of the grades at King's this year were at A/A* level, with 23.8% of pupils obtaining 9 A/A* grades. The school recorded a pass rate of 95% at A*-C grades. The Girls' Division had a spectacularly good year, with a high percentage of A and A* grades and very few not achieving an A*-C pass in any subject. Katherine Harrison managed to get one of the top five marks in the country in three of her examinations, another school record. This was out of 63,000 students in the nation sitting the German examination, 19,000 taking Biology and a massive 163,000 who took the GCSE French examination. This is an outstanding achievement and it has been an excellent summer for the Harrison family.

Rosie Campbell, Kay Doncom, Katherine Harrison, Ben Illingworth, David Kennerley, Anna Seeley and Samantha Whipp were the students who obtained nine straight A* grades, so it was also a good time for the Illingworth family. Forty-two pupils (nearly a quarter of

the year group) at the school obtained nine A or A* grades as a result of their papers.

The school also had very creditable Key Stage 1 & 2 SATs results, although the latter are now taken internally and are not reported externally. Again, none of this success would have been possible without the dedication, enthusiasm and hard work of the teaching staff and I am happy to pay tribute to their efforts. Personally, I am also very fortunate in being supported by such an able senior management team and I continue to be grateful to them on a day to day basis for their vision and commitment to our pupils.

As if this was not enough, I have the pleasure of working with a very committed set of governors who regularly give of their time for the benefit of our students. They have been particularly helpful in setting up the Quincentenary Bursary Scheme and the first three pupils who benefited from this arrangement have just graduated from the Sixth Form. It is a great pleasure to see the school holding strongly on to the traditions of its founders by providing education for able pupils in the area whose families are of limited means. I am pleased to report that three more pupils have joined the Sixth Form under the auspices of this scheme which is continuing to flourish.

I hope you can see that this has been another special year at King's and I hope that you enjoy reading about it in these pages.

Stephen Coyne



Hail...

Welcome to the following members of staff who joined King's during the academic year 2003-2004:

Miss Heidi Bader joined the Modern Languages Department as an NQT, teaching German and Spanish. A German national, she graduated in Spanish with English and European Studies from London Guildhall University. She enjoys singing and playing the guitar and recorder.

Mr Paul Bartle came to us from Rugby School to join the Chemistry Department. A graduate from Loughborough University, he plays rugby, amongst other sports, and also enjoys surfing and skiing.

Mr Graham Crawley, who joined us as a part-time hockey coach, is a medicinal chemist at AstraZeneca and enjoys cycling and photography. He is a qualified coach and has played hockey for forty years.

Mr Ian Dalgleish replaced Conn Anson-O'Connell in the French Department and is also Head of Modern Languages. An Oxford graduate, he was previously Head of French at Chigwell School in Essex. His interests include music, playing the piano and organ, and singing. He also likes sport and travel.

Miss Kate Easby, in the Classics Department, graduated in Classical Studies from the University of Manchester. As an NQT she completed her teaching experience at The Winston Churchill School and Grey Coat School in Surrey. Her main interests lie in the arts and travelling.

Miss Zoe Hall replaced Robin Hidden in the Art Department. She graduated in Textile Design from Manchester Metropolitan University and previously taught at Manchester Grammar School. Apart from Art, she enjoys travelling, playing the piano and sport.

Miss Michaela Jautz is another new recruit to the German Department. A German national, she graduated in English, French and Italian in Germany

and studied for her PGCE at Manchester University. As an NQT, she completed most of her teaching practice at Bury Grammar School for Girls. She enjoys hiking, skiing and the theatre.

Mrs Helen Leeming joined the IT Department on the promotion of Chris O'Donnell. With a degree in Mechanical Engineering, she completed her PGCE in ICT at King's College, London. She previously taught at Croydon High School, having had a successful career in industry. Her interests include theatre production, music and gardening.

Miss Ruth Pownall, a graduate of Manchester University, replaced Colin Kinshott as SST for Maths. She previously taught at Manchester High School for Girls, where she also coached netball, and likes travelling and sport.

Mr Andrew Reeve, Head of Economics and Business Studies, graduated from York University and has an Advanced Certificate in Careers Education from the University of Kent. He relinquished his post at Cheadle Hulme School, where he was also Head of General Studies. He has written many articles for Economics Today and other journals.

Mrs Rachel Richards became SST for Art and Design on the promotion of Debbie Inman, having been Acting Head of Art at Parris Wood Technology College. She graduated in 3D Design from Buckinghamshire Chilterns University and enjoys keeping fit.

Mrs Kim Davies joined the Infants' Department as a Teaching Assistant and job-shared with Nicola Few. Recently qualified, she completed her placement at King's.

Mr Ian Robertson took over as Principal of the Boys' Division, having been Pastoral Director at Bolton School (Boys) and having also taught at Cheadle Hulme School. He is a graduate in Biological Sciences from Birmingham University and a cricket coach. He enjoys fell-running.

Mrs Nicola Squares, a new member of the Junior Division, is a music graduate from Cardiff University and has taught at Chetham's School of Music. As well

as music, she enjoys the theatre and sport.

Mrs Lisa Snook is an Administrative Assistant and works in the library at Cumberland Street, having previously worked voluntarily as librarian at Prestbury C of E Primary School. She has a particular interest in children's literature and is also involved in children's work at St Peter's Church, Prestbury.

Gap Students

Mike Newell, from Christchurch, New Zealand, together with Ben Tatti and Lyndsey Simcoe from Melbourne and Canberra, Australia, were the first Gap Students to be recruited by King's. Their presence in the school, especially – but not exclusively – on the sports fields, has been enormously successful. Thus, the practice will continue in 2005, with three more Gappies from the southern hemisphere. Ben and Mike both coached cricket in the summer; in the winter Ben concentrated on hockey and Mike on rugby. Lyndsey worked mostly at Fence Avenue and was especially valuable on the netball courts. All three assisted with administration and Form Tutor duties and were particularly helpful in the Junior Division where they offered classroom assistance. Mike is staying on in Macclesfield to complete the rugby season with the town team, whilst Ben and Lyndsey will be back home in time for Christmas. They have been excellent ambassadors for their countries and for their schools and, as Gap Student pioneers, will be the first in a long line that follow them. They will be a hard act to follow. We wish them every success as they return Down Under.

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A warm welcome to Dr Janet West and also to Isabel Garbett, Chris Perez and Alan Tennuchi, who all joined us on a temporary basis to cover for illness and maternity leave.

... and Farewell

and our best wishes for the future to:

Trevor Adams

Trevor Adams came to King's in 1977 from King Edward's Aston. As Head of History from 1977 to 2000, Trevor passed on his enthusiasm and great knowledge of the subject to several generations of students at all levels from Year 7 to the many Year 13 students who he successfully taught to Oxbridge entrance level. His commitment to the highest academic standards was central to the success of the History Department during his time at King's.

Trevor organised a wide variety of history trips over the years, such as the Sixth Form visits to Paris to study the French Revolution and the GCSE visits to the First World War battlefields, together with one-day trips nearer home to places such as Conway Castle, Bosworth Field, the English civil war battlefield at Edgehill, Coalbrookdale, RAF Hendon, the National Army Museum, the Imperial War Museum, the Royal Armouries and many more. All this helped to bring the subject alive for his students.

As a middle school tutor throughout his twenty-seven years at the school, Trevor looked after the welfare of countless numbers of boys. He carried out his pastoral duties with great friendliness and commitment and is remembered with affection by many old boys. Trevor coached both school cricket and rugby for twenty years and, in addition, ran a most popular school aviation society. He also devoted much time to the work of the Common Room Committee. In his later years, Trevor took over responsibility for School Prizes.

Above all, Trevor will be remembered as a fine schoolmaster who made an invaluable contribution to the education of thousands of boys and girls over many years. A lifelong supporter of Stoke City football club, Trevor will now have more time to follow their fortunes. He will be sadly missed at King's and we wish him a very long and happy retirement.

Pennie Aspinwall

'Mrs A' joined the staff at King's Junior School in September 1992 as a class teacher for Year 3 children. She had previously taught at Barton Clough PS, Stretford. In September 1993, Pennie became a Year 4 class teacher and, in

1998, Vice-Principal (Junior Division), taking key responsibilities for the first two Junior School years. Here she took the lead in planning and delivering the curriculum, her experience proving inspirational to a number of young teachers who have worked with her as mentor.

The outstanding level of visual display that is always evident in the Junior School is directly attributable to her inspiration, as commented on most favourably by two inspection teams, as well as countless visitors. She also made significant contributions to drama by producing *The Factory Children* and *The Evacuees* as well as co-producing (with Alison Lea) *Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, *Oliver* and *Annie*, amongst others. She is also a talented musician and her skills were utilised as she assisted with string ensemble rehearsals and performances.

First and foremost, Pennie is an outstanding Junior School teacher who set high expectations for her pupils in academic work, behaviour and extra-curricular activities. She has truly been an inspiration to many. In a typically generous gesture, Pennie gave to the school a beautiful new glass award to be presented annually to the outstanding artist in Year 4, an area of the school very close to her heart. She left King's at the end of the Autumn Term to become Head of Junior School at Cheadle Hulme School from January 2004. However, there will always be a part of her heart that remains at King's Juniors.

Martin Badger

Martin Badger served the school for thirty-six years as a Geography teacher and generations of pupils have benefited from his knowledge and enthusiasm. His professionalism was complete and he was much liked by his classes. Pupils around the school could often be overheard saying, 'Hey, it's good being taught by Mr Badger.' He was prepared to give up his time for the department, going on many fieldwork days and on longer trips, both locally and further afield. He also served over thirty years as a popular form master, mostly in the Sixth Form.

Martin's extra-curricular contribution to the school has always been so huge that any attempt to list everything he did would almost certainly run foul of error by omission. However, it must not go unrecorded that he took a great interest

in staff development, and spent many years working with student teachers doing their PGCE teaching practice at Kings, with NQTs starting their career and with the school's own Professional Development Programme for the staff. He was also Careers Master for many years, and spent a lot of time with Friends of Kings. Almost certainly, however, he is going to be best remembered for his massive contribution to school hockey. He established the sport in the school more or less single-handedly, ran the first XI for years and years, highly successfully, with many unbeaten seasons and England International players. He also set up an active and successful Old Boys' team. Hockey as a sport in the school today is largely down to Martin Badger.

Martin Badger is part of a dying breed. He was always a real King's man, continually driven by whatever he considered to be in the best interests of the school. He was also a people person, friendly and approachable, and always had time to talk. All wish him a long and happy retirement. It is truly well deserved.

Jo Blackshaw

Jo joined King's in September 2001 and quickly established herself as an excellent classroom teacher of both Biology and Chemistry and as someone who genuinely understood the role of extra-curricular activities in an all-round education. In fact, in her first ever staff meeting she produced the idea that led to the Fence Avenue 500 year anniversary staff production. In her first year Jo coached the Year 8 netball team and helped run the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze group. However, Jo had much higher aims and in September 2002 she started the Girls' Outdoor club. In her first year alone the girls did activities ranging from walking and mountain biking to caving, gorge scrambling and surfing. The club was a great success and brought together girls from across the years, introducing them to the joys of cooking and washing up, as well as the great outdoors. In 2003 Jo qualified as a Mountain Leader and continued to be involved in all areas of outdoor pursuits at King's. At the end of the year she was appointed leader of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Throughout all of this Jo was very active in the pastoral system, firstly as a Year 7 tutor and then as a Year 10 tutor. In this area she helped a lot of

students into the school and supported them through the difficulties and activities that Year 7 brings.

With all this, it is a testament to her teaching ability and the relationship she had with her students that it is as an exceptional teacher that she will be mostly missed. There is a long list of students in Biology and Chemistry who achieved very high grades due to the time and effort Jo put in, both in and out of the classroom.

Jo has moved on to become a full-time outdoor instructor, which was always her dream. She will be massively missed at Fence Avenue and leaves a large hole in all the areas she was involved in. She will be remembered as someone who has a genuine love of teaching and understood the true meaning of a broad education.

Alan Brown

Alan Brown taught at King's for thirty years. He came from industry and brought with him a wealth of chemical knowledge. He has always been a first rate teacher, keen to try new approaches. As Head of Chemistry, Alan worked very hard and ran a successful department. He used IT before it was fashionable. For many years, he ran the Venturers and established the tradition of outdoor activities that King's has today.

In 1994, Alan made the difficult transition to senior management. He has worked with two different heads. I have no doubt that he could tell us all sorts of stories about both, and no doubt that he won't. Being a Deputy Head is a huge job and Alan did it very efficiently and had a reputation as a tremendously hard worker. He always maintained the highest professional standards and never shirked from responsibility; a fact that earned him a lot of respect.

In short, Alan was a consummate professional who will be sorely missed at the school. All at King's wish him and Christine a long and happy retirement.

Mrs Maureen Denovan

Maureen Denovan joined King's in September 1998, having gained much experience in a variety of local primary schools. She initially took over the Nursery class but, after one year, moved to Reception and developed this important area of the school over the next five years, culminating in an

outstanding report in last year's ISI inspection. For her final two years of teaching, she very bravely took on the role of Head of Infants. Maureen threw herself totally into her first managerial role and continued to develop the most rapidly expanding part of the King's Foundation with great energy, whilst still maintaining her close and caring stewardship of the tinies in R/MD.

A special tree was planted in the Ginkgo Meadow in a moving ceremony during the final hectic week of the Summer Term, a permanent reminder of Maureen's vital input into the brief history of King's Infants. She retired at the end of the term to spend more time with her husband, Barry, and her family but we shall no doubt be seeing her at future Infant School events.

Ros Marcall

Ros joined King's in 1992 as a part-time teacher of German. During that year she helped set up the German Department at Fence Avenue and also taught at the Boys' Division. For the next twelve years she contributed enormously to the German Department, helping to build it up from relatively low numbers to a thriving department with a high uptake in Year 10 and thereafter in the Sixth Form.

She always gave above and beyond the call of duty, giving generously of her time and always helping others when she could. When snow was on the ground and staff were finding it hard to make it into school for the Entrance Examination, Ros was the first to appear, even though she was not scheduled to invigilate. Her contribution to the German Exchange has been immeasurable. She has hosted German staff almost every year, and has accompanied the exchange to Memmingen on many occasions. It was difficult to believe that Ros was a part timer as she was always there when needed. Her role as part of the German team will be difficult to fill, but in the wider school she will also be sorely missed.

Every school needs a Ros, and we are sorry to see her retire, but hope she is now finding time to do all the activities she looked forward to.

Jackie Murphy

Jackie returned to her native Cheshire when she joined the expanding Classics Department at King's in 1999. Prior to that, she had enjoyed a rich and varied

teaching career in the UK and abroad. While at King's she taught Latin and Classical Civilisation in the Boys', Girls' and Sixth Form Divisions and proved herself to be a competent, enthusiastic and caring teacher and a supportive and reliable colleague. So inspiring was she that several of her Sixth Form students successfully applied to study Classical Civilisation at university. She was an active member of the department and accompanied trips abroad to Greece and Italy. Her association with King's spans many years as her grandfather was a scholarship pupil here, so she obviously will remain in contact with the school. All wish her a long and happy retirement.

David Smith

David Smith, often known as DOS, joined the school as Bursar in 1977 from King Edward's School in Birmingham. He was responsible for introducing the first computerised systems into the school for keeping parental records, and also very involved in the transformation of King's from a direct grant school into a truly independent school. He went on to lead the negotiations for the acquisition of the Fence Avenue site and the subsequent refurbishment of the facilities there. This was a significant contribution to the development of the school in its present structure. It could not have happened without his vision, attention to detail and financial acumen. He was a well respected member of the Senior Management Team, with a keen sense of humour and unfailing politeness, and all the staff wish him well in his retirement.

Kris Stutchbury

Kris Stutchbury joined King's in 1994 as the Head of Science and Chemistry. She brought new ideas and drive to a traditional Chemistry Department and created a modern dynamic department that was continually improving and looking for new challenges. Kris created detailed records of results and test scores which enabled the department to track students' progress over their entire school career. This, coupled with Kris's practical based schemes of work, meant that results and numbers at A Level improved massively in her time running the department.

Kris was involved in a wide range of activities. Within the department she provided science clubs, the Crest awards, lecture visits and numerous

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other events that both increased the students' appreciation and enjoyment of science and raised the department's profile.

Outside the department, Kris was heavily involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. She became a fixture on the Scottish mountaineering trip and helped out at Thorpe Farm and Edale.

Kris will be remembered and much missed. She brought a genuine love of education to the school. She left to move with her family to Cambridge, where she is pursuing a Masters degree in Education, but is still attending outdoor trips at King's.

Helen Taylor

Helen came to King's in 1997, after having lived in Britain and abroad – indeed she had spent some time in Perpignan building an enthusiasm for the things of the South of France. She taught both French and some German at Cumberland Street and Fence Avenue and her pupils appreciated the knowledge and insight she brought to the job. She was involved outside the classroom too, being involved with the exchange programme and helping set up the Sixth Form Chateau trip which was to become so popular. All wish her well in her new post as Head of Department at St Catherine's School in Guildford and for her future career.

Gill Turner

When Gill Turner joined the English Department at King's in 1990, she taught across the age range, girls and boys, from Year 7 to A Level. As Senior Subject Teacher, she set up the English Department at Fence Avenue, in preparation for the opening of the Girls' Division. The skill and energy that she brought to this work quickly established a thriving department in the Division, and Gill's first-rate organisation has been of continuing value to her successors in the role. Her contributions to the English Department have been felt also in other areas. Gill was notably generous in sharing her excellent ideas with colleagues, and the whole department gained much from her input. She was a particularly strong force in the introduction of English Language A Level and the development of suitable schemes of work and resources in the subject.

In 1997, Gill re-crossed Macclesfield to become Vice-Principal of the Sixth

Form. She was a major influence in developing a pastoral system that could bring out the best in the students. Her efforts on their behalf were unstinting, and students have praised Gill's contribution to their Sixth Form life many years after they have left the school. Gill ran the Sixth Form committees and organised the prefects. She pioneered the Peer Support programme, in which Sixth Form students help Year 7 boys to adapt to their new school. She took charge of the Community Action programme, greatly to the advantage of the students involved and of the wider community. She played a key role in Sixth Form social events, ensuring that they would be remembered for all the right reasons.

Many will associate Gill with the charitable events that she inspired and promoted. The Fashion Show is an established event in the King's calendar, hard work but hugely enjoyable, and consistently raises very large amounts of money for charity.

Gill's colleagues remain determined that all she has achieved here must be continued. All wish Gill and Chris every happiness in their retirement.

Nick Williams

Nick has left King's to take up a post as Head of Physics at John Beddoes School. He taught Physics for three years in the Girls', Boys' and Sixth Form Divisions, bringing much energy and many new ideas to his classes. He also contributed to a very wide range of activities, including science club, running and tennis. He produced the internal examinations timetable for Fence Avenue and also managed the PSE on that site. The girls came to appreciate his rather off the wall sense of humour and he will be much missed by staff and students alike.

Ian Wilson

How will Ian be best remembered: technocrat, pioneer of the palm-top computer and the six-point micro processor? I doubt it. Only Wizzer could run a Division, a department, a major sport and a hectic life from Lilliputian scribbles on the back of a Park Drive packet.

Known to generations of students as The Wiz – not just a nickname but also a term of genuine affection and respect – he was a true wizard of quiet diplomacy and champion of the underdog. Ian was also someone pupils and

staff turned to for support and advice when times were tough. Many staff, and even more boys and girls now leading highly successful lives, owe Ian a great debt for his urbane, balanced and mature opinion. His leadership of the Staff Salaries Committee demonstrated these qualities. Ian was the vision and driving force behind the development of the Sports Tours programme and the associated fundraising. Many tourists have much to thank him for.

For twenty-five unbroken years Ian ran U13 rugby – all alongside John Melting – and mostly in suit, rugby boots and with trousers tucked into socks. He established girls' rugby at King's, was a prime mover in the establishment of the Junior Festival and coached King's to success in the Independent Schools Rugby League Cup.

He did, of course, run the cricket at King's for years, established the Festival and has umpired 1st XI matches for three decades. He can run an intelligent, complex conversation at deep square leg whilst scoring, counting the balls bowled and adjudicating run outs. His absence will leave a big gap on the front field. His massive contribution to the success of King's Cricket was celebrated when twenty-two past captains, including his son, returned in his honour in the summer.

As well as this, Ian was also an inspirational teacher, an author, rugby league journalist, principal examiner for OCR, pioneer of A Level Business Studies, Head of Department and Sixth Form Principal. He ran the Challenge of Industry Conference and Young Enterprise for years and next year will be the Treasurer of the Economics Society. He has been active with the Former Pupils' Association, editing their Gazette and running the Oxbridge Dinners, and it was he who initiated the Christmas Sports and Reunion for Younger Former Pupils. King's has lost not only a valued schoolmaster but also a friend.

Best wishes also to Heidi Bader, Michaela Jautz, Isabel Garbett, Chris Perez and Alan Tennuchi.

Art and Design

The year 2003–2004 heralded a new era in the Art Department. Miss Inman moved from Fence Avenue to Cumberland Street as the new Head of Art and was joined by two new members of staff: Mrs Richards as Senior Subject Teacher at the Girls' Division and Miss Hall at Cumberland Street. All three are now contributing their expertise to the Boys', Girls' and Sixth Form Divisions. With the staff changes came new and exciting experiences in Art, alongside many familiar events.

Exhibitions

In October, several pupils exhibited work at the Portico Gallery in Manchester at their annual Schools' Exhibition. Of those exhibiting, Chris Weight was awarded a major prize for his photographs *Images of War* and Katie Grundy was awarded a special Judges Commendation. Additionally, Tom Brown sold his exhibited piece, a dramatic landscape, and followed the experience up with a solo exhibition at the Bollington Arts Centre in March, a remarkable achievement for a 16 year-old.

This was followed by three pupils being selected for the Living Edge exhibition at the Lowry. Gemma Lord represented the Under 13 age group, Lily Dunlop Under 16 and Sarah Levitt the 18 and Under group. All the work was very positively received and the three pupils were awarded prizes of art materials. Other highlights of the calendar included an exhibition of Year

8 girls' work, based on Aboriginal Art, at the Birley Gallery, Manchester, as part of a North-West Schools exhibition.

Trips and Visits

In December a very stylish group of Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form girls and boys went to the NEC in Birmingham for *The Clothes Show Live*. They were able to see the work of top designers up close and investigate careers in the fashion industries via the College Forum exhibitions. The highlight was undoubtedly the Catwalk Show, presented by Tara Palmer-Tomkinson and Brian Dowling, which gave some of the Sixth Formers excellent ideas for their own charity fashion extravaganza in school.

Year 10 boys spent a very productive day at Leeds Armouries, gathering research and drawings from the vast range of armour, weaponry and artifacts on display. This will be used to develop some exciting costume and wall-hanging pieces for their final year's work. Year 11 girls spent a day at Manchester Museum of Science and Industry, drawing and recording information as a basis for Year 11 coursework. The girls also benefited from a talk by Artist-in-Residence, Sally Williams, explaining her highly individual digital photography. Year 7 girls' *Gargoyles* project was greatly enhanced by examples of these fantasy creatures observed first-hand during the History trip to Chester Cathedral, which Mrs Richards accompanied. This subsequently formed a wonderful display in Fence Avenue Hall.

In July, Year 12 artists spent four days at *Trigonos*, an artists' centre at the foot of Mount Snowdon, where they painted, sculpted and gathered information in preparation for their A2 work. The trip was a great success and all students came back with a wealth of information. The group was also lucky enough to see an exhibition of Alice Kettle's incredible embroidery work at Ruthin Craft Centre en route and they spent a delightful afternoon playing football on the beach at Caernarvon, led by the ever sporty Miss Hall, which mainly involved losing balls in the Menai Strait!

Other Events

Pupils in the Boys', Girls' and Sixth Form Divisions were involved in creating some spectacular environments to support this year's drama productions. At Fence Avenue, the production of *My Mother Said...* was accompanied by some superb interior and outside scenic panels, and the Cumberland Street production of *The Rivals* had an ingenious system of revolving *toblerones*, as they were christened. These provided sets ranging from an authentic Georgian Terrace, typical Georgian interior scenes (created by Ben Arnold in Year 9 and a team of Year 7 boys) and a 24 ft long woodland scene, created by the prolific Tom Brown, which was met by gasps of approval at one particular performance.

The year was rounded off to great effect with a combined day for Year 9 boys and girls, during which pupils worked in mixed groups to design and



create extraordinary sculptures, based on natural plant and flower forms and made entirely out of recycled materials. This took place in the Ginkgo Meadow at the Junior School and the sculptures provided a striking temporary focus in the beautiful natural environment. Prizes were awarded for the best group's work.

DI

Drama

This year's Senior School production was R B Sheridan's *The Rivals*. Beautifully costumed in authentic eighteenth-century dress, with elegant wigs and attention to period movement and manners, this was a production very much faithful to the spirit of the original. The sets, designed by Miss Inman and Tom Brown, were ingeniously arranged on revolves to be moved by the footmen and servants in between the scenes to suggest the many locations demanded by the play.

Janet Wilson and Robbie Unterhalter as Mrs Malaprop and Sir Anthony Absolute gave wonderfully assured performances, conveying all the humour and wit of Sheridan's elaborate language with apparent ease, clarity and mature understanding of character. The marathon role of Jack Absolute, which virtually holds the plot together, was undertaken by Justin Perring, who played the part with flair, ensuring that the production zipped along at a cracking pace.

Jack Beeby and Leo Thompson as the eccentric Sir Lucius and Bob Acres played their larger than life rustic characters with gusto, while Coral Briggs fluttered affectedly as the romantic, book-loving Lydia Languish. Richard Hedley and Catherine Kidd made the most of the opportunities afforded them in the roles of Faulkland and Julia and were ably supported by a talented ensemble of actors and singers in the minor roles.

As usual, Mr Illingworth supervised the excellent technical crew and the production was directed by Mr Walker. The director and cast would like to thank the anonymous sponsor whose extraordinary generosity enabled our production of *The Rivals* to be so stylishly and beautifully staged.

FW

Music

Senior School

Last year's report was dominated, for very good reasons, by the success of the Foundation Choir becoming the first BBC *Songs of Praise* Senior School Choir of the Year, the television success leading to many appearances in prestigious venues up and down the country and a number of further television and radio appearances. The new academic year was hardly under way before the BBC team of engineers, cameramen and producers arrived on

9 and 10 September to record the choir for two further appearances on *Songs of Praise*. This involved the choir learning new repertoire in the space of a week! The decision had already been made, however, to split the Foundation Choir into two: a new, auditioned choir of boys and girls from Years 7 and 8, with the Foundation Choir involving Years 9 to 13 and various staff. This would prevent the one choir becoming too large, while providing a better training ground for the younger singers, with repertoire to suit them and their own identity, complete with their own foreign tour. The new choir, which rejoices in the title BFC (eat your heart out, Roald Dahl), was created in September and performed in the Christmas Concert in late November, a *King's Sings for Christmas* concert and in the Family Carol Service at the end of term. The Spring half term saw the BFC travelling to Paris to give two splendid concerts, one in a beautiful church in the city, the other on the Fantasy Stage in Disneyworld. With its own *King's Sings* concert in June, in conjunction with the Girls' Division Choir, and a trip to Bruges already being planned for Spring 2005, the BFC has become an exciting part of the musical life of King's.

What of the prize-winning Foundation Choir? The choir has gone from strength to strength since relinquishing its title (with some relief). Christmas was as busy as ever, with the concerts and carol services, this year in the new



venue of the United Reformed Church in Macclesfield, as our traditional home of St Michael's was being renovated. The choir sang beautifully, as all who snapped up the first printing of 500 CDs issued in the Autumn (*Spread a Little Happiness*) would have expected. Building a new repertoire to take on tour to the Italian Lakes in July was exciting, and the *King's Sings Again* concert in the Macclesfield Methodist Church in the last week of the Summer Term showed the capacity audience just what the Italian audiences were in for. The tour was just as good as the Barcelona trip two years before, with spectacular venues and scenery, great music-making and camaraderie, fun and friendship. The audiences were ecstatic and we received more standing ovations than ever before: what an excitable lot these Italians are! The Chamber Choir had a memorable opportunity in May to perform one of the major choral works in the repertoire, Fauré's exquisite *Requiem*, in the Heritage Centre, with Rebecca Lea singing the lovely *Pie Jesu*, a famous bass soloist and the professional Northern Chamber Orchestra. The choir excelled themselves by matching the quality of the professionals in every way. How fortunate King's is to have this long-standing performing relationship with the NCO.

Music at King's is not just about singing, however. The constant aim is to provide as many opportunities as possible for all the musicians and to achieve the highest standards that young people are capable of, while imbuing their experience of music with the combination of discipline and the sheer joy of music-making which has become a hallmark of King's concerts. Some outstanding young performers gave a Diploma Recital in November. Rebecca Lea, who had already received the highest mark in the country for her GCSE Music and was aiming to study languages at Oxford as a Choral Scholar, was presenting the programme with which she would obtain her Diploma in Piano Performance. Large numbers of instrumentalists and singers performed superbly in the Christmas Concerts, given twice because the audience was too large to fit in the hall on one night. The Spring Term had a lovely Musical Soirée, with some excellent soloists and ensembles. All the school's orchestras and bands joined in a Spring Instrumental Concert in March, leaving the choirs to prepare for their concerts in the Summer Term, as described above.

Two further instrumental groups

deserve special mention. The Big Band has already produced two CDs and featured on Jazz FM, as well as giving many concerts for local charities. This year they were joined by the Training Big Band to give a splendid concert together, a *Big Bands Bonanza for Macmillan Cancer Relief*, at the beginning of March. The main Big Band then went on to perform as guests in the Wigan Youth Jazz Festival at the end of March, the second time they have been invited to perform in this most prestigious jazz festival. The King's Big Band remains the only single school band to be invited to play at this event. The pupils stayed overnight and benefited from some exciting seminars led by eminent jazz professionals.

Strings are a less obvious choice of musical instrument for young people to choose to learn, but King's has quite a number of up-and-coming young violinists, cellists, etc, who now enjoy a twice-yearly visit to Trigonos, a wonderful centre in Snowdonia, where they have weekends of fun, fabulous food and rehearsal.

The Summer Term ended not only with the choral concerts and the Foundation Choir jetting off to Italy. The culmination of the Years 7 to 9 House Music Competition was a wonderful Music Festival, an evening of winning performances.

It is always good to host concerts by visiting performers and two stand out this year: pupils and staff from Chetham's School of Music gave a quality concert in November in aid of the East Cheshire Hospice. In February the school's Steinway piano was put through its paces by the concert pianist, Richard Meyrick, performing as part of a national tour to celebrate his return to the concert platform after ten years fighting cancer. His playing was staggering in its command of phenomenally difficult music and the audience demanded many encores. Here is a pianist I am sure will be returning to King's.

As usual, the end of the year saw the public examinations, with Music results being outstanding once again. This was a fitting way to end an academic year that had begun with a school inspection which had labelled Music at King's as outstanding. It is always good to receive praise in this way, but the chief measures of success remain the quality of performances achieved, the huge enthusiasm and enjoyment of the pupils involved and the large numbers of former pupils who return from their universities and jobs to join concerts and carol services, still wanting to feel

part of the large family that is Music at King's.

AKG

Junior School

The first musical event was the Year 3/4 pantomime in November. This year the fairytale chosen was *Hansel & Gretel*, a sombre tale of unwanted and abandoned children and a witch with cannibalistic tendencies. However, the King's Junior version was far more lighthearted in tone. Hansel, a rather dim-witted and greedy boy, was played very convincingly by David Moores, especially so as he is neither of the



aforementioned! Megan Bailey gave a gutsy performance as the bossy Gretel, with the children's drippy father and scheming stepmother played by Alex Quinlan and Katie Powell respectively. Lara Knowles was a very wicked witch, with her more practical cat played by Hattie Lasman. A beautiful backdrop was painted by Mr Atkinson and this inspired all the children to sing and dance enthusiastically. Year 4 danced *When the Sandman Comes* and The Candyman and Year 3 classes performed *Run Rabbit Run*, *Blue Skies* and *I'm Tired of Being a Witch*. A team of Year 3 & 4 mums produced fabulously colourful costumes and the evening's entertainment was much appreciated by the audience of family and friends.

The Christmas concert could have been rather a sad affair as this was the occasion when we said our farewells to Mrs Aspinwall. She has always been involved in and supportive of Junior musical activities, being a fine violinist herself. She had produced the Junior musical for many years and was always supportive of all musical events. However, although our farewells were tearful, the concert itself was a joyful occasion. All the Junior groups performed: wind, brass & percussion, flute group, junior strings and guitar ensemble. The Year 3/4 Choir's performance of a song

in an Irish folk-style was accompanied by a group including violins, cello, flute, recorder and bodhran. We were entertained by several talented soloists and also by a staff musical group which gave a special performance of *Chopsticks* blown on an assortment of bottles. After initial difficulties with tuning the ensemble, which necessitated Mrs Lea having to drink some of the contents of one bottle, the performance received tumultuous applause. The staff are now practising their musical saws for next year's concert! The Year 5/6 Choir gave a delicate performance of two haunting American folk-songs and also two Christmas songs. All the performers joined together to sing a re-written version of *My Favourite Things*, which reminded us of the qualities and talents of Mrs Aspinwall that we will miss.

The term ended with a Carol Service at St Paul's Church. The service began with a carol by the Year 5/6 Choir and the Christmas story was told through a sequence of songs taken from *Mary, Mary* by Sheila Wilson. Bible passages and Christmas stories were read by Year 6 children.

The Year 6 musical was the well-known *Fiddler on the Roof*. This work tells the story of the dairyman, Tevye, his wife Golde, and their five daughters. It is set in Anatevka, a small Jewish village in Russia, at the start of the 20th century. Tevye has to come to terms with a changing world as his daughters flaunt tradition and choose their own husbands. There are also dangerous forces threatening to destroy the village itself. This is a thought-provoking musical and the children gained much from preparing for their performances. They also learned more about the customs and practices of the Jewish religion.

The musical has much humour and this was exploited to good effect by the children, who gave very mature performances. Jonathan Downs was very impressive as Tevye, with Katherine Edgar as a suitably long-suffering and sarcastic Golde. The older, rebellious daughters were performed by Victoria May, Sumaiya Salehin and Hannah Higham and their suitors were played by Michael Barratt, Hugh Roberts and Sam Barratt. Isabelle Byrne gave a wonderful character performance as Yente, the interfering matchmaker. All the children sang, acted and danced with great enthusiasm and ability. Again, the set was painted by Mr Atkinson and many mums, dads and grandparents, along with all the Junior staff, dealt with the huge demands of costumes, props and stage-management. Although ex-

hausted by the end of the run of the musical, the children and staff had a lot of fun staging it!

Spring Term came to a close with an Easter Service led by Years 3 and 4. The children presented the Easter story through a sequence of songs and readings. Revd Jeremy Tear reminded us of the Easter message, using Easter eggs as his visual aids, and three lucky children were able to take them home.

The Macclesfield Music Festival was to have been held at the Leisure Centre at the end of March. However, the Leisure Centre suddenly closed and it became clear that it was to remain so indefinitely. King's presented its own Music Festival in school and invited Bosley School to join in. After a few frantic, last minute rehearsals, the children were again excited and ready to perform. The concert included three fun songs with actions and three well-known Beatles' songs. The children also performed *The Pyramid*, which is set in ancient Egypt. For this, Bosley narrated and King's mimed the story and performed dances and a percussion accompaniment. An assortment of banners, flags, leaves, hats and submarines were used as colourful props during the evening's entertainment. Some of our talented Year 5s also played instrumental solos. It was a wonderful Music Festival.

Thirty four Year 6 singers travelled to Alderley Edge Music Festival to compete in two classes. The Competition Choir sang *Song of the Music Makers* and a lovely arrangement of a traditional folksong called *The Swallow*. The children sang exceptionally well and were very pleased to be awarded second place. It was a large class and there was some good competition, so all were very proud to receive a certificate for third prize. To enter two classes and be placed in both was an excellent achievement.

Founders' Day was celebrated in June. The Upper Juniors sang a gentle version of *The Lord's My Shepherd* and the Lower Juniors performed the rousing *Gonna Rise up Singing*. Bible readings were about the dreams of Old Testament characters, as was Dr Coyne's address.

The Annual Music Competition featured a variety of instruments, including tabla, and, a first for the school, the bagpipes. King's definitely benefits from children beginning instrumental lessons in the Infants and this is reflected in the large numbers of competitors, especially in the piano class. Many of the Upper Junior winners performed in the end of term concerts, the first

being the prize-giving presentation, when the audience was entertained by Year 5 instrumentalists and singers.

The evening Summer Concert featured Year 6 winners, as well as all instrumental ensembles: wind, brass and percussion, strings, Mrs Barratt's saxophone group and Mrs Hunter's flute ensemble, as well as all Junior vocalists. The singers really lifted the roof and the Year 5/6 Choir's performance of the Broadway version of songs from *The Lion King*, with percussion accompaniment provided by Sam Jones, Michael Barratt and Matthew Arnold, was especially enjoyed by all. The concert was a fitting ending to a busy and successful musical year.

AJL

Infant School

The first Infant School presentation was the Harvest Festival. The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children sang songs, with additional props and actions, that encouraged all to be thankful and share with others. Revd Tear, Vicar of St. Paul's, told the children about Fair Trade and encouraged them to buy their products to help others have a better life.

The Christmas Musical was the *Santa Special*. All boarded a magical train which went back in time and showed some of the traditions and customs of Christmas, reminding all of the true meaning of the festival. 2JTS acted out the various parts, including Druids, Santa Claus, Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, Postmen and Mary and Joseph. All the children danced and sang and it was a very happy and colourful concert.

An exciting first for the Infant School this year was the setting up of a choir for the younger children. Led by members of the Infant Staff and accompanied by Miss Smith, a large group of Year 1 and 2 children enjoyed singing after school each Wednesday. One benefit of this was having items performed by them in our Summer Concert. The main choir sang the well-loved *Supercalifragilistic and Doh a Deer*, and the smaller choir performed the gentle *Stay Awake*, from *Mary Poppins*. Infant pianists and a violinist then performed solo items. The musical play for this concert was *The Pied Piper* and it was the turn of 2AGE to act out this well-known story. The nursery joined in for this performance and the little ones were very well behaved rats! Other classes were the citizens and children of Hammelin and we all were reminded to keep promises.

AL/JB

Biology Department

Membership of the Biology Club has remained at full strength and a waiting list is in operation. The thirty members include boys from Year 7 to Year 10, and older students are acting as mentors for new members. A talk on the keeping and management of hens provided a lot of interest.

The Biology Garden has provided a huge amount of interest and has been used throughout the summer as a meeting and discussion area. Birds are returning to the garden in ever-increasing numbers and their activities are being monitored. Plans to plant a variety of bulbs to cheer everybody up in the spring are in place.

The trip to the Isle of Man was a great success. A guided tour of the Calf of Man by Dr Pat Cullen, a local bird expert, proved to be one of the highlights. Visits to the Curraghs, a wildlife centre and a local fish smoke-house provided material for the new photographic library and a possible competition. Students enjoyed fishing for crabs and mackerel and one successful student persuaded the hotel to cook his catch for tea. On the return journey a visit was made to the Blue Planet Aquarium, which rounded off the trip perfectly. Both the teaching and hotel staff were delighted with the positive and co-operative attitude of the boys and girls.

CJB

Chemistry Department

Thirteen Lower Sixth students took part in the Analytical Measurement Proficiency Competition, which is run in conjunction with the Laboratory of the Government Chemist. Competitors were required to work as part of a team to analyse a sample of acid and determine its concentration. The exercise gave students a chance to improve their practical skills and experience a real life application of Chemistry. All competitors received a certificate of distinction for their efforts.

The RSC Christmas Lecture was attended by pupils from Years 9, 10 and 11 at the Albert Hall in Bolton. The lecture, entitled *From Sellotape to Fireflies*, explored the fascinating topic of chemi-luminescence. The Salter's Chemistry Competition was held at Manchester University and attended by a team of Year 7 and 8 pupils. Pupils were given the chance to solve a crime using techniques practised in analytical and forensic science. The RSC Top of the Bench Competition was also held

at Manchester University, but this time for a smaller team of pupils in Years 7 to 10. After passing through the qualifying round, the team were invited to attend the regional round consisting of a Chemistry quiz.

Every Wednesday lunchtime, numerous Year 9 pupils could be found in Dr Pinkham's lab eagerly waiting that day's activity in Chemistry Club. Explosions proved to be very popular, and pupils never tired of bangs and whooshes. The idea that *chemistry is fun* was certainly conveyed to these students. Four Year 10 pupils – Matthew Falder, Mathieu Jackson, Ben Parton and Peter Tutton – successfully completed a CREST project for their silver award. The project, entitled *Battle of the Bleaches – Eeny Meeny Meaner Cleaner*, was an investigation into the most cost-effective household product. In Activities Week, a number of pupils from Years 10, 11 and 12 attended the spectacular John Salthouse biannual lecture, *Bangs and Flashes*, at Manchester University. Before UCAS applications were complete, Year 13 pupils attended a lecture held by the Institute of Chemical Engineers, designed to encourage study of the subject at university and to highlight potential careers within the profession.

Physics Department

Laura's Insight

After attending two Smallpiece Trust engineering courses, I thought I had some idea of what to expect at the Insight engineering course. They were all courses aimed at promoting engineering to High School and Sixth Form students, so I thought they would be quite similar. Or maybe not.

The week-long Insight course I went on was held at Birmingham University. It was a completely new experience for me. It was aimed at women, showing them all the exciting opportunities the world of engineering can open up. Everyone was really friendly, and from all over the UK. It was wonderful meeting new people in a new and unfamiliar environment, just like real university life. The best part about making friends during the week was knowing there was a possibility of ending up at the same university, possibly even doing the same course.

A lot of the first day was spent in a lecture hall, where we met postgraduates representing each area of engineering, and they were more than happy to talk about their particular aspect. The second day was spent in the lecture hall in the morning, with female engi-

neers. We then split into groups to do an activity in the afternoon. We looked around the laboratories at Birmingham, talked to some of the foreign students, and learnt about some of the current projects they were working on. After looking around the labs, we looked at the biochemical area, and tested a batch of fermented yeast, using some of the university equipment.

The third day was spent at various companies, in and around Birmingham, to give us the feel of engineering in action. I was in a group looking around the HP sauce factory at Aston. There were more laboratory projects on the fourth day, and I spent the afternoon making a loudspeaker in the materials and metallurgy department. We were also given the chance to make strong, permanent magnets, which was a new experience. In the evening, we all went to a conference dinner, then to a disco afterwards. On the final day we were split into groups to give a presentation on what we thought of the week, where we had been and what we had



learnt.

The course was a very valuable experience, and gave me a real insight into women's roles in engineering. I would recommend it to anyone who has even a slight interest in engineering.

Laura Cockitt

Joe's Headstart

On 28 June I arrived at Bath University to start my Headstart course.

The trip gave me a chance to get a really good look at a university and sample what life might be like staying in a hall of residence. We went to a meeting where we were given a talk about the design project work that we would start in the afternoon. We also had a chance to talk to university students and lecturers. Later we were given a lecture on lightweight structures to help us with our design project. In the evening we had a barbecue, which gave us an opportunity to get to know everyone.

We were given talks by the sponsors of the course about the opportunities they offer in the field of engineering. Most talks about careers are very general but this was specific to engineering and was very helpful in aiding my choice of course and university. Each day we continued developing our ideas and making a 1:25 scale model of our design. We had to work as a team and delegate

tasks equally so that we could finish our project in time for the presentation of the design to the other groups. In between design studio work we went on visits to Wessex Water and to two bridges over the River Severn.

I would definitely recommend the Headstart courses: they give you a real insight into university life as you are actually staying there as a student.

Joe Durrant

Robert's Headstart

In July 2004, I attended a Headstart Natural Sciences course at King's College, Cambridge. My room in the college overlooked the river Cam and had a view of the chapel. This was a great opportunity to see what student life is like, and during the five days we ate meals in the Great Hall, toured the city, played poker until the early hours of the morning in the large bar and made some great friends.

Of course we did do some work: the course was split up into Chemistry, Physics and Material Sciences. We were introduced to PhD students, who talked to us about their current research and we carried out undergraduate experiments based on the lectures that we had, where our brains were stretched to the limit. Furthermore, we were split into groups of four and were asked to research a Cambridge scientist and then give a presentation on what we had



found. My group's presentation was on the work of James Clark Maxwell, whose formulation of electromagnetism calculated the speed of light. In order to demonstrate this (in a fun way) we used a microwave to melt marshmallows (or what was left of them) and ended up making a very sticky mess.

During the week we were also told about the Year in Industry scheme and were introduced to graduates who told us what they had done since graduating. It was great fun and is definitely to be recommended.

Robert Fett



Paperclip Physics Competition

Competing against 207 teams from 133 schools across the UK and Ireland, a team of five students won the Paperclip Physics Competition at the end of the Spring Term, while a second team were highly commended in the regional finals. This annual competition, organised by the Institute of Physics, challenges Sixth Formers to produce a five-minute presentation on a principle or application of physics, illustrated by the use of objects no more sophisticated than those commonly found around the home.

Teams are asked to deliver their presentation in terms that can be understood by a non-scientist. At the London finals, Colin Dexter, author of the Inspector Morse stories, was the principal judge on a panel which included a professor and a Physics teacher. Colin congratulated Rachel Alston, Robert Fett, Lee Greenwood, Vicky Howarth and David Johnson (standing in for Chris Clark who unfortunately could not attend the final) on their enthusiastic explanation of the evidence for the expansion of the universe, which used little more than a toy xylophone and a party balloon. After all their preparation, the students were delighted to be able to answer the judges' questions on the Doppler shift and the curvature of space, then go on to win.

The team's efforts were rewarded with star treatment. Earlier that morning, John Humphrys interviewed members of the team on Radio 4's *Today* programme. The day's competition was recorded by a professional film crew and, on winning, each student was presented with a palm top computer. Finally, a live link to GMR radio allowed the students to be congratulated on air and give a further explanation of their work.

PI

Engineering Education Scheme

The scheme, intended for Lower Sixth students, is part of the Engineering Education Continuum and is co-ordinated by the Royal Academy of Engineering. The aim is to encourage the UK's most able students to consider engineering as a career. A professional engineer from a local company liaises with, and advises, a small group of students and they work as a team on a real industrial problem for which the company needs a solution. The students selected were Victoria Howarth, Robert Fett, Laura Cockitt and William Arnold. The professional engineer was Mr Scott Warnock from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals.

In early October, Mr Warnock visited the school to outline the nature of the problem. The team also attended a Launch Day at Liverpool University, where the students were given more details about the scheme and provided with some advice and guidance. A few days later the students visited the AstraZeneca site in Macclesfield to gain some first-hand experience.

Pharmaceutical drugs are manufactured in reactor vessels. At the end of the manufacturing process the drug is drained from the container by opening a bottom run-off valve (BRO valve) in the bottom of the vessel. Following the manufacture of a batch of a particular drug, the BRO valve and housing, which weighs approximately 650kg, must be lowered about 50cm, so that seals can be cleaned and inspected. As the housing is lowered, a piston runs down a close fitting, glass-lined pipe. The reactor vessel is high above floor level and therefore access to the BRO valve is achieved via a gantry. Unfortunately the gantry is not able to support the weight of the BRO valve and housing.

The task was to design and construct a prototype system capable of lowering and raising the BRO valve and housing without damaging the valve seal or the glass lining of the run-off pipe. Space is limited on the gantry and so the system needed to be portable to be stored elsewhere. Finally, the system had to comply with all health and safety regulations.

Over the next few weeks the team considered various designs and experimented with different ideas. In mid December they attended a residential project development workshop at Liverpool University, where they were able to build a prototype and give a short presentation on progress. The team had to complete the project and produce a written report for submission to the assessment panel. In mid April the team visited AstraZeneca, where they gave a presentation to an audience of senior managers. The team also had to field a number of searching questions, which they dealt with in a confident manner.

The culmination of the whole project was the Presentation and Assessment Day, held at Runcorn in late April, and attended by all the schools in the region who had participated in the scheme. During the morning each team had to set up a display stand, give a presentation to the assessment panel and face a question and answer session. The King's team was successful and so in the afternoon the students

were presented with their Engineering Education Scheme certificates.

CPH

Girls' Division

Hannah Lock and Nicola Hayes were chosen to represent King's Girls' at the AstraZeneca Science Prize regional final in June. They presented a project at bronze level and received three rosettes. Elizabeth Conway, Nicola Bridge and Sophie Sutton presented a project at silver level and will be carrying on their research to gold level this year. Caroline Vass and Amy Cotterill presented their silver CREST project at the Salford SATRO regional exhibition at Salford University. They spent a day in February in the Physics Department at Manchester University, where they could complete their experiments on liquid crystals, using the more sophisticated equipment there. They have been highly commended by the university staff for their work.

AC

Physics Club

Year 9 students attended Physics Club and carried out many fun Physics experiments. They designed and made electronic games and investigated the physics of divers. A few students demonstrated what they had made at Open Morning. Later in the year they made a radio. The students developed their interest in Physics out of the classroom in a less formal setting.

SJH

Science Department

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 investigated burning and a spinning helicopter respectively. They were then required to present their findings in the form of a class poster, for which they received a certificate from the ASE. To celebrate the Watson and Crick 50th Anniversary, the four Houses at Fence Avenue got together to build a giant model of DNA, which was suspended from the ceiling in the library. A few more enterprising pupils even set up their own DNA websites. The project was shown to representatives from AstraZeneca and highly commended.

School Trips

German Rhineland Trip

At 5 am on Monday 28 June 2004, nineteen boys and twenty-three girls departed with five of their teachers for Koblenz in the German Rhineland. The purpose of the visit was to provide provision for Years 8 and 9 to visit Germany, to enhance their understanding of the culture and life of the country.

We travelled by coach and took the Eurotunnel shuttle from Folkestone to Coquelles near Calais. We arrived at around 2 pm and continued our journey through France and Belgium into Germany. We arrived at our hotel, the Scholz, in time for dinner.

Tuesday's activities offered a taste of the traditional Rhineland. In the morning we took a boat cruise along the River Rhine to Braubach, where lots of photographs were taken of the beautiful Rhine valley. After lunch we enjoyed an impressive falconry display at Burg Maus in St Goarshausen, and had a guided tour of Marksburg Castle, with its famous torture chambers. After returning to our hotel for dinner, staff organised outdoor team games for the pupils, including a five-a-side football match, which kept excited spirits high.

On Wednesday we experienced something of a change of pace, with an all-day visit to Phantasialand, one of Europe's leading theme parks. Pupils and staff enjoyed the thrills and spills of the day. The evening's entertainment encompassed a fancy-dress show with music in the hotel. Thursday again offered a different atmosphere – this time that of a large, bustling German city. In Cologne, we visited the magnificent cathedral, the *Kölnisches Wasser* exhibition (the home of Eau de Cologne) and satisfied our chocolate cravings with a delicious visit to the Chocolate Museum, then burning off the calories with a visit to the interactive Sports and Olympic Museum. Of course, any spare time was taken up with shopping! The evening was again spent outdoors, using up any excess energy.

The return journey on the Friday was taken via the *Dreiländerpunkt* – the meeting point of three countries. Pupils experienced being able to stand with a foot in Holland, a foot in Germany and a hand in Belgium! We arrived back at the Rock Block at around midnight that evening, tired but happy.

The German Rhineland Trip 2004 proved a great success, with no problems to report. The pupils behaved excellently on excursions and in the hotel, and were a delight to spend a week with. In all, this was a well-organised

trip and I thank those accompanying members of staff for their support: Mrs Costello, Mr Richards, Mr Hallett and Mrs Agour. Here's to next year!

MT

Sixth Form Château Trip

During the Easter holidays, eighteen Sixth Form students and staff spent an enjoyable week at le Château de la Baudonnière, near Avranches in Normandy. The Easter revision course focuses primarily on perfecting the students' spoken French immediately prior to the oral exams.

The château is set in beautiful grounds which include good accommodation, a lake, an animal pen and an all-weather basketball court/football pitch. All were warmly welcomed at the château by the team of *animateurs*, who looked after students and helped with their French. Carrying out a survey in the town of Avranches proved very beneficial, as the questions asked were those covering the AS and A2 topics. A visit to *la gendarmerie* and *les sapeurs-pompiers* included a very exciting ride in a fire engine. These, as well as visits to the mayor of Granville and the social security office, helped to improve knowledge of French society as well as speaking and listening skills because all conversing was done in French.

However, not all the time was spent working. Evening entertainments included a trip to the local cinema to watch *Les Choristes (en français, bien sûr)*, a visit to le Mont St Michel and a night ten-pin bowling, where one member of the party managed to go all the way back to the château (a forty-minute journey), before realising she was still wearing her bowling shoes!

The final day was spent with a visit to Caen, where William the Conqueror is buried. This included a visit to the university and shopping. The five-hour return ferry crossing was for most spent on the sundeck enjoying the April sunshine.

King's was accompanied at the château by a Sixth Form party from King Henry VII School, Coventry, led by former Head of French at King's, Conn Anson-O'Connell. Many thanks to the staff who organised and came on the trip: Mrs Darch, Mr Dalgleish, Mr Bachelor and Dr Hollis. The trip was a great experience of French society for all who went and the intensive speaking of French during the week proved very beneficial in both the AS and the A2 orals.

Richard Madden

Classics Trip to Italy

A group of fifty staff and pupils spent a week touring the beautiful Mediterranean island of Sicily. Highlights included the Greek temples at Agrigento, Segesta and Selinunte, Greek theatres at Segesta, Syracuse and Taromina, and Roman mosaics at Piazza Armerina. The pupils were also introduced to the unique Arab-Norman architecture of Palermo, and experienced a visit by jeep to the recently erupted peak of Mount Etna. Mr Brown was responsible for early morning runs on the beach, Mrs Taylor made sure the pupils tried out all the delights of the local cuisine, Mrs Inman encouraged them to paint and draw at the frequent beauty spots and Mr Houghton spoke Italian when necessary. The week finished with a knee-deep walk in Wellingtons along the breathtaking ravine of Gola dell'Alcantara in the foothills of Mount Etna. The teachers thanked the pupils for their excellent behaviour and entertaining company during the week.

Girls' Morocco Trip

During October half term fourteen girls from years 9-12 spent eight days in Morocco exploring the remote Jebel Sarharo region which nestles between the mighty Atlas Mountains and the vast Sahara desert. The main part of the trip involved trekking for over 45 miles in three days through flat plains containing huge sandstone stacks and over 7000ft passes. To get to the start involved a mere twelve hours in a minibus travelling through the imposing Atlas Mountains around hairpin bends and washed away river bridges. This was not your usual school trip.

Accommodation was in tents and washing and toilet facilities were *au naturel*! If you have never washed your hair in a flowing river you have not lived. Food was eaten under the stars and the evenings were spent singing and dancing around the campfire with our guides and muleteers, although following a 1000 year-old Arabic love song with Twinkle Twinkle Little Star did not give the best view of English culture.

Highlights of the trip included climbing a 500ft high sandstone pillar, riding camels across the Sahara desert and sleeping outside under the stars in an oasis. The trip was a fantastic mix of adventure and culture that gave all the students an opportunity to discover hidden talents and strengths as well as letting them get a feel for adventure travelling.

School Trips

The next trip like this will run in 2005 and there are many outdoor style activities that run every term for those who feel that their life needs a bit of adventure.

JS

World Challenge, Mongolia

From galloping on horseback across the Mongolian steppe and climbing 10,000 foot mountains to watching the sun set over desert sand dunes and organising activities for a hundred street children, this year's World Challenge group had a very busy summer. Fifteen students, accompanied by two staff, spent a month in China and Mongolia camping under the stars, cooking on an open fire every night and braving temperatures ranging from 33 to minus five degrees – as well as the local milk vodka. The entire group spent a lot of time interacting with the Mongolians and will leave with memories of a



School Trips

huge empty country full of beautiful scenery and incredibly friendly people who were always willing to share everything they had with you, even if it was roasted marmot!

The trip lasted thirty days and included a visit to Beijing and the Forbidden City. Once the group reached China, the students took over the day to day running of the trip, which ranged from booking accommodation to liaising with taxi drivers who spoke not a word of English and bartering in the local market for vegetables that no one knew the name of. The time in Mongolia was split between four days on a summer camp for abused/orphaned children; a six-day journey via the desert and a number of lakes; a three-day horse trek alongside the Great White Lake; and a six-day foot trek through numerous valleys and over 10,000 foot peaks to return to the Great White Lake. The group then returned to Ulan Bator via a night in a ger tent by the side of hot springs and tea in an English restaurant that sold carrot cake! The trip was a great success and all involved had an experience that changed them for the better. The next expedition is to Ecuador in 2006.

JS

PGL France

Forty four Year 5 and 6 children and four staff fled the last vestiges of inspection week (lucky them!) to travel to Northern France for the annual PGL France holiday. A thoroughly busy activity programme was enjoyed by all. Disappointingly, the fine weather broke on the final day, causing the cancellation of a visit to the Bois de Boulogne. The exemplary behaviour of the children was once more commended by the staff who attended, making the trip enjoyable for them too.

Sports Tour to Blackpool

Sixteen boys and nine girls travelled to Lytham, arriving earlier than expected despite a guided tour of Preston by Churchill, our on-board entertainer, and enjoyed the unseasonably warm weather with a walk along the nearby sand dunes. Our first fixtures went well, with the football teams both recording victories. Jack Purdham's goal for the B team was described as 'one of the best goals I've ever seen' by the referee. The girls unfortunately lost 0-5 at netball, despite being level at half-time. All then headed to The New Guilderooy Hotel at North Shore,

Blackpool, and MacDonald's for 28! Food was polished off in record time before wandering along to the Premier Bowl. The B team secured a win at ten pin bowling.

Throughout the weekend points were awarded to the three teams for sporting success, good manners and general knowledge. Points could also be lost for unsportsmanlike behaviour and keeping Mr Jones awake at night. Despite the action-packed day, it took a long time for the children to get to sleep. Yet, seemingly a few minutes later, they were up.

At Arnold, the girls played indoor hockey and netball but sadly lost 0-1 and 3-4. At football, the A team won convincingly but the B team's unbeaten run came to an end. Great fun was had by all at Blackpool arcade, especially on the penny falls! Churchill announced that the team of the weekend was the football A team who won and lost the most points by far! All the children and staff (Mr Jones, Mrs Baker and Mrs Cole) had a great time.

GDJ

Bramall Hall

On a crisp, cold December morning Year 5 set off to Bramall Hall by coach, accompanied by Mrs Cole, Mrs Squares, Mrs Ord, Mrs Soutter and Mrs Barber. While Group 1 disappeared off into the Hall, Mrs Cole led a tail of young Tudor nobles around the fine gardens, down to the stream and fish ponds and through the woods. Despite keeping a sharp lookout, there were no local peasants, just a few ducks who seemed a little puzzled by the ice covering half their pond. By this time pupils had viewed the outside of the black and white Tudor hall, noting the patterned glass windows and fine chimneys, which made it clear that the Davenport family was both wealthy and prosperous. At the front door of the Hall, pupils were somewhat startled to be approached by a rough, common looking, very dirty fellow called Ned, the pig man. He was disappointed to hear that the children had not seen a pig in their travels! All began wassailing as they approached the hall door and then played on recorders. Mistress Constance opened the small door and bade the children enter with care. She taught the young ladies and gentlemen how to bow or curtsy. The visit continued with a rehearsal of the Boar's Head Carol and a trip to the Still Room to make nosebags. The children played Tudor instruments and sang *Rose, Rose*

before joining a group of mummers for a play about the seasons. Colourful banners added to this, as did Mrs Ord's performance of the part of Summer. At several points Ned reappeared and demanded help in searching for his lost pig, or ale, or medicine, but he really looked as if what he needed most was a good hot bath!

JC

Prestbury Methodist Church

King's Year 2 pupils were welcomed to the church by the new Minister, John Squares. He showed the children the different symbols which have special Christian meanings. The main symbol is the wooden cross, high on the wall above the altar. The open bible symbolises how the story of God is open to everyone, and the altar rail represents the sharing of the sacred altar area with the people. As the visit was in December, children also saw the Christmas tree and Advent; a holly leaf with three berries symbolised the Holy Trinity. Revd Squares told the children that the design of the church building was based on Noah's Ark, but upside down!

AGE

Library Theatre

This year's Junior trip was to the Library Theatre, Manchester, to watch *The Ghosts of Scrooge*, based on *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, with the action being brought to modern times. The story captivated the children as Ebenezer Scrooge was visited by the traditional ghosts, including Jacob Marley's ghost who exploded out of a filing cabinet, making the whole auditorium jump from their seats! As ever, this was a very professional production which proved to be a most enjoyable experience.

Viking York

Year 4 children spent a day in Viking times at Houlgate village near York. The day's purpose was to take the children back to those times and to give them a feel for what life would be like. They were expected to wear Viking clothes and to work for the village in tilling the soil, grinding the wheat and defending the village against marauders. Even the staff were put to work as slaves!

Tatton Park

Mrs Eardley's class spent a day at Tatton Park re-creating life during World War II. They came to school dressed

as evacuees and learned a great deal about what such children had to endure in those days.

Ski Holiday to Le Corbier

From Manchester Airport, twenty-three pupils, accompanied by two staff and two parent helpers, embarked on a week-long adventure in the French Alps via a flight to Turin.

The hotel was very welcoming, with comfortable and clean en-suite rooms, all with balconies and stunning views. Sadly, there was a worrying lack of snow in the resort and the cannons had obviously been working overtime: spring snow conditions at their worst. Blue skies and warm temperatures were not helping the situation but the ski groups worked hard and all had made progress at the end of the afternoon session.

Evening entertainment proved to be an exciting and eagerly anticipated feature of the holiday. Mr Jones's evening *legossip* slot including the presentation of the cheeky chipmunk earmuffs to a worthy winner and always meant that things got off to a good start. Pupils enjoyed a variety of evening activities, including a treasure hunt, a quiz, ice skating at the outdoor rink next door, and bingo. Possibly the *piece de resistance*, however, was the sledging activity on the Friday evening. Kate Dewhurst, Annabelle Roberts, Sarah Ollier, Yiyu Xiang and Mr Jones showed particular daredevil tendencies and the whole group took the challenge of beating Mr Jones and Mrs Baker very seriously. A cup of hot chocolate rounded off the evening nicely.

It was magical to wake up on Day 2 to a metre plus of fresh snow. The resort was transformed and with it the quality of the skiing. What a treat to have winter snow conditions in spring temperatures and Wednesday offered the perfect combination of brilliant blue skies and fresh powder.

It was a treat for the intermediate group to set off on a longer trip at the end of the week and explore the neighbouring resort of La Toussuire. The beginners group was able to make it to the top of the mountain to complete their week. It has to be said that they did not necessarily all enjoy the descent but hopefully all were pleased to say that they had done it when safely at the bottom. The constant encouragement, patience and picking-up duties (skis/poles/children!) of Mr Macfadyen during his week with the group were very much appreciated.

All who went to Le Corbier made a

significant contribution to the overall success of the trip and other people using the hotel and the resort commended the King's pupils on their behaviour on a number of occasions. Parents would have been very proud and possibly surprised to see the way their sons and daughters coped with the demands of a week away. The special atmosphere within the group was epitomised during the final edition of *le gossip*, where the successes and some of the excesses of the group were celebrated in fine style.

GDJ/DCB

Macclesfield Heritage Centre

Year 2 visited the Victorian schoolroom as part of their history topic, arriving at the centre after a long walk into Macclesfield. The girls put on mobcaps and aprons and the boys donned waistcoats and caps to start their morning in a Victorian schoolroom.

The teacher was very strict and she made the children sit up straight with hands behind their backs and they were forbidden to talk. She had a cane in her hand but luckily didn't use it! They learned to write with dip pens (very difficult) and drew an Asian elephant on the slates. After lunch they had great fun making ragrugs. The children loved it and their concentration was amazing.

JTS

Chester Zoo

Both Year 1 classes visited Chester Zoo. Miss Smith's class complemented their work on rainforests by attending a tropical rainforest workshop where most of the children (and adults!) held a hissing cockroach. They also studied rainforest plants and skeletons, being reminded of deforestation issues. Mrs Whelpton's class learned about living things and talked about how they know if something is alive. Again most children and adults held a cockroach and also stroked a corn snake and a rat! Other highlights of the trip were the visit to the Twilight Zone and some of the larger animals. Both classes were exceptionally well behaved and a credit to King's Infants.

ES

Junior School Walk

The annual Junior School walk began in the rain, with conditions particularly miserable during the ascent to the highest point at Tegg's Nose. Many of the younger children doubted whether they

would be able to complete the demanding route but, after a refreshment stop at the car park at Tegg's Nose, they set off on the home leg in relatively good spirits. Conditions were a little better on the final stretch and, typically, the weather fined up during the afternoon when all were inside enjoying entertainment from their peers in the now traditional Talent Show.

PGL Boreatton Park Holiday

On the coach Year 5 children sang songs, led by Mr Shaw, and regaled Mrs Ord with a repertoire of dreadful jokes.

After arrival, the first evening ended with a campfire which, because of the rain, took place indoors.

Each morning the children were involved in group activities. These ranged from Nightlines to Bivvy Builds. Saturday found the children undertaking a variety of challenges: abseiling, IEs, rifle shooting, quad bikes and zip wire. The evening activity consisted of a Star Auction. The children showed they had lots of talent and extremely strong vocal chords!

Sunday morning saw some of the children pony trekking, while others tackled the low ropes and zip wires. The Tarzan-like call that rang out over the lake belonged to Mr Shaw as he shot across the water on the zip wire. After an afternoon of quads, rifles and trekking, the children still had enough energy to take part in the Egg Race. The noise they generated was phenomenal and all agreed it had been a great day. Before bed Mr Shaw joined some of the children for a game of what seemed like twenty a side football, whilst Mrs Turner and Mrs Ord joined in a game of hide and seek in the woods.

The final morning saw all the children, joined by Mr Shaw, in open canoes. Everyone got very wet and the river echoed with the delighted screams and laughter of happy children.

On the return journey to Macclesfield, it was a pleasure to reflect on how wonderfully the children had behaved. They settled well, ate well, played well, and above all, made it a great experience for the staff that accompanied them.

SEO

Outdoor Activities Club

Having had a dry autumn in 2002, it was felt that luck would not hold for yet another year. However, it was even drier and possibly brighter than before, which allowed many activities to take place. An early trip to Kinder became transformed into rock climbing at Stanage in warm sunshine under blue skies. This was followed by a very successful weekend in the Lake District, based at Coniston youth hostel. *Summittreks* again assisted with gorge scrambling on Sunday in Langdale, whilst on Saturday the group tested themselves on the orienteering in Grisedale Forest. After half term the first trip was to Yorkshire for caving and hillwalking. Some excellent little caves near Ribbleshead were explored by the younger pupils and then a fine through-trip to Browgill-Calf Holes was undertaken with the seniors in the afternoon. A cold, starlit evening greeted the group on emerging. On Sunday, some sporting caves in Chapel-le-Dale were explored and the customary late lunch was taken at Inglesport. The cavers alternated with walking and during the weekend all of the Yorkshire Three Peaks were climbed by a variety of routes. The final trip was a weekend at the Cheshire outdoor centre on Anglesey, where pupils undertook gorge scrambling on Saturday in the Conway Valley and went into Snowdonia on Sunday.

Duke of Edinburgh training for expeditions went on each week throughout

the term in preparation for the practice expeditions in the Spring Term and the assessed trips in summer.

The year began with an all-girl trip on a circuit of Pendle Hill but, sadly, the excellent café at Barley was closed so no famous broth and dumplings were had in January 2004. Luck was better the next weekend, when a mixed group of about twenty went to Helvellyn youth hostel. On Saturday a traverse of the Dodds was undertaken and some of the group enjoyed the challenging weather so much that they stayed out as it got wilder and then helped one or two lost members of the public back to safety. Sunday morning dawned clear, but with a poor forecast for the afternoon, so an early start allowed half the group to traverse Striding and Swirral edges in fine winter condition, before descending back down past Red Tarn and to the hostel as the rain began. The rest crossed High Street and got blown back to base.

After half term an excellent day trip over Black Hill and into the Chew valley was made by an all-boy group. The weather was kind, with much sun, and snow on the ground led to a rolling snowball fight for much of the day.

The Duke of Edinburgh Silver practice expeditions came next, with demanding conditions of extreme winds and some showers. The groups coped admirably – another school did not fare so well and had to be rescued from Kinder Scout by helicopter.

At the end of the term ten pupils went

to Glen Nevis for a taste of Scottish winter conditions and found plenty. Creag Meagaidh was first summited in poor weather, then a traverse of the Grey Corries and Ben Nevis was undertaken with an intermediate high camp. This was a demanding challenge for all but undoubtedly satisfying, with a sunlit descent in the evening back to Glen Nevis youth hostel. The last day saw the party take on a traverse of the Mamores from Kinlochleven, which, although in sunshine, mostly had to cope with

strong winds battering the summits.

One main trip took place in the Summer Term as it was relatively short, prior to exam commitments. A group of sixteen pupils and three staff, boys and girls, travelled to North Wales in mid-May and, after a quiet but midge-ridden night in Beddgelert, sought sanctuary high in the hills. After pre-placing minibuses, everyone gathered on the shore of Llyn Llydaw before traversing Lliwedd in fine sunshine and continuing on to the summit of Snowdon. Those who had not been before were welcome to join the hoards, whilst the *cognescenti* stayed below and waited for their return. Then a tricky descent was undertaken into a small cwm to the north where a camp was set up. It was a magnificent evening and the camp was in full sun. After an early supper a small band elected to go with PME and JAF to traverse the Crib Goch ridge in the setting sun. It was a fast journey and the return to Garnedd Ugain was only completed just in time as the dusk fell. It was in almost darkness that the party returned to camp and star-gazing. The following day was more cloudy but improved to sunshine as the group traversed to the north and eventually arrived at the café in Llanberis. A memorable trip for all, including the staff.

The Duke of Edinburgh assessed expeditions also took place in the Summer Term, with the Bronze groups camping out overnight in the Peak District around Gradbach whilst the Silver and Gold groups battled against poor weather and rising floodwaters to complete theirs in the south-west Lake District at the start of July.

PME

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

This year twenty-six candidates took the Bronze award. Between them their activities ranged from surfing and clay pigeon shooting to Mediterranean cookery and dancing. After a lot of training both in and out of school, including all the group becoming trained First Aiders, the group completed two weekend expeditions. Both took place in bright sunshine and, with a few wrong turns excepted, all the groups successfully found their way to the finishing points. All twenty-six candidates have now finished their Bronze award.

Twelve girls and ten boys took part in the Silver award expedition this year to the Lake District. They covered a considerable distance over mountainous terrain and impressed all with the



way they dealt with the conditions and the hazards that this presented. The groups were generally mixed and many new friendships were formed between the boys and girls involved. Every one completed the expedition successfully.

One hardy group of explorers took part in the Gold award this year through the school. They took on a trek from the coast in Cumbria to the top of a mountain in the Lake District, placing a small rock there as a symbol of their achievement. Along the way they explored the valleys and the hills, looking at how glaciations had helped to form this beautiful part of the country. On their return they put together an excellent presentation for the Open Evening, with all the group members playing their part.

Following the success of last year's expeditions, King's has record numbers taking the award at all levels this year: 54 Bronze, 40 Silver, and 23 Gold. This is a reflection on the enjoyment and challenge of the reward and the excellent group of staff involved over the years.

JPB

Orienteering

It has been a very successful year for the Orienteering Club, with twenty events as far away as North Yorkshire and the West Midlands. The highlight of the year is always the British Schools Championships and this year it was held at Delamere Forest. There were many excellent individual results, notably Sarah Gales who came ninth and Dominic Hall who came tenth. In the team categories, the best results were recorded by the Year 8 girls' team, which came fourth, and the Year 9 boys' team, which won a bronze medal. The school came tenth nationally. In the other fixtures there were numerous individual victories, with the best performances coming from Dominic Hall and Elliot Malkin. It was particularly pleasing to have so many orienteers from the Girls' Division and the Junior Division attending events.

COD

Sixth Form Community Action

Community Action continued to attract interest from many students, and some students, who had already visited disabled children at Park Lane School and elderly residents in lunch-times, clearly wished to extend this valuable experience. Others wanted to develop

interpersonal skills with children in mainstream or special schools, supporting the Mayfield Centre, The Drop In Centre and East Cheshire Hospice, as well as visiting elderly patients in Macclesfield Hospital.

Six students attended a national conference in October, where they had the opportunity to attend lectures and workshops on topics such as Deaf Awareness, First Aid and Working with the Elderly. A second conference was also attended at Stepping Hill Hospital. Links with Macclesfield Rangers continued to flourish, both for the pleasure of working outdoors and the opportunity to experience Land Management. The Rangers also came into school and made a presentation to students about careers in conservation.

The Peer Support Scheme was more firmly established this year, with over forty students volunteering to be trained in listening skills, and to offer support to Year 7 boys. Surveys conducted with the boys revealed how much they value this weekly contact with Year 13 students.

GDT

Charities

Foundation Charity Fundraising

Each Division in the School has been involved in work for charity. Non-uniform days have supported Comic Relief and Jeans for Genes, whilst Operation Christmas Child drew contributions from across the whole Foundation.

Students and staff have found ingenious ways to raise money; particularly memorable was the Year 11 sponsored twenty-four hour fast which raised nearly £1,000 for Shelter. The English Department's Readathon continues to sponsor two Third World students via Actionaid.

The Sixth Form contributes enormously to the charity work at King's. The Fashion Show, Valentine Roses and Lifeshare donations are illustrations of students' commitment. They give generously of their time to help fellow pupils, and work with members of the community outside school.

The causes supported range from the big national charities, such as Macmillan Cancer Care, to the local Drop In Centre. Students are often instrumental in selecting where the money is sent but reserves have been drawn upon to answer two specific appeals. A donation was sent to Banalule School in Uganda to help replace precious basic materials which had been stolen and a donation to SERVE helped support

a former pupil doing voluntary work in Afghanistan.

King's is proud of what it has achieved, and continues to meet the challenges represented by a commitment to charity.

AH

Sixth Form Charity Fundraising

Once again, students showed both willingness and enthusiasm for raising money for others, starting the year with individual collections for Barnardos after a moving assembly presentation. Similarly, a talk by the Professor of Cerebral Palsy from Wythenshawe Hospital led to generous contributions in the sale of silk roses for Valentine's Day (£686).

Record amounts were raised by models and dancers in the Fashion Show in December for Christies against Cancer and Cancer Research UK (£2,600) while vast amounts of toiletries were collected and sent to the Lifeshare Christmas project for homeless people.

GDT

Junior Charity Fundraising

Families donated generously to the appeal for harvest boxes, many beautifully and thoughtfully decorated. Most were donated to Macclesfield Care & Concern, who look after troubled youngsters who are in need of a roof and a meal, whilst several were kept back to deliver to local old folks at nearby Winlowe Flats. As always, this visit was very much enjoyed by the old people and children alike, brightening up the day for the residents as they enjoyed chatting to their young guests. Major Collins from the Salvation Army attended the Infant School's Harvest Service and gratefully accepted the gifts on behalf of her organisation. Over £330 was raised for UNICEF from the casual dress in October.

One of the busiest areas of the Junior Division on Open Morning was *Le Café des Rois*, sited within the Infant Hall. Madame Johnson and her Year 5 assistants served coffee and patisseries throughout the morning, raising over £120 in the process. This year the proceeds were given to support UK Friends of Togo, a charity which helps struggling people in the poor French-speaking African country. During Operation Christmas Child 420 boxes and £974.53 were sent to poor children in neglected parts of Eastern Europe. The second non-uniform day of the term came in support of Children in Need. Several individual fund-raising efforts swelled the final total to a splendid £520.61.

The Junior School's charity during the term was the Leukaemia Research Fund. Weekly assembly collections raised over £140, the Year 4 Christmas Post Office brought in £108 and the Year 6 Christmas Shop over £140. The total sum of £400 was accepted at a Junior School assembly by Mrs Janaway, a representative of the Leukaemia Research Fund, from Isabelle Byrne who suffered from leukaemia whilst in the Infant School and who has made a lot of effort to raise funds herself.

The major charity for the term was the Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund. On February 13, the Junior School took part in a sponsored silence (known as the Big Hush) which raised over £3000 – a record amount raised by a Junior School appeal. The total amount raised throughout the term was in excess of £3500.

A cake sale arranged by Mrs Cookson and her class raised £180 for the charity, Advance. This is a specialist organisation helping children with cerebral palsy. The charity was chosen as the brother of a child in Mrs Cookson's class attends the local centre.

UK Junior Mathematical Challenge 2004

Several Junior School children did superbly in this national Maths contest aimed at Years 7/8 in Senior Schools. Karan Deepak, Sean Malkin, Katie Holt, Charles Gilman and Yiyu Xiang gained a bronze award, Sean Wilson a silver and both Sam Barratt and Christopher Smith achieved the superb distinction of reaching the gold standard.

Chess

Charles Gilman (6AER) was selected to represent the North of England Chess team. Charles has represented Cheshire for some time now and has regularly played in high-level competitions. He was the winner of the U11 chess competition, with the U10 award going to Yiyu Xiang.

Senior Citizens Tea and Concert

The Infant School entertained around sixty senior citizens in the Main Hall in the first event of its kind. All the children took part in songs or dances, many taking the old folks back to their younger days. The children and staff also served their guests with afternoon tea, to round off a special afternoon for all concerned. The visitors consisted of many grans and granddads, as well as visitors from the local Winlowe Flats and from the parish of Bollington Methodist Church (courtesy of Revd and Mrs Squares).

Friends of King's Juniors and Infants

The first events of the year were the Infant Fun Night (exhausting for all concerned!) and the Juniors' Bingo Evening which were, as usual, very well attended and enjoyed. The annual ball held at Adlington Hall, proved to be an enjoyable evening. The Summer Fair took place on a disappointing day for weather, with intermittent rain ensuring that most activities took place indoors. The sports hall and dining hall were filled with games of fun and chance and the bouncy castle proved to be a big favourite. Sir Nicholas Winterton joined in the fun, too, which also included the house cricket and rounders competitions, played out in dreary conditions.

During the year, a digital camera was presented to the school by the FoKJI, as well as some large play bricks for the Nursery. The dictionaries for the Year 6 leavers were also purchased from the organisation's funds. A collection for a leaving gift for Mrs Aspinwall was also arranged, totalling £450, some of which she spent on a ring containing

three stones – one to remind her of the children, one the parents and one her colleagues at King's.

The organisation is indebted to many parents who have worked tirelessly on the school's behalf, none more so than Mrs Jackie Barber, who served five years on the committee, four as chair. The school is greatly in her debt for the tremendous support she has put in. A special presentation was made to her during the prize giving at the end of the school year.

Clubs and Societies

Chess Club

The Chess Club met weekly throughout the Autumn and Spring Terms, with attendance this year mainly of Year 7 and Year 11 students. There were, however, competitive inter-form matches for Year 8, as well as Year 7, and Mr Laurence had to work hard at times to fend off the challenges of the younger pupils!

GL

First Lego League

A group of boys and girls from Year 7 through to Year 11 worked with the Design and Technology Department on the First Lego League project, called *Mission to Mars*. The task involved designing and building a Lego robot that would carry out missions on a simulated Martian landscape. Among other tasks, the robot had to descend a starting ramp, sweep clean a solar panel, join habitation pods, collect ice cores and fire some test missiles to analyse the atmosphere. Alongside building the robot, the pupils had to learn how to programme it to perform tasks. In addition, the pupils had to present a research topic to a panel of judges on the theme of *Life on Mars*, plus a technical presentation on their design.

The competition was held at Astra Zeneca's sports centre at Mulberry Park and lots of teams from all over Cheshire competed. The team did well to reach the quarter-finals and were awarded a trophy for the best robot design.

Other Design and Technology Clubs

The department also ran Micromouse and Technogames Clubs during lunch times. These were aimed at encouraging pupils to take part in competitions and to begin to understand engineering as a practical concept.



Mandy and Bubble Land

"There's an awful storm brewing up!" Mandy said to her dog, Poppy. "We'd better get home quick!" They had just been rock climbing with her friends Milly and Molly. Leaves were swirling about, and the wind was howling and whistling. Mandy picked up Poppy and jumped into her pink car, but it was too late. Trees had come out of the ground, and other cars were already blowing about amongst the deafening wind. "Oh, no! It's a hurricane!" Mandy yelled above the racket. She held Poppy tightly to stop her from running away. The sky was dark grey and just as the car lifted off the ground, into sight came a huge, swirling, twisting tube, moving from side to side like a cobra. It got closer and closer, a huge howling black tunnel into the sky. An earthy smell filled the air. "Help!!!" Mandy screamed as they were lifted into the twister.

They started to float gently around inside the twister. The wind had calmed down, but it was still whistling softly. Poppy's bark made Mandy wake. "I must have fainted" she said shakily. They looked out of the window and saw her friends. They too were looking nervously out of their car window.

They waved at each other frantically. "At least there's somebody I know!" Mandy said calmly. Suddenly Mandy's horse floated past. "Oh no, Taffel!" she cried helplessly. Next, five fish drifted past. "They must have come from our stream!" Mandy shouted, surprised. The wind was rising.

Suddenly they heard a loud thump, then silence. "We must have stopped!" Mandy cried, happily. She opened the car door, picked up Poppy, and stepped out. "Look at all the colour!" Mandy said. It was unnaturally colourful compared to the blacks, greys and muddy yellows of the hurricane. Now she noticed that everywhere was filled with bubbles! Even the trees had bubbles for leaves. It felt very floaty and relaxing. Even when Mandy reached out to touch them they did not pop. She also noticed that there were lots of little white rabbits hopping around, much to Poppy's interest. She was speechless.

Olivia Soutter, 6DGJ

Grandad

My grandad has a walking stick
He is really nice.
Unfortunately he's lost his teeth
But he can still eat rice.

*Annabelle Roberts 6JEB
and Jonathan Treece 6JEB*

Harry (Who Can Never Stop Talking)

Harry loved his mum, but he was still a very naughty boy. One beautiful sunny summer's morning Harry's mum was doing the garden, until Harry said, "There is a bear behind you!" She turned around sharply. She was very angry there was nothing there. The very next day Harry's mum was in Harry's bedroom tidying up; it was as clean as a whistle. On the way out of the room Harry stood just outside the door and he shouted, "Bear! There is a bear behind you!" She turned around as quick as a dart. "Where?" she cried. Harry ran off laughing.

Two days later Harry's mum was cooking tea; suddenly Harry said, "There is a big angry bear behind you!" She just kept on cooking. "I am being serious now" said Harry. So she turned around and there was nothing there. She said, "Have your tea and go to bed." Now she was really angry.

When Harry woke up he asked if he could go for a picnic. "Yes," she said, "Come on." They decided to go to the forest for their picnic, they sat down and set the picnic up, he was about to eat until he saw a big giant bear. He shouted, "BEAR! There is a big bear behind you!" but his mother ignored him. So the big bear ate Harry's mum and Harry went running back home.

Don't tell lies because you don't know what might happen.

Gabriella Brough, 6CHM

The Storm

I stood on the fatal battlements, above the pitching waves. I was swaying slightly on the stone wall, slick with water. The wind howled and shrieked at the sky. Rain attacked in droves like lines in the army. Clouds skidded across the bruised sky. Spray was whipped up, until the taste was too much to bear. The noise was terrific; crashing waves, booming thunder, petrified animals and rain colliding with every surface possible.

Suddenly a figure appeared, shining like a beacon in the horrific storm. No rain seemed to bound off the strangely transparent figure. Terror pierced me like a sword slung at his side. The frenzy began to die down and the figure disappeared with it. Only the rain remained, innocently trying to convince me that it was all in my mind.

Laura Chatwin, 8LB

Hamlet's Castle

As I walked up to the tall, dark lonely castle, I felt the wind pushing me forwards as if it was guiding me. Near the castle, the sea crashed on the rocks like a herd of bulls all in a line charging at people. I heard crows cawing in the distance. As I tasted the sea, salt touched the tip of my tongue. My entire mouth was frozen in the cold night air.

I could feel the wind seeping through me as I smelt the emptiness and loneliness of the castle. It was as if the castle was crying for help as the trees leant toward the heart of the castle. I was now standing face to face with the stone castle wall. I touched it. The rough wall stared back at me. The coldness of the wall wrapped itself around me tightly and pulled me close, like a snake dragging me in.

Carys Ward, 8LB

Assassin

There's a shortage of knives:
It's all forks and spoons
In the cutlery drawer.

Sparkling shards of starlight
Stuck the stone-walled stockade;
She was constrained to the
Shroud of shrinking shadows.

He's flickering round the room
Like images
Conjured by a crackling radio.

She dissolved into brick
As though by osmosis.
In her pocket it chinked
And clinked like the cries of
Defenceless tin soldiers.

How can six pairs of hoary
Boxers turn red in a
Whitewash?

Sliding like a reptile,
She makes no sound over
Slimy cobbles, saw a
Semi-silent hissing.

Paintwork's shoddy: must ring
The painters up,
Get them to do it again.

Messy, lies their ketchup;
Glass smashed into infinite
Pieces; the crash resounded
Among the hushed hedgerows.

Our ears smart, our minds flinch.
Peter rises and the ink
Of his newspaper slides off the

Page, seeps into the rug. Peter
Stumbles away.

He scowled like he was
Innocent; she caressed
The black metal like a
Reluctant lover, and
Prompted the avid trigger.

I see before I hear:
Peter floundering in oxygen;
A jagged crack.
Motionless, I observe the woman.
She
Walks away as shadows flow.

Emily Middleton, 10VCo

Angels

It was the longest day of the year when I saw an angel. It looked nothing like the toilet paper rolls and thick, yellow wool of infant school models, nor the stained glass beings in churches. No, this angel was different. It was not 'real'; it had none of the solidarity of the cardboard creations of my childhood. Yet it seemed more real than any angel has ever seemed to me, for I have seen no angel since.

I was twenty-three and leaving the cool interior of a café for the hot summer air when I saw a man I thought I knew. (The café is derelict now, its windows are smashed and have never been repaired, they look like gaping wounds that will never heal).

I desperately wanted to speak to the man. He had golden spikes arranged delicately to form the fashionable out-of-bed look; his cherubic lips were slightly parted. And as I knew from a not-so-distant memory, there would be a small cluster of golden, corkscrew-shaped hairs poking shyly from his chest.

I hobbled across the road as quickly as my new, tight-fitting stilettos would allow. I was in the middle of the road when something yellow and black zoomed towards me (the colours of a bee, I thought) and stung me in the side. Its poison riddled my body, and knocked me to the tarmac below.

It was as though a vital spider's web had been broken with a single iron raindrop, disintegrating the fine intricacies of time and space. An angel stood tall before me, its two muscular wings glistening in the summer sun, the bright light illuminating its perfect face

The angel offered a hand and I took it, touched its smooth skin, void of any blemishes. It pushed me downwards, and in the whisper of a second I was plunged into an icy world of crisp, white sheets and concerned, frowning faces in

the sky, ruled by the overriding smell of disinfectant.

I look up at the calendar on the wall: 21st June, the longest day of the year. My heart is beating too fast. I lean back, trying to relax, resting on the beaded cushion my granddaughter made for me; everyday I pretend not to notice the sharp ovals biting into my back.

Someone knocks at the door and enters. He looks like an angel. His hair is not golden but slate grey; an old-fashioned goatee sticks out from his chin. I reach for my glasses but I know it is no use: he has no wings. I squint, and see a small cluster of corkscrew-shaped hairs protruding from his chest. My eyes widen, and so do his, at the sight of me leaning back in an NHS wheelchair, my leg a stiff as doll's. His face is divided like cracked pottery by wrinkles, which deepen as he grins. I smile back, encouragingly, with jerky, uneven footsteps he shuffles slowly towards me.

He holds out a hand.

Emily Middleton, 10VCO

Painting

Lying, as if in play
Lion, sleeping, waiting to be cosseted by
Fluid fingers, tracing one line
The sketch that is your living
The length of your spine
It shivers
A gathering storm
Pretentious one you know it's no game
And still you play
Why now turn your face from my eyes
As if by one concealment you can hide
A lifetime's work
Yourself
Each stroke, each brush, each smattering
Every line of vibrancy
You worked at, my deep minded, my sharp
tongued

Wake, my inverted being, for you do not
sleep
You, the one who invents
Do not cut with cold mind, as you
Craft it all so carefully
To concentrate, you close your eyes and
Do not see my shredded skin

Wake up my lion, pretentious one
In your masterpiece of seeps and strokes
I know that you erase things too
Slash at them with claws of shame
No-one is looking, fearful pretender
To judge by the artwork you have painted

Wake, sleepless soul; I know you hear me
Just as I see you.

Natasha Bell, 10VCo

Anglesey

Some of my earliest memories are of Anglesey, its freezing, rolling seas, sheer rock faces flowing into soft, sandy beaches, its funny weather – thunder and glorious sunshine in one day and most of all, its culture. People were always friendly, always glad to help (except the grumpy old people who worked on the caravan site).

I've been going there all my life, and my mum nearly all hers. My Nan rents a caravan there, by the sea, and we visit for about three weeks each year. The caravan used to look quite big to me, but not so much now. It's quite a squeeze sometimes, with four people and a blind, diabetic dog trying to do different things all at once. It has a big window at the front, looking out over the site, the beach and the sea, and to the mainland on a clear day. When I was small, I used to sit in a window and gaze out over the ocean, thinking about the enormity of everything.

We made the trek across the site to the beach nearly every single day, along with buckets and spades and sometimes a ball. These were our tools in the everlasting struggle against the stream that intersected the beach. We would make dams in ever more complex patterns to try and halt the eternal flow of the water that trickled off the hills and through the cliff face. We tapped into the flow of the water, making twisting and turning paths and pools along the shore and eventually to the sea. However, the stream would always prevail, and on returning the next day we would find all our work demolished by its power, only to start building again. Hours of fun.

The caravan site itself isn't all that exciting. Occasionally a man would come round advertising a donkey derby, and he would usually meet with the reply, 'Sorry we can't come; we're leaving tomorrow,' which we obviously weren't. Late night entertainment came in the form of losing all our coppers at the arcade at the back of the chip shop, or watching our Nan getting blind drunk at the 'Golden Sands', a not-very-golden hotel down the road.

Sometimes we would decide to venture further afield. I have a lot of memories of a place called Pili Palace. It was a warehouse type of building on the outside, but a magical forest on the inside. It was full of beautifully coloured butterflies along with other magnificent insects. If you stood still for long enough one of the butterflies would flutter down and land gently on you. As a hyperactive child though, this rarely happened.

One place I really enjoyed going to was Beaumaris. We prepared stinking bags of sardines and old bacon beforehand

to catch crabs with. Crabbing was one of the best activities to do at Anglesey. We stood in the freezing cold for hours, reeling in literally hundreds of crabs. Others were petrified of them, but we were experienced and picked gigantic ones out of the writhing bucket to show them. Then we would pour them back into the ocean, and count our catch. It sounds sad, but it really wasn't to us.

This type of holiday might not appeal to others. They would rather go to luxury apartments in the Mediterranean than go to a confined space in north Wales. But it's sentimental. When I think of Anglesey, I recall fond memories of fish and chips on the beach and many days of fun. I have returned to that place every year of my life and I hope that I will carry on returning there in the future.

Elliot Malkin, 9JAD

What is Green?

Green is a football pitch
Or lively leaf of spring
And a juicy green apple
In a peaceful orchard.
A single blade of grass
In a mass of green
A gigantic canopy
Over a rainforest below.
A carpet of ferns
On a woodland floor
A plate of peas
Rolling about on a plate.
A green tomato
Waiting to ripen
A ferocious holly bush
Standing tall by the path.
A thick soaring stem
Holding up a golden sunflower
A determined caterpillar
Munching its way through cabbage.

Kester Banks, 7BE



Francesca Chiorando Yr 13

Snorkelling on a Coral Reef

During the summer holidays I went to the Bahamas where I did many exciting things: I went parrot feeding, I held a Bahamian Boa Constrictor, I went and had my photo taken with marching flamingos and I went snorkelling on a coral reef.

I went to get my gear from the snorkelling hut and found that we had to wear fluorescent orange lifejackets, flippers, a tight fitting face mask and had to breathe through a tube. (This took some getting used to).

The snorkelling was amazing, a once in a lifetime experience. I had only just left the seashore and looked underwater when I saw thousands of tiny little fish all staying together in a huge school.

I swam for a bit longer and just before I arrived at the coral reef I noticed some larger and more frightening fish. They were a shimmering silver colour with long black fins. What was scarier though was the fact that these fish were approximately nine inches long and had a fin span of about twelve inches, so they didn't care whether they went close to a person or not.

When I slowed down over the coral reef I saw millions of different varieties of fish, some minute some massive. The coral was in many different shapes and sizes and were all the colours of the spectrum. Blues, yellows, oranges, reds all the colours were there all assorted with thousands of fish gliding through the holes and crevasses.

The fish were staying low over the coral reef, bristling past it swimming through what seemed to be an underwater maze for them. I saw an absolutely huge fish. It was about 18 inches long and had many multicoloured scales. The fish's main body colour was red, although it had many oranges, yellows, blues and greens on its long, stunning back.

The red fish seemed to follow me around the coral reef. It came between coral reefs, through crevasses and nearly back to the shore when I saw the malice in its eyes. Its black beady eyes were looking me straight in the eyes. I tried to weave away from it, but it persisted to follow me. His teeth were long and sharp and it had them sticking out, as if it were pointing them in my direction. It then managed to catch up with me and pierced my skin with its grinding jaws.

The ordeal has left me with many memories and a scar where the fish bit me. I will always remember to feed my fish at home now. After all, I know the consequences.

Michael Dodd, 8GT

Shell Bombardment

I remember the first shell bombardment I had to endure. It was a hot sticky day in July 1915 and I was on guard duty. We were stationed just outside Ypres and were trying to stop the German advance. As I looked out over the misty plain, I saw the barbed wire looped up before me, shrouded in morning dew. My fellow soldiers snored softly behind me and I wished I could be sleeping there with them, but I knew my duty was to be on guard and if I were caught asleep then I would face a court martial. It all seemed so peaceful across no man's land and if there hadn't been any barbed wire then I could have forgotten all about the war.

Suddenly a flare shot up into the sky and loomed overhead as it tried to break the morning mist. I bellowed to my friends to take cover and they woke immediately. They saw the haunting flare floating up ahead and they all knew what was going to happen. They all raced for as much protection as they could find. We all sat crouched down waiting for the first explosion and after about a minute, it arrived.

It landed about one hundred yards away; it must have been a range finder. I knew they would get closer and closer until...

Another one hit, fifty yards now. They were getting closer, and I heard more whistling as four or five shells were sent up. They landed about thirty yards away, directly on the barbed wire. The wire was thrown everywhere and a piece lodged itself in my leg. I screamed out in pain but nobody heard me as the whistling from fifteen more shells screamed overhead. The shells landed about two hundred yards away, further up the trench. I don't know if it took a direct hit.

I looked around at my friends to see them wide-eyed and very frightened. I was frightened too. I thought about how one shell could land in our trench at any moment and kill us all. All that hard training we had all had and one explosion could end it all.

I didn't have much time to think as another, even larger, barrage exploded nearby. I saw a single tear roll down a friend's face as he clutched his cross around his neck.

I felt a wave of sadness pass over me as I thought of home and my family. I thought of all the good times we had had together. My brothers were also fighting somewhere in France. They could be dead for all I knew.

Now the shells were dropping more and more frequently all around us and

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mud was thrown everywhere. The noise was deafening and I couldn't hear myself think. I thought back to my training when we were told that war is so exciting and all we would have to do is pick off a few disorientated Germans as we marched on into Berlin. They lied. It's hell.

With all the shells dropping, I knew that afterwards there would be a German attack and I would have to kill again. It was so easy. They had no chance running across no man's land with little cover. We hardly had to aim. It was terrible to see such a waste of young life. I had no hatred towards the enemy, only towards the people who were sending us to our deaths...

With a great boom a shell exploded twenty yards away, right inside the trench. I was thrown backwards. I saw someone screaming out in pain. He was barely recognisable but I knew it was Paul, one of my best friends. He was losing a lot of blood and both of his legs were missing. There was also a huge gash across his stomach with blood gushing out of it. I knew he was going to die; the medics would never get there in time. There was only one thing I could do. I drew my pistol and raised it to his temple. Everything seemed to go quiet all around me and the shells seemed insignificant. He stopped screaming and looked me straight in the eye. He gave me a blood-soaked smile, which looked terrible because his face had been so distorted. A wave of more sadness came over me and I could feel my eyes welling up. I quickly pulled the trigger before I changed my mind. He died instantly. He did not have to suffer anymore. Lucky man.

Nick Petty, 12REM

Lacrosse: Can't Wait Till Saturday

Quarter to nine on a blustery Saturday morning, whilst half the country is still asleep. I start to shake with anticipation of the big match. I rush into the car with expensive lacrosse paraphernalia and set off to Styal, where we play. The pitch braces itself for the game as the early rising groundkeeper gives the field its make up. The team gathers in the old bedraggled clubhouse, where the distinctive smell of smoke comes from.

The lacrosse jerseys arrive washed and sparkly, and there is a hug scramble for the numbers seven and twelve, but as long as I play lacrosse it doesn't matter to me. As face off looms my body fuels

with adrenalin, and before I know it our coach gives the team talk showered by the odd curse for the opposition. We start to shout with confidence partly to scare the opposition, 'Come on Wilmslow' and 'We can beat these'. I feel like nobody can touch me when I get out on the field, and when I run with the ball, that's what I live for. Sometimes the rivalry inside me scares me, I want to win, but anyone that watches the sport seems to get carried away too.

Face off begins, Wilmslow wins the ball and as I'm the left-sided attacker I have to collect the ball. I run into trouble and so reluctantly I'm forced to pass it. The excitement of the game seems to numb any fear I once had. The ball races past me and into my stick. The passing is sublime as I assist George's first goal of the match. The joy glows in my body but we have to start the match again and I hide my excitement. The match has certainly not finished yet, not by a long way. The opposition strikes back with an equaliser and I am helpless as I'm not allowed out of the attack zone. This infuriates our attackers and leads to a goal from Wilmslow. The first half's over and it has finished four goals to two in Wilmslow's favour, but I have to tell myself the game isn't over yet.

Another half is to be played with more goals to be scored to secure a win over Mellor. In the third quarter it seems to go wrong. It's four all with everything to play for. The ball drops down to Nikki who passes it to George who throws it to me. I am on the crease of the goal, the goalie comes to check me but I have already shot the ball. It seems to go in slow motionI can't believe it, goooaaaaaaaalllllll! In the dying minutes I have inevitably won the match, the feeling is powerful and I celebrate with the whole team.

The feeling of playing in a team is unbeatable and that's why I can't wait until Saturday.

Ben Taylor, 9JPB

Down, Down The River

Down, down the River,
It just keeps going.
The water likes to quiver,
As I stand here, by the river.

Up, up the River,
As the salmon leap,
The fish come hither,
As I sit here, by the river.

Down, down the River,
As I look at its great beauty,
As it gets cold I shiver,
As I walk, by the river.

Up, up the River,
I run to my home,
I stopped and shivered,
I dropped something by the river.

Down, down the River,
My poem flowed,
The river quivered,
As I ran to my home, by the river.

Ben French, 8KEE

Daily Routine Recipe

Take 3 children and cram them into a small, red, car.
Then take them to school.
When settled into the house, add a bottle of wine, a packet of crisps and a soppy film.
Leave for 3 hours.
When ready, pour into supermarket and wait for 1 hour.
When cold, put in motorway traffic and a pinch of stress.
Make sure to mix.
Make your way over to the school and pick them up.
Maybe serve with a dollop of tired husband on a scoop of sleeping baby.

Michael Waters, 9JPB



*Francesca
Chiorando
Yr 13*

Charlotte's Web weave
by Sam Butler (Year 5)



Canvas by Helen Martin (Year 13)

Exploring a theme of childhood memories inspired by the work of Jim Dine and using mixed media techniques from solvent transfer to latex and varnish



Iron Man sculpture
by Thomas Slater (Year 5)



Coffee Table
by Sarah Barber (Year 11)

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Kate Garnett and Lara Hogan (Year 4) *Artwork inspired by Joan Miro*



Kanza Khan (Year 6)
Observational drawing



Figure of a Girl by Meredith Bloom (Year 11 GCSE Coursework)
Influenced by the life-sized figures of artists such as George Segal

**Silk Scarf by Hannah Smithson
(Year 10 GCSE coursework)**

Inspired by Art Nouveau flowers and motifs



Lamp and Drawings by Katy Ward (Year 10 GCSE coursework)

Inspired by natural forms, layers of tissue paper, wire and skeletal leaves have been used to give the lamp a translucent glow when switched on



Creative Work



Jacket by Carley Williamson (Year 11)

Using a theme of Architecture and exploring the properties of crumbled and ruined sandstone buildings in Greece.



Egyptian Embroidery by Jack Hammersley (Year 4)



Child's Chair by Kay Doncom (Year 11)

1st XV

The 2003/4 1st XV was again a very young one, with Jimmy Byers, Nick Lloyd, Tom Green and Robbie Unterhalter the only Year 13 boys to make regular appearances in a starting XV. The XV was initially led by Ben Harding, who was unexpectedly returning to school; however, his spell as captain was cut short after he damaged his anterior cruciate in the third game away at QEGS Wakefield.

Thirty-five boys began pre-season with a trip to the South of France, where we were guests of the people of Marvejols, a small town twinned with Cockermouth in the Lake District. Marvejols had over the last eighteen years hosted North of England representative sides and in 2001 won the top Europe Award for twinning. All the boys were hosted with French families, an invaluable experience, and we were treated to four excellent games against Montferrand and Beziers U17s, two clubs whose senior sides regularly compete in the European Cup.

After victories over an Old Boys U21 side 21-7 and Bishop Vesey's 12-3, the side went down narrowly 12-17 at QEGS Wakefield. After the disappointment of defeat at Wakefield the side, now captained by Johnny Lee, looked to correct several recent reverses in the local derby against Manchester Grammar School with a strong performance, winning 22-12 on a day when Manchester did not win any of the eleven games. Against a stronger than average Birkenhead side the 1st XV came out narrow 5-0 victors, which led to the Lancaster RGS fixture at the start of October. Lancaster, like Wakefield, always prove to be testing opposition and this year was no exception as they

had their strongest side for many years and were to eventually reach the semi-final of the Daily Mail National Cup. In the first half, the huge Lancaster forward pack dominated, but at half time King's were still in the game at 0-13. A fantastic second half revival saw King's then score under the posts, only for David Jones to miss the conversion to make the score 5-13, and then, in injury time, Jordan Griffiths' charge down and gather led to a try again under the posts 12-13. From the restart Lancaster, however, regained possession and their fly-half coolly dropped a goal to signal no time, a 12-16 defeat, but the King's side had shown a lot of resolve. Wilmslow were beaten in comfortable fashion as the XV played particularly well against the wind, with Ben Griffiths having one of his best games, though this was followed with a disappointing 15-29 defeat against Dulwich at the Rugby Club, where the side struggled to win any lineout ball.

Victory against Adams GS followed after half term in a game that was not allowed to flow by a poor referee, and a depleted XV were comfortably beaten at Wirral GS 8-29. Needing a win, and perhaps inspired by one J Wilkinson's injury-time drop goal, the XV reserved their best performance in defeating Trent College 18-3 – against a strong forward pack all the scores came in the first half as the XV defeated resolutely, with Jordan Griffiths, in particular, outstanding.

The high of the Trent College game was followed by the low of defeat at Arnold (15-19) as the XV showed little composure. This was certainly a big disappointment.

Nevertheless, Nottingham High School, who were regarded as having a strong Year 12 age group, were smashed aside in a one-sided first half as the XV ran out 22-8 winners to end the term on a high.

After Christmas, Lytham were comfortably beaten 30-5 before the visit of Bradford GS who had a huge forward pack and had beaten Lancaster at Lancaster. For much of the first half, the BGS pack dominated though were very limited in the back line. However, as the game progressed into the second half, King's came back into the game and had a penalty kick to win the game. Unfortunately BGS, with Andy McGeorge sin binned, pressed upfield and scored from a turnover as King's chased the game in injury time 3-12. Victories were then achieved over a good St Edwards, Liverpool, side 15-8 and then Stockport GS in the last game

of the season, to give a playing record of played 17 won 11.

The Sevens season saw considerable success. The U16s, several of whom played in the 1st XV, were awarded the Ridac Cup for the outstanding school team in all sports after winning the Warwick, Cheshire and Stonyhurst Sevens titles, where an outstanding victory over a strong Sedbergh VII saw King's become the first school to retain the title. They then went on to reach the quarter-final of the Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens, beating Colstons en route, only to narrowly lose to Wellington College, Berkshire. The senior VII meanwhile won the Solihull Sevens, beating the hosts 12-10 in the final, were defeated 7-10 in the semi-final at Stonyhurst by the hosts, were runners-up to Wirral GS in a fantastic final at the Cheshire Sevens, and were narrowly defeated 10-5 by QEGS Hexham in the final of the plate tournament for group runners-up at the North of England Sevens. Here King's defeated Stonyhurst in their group and put forty points on a Lymm High School that contained four county players. Nick Barker was outstanding during the Sevens season.

After the Sevens, the squad then travelled to Sedbergh for the prestigious Sedbergh Tens, where notable victories were recorded over Brighton College and Llandovery.

With forty-four boys travelling to South Africa, all of whom should be returning to school, next year's 1st and 2nd XV should be very strong.

Finally, a thank you to all Year 13 leavers and colleagues who put in a tremendous amount of work to make King's rugby as competitive as it is.

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Tour to South Africa

On 11 July 2004, forty-four pupils and eight coaches assembled at Manchester Airport to embark on the first leg of their nineteen-day rugby tour of South Africa. After eighteen hours of travelling, the party arrived at Johannesburg Airport, from where they were taken by two buses to Lesedi Cultural Village, a collection of traditional South African settlements.

The boys were hosted for the first three nights of the tour by rugby players from St John's College in Johannesburg, who also provided the opposition for the first two matches. Both King's sides were victorious, the 1st XV winning 13-12, with a last-gasp drop goal from fly-half David Jones.

After a day trip to take in the main

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attractions of Pretoria, the next stop was also in Johannesburg. Playing at the grounds of St Benedict's College in Johannesburg, the squad recorded two more victories against sides from St Stithian's. After four victories on the trot, the lads were ecstatic and in the mood to celebrate, so took the short trip to sample the restaurants and bars of the entertainment complex, Monte Casino.

The party was now ready for a well deserved break and took the two-hour coach journey from Johannesburg to Sun City. After an hour to get acquainted with their rooms, the boys enjoyed a fantastic game drive at the Pilanesberg game reserve, a wonderful experience. Halfway through the drive, the boys stopped for a *bush braai* (barbecue) before arriving back at the hotel to sample the very impressive Sun City nightlife. Another game drive was available the next morning and the boys spent the remainder of the day at a water park. All enjoyed Sun City, as it was so far removed from anything they had ever experienced before.

After a quick breakfast, the boys and the coaches (some with considerably lighter wallets!) left Sun City en route to St John's College for a quick training session before an afternoon flight from Johannesburg to Port Elizabeth for the second part of the tour. Here, they met with another bus and an omniscient tour guide, Anton. The

party was embarking the next day on an exhausting rugby schedule – four matches in seven days!

Every team which tours South Africa is required to play a township side, so the next match was scheduled against Young Collegians RFC. An eye-opening tour of the area revealed the terrible conditions in which some of the people live. It was with some surprise that the game was played at a very respectable looking ground. Another shock was the size and speed of the opposition, and there were some apprehensive faces before the games. However, both King's sides proved too skilful for their counterparts and recorded two more victories. The party was treated to some traditional South African food by the club, and the boys were left to enjoy the evening in Port Elizabeth. For many pupils, this day was the most touching part of the tour, as it showed the stark contrast between rich and poor in South Africa, and was a reminder of the apartheid years.

The following day included a long drive, but one which was filled with some exciting opportunities, as the boys and coaches had the chance to bungee jump, go whale- and dolphin-watching, and play on the beach. The destination for the day was the picturesque town of Knysna.

The next stop on the tour was a small town, Laingsburg. The boys were put up in boarding houses usually used

by the local school. On the first night, the team met their opposition for the following day's matches for a game of touch rugby and enjoyed another *braai* and an early night. Breakfast with the opposition was a half-hour bus journey away in nearby Matjiesfontein, which only has a population of around 400 but turned out to be one of the most interesting places the party visited. It was a stronghold for British troops during the Boer War, with 10,000 soldiers stationed there. It was also the venue for the first ever international cricket match between South Africa and England, which South Africa won – the cup still resides in the town's only hotel. The teams travelled back to Laingsburg to play the next two matches. The 2nd XV lost a thrilling game, the first defeat of the tour, while the 1st XV easily despatched the Laingsburg High School 1st XV by more than 40 points.

Cape Town was the final stop and the destination for the next day. The party stopped to enjoy the spectacular panoramas from the top of Table Mountain, before meeting their hosts, pupils from Bosmandam High School in Cape Town. After a night spent with their hosts, the teams lined up for the penultimate set of matches. Against the breathtaking backdrop of Table Mountain, both King's sides played brilliantly to gain narrow victories against U19 opposition. Another night was spent with the hosts, and all were up bright



and early for the next morning's trip to Cape Point.

After the trip in the morning, the party travelled back to Cape Town, to their final hotel. The final matches of the tour were against Kassevlei Senior Secondary School in the Langa township. In two exciting games, the 2nd XV was beaten by a very professional side, whilst the 1st XV produced a wonderful finish to the tour by defeating their opponents, who boasted a number of Western Province youth players. The squad was treated to a post-match dinner, before returning to the hotel for an end of tour meal and enjoying their last night of the trip around Cape Town.

The final activity of the tour was a trip to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, and this was a very moving and appropriate end to the tour. After this excursion the party checked out of the hotel and drove to Cape Town Airport to catch the flight to Heathrow. Another eighteen hours later, the squad arrived at Manchester Airport. The tour was over, but everyone had some fantastic memories of this once-in-a-lifetime trip.

Robin McArthur

U15 XV

The season was a little up and down for the U15s last year. They were a side with huge potential. The forwards were extremely strong, with a significant number representing Cheshire at the U15 level. A couple of new players joined the side at the start of the year and added some real bite to the performances. Most noticeable of these was Alex Waddingham, whose never say never approach kept King's in several games that could have been lost. Other notable performers were: Ali Fullerton, at prop, open side flanker and centre, James May, a much improved second row, Andy Laing in the centre, and Henry Swailes at full back. A sign of the strength of these players was the number of them invited to tour South Africa with the senior side over the summer. All of the boys stepped up a level in their rugby on this tour.

JPB

2nd XV

P	W	L
15	12	3

As can be seen from the above results, the second XV completed an excellent season, playing, for the most part of the season, dynamic attacking rugby.

The three losses in the season were away, at the hands of QEGS Wakefield and RGS Lancaster, and, in the only poor performance of the season, at home to St Bedes 1st XV. However, all three losses were by less than seven points and could be considered to be particularly difficult games.

The wins encompassed some outstanding performances, including a battling away win at Wirral and 50-point destructions of Bradford, Nottingham HS and St Edward's Liverpool.

The season started in slightly patchy fashion with alternate wins and losses, with the early season challenges of Lancaster and Wakefield being too great. Nevertheless, the side were playing sound if not sparkling rugby and clearly had too much power for the majority of second XV's. However, as often happens, the twin instigators of improvement were adversity and positional change. Half backs Baker and England secured their places and Byers moved to full back. At the Wirral game, Smith emerged from the third team as a genuine number 8 and thus allowed Roddy-Webster to concentrate on lineout and pack leader duties. These changes, coupled with the honesty and hard work of props Keelagher and Tutton, outstanding flankers Robertson and Wallace, and the lineout work of hookers Ridgeway and Rhodes, together with the excellence of second row jumpers Moss and McArthur, created a mobile and rugged pack.

In the backs, centres Green, Taylor and Watts invariably had too much pace and power for the opposition, whilst wings Hart, Brassington, Madden and Newham had the pace to finish try scoring opportunities.

All in all, this proved to be a very satisfying season in which a team developed and produced high quality rugby. Great credit must go to the senior players, notably captains Green and Byers, as well as senior forwards Roddy-Webster, Keelagher, Tutton and Robertson, all of whom consistently set the appropriate mental and physical standards.

PJP

U13 XV

A Team

P	W	L	F	A
17	9	8	282	298

B Team

P	W	D	L	F	A
15	9	1	5	282	275

The large squad of enthusiastic young players have made great strides this season, which has been reflected in their much improved results. Turn-out at training has been excellent throughout the year, resulting in an increase in skill levels and a greater knowledge and awareness of the requirements of the game.

A difficult start, with fixtures against a very powerful QEGS Wakefield team and an equally impressive Lancaster RGS, did not deter the squad from producing outstanding results against Manchester GS, St Ambrose College and Adams GS, turning round last year's defeats at both A and B level.

The poor weather decimated the post-Christmas programme, with matches against Bradford GS, Merchant Taylors' Crosby and Marple Hall all being cancelled. The Festival at Derby Fields produced a grand finale to the season, the team losing in the semi-final to the eventual winners, Lymm HS, by 17-10.

AMcI/DTB

U12 XV

The U12 XV enjoyed an outstanding season, losing only one match, against Lymm High School in the final of the Junior Festival in March. Probably the high points of the season were hard-earned victories over RGS Lancaster and QEGS Wakefield, who are traditionally two of the strongest schools in the north of England.

The team was captained by Tommy Taylor, who led by example with hard tackling and maintained morale with encouraging words for all the boys. The team were eager to learn and played with a determined enthusiasm that was impressive to witness. They have the potential to do very well at national level as they move through the school, so long as their hardworking approach remains.

During the course of the season the U12 XV scored almost 500 points and conceded fewer than 90.

U11 XV

The squad, coached by Mr Halewood, gained two overwhelming successes in the Autumn Term against Beech Hall School. The only competition of the season saw King's U11s reach the semi-final stage of the AJIS tournament, before losing to hosts St Ambrose (Hale Barns). In previous rounds they defeated teams from St Edward's Liverpool, Orme House Newcastle-under-Lyme, and Liverpool College.

Boys' Hockey

1st XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
21	4	2	15	26	80

The 1st XI was a young, inexperienced team, playing week in week out against the strongest opposition in the North West and North Midlands. 1st XI hockey came as a shock to many but what was most pleasing was the way in which players stuck to their task and developed their teamwork as the season progressed. This culminated in a most successful tour to the Bath Festival, where two excellent victories were recorded against strong opponents.

During the regular season it was nine matches before the first win was recorded but this did prompt a strong Cup run, where the team was only defeated 2-0 in the Cheshire final by Birkenhead School who went on to become North West Division champions. In this match, a strong game plan was executed almost to perfection, with all the team playing at the top of their game.

The regular Upper Sixth players gave their all in every match during the season. Alastair Patrick, Bradley Hawes and Michael Topalian are to be congratulated on the work they did at their game and the performances they gave. Alastair's goalkeeping developed as a result of his dedication to his game and the team. Bradley worked tremendously hard in every game to drive the team forward and was a most effective short corner striker. Michael worked very hard at his individual skills and used these to supplement his good tactical awareness.

There is much potential in the Lower Sixth players. Rob Barker, Jon Close and Matt Horton are dependable defenders. Neall Hollis, Lewis Mellor and Jamie Wesley have strong creative midfield qualities. Sam Baker and Calum Hepworth have the pace to deceive opponents and, when they are on their game up front, they can combine to score very good goals. There is much to look forward to next season where the competition for places will be intense. The team will reap the rewards of their determination this season.

Thanks go to all the players for their commitment and to Ben Tatti who was able to use his enthusiasm for the game in supplementing the coaching of the team.

JAD

U16 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
14	9	3	3	44	22

This was an excellent final season for the team as a year-group side, improving on all but one of their results from the previous season. The only real disappointment was to lose the Cheshire Cup Final to a strong Altrincham side that was largely made up of club players; hopefully the majority of the side will get the chance to avenge this defeat in next year's competition.

Nick Petty captained the side well, leading by example as well as accepting the responsibility of organising the team on the pitch. The side proved strong in all areas. Two quality players in Ben Illingworth and Alex Haynes competed for the keeper's spot. Patrick Geake, Chris Yeates, and Jeremy Done held the defence together. Matt Dunne, James Crawley and Khalid Sawas dominated the midfield. David Kennerley, Simon Kirkham and Jake Reynolds all played well in attack. Alex Howick, Andrew Billington and Lyam Hollis (when not playing for the U15s) all played well in various positions.

George Maudsley played well in defence, midfield and attack, always skilful and willing to play in any position. Tom Parfett-Manning joined the side mid-way through the season from the rugby squad and soon proved to be a regular; his pace on both wings and his ability to score goals from anywhere made him an invaluable member of the side.

An extremely hard working and likeable side; most of the players should go on to form the backbone of a strong 1st XI for the next two years.

SM

U15 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
15	13	1	1	55	16

By any standard this was an exceptional season. Out of fifteen games played, they failed to win only two and these, against Newcastle-under-Lyme and Birkenhead, were rectified with decisive wins in the return fixtures.

With no major tournament in this age group, the objectives for this year were to consolidate the progress made last season and to build a squad capable of performing with distinction in the National U16 Tournament next year. Team play was based on a passing game, with emphasis on ball retention and moving into space. This was amply demonstrated in a number of games but particularly away to Calday Grange, perhaps the best performance of the

season, which resulted in a convincing 4-2 victory.

The success of the team centred around the distribution of Lyam Hollis, captain, and Scott Mason, the solid defence of Joe Bryant and Hollis, the brave goalkeeping of Tom Wall and the prolific goal scoring of Alex Hall who, with 21 goals, has well in excess of a goal a game. Other notable performances came from Matthew Shribman, Jamie Kavanagh and Alex Garlick who comprised the team's left flank and Andrew Gales who developed noticeably at right back. With the right ethic to improving their skills, this group of players should enhance the reputation of King's hockey over the coming seasons.

U14 XI

The U14 hockey squad have had a challenging season. At the start of the season confidence was not at its highest. Consequently the first few matches, although close, were lost. In spite of this, morale was growing and great improvements were shown by players such as Ben Allsopp, Rick Birtles and Robert Wregglesworth. As the season progressed, the skill of the players improved dramatically. For the second half of the season the hard work began to pay off and the team really came into their own, winning several of their matches and playing some nail-bitingly close games against Sandbach and Cheadle Hulme. Over the season Joe Ollier, Oliver Cowan, Ben Arnold and Jake Rathbone played well in defence and Fergus Lowry, Oliver Kirkham and Jack Edwards made up a strong front line. Goalkeeper Robbie Smith improved enormously over the course of the season and is now training with the Macclesfield team. Significant improvements have also been made by Christian Bridge, James Fitzgerald, Chris Kennerley, Jack Parr and Jo Worrall. Overall, this year the team were on a steep learning curve, with a few disappointments at first but peaking at the end, which has left a positive frame of mind for next season. Thanks go to Ben Tatti who helped out at our training sessions and spent a lot of time working on defensive strategies and tackling.

KHH

U13 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
6	3	1	2	9	8

The team had a successful first year together, with an impressive record and some notable individual performances. Throughout the year they showed a

good spirit of togetherness and notable signs of improvement the longer they worked together. Alex Reeve was a solid and reliable captain while James Gibson was possibly the most improved player, showing a great deal of promise. The team's attitude was epitomised when they played Rossall School in Blackpool without a goalkeeper. Despite the obvious disadvantage the team rallied and the 3-3 draw felt more like a victory.

ZH

Mixed Team

The hockey season ended with the annual mixed game against Sir John Deane's College. In spite of not playing together before in a competitive match, the boys and girls combined excellently to produce some great hockey and defeat the far more experienced opponents by two goals to one. It was a fitting end to the season, with everyone enjoying their success.

JAD

Indoor Team

A committed group of U16 and U15 players, supplemented by a few 1st XI players, trained regularly at Macclesfield Leisure Centre each Friday after school during the season. Their indoor skills and tactical awareness developed to the extent that they were entered into the North of England Indoor Tournament. At the event, held in Hull, they played mainly against experienced club hockey teams from Yorkshire. The King's players started slowly and, in very tight, close matches, found the going tough but did improve their game as the tournament progressed, rallying to achieve a notable victory in their final game. Continued determination next season should see them improve their standing in the tournament. Alex Haynes has great indoor reflexes. Lyam Hollis is an excellent defender. Jeremy Done and Khalid Sawas are solid, creative players. George Maudsley and Jake Reynolds are strong in front of goal. Captain Nick Petty has a great all-round game but, in particular, opponents simply cannot get past him.

JAD

1st XI Boys Results

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Sandbach School	Lost	0	6
Merchant Taylors'	Lost	3	7
Knutsford	Lost	0	2
Birkenhead School	Lost	0	4
St. Anselm's College	Lost	1	6
Warwick School	Lost	1	5
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Lost	0	2

Wirral GS	Lost	1	2
Liverpool College	Draw	3	3
Denstone College	Lost	1	4
Repton School	Lost	0	9
Birkenhead School	Lost	0	9
Rossall School	Won	2	1
Merchant Taylors'	Lost	1	2
Calday Grange GS	Draw	4	4
Sir John Deane's (mixed)	Won	4	2

Hockey Association National Youth Cup

Cheshire County Finals

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Cheadle Hulme School (semi-final)	Won	3	2
Birkenhead School (final)	Lost	0	2

Bath Festival

Opponent	Result	For	Against
King Edward's School	Lost	0	5
John of Gaunt School	Won	4	2
Merchant Taylors' School	Lost	0	2
Sharnbrook School	Won	2	1

Indoor Team

Hockey Association National Youth Cup (Indoor)
North Finals

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Bradford HC	Lost	0	1
Birkenhead School	Lost	1	2
Sheffield HC	Lost	0	1
City of York HC	Won	3	1

Girls' Hockey

The Aiken Cup Tournament yet again

proved to be a great start to the season in September. The intermingling of every year group from U13 upwards to 1st XI produced ten seven-a-side teams and provided valuable experience for everyone. Each team was ably led by a 1st team player and watched with interest towards the end of the tournament by the new Year 7 talent after their training session with Mrs Baker. Empathy, positiveness and encouragement were qualities which exuded during the morning's play.

The Tournament winners were the Mavericks (below), captained by Jay Mosedale. The team consisted of Sarah Evans, Michelle Greaves, Hannah Beard, Lucy Askey and Becky Mellor. Grateful thanks went to the umpires without whom the competition could not have taken place – Mr North, Katie Riddell and Robert Barker.

The second half of the season was very disappointing for several reasons, not least being the ground conditions which rendered the red and black grass unplayable for a considerable time. Practices were restricted and some matches cancelled. The committed players did their best under sometimes difficult circumstances. However, all was not lost. The House Hockey Tournaments produced some great hockey and demonstrated encouraging maturity and understanding from the school team players for the less experienced ones. The final winners for each year group were:



Hockey

Year 7	(7 aside teams)
	Capesthorn A League
	Gawsworth B League
Year 8	Adlington A League
	Gawsworth B League
Year 9	Adlington A and B Leagues
Year 10	Capesthorne (XI aside)
Year 11	Capesthorn (XI aside)

Overall winners: Capesthorne

DMB

1st XI

Opponent	Result
Wilmslow	Won 2 – 0 (C Rice, N Mortimer)
St Edwards	Lost 1 – 3 (L Kenyon)
Lady Manners	Lost 5 – 0
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Lost 1 – 0
Lymm	Lost 6 – 1
St Edwards	Lost 7 – 0
Wilmslow	Drew 1 – 1
NULS	Lost 1 – 3
Queens Chester	Lost 0 – 1
Lymm	Lost 0 – 5

U19 Tournament

Opponent	Result
Upton by Chester	Lost 3 – 0
Wilmslow	Won 2 – 0 (C Rice, N Roger)
Queens Chester	Drew 0 – 0

Unfortunately, the 1st XI girls lost the majority of their matches but in real terms their performances improved with every game. Often the scorelines were not a reflection of the excellent standard of hockey or the exciting nature of the games.

Captain Laura Tunwell did her utmost to rally the team under invariably quite challenging times. She could always be relied on to encourage the team to never give up. The absence of a regular goalkeeper was a major factor of frustration for the team. Throughout the year they were faced with the same problem of who would volunteer to go in goal next match. Most players padded up at least once, yet it was obvious that with an experienced goalkeeper as last line of defence the scorelines of all the matches could have been so very different.

DMB

U16 XI

The results this season have defied belief. The U16s were a dedicated, hard-working group of players who respected each other's talents and interacted with great maturity. The defenders played with strength and concentration with the security of Kay Doncom as sweeper.

Their communication and support was excellent. The midfielders worked with constructive anticipation, feeding the forward line who were always goal hungry but were so often thwarted.

There were some wonderful moments of play, exciting goals scored and yet times where luck just was not on their side. Opponents seemed to have the upper hand and were able to convert their rare opportunities when they arose, sometimes after long periods of intense pressure from King's, and the inevitable happened – a loose ball up at the other end was taken advantage of..

The U16 tournament in November saw them at their best. With just eleven players available they showed they meant business. Tense, hard matches resulted in two wins and two draws, which qualified them as section winners to play in the County finals in March. Unfortunately, by then the weather had had disastrous effects on the red and black gras, so the girls went into the tournament with little match practice. Needless to say, they put up a very admirable effort but did not reach their potential.

Katy Massey and Kay Doncom must be congratulated on their selection again for County representation, Carly Williamson for Most Improved Player and Meredith Bloom for Player of the Year.

DMB

U15 XI

Unfit pitches and lack of opponents rather limited the U15s' progress this year, but those matches that were played demonstrated what exciting potential they have. Of the six matches played, they won four, drew one and lost one, scoring fifteen goals, nine of which captain Helen Alston scored. They practised and trained with dedication and focus. Despite the lively nature of some players, there was a mature understanding and cohesion between them all.

Just as the forwards found the goal, the team goalkeeper at the other end was intent on ensuring nothing went past her. Her performance for the U16 B team at the Altrincham minis was outstanding. It can now be said that she has definitely come of age. The midfield worked hard, ably supported by defenders.

An unusual feature this year was the presence of a reserve goalkeeper, Alison Madley. She has developed out of all recognition in her confidence and presence on the pitch. She must surely be credited with the Most Improved

Player of the Year and Player of the Year is Helen Alston. Helen must also be congratulated for her dedicated leadership of the team and well deserved divisional colours.

DMB

U13 XI

The girls were involved in two seven-a-side tournaments during the season. Teamwork improved over these games and Sarah Broadbent scored all our goals in the Cheshire mini-hockey.

In eleven-a-side games, Rebecca Bamford developed as the mainstay of midfield, often controlling matches against less strong opposition. The highlight of the season was a 1–0 win at Denstone College, where the defence held on against a team who had played many more matches than us.

The state of pitches meant that a number of matches were cancelled but the number of players who were interested and involved is most encouraging.

Katherine Baker (captain) and Sara Broadbent were chosen for the Cheshire team. Potentially this is a very good set of players who, given more matches, will achieve very good result in the future.

TGN

U12 XI

A very enthusiastic and committed group of players trained hard and made great improvements as the term progressed. The squad remained large throughout the season and there is certainly strength in depth at this age group.

Confident and effective defending came from Yasmin Lavassani, Ellie Smith and Sophie Fox, supported by strong mid-field work from Sarah Branley and Sarah Stewart. Victoria French, Natalie Lo Piccolo and Katie Burgess were particularly successful in attack and showed skill and energy in front of goal. The strength of both teams, however, lay with their teamwork and support play and all who were involved in the teams made a valuable contribution to the successes of the season.

Victoria French received Most Improved Player, with Player of the Season going to Sarah Branley.

DCB

Junior Hockey

This was a season of mixed success for both the boys' and girls' hockey teams. There were some good individual and team performances against local independent schools, with many players showing promise for the future.

1st XI

School cricket often runs in cycles. Two good years are often followed by a disappointing one when experienced and key players leave the school. The 2004 season could easily have been one of those re-building seasons but, in fact, it was another very good year.

The young players in the side grasped their opportunities and the older players accepted their responsibilities. The captain, Justin Perring, took to his task extremely well. He had a good season with the bat and captained the side well throughout the season. He made astute bowling changes when required, he was always the man in charge on the field and he helped ensure the game was played in the right spirit at all times.

Justin, Tom Parfett-Manning and Khalid Sawas led the batting with nearly 1600 runs between them. Khalid, with a fine century against Bangor, was the only player to reach a hundred; Tom twice got into the nineties early in the season with fine knocks. Both have two seasons left in the 1st XI.

The rest of the middle order all batted

well. Tom McIlvenny scored a fine 43 on debut and an invaluable 43 against Ipswich in the festival. Elliot Purdom's 69* against Lancaster was one of the highlights of the season, with the ball flying to all corners of the ground. Ben Harding scored a fine 49 when he was promoted to open the batting against Cheadle Hulme and a resolute 35 against Ipswich when it was his partnership with Tom McIlvenny that helped to win that game.

It was always likely that the spinners would dominate the bowling; indeed James Barratt (playing in his third season with two still to go) and younger brother Jonathan (playing in his first season with four still to come!) led the wicket takers with 59 wickets between them. The emergence of Jonny Lee as a genuine quick opening bowler and the consistent support of Alex Jackson and Oliver Kenyon were key factors too in the bowling success. Jonny had the best return of the season with a fiery 7 for 24 against Newcastle (the best return for several seasons) and was unlucky not to get more wickets through the season as a whole. Oliver with 4 for 14 against Cheadle Hulme and Alex with

4 for 22 against Edinburgh showed the value of having three quality seamers in the side.

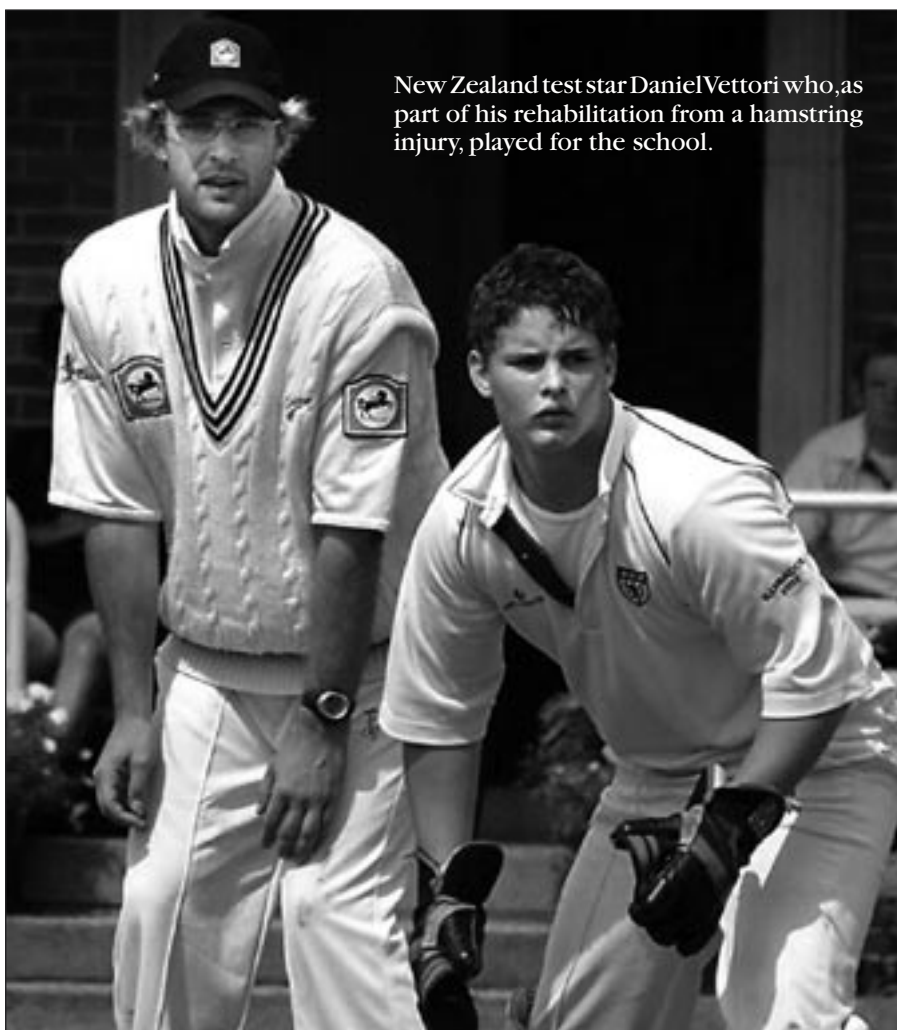
Jonny Lee's 7 for 24 was probably the individual highlight of the season but watching the two spinners bowling together from either end was hugely enjoyable. Both bowled consistently well and at times very well; they complemented and competed with each other. They took eight wickets between them against Merchant Taylors', nearly forcing victory from the brink of defeat, and eight wickets between them against the Old Boys to help keep their score within reach. James' best bowling came in two of the biggest games: against Manchester GS and the MCC he bowled 46 overs in total, taking three wickets in each game and conceding just 140 runs (25 of those runs coming in his last two overs against MCC when the 'slog' was on).

The fielding was on the whole good. Andy McGeorge finished with nine stumpings and will almost certainly get more chances next season. Jonny Lee finished with seven catches in the outfield and his aggression (and that of Ben Harding) in the field was a great example to the rest of the team. Tom Parfett-Manning, Khalid Sawas and Tom McIlvenny look naturally talented fielders. Captain Justin Perring finished with six catches and ensured that the momentum in the field was never lost. It was good to see that in the final match of the season, in a game that we were almost certainly losing, all the team were encouraging each other and effort levels had not dropped even in the final two overs.

The season as a whole was badly disrupted by the weather, with five games cancelled and one abandoned. Of the seven victories, a win by 170 runs against Edinburgh was the most comprehensive and a sixth win in a row against Nottingham probably the most satisfactory. Of the five draws, King's Chester (eight wickets down still needing 91 runs), Merchant Taylors' (nine wickets down still needing 60 runs) both held on and against Manchester GS King's fell agonisingly short, needing just three runs for victory with six wickets in hand as time ran out.

Defeats are always disappointing and losing to Bangor GS, having posted a good total of 220 for 2 was certainly that. So was defeat to Brighton in the final game of the season, when, for the third year in a row, against probably the best schoolboy cricket side in the country, the team failed to perform and lost by six wickets. The third defeat was to a strong MCC side in a game

New Zealand test star Daniel Vettori who, as part of his rehabilitation from a hamstring injury, played for the school.



made almost surreal by the appearance of New Zealand test star Daniel Vettori who, as part of his rehabilitation from a hamstring injury, played for the school. Daniel bowled ten tight overs (Ian Wilson probably enjoyed umpiring those ten overs as much as any other in his 32 years experience) and scored a quick 50 opening the batting for King's. It was a real pleasure for the boys. Daniel was very encouraging in the field, giving tips to fielders and bowlers alike.

It was a pleasure to be with the 1st XI all season. They were happy, determined and always played in the right spirit. This year's leavers, Justin Perring, Ben Harding, Oliver Kenyon and Alex Jackson, will all be missed but there should be enough talent left for another good season next year. Also leaving this year are Robbie Unterhalter and Chris Roddy-Webster; both played most of their cricket in the 2nd XI but both proved to be exceptional squad members. They played well when required and never grumbled when they were left out. I know they would both have liked to have played more 1st XI cricket in their final year; they both typified what is best about school cricket and Chris deservedly won the Tim Greaves Trophy.

Final mention goes to Ian Wilson, who now retires after 32 seasons in King's School cricket. This year's Old Boys day was a tribute to his dedication and commitment to cricket when two teams, one from Ian's era as head of cricket and one from Mark Harbord's era, played in the morning and the recent leavers played the school in the afternoon. It was a great day for the school. It is impossible to over-emphasise Ian's contribution to King's cricket and he has promised to be back umpiring next season for the 1st XI.

2nd XI

P	W	D	L
10	6	2	2

The 2nd XI had a generally successful season, even though a third of the fixtures were unfortunately lost to the summer's inclement weather. Under the authoritative leadership of Chris Roddy-Webster, the team put in a number of confident and convincing performances in defeating Chester, Wilmslow, Denstone, Merchant Taylors', Newcastle and Manchester GS. By the standards of previous years, the batting at times looked somewhat fragile and some of the King's scores

looked vulnerable. However, the bowling and fielding were both well above usual second team expectations and it was in these departments that the seeds for success were sown. The guile of Billy Maddocks flummoxed many opposition batsmen as he topped the averages, closely followed by Nick Barker. Consistent support was provided by Chris Roddy-Webster, Joel Kennedy, Matthew Horton and George Maudsley.

The team's batting was unpredictable and while many players made occasional significant contributions, there was no continuity or reliability, and batting consequently became something of a nerve-wracking affair. Nick Barker top scored for the team, closely followed by Matthew Horton, Robbie Unterhalter, Tom McIlvenny and the hard-hitting Tom Petty. A cameo 48 from David Jones against Lancaster gave a glimpse of a talent for the future. In the other defeat by Chester Clergy and in the drawn game against Nottingham, the team's batting frailties were exposed, while Bishop Vesey's, with nine wickets down, held on for a draw.

There was an excellent esprit de corps in the team and they played with a commitment and determination which is not always found at second team level. They seemed to enjoy their cricket and it is to be hoped that many will move on to greater things.

U15 XI

Following the success of the previous year, when King's won the Cheshire Cup, the U15 cricket team found themselves facing Manchester Grammar School in the first round of the national competition early in the season. Having lost the toss, Manchester put King's in to bat first, and Khalid Sawas and Ben Parton quickly asserted themselves at the crease, with Parton making 30 and Sawas an impressive 50. Following this, Elliott Purdom also scored well. King's went into the field confident to defend a total of 180, Henry Swailes soon dismissing Manchester's star player, after a catch from Chris Robinson. A flurry of wickets followed, as Robinson, Sawas, Stuart Parks and Lyam Hollis claimed wickets, in an outstanding bowling performance.

In the next round of the competition, King's faced Newcastle-upon-Tyne on a cloudy day. The opposition soon proved themselves to be very good, as they used the weather to their advantage, swinging the ball and bowl-

ing accurately, hitting the stumps on eight occasions! With the only real fight being put up by Ben Gwatkin towards the end of the innings, the team proceeded to collapse to all out for 60. Although the weather failed to improve for the second innings of the match, Newcastle applied themselves well and batted sensibly, winning by nine wickets.

For the second year running, the team managed to get themselves into the final of the Cheshire Cup, beating teams like Stockport and King's Chester. When it came to the final in the first week of the holidays, however, King's had an under-strength side, with only ten players! Despite this, the team put up a good fight, though it was not enough to stop the good Birkenhead side from taking the victory.

Despite the two defeats in the Cup, the rest of the season went fairly well for the side. Stuart Parks, Chris Robinson, Shamas Bedi, Nik Lee and Henry Swailes all put in good performances with the ball, whilst Ben Gwatkin, Andrew Kimber, Andrew Laing, Andrew Gales and Lyam Hollis all played well with the bat. The team came close to beating sides like Manchester Grammar, Nottingham High and Lancaster Grammar, falling just short on the final hurdle, though they claimed good victories against King's Chester and Newcastle-under-Lyme. On the whole the team had a good season, getting into the final of the Cheshire Cup, and the last sixteen of the national competition. Although there is still a lot of room for improvement, all of the team applied themselves well and can look forward to the step up to senior cricket next summer.

Lyam Hollis and Stuart Parks

U14 XI

P	W	D	L
11	4	1	6

After a promising start, King's found it hard going for most of the season. The batting proved very frail. The potential is there but the temperament required for batting more than a few balls was questionable. As a result, scores were very low, leaving the bowling with too little chance of securing a win. The season was also marred by unavailability, which hampered continuity and practice. It did, however, allow other players to take part and they did well. The bowling was generally quite encouraging, apart from the large number of wides.

The fielding was fair with some good

catching and throwing. The team was well captained by Ben Allsopp, who learned fast and gained the respect of his team. The bowlers and he need to learn the normal field positions appropriate to each type of bowler.

CJM

U13 XI

A Team

P	W	D	L
12	5	1	6

B Team

P	W	D	L
5	4	1	0

The U13 team had a mixed season in 2004, largely as a result of below-average batting performances. A succession of low scores gave the bowlers little room to manoeuvre until well into the season but three victories at the end showed what can be achieved when the batsmen produced sizeable targets. Two boys reached 100 runs for the season; Matthew Murray, with 71 against Chester and 49 against Wilmslow, totalling 208 at an average of 20.8.

Generally the bowlers performed well. Joe Standley produced good pace and earned 19 wickets for 221 runs, including 5 for 15 against Birkenhead. Peter Board included 5 for 6 in his haul of 11 wickets. Franky Bryant, 14, Greg Dunne, 10, and Jimmy Lomas, 10, also reached double figures. Jordi Heginbottom proved to be a highly competent wicket-keeper through the summer and, particularly in the early part of the season, some excellent catches were taken in the outfield.

By contrast the B team were very successful in their limited season. There were several outstanding contributions, most notably Josh Williams' 112 against Chester and Tom Gradwell's scores of 42 v Wilmslow and 50 v Lytham.

U12 XI

A Team

P	W	D	L	C
14	10	1	3	3

B Team

P	W	D	L	C
4	3	0	1	2

A strong squad of forty boys enjoyed a successful season. The enthusiasm for the game was evident by the number that wished to play and it was a problem to find enough B XI matches for the boys who wished to compete.

The A XI was one of the strongest at this age level for a number of years. They won their first seven matches, at

times by a considerable margin, and recorded ten victories in total. Four individual batsmen, Taylor, Thorncroft, Holt and Kennedy, made half-centuries. Kennedy scored particularly heavily whilst usually captaining the team and often also keeping wicket. The bowling was slightly less productive, with Ferdani and Plowright later in the season being the most consistent, whilst Parton, Waters, Barratt, Townley and Coteman performed ably on occasions. Most of these also made useful contributions with the bat.

The final three weeks of term, from a cricketing point of view, was disjointed, with examinations and educational visits, and this was reflected in less convincing performances on the field. The loss in the county final to a useful Sandbach team was disappointing as the team did not do itself justice.

The B XI started their season with an outstanding victory over Bishop Vesey's, where they scored 180 without the loss of a wicket, a number of batsmen being retired. Unfortunately, due to poor weather, their next match was not until five weeks later when they defeated Birkenhead. Their lone defeat was at the hands of King's Chester.

Junior Cricket

The first match of the season was an AJIS Cup match against local rivals Cheadle Hulme. The match was played in drizzly, damp conditions but King's bowlers made light of this and, thanks to Jo Seddon's 4 for 5, quickly skittled the visitors out for 14. The game was made more interesting by losing three wickets in pursuit of the target! One of the worst displays of the season followed at Bolton School. They scored 72 for 8, with top scorer being extras. King's were never in the hunt and closed on 39 for 8.

As the weather improved, so daily bowling practice on the field became possible. In the local derby against Stockport, excellent fielding and much-improved bowling restricted the opposition to 85 all out, with five wickets claimed by run outs. Despite an England-style mid-innings collapse, Will Hudson steered King's home with 21 not out in a three-wicket victory. The next round of the AJIS Cup brought visitors from Birkenhead Prep to the Fence Avenue field. Drier conditions allowed Karan Deepak to mesmerise the Wirral players with his tantalising spin bowling, finishing with 4 for 12. He also carried his bat with 29 not out in a winning total of 61 for 5.

A visiting team from Kent College provided the most exciting game of the season as the visitors generously declared on 100 for 6. King's, fielding a weakened team because of a clash with a county match, slumped to 45 for 7 before a rearguard action led by Tom Livesley and Alex Stobart brought King's to within 15 runs of the total before the ninth wicket fell. In walked volunteer 12th man, Ross Elliott, to the crease – no pressure! Fast but wild bowling from the visitors meant that King's crept up to the century mark. However, after a typically brave effort from Ross, he was bowled – with the total on 99! What a great match.

The AJIS semi-final was away at King's, Chester. King's made a sluggish start before late acceleration from Will Hudson (22) and a cavalier 39 from Tim Saxon gave King's a respectable total of 102 for 6 in the allotted 25 overs. However, it proved not to be enough as Chester coasted past the target with almost five overs to spare. Wounds were quickly healed and the team convincingly beat Altrincham Prep by nine wickets in the final 11-a-side match of the season. The highlight of this match was a dashing 37 not out from Jake Knowles. However, Altrincham got their revenge when excellent running between the wickets put paid to King's hopes of progressing in the Stockport 6-a-side competition. This came after an exciting last ball win over Bury GS, thanks to some quick thinking from batsmen Tim Saxon and Jonathan Marsden.

The season ended with the house cricket competition on the final Saturday of term. Adlington and Gawsorth progressed from the semi-finals and a close contest was anticipated. However, an all-round team performance from Adlington (which included a hat-trick from U10 Hannah Gradwell!) saw them gain an easy victory. The new cup, called the Gatehouse Antiques Trophy, was presented by Mr Livesley, along with three runners-up trophies. Mr Livesley has donated these trophies to the school and we thank him for his generosity.

Congratulations to Karan Deepak and Charles Gilman on their selections for the Cheshire Cricket Development squad and well played to all squad members. Finally, thanks to those mums and dads who supported through thick and thin, rain or shine throughout the season.

GJS

Other Sport

Biathlon

The 2003-2004 season proved to be another successful season. Many of the competitors were part of our swimming team, with the addition of some of our stronger cross-country runners who had made great efforts to improve their swimming times. Of the seventeen competitors entered for the Midlands Schools Championships, ten reached the top ten places in their age groups, notably: Alice Bailey, Year 5 (sixth position); the Year 7 team of Vicky French (fifth), Caroline Shorland (ninth) and Sophie Fox (tenth) who finished in equal first place with Wymondham College; the Year 8 team (pictured) of Katherine Baker (fourth), Sarah Gales and Hannah Hill who finished in bronze medal position. In the Nationals, the only Year 7 boy, Daniel Cotterill, finished in third place in his first ever biathlon and Robert Moxon, Year 11, gained seventh place, just out of the placings for qualification for the National Finals.

Alice Bailey (5NS) qualified for the British Schools Biathlon Championships in October 2003 and was one of 38 girls who competed in the G5 class on Sunday 7 March. Alice ran an



impressive 4 mins 10.29 secs for the 1000m in the morning, and was able to sustain her form, securing a personal best time of 39.51 for the 50m swim in the afternoon. After both events, Alice was placed fifteenth, a great achievement in such a quality event.

The staff team won overall first place, with Miss Collette Buckley 2nd, Mrs Clare Bingham 5th and Mrs Di Barker 6th. All the top six individual and the top three teams competed in National Finals in March. The staff team, which included Miss Lindsay Simcoe (replacement for the injured Mrs Barker), completed the course in a convincing manner, to be justly crowned National Staff Team Champions.

DMB



Swimming

It is always disappointing that we cannot offer the swimmers more galas. The local clubs supply us with talent which does the school proud in the limited competitions that it is able to enter. Unfortunately, due to the departure to university of most of the older swimmers, the team strength was significantly reduced this year. Without four competitively trained swimmers in each age group, it is difficult to enter the major competitions. However, King's still had one or two experienced swimmers and a whole bunch of enthusiastic and keen youngsters.

The Macclesfield and District Lions Club Swimarathon is always a fun, yet worthwhile fundraising event at the start of the season. The two mixed teams raised several hundred pounds, the A Team just beating the Tytherington High School team by 1.25 laps.

The Newcastle-under-Lyme annual invitational mixed relays was again an extremely well organised and high powered event. Unfortunately, a similar gala at St Edward's College Liverpool was cancelled this year.

The sudden closure during the Spring

Term of the Macclesfield Leisure Centre swimming pool led to the cancellation of our Girls' Inter-house Swimming Gala and, needless to say, caused great disruption to training regimes.

DMB

Junior Swimming

Early galas against QEGS Blackburn, Cheadle Hulme School and Merchant Taylors' provided an opportunity for these swimmers to enjoy some friendly but very competitive races and the famous King's team spirit was very much in evidence on poolside! The younger swimmers were always very well supported and encouraged by the more experienced children and the mixed year canon relay, involving a total of twelve swimmers from three different year groups, seemed to epitomise this.

The AJIS competitions provide a platform for the most talented swimmers to compete with other top performers from sixteen schools in the northwest. The boys' Year 6 team was exceptionally successful this year and was represented in four finals. Congratulations to Chris Smith, Sam Barratt, Will Hudson, Jake Knowles and Harry Thompson, who all swam brilliantly on the day. Katherine Edgar made sure that the girls didn't come home empty-handed from their event later in the term.

The season did finish on a high as King's became the Macclesfield and District Swimming Champions again back in March and this proved to be the last event of the year.

DCB

Junior Football

The 2003–2004 season was one of the busiest ever. King's fielded three teams at U9, U10 and U11. Over eighty children represented the school over the season in ninety-four matches.

At U11, King's competed very well against other independent schools. Unfortunately, despite dominating games, they sometimes struggled to turn these into victories. There were wins against The Grange (1–0), Redcourt (5–0), KEQM Lytham (3–0), Arnold (7–1) and Altrincham Prep (4–1). Draws were achieved against Stockport Grammar (3–3) and Bolton (2–2), King's Chester being the only team to beat King's in a friendly (2–4). However, the run in the AJIS Cup was short-lived through being beaten 3–2 by St Edward's.

In the local leagues King's hit form,

winning six and drawing one of their seven league games and reaching the final stages of the six-a-side competition. King's again entered the Frosties six-a-side competition organised by Macclesfield Town, winning all the games and going through to the final. This was held at the Moss Rose at half time during a match against Huddersfield Town. In a tight game, King's lost to Marlborough on penalties. Sadly, Marlborough repeated their penalty shoot-out prowess in the semi-finals of the eleven-a-side cup. King's finally got the silverware they deserved in the Ciba 7s competition. After qualifying for the finals, they beat Upton Priory 1–0 in the semis, before beating Puss Bank 2–0 to win this competition for the first time since 1998.

The team's success was built around a number of fit and athletic players. Sam Rodman emerged as an outstanding keeper and, in front of him, Andrew Taylor and Greg Mellor had the ability to read the game and hold a defensive position. Jonathan Marsden's trickery and strength caused defences problems all season, whilst Will Hanson's skill and pace up front resulted in him ending the season as leading scorer with 50 goals.

The U10s performed well in their games, a 4–1 victory away to Redcourt perhaps being the highlight of their season.

The U9s played two friendlies and performed well in their two tournaments. We also fielded a team of Year 3s in our own U9 five-a-side tournament who more than held their own.

GDJ

Junior Netball

The U11 netball players endured a tough start to the season, with defeats against strong local independent schools. Matches against local junior schools did, however, provide a chance for the improving squad to get on to winning ways. Indeed they ended the season as runners-up in Division 2 of the local league. They also performed creditably in both the AJIS and Macclesfield PS Cup tournaments. Increasing numbers attending the weekly practices has been a very encouraging feature of this year's netball which will no doubt lead to further successes in future years.

Rounders

In a short rounders season, the girls' team recorded mixed success in the AJIS tournament but lost their other games against local opposition. The mixed team recorded a very exciting success (5–4) against St John's Junior School before losing to Marlborough Junior School.

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 Clarke-Williams A G, IT, M, C (AS), GStd (AS)
 Collins J A&D, E, M, IT (AS), GStd (AS)
 Collins K A&D, ELang, M, IT (AS), GStd (AS)
 Colville R J C, G, P, M (AS), GStd (AS)
 Covey C H E, B, Ps, Ger (AS), GStd (AS)
 Davenport A R B, C, Comp, M (AS), GStd (AS)
 Davenport L A B, G, SpStd, Ps (AS), GStd (AS)
 Davies S E BStd, F, Ger, M (AS), GStd (AS)
 Diamond C M BStd, ELang, IT, Ps (AS), GStd (AS)
 Dillon J A BStd, Ec, Ps, SpStd (AS), GStd (AS)
 Doncom A R B B, C, Ps, GStd (AS)
 Edmunds C L CC, Geol, Ps, Phil (AS), GStd (AS)
 Elkin R M B, E, Ps, C (AS), GStd (AS)
 Ellis W R H BStd, Ec, G, GStd (AS)
 Evans R A M IT, Ps, SpStd, B (AS), GStd (AS)
 Fitzgerald E L C, CC, Ps, BStd (AS), B (AS), IT (AS), GStd (AS)
 Flattery J S BStd, E, H, L (AS), GStd (AS)
 Foster E D CC, ELang, Phil, L (AS), GStd (AS)
 Gathercole R S B, C, M, Ps (AS), GStd (AS)
 Gibbons G E M A&D, ELang, Ps, B (AS), GStd (AS)
 Gilham K A A&D, Phil, Ps, B (AS) GStd (AS)
 Goodsell L S B, C, M, P
 Green C-A BStd, ELang, Ps, Mu(AS)
 Green C ELang, G, Ps, B (AS), F(AS), SpStd (AS), GStd (AS)

Green T R M BStd, E, Phil, Ger (AS), GStd (AS)
 Greenough S L B, C, M, Ger (AS), GStd (AS)
 Halewood R A Geol, G, IT, BStd (AS), GStd (AS)
 Harding B J BStd, Ps, SpStd, GStd (AS)
 Harrison H E B, C, Ger, M
 Hart R A E, Ger, Phil, RStd
 Hasbullah N F, M, P, E (AS), GStd
 Hawes B C A&D, M, P, C (AS)
 Hayward A C Comp, G, IT, B (AS)
 Hedley A R ELang, H, Phil, RStd, GStd (AS)
 Hepworth R A ELang, Geol, Ps, G (AS), GStd (AS)
 Holden E L A&D, ELang, Ps, Phil (AS), GStd (AS)
 Hope L E C E, H, Mu, F (AS), GStd (AS)
 Hussain O A B, C, Ps, G (AS), GStd (AS)
 Illingworth D M Comp, E, Phil, Ger (AS), GStd (AS)
 Jackson A R BStd, G, Ger, SpStd (AS), GStd (AS)
 Jamison S J A&D, IT, Ps, ELang (AS), GStd (AS)
 Jones J C B, M, Ps, C (AS), GStd (AS)
 Kazmierski N C D, ELang, Ps, BStd (AS), GStd (AS)
 Keelagher M J BStd, Ec, IT, GStd (AS)
 Kenyon L M ELang, G, SpStd, Ps (AS)
 Kenyon O J W BStd, IT, SpStd,
 Kidd C L D, ELang, F, Ger (AS), GStd (AS)
 Knight A L G, M, P, Ps (AS), GStd (AS)
 Langstreth B G BStd, Ec, IT, M (AS), GStd (AS)
 Lea R J F, Ger, Mu, E (AS)
 Levitt S L A&D, CC, ELang, D (AS), GStd (AS)
 Lisser F L CC, IT, ELang (AS), GStd (AS)
 Livesley A F, Ger, Ps, RStd (AS) GStd (AS)
 Lloyd N J B, C, M, Ps (AS), GStd (AS)
 Love D J BStd, ELang, Ger, Ps (AS), GStd (AS)
 Maddocks W J Comp, IT, P, Ger (AS), GStd (AS)
 Marten H E A&D, E, Ger, B (AS), GStd (AS)
 Marten K A C, E, M, Ger (AS), GStd (AS)
 Massey E L E, H, Phil, F (AS), GStd (AS)
 McConnell O P B, C, Comp, M (AS), GStd (AS)
 McDonnell R D O Ec, H, IT, E (AS), GStd (AS)
 McKenna T E BStd, E, G, Ger (AS), GStd (AS)
 McMahon S S BStd, F, H, Ger (AS), GStd (AS)
 Miller C D C, Ec, Ps, ELang (AS), GStd (AS)
 Moran R M ELang, Ger, Ps, GStd (AS)
 Mortimer N A E, H, Ps, Ger (AS), GStd (AS)
 Moussallati M BStd, C, M, IT (AS), GStd (AS)
 Newham W G B, C, Ps, IT (AS)
 O'Connor A R E, H, IT, G (AS), GStd (AS)
 Parks G N G, Ger, IT, SpStd (AS), GStd (AS)
 Pattrick A W C, G, M, Ger (AS)
 Percival R C B, C, Ps, P (AS), GStd (AS)
 Perring J S J E, H, Phil, Dr (AS), GStd (AS)
 Petrie J D BStd, Ec, Ps, SpStd (AS), GStd (AS)
 Potter S F B, C, H, M, GStd (AS)
 Ravikumar K B, C, IT, Ps (AS), GStd (AS)
 Reynolds C L A&D, IT, Ps, Ger (AS), GStd (AS)

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Rice C L.....	B, H, Phil, C (AS), GStd (AS)
Richards C D.....	Comp, M, P, Ger (AS), GStd (AS)
Richardson L.....	A&D, Phil, Ps, ELang (AS), GStd (AS)
Roddy-Webster C J	BStd, ELang, SpStd, GStd (AS)
Roper N A J.....	B, C, M, G (AS)
Rukazenkova N	B, C, M, FM
Savage R F E.....	E, Phil, Ps, Ger (AS) GStd (AS)
Seddon J H.....	F, Phil, Ps, E (AS), GStd (AS)
Sidebottom J C.....	BStd, G, Comp (AS), Geol (AS), GStd (AS)
Slade A G.....	C, M, P, Ps (AS), GStd (AS)
Swinden J L.....	Comp, H, M, P (AS) GStd (AS)
Tenwolde M N.....	ELang, E, H (AS), GStd (AS)
Thorley E J.....	C, IT, M, BStd (AS)
Topalian M E C.....	B, M, P, A&D (AS), GStd (AS)
Trotter V E	H, IT, Ps, E (AS), GStd (AS)
Tunwell L J.....	B, G, SpStd, Ps (AS), GStd (AS)
Tutton A B	B, C, M, Ger (AS), GStd (AS)
Unterhalter R W.....	CC, E, H, L (AS), GStd (AS)
Waite S M.....	BStd, ELang, IT, Ger (AS)
Weight C J	A&D, M, P, F (AS), GStd (AS)
Werrell E F.....	B, C, M, P (AS), GStd (AS)
Williams H J.....	B, C, G, M (AS), GStd (AS)
Wilson J P	D, F, Ps, E (AS), GStd (AS)
Wood E J C	A&D, C, M, P (AS), GStd (AS)
Wood J G E.....	M, P, Phil, GStd (AS)
Wood L E	ELang, F, Ger, E (AS), GStd (AS)

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Key: A&D: Art & Design; B: Biology; C: Chemistry; CDT: CDT; D: Drama & Theatre Arts; E: English Language; EL: English Literature; F: French; G: Geography; Ger: German; H: History; IT: Information Technology; L: Latin; M: Mathematics; Mu: Music; P: Physics; RE: Religious Education; Sc: Science Dual Award.

The following candidates gained grades A*-C:

Girls' Division

Bagnall K	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, RE
Barber S K.....	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, CDT
Bellamy F J L	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, RE, D
Bingham F	E, EL, M, Sc, F, G, D, Mu
Bloom M	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, A&D
Bradbury J E	E, EL, M, Sc, H, RE, D
Bradbury V C	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, RE, D
Bridge N K.....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, L, H
Brocklehurst R.....	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, L, D, Mu
Brookes L L.....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
Bulcock A	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, Mu
Campbell R E J	E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, RE, Mu
Colville J A.....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, RE, A&D
Conway E A.....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, L, H
Coombs F L.....	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, A&D
Cooper C M	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, CDT
Cox E R.....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G

Crossley H.....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, H
Doncom K E B	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, CDT
Dorries J	E, EL, M, Sc, H, RE, D
Dunlop L V	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, A&D, D
Edwards P L.....	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, A&D
Evans S L.....	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, CDT
Farrell K J.....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
Fleming A L	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H
French E J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, D
Friday C S.....	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, D, Mu
Goldstone P J.....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Greaves M D.....	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, CDT
Grimes C A	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, CDT
Harrison E K	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, H
Herald E A	E, EL, M, B, C, P, G, L, H
Ingram C L.....	E, EL, M, B, P, Ger, H, G
Kirkham V.....	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, RE, D, Mu
Knowles E.....	E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, A&D, CDT
Lamb C H R	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, L, H
Lau K L.....	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
Livesley J A	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, RE, D
Lloyd J R	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, Mu
Long A J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Macleod L A K	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, A&D, D
Marsden S C.....	E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, Mu
Marten L S.....	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, D
Massey K E	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, RE
McCormack G A	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, RE
Mellor C J.....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, CDT
Mitchell L M	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, A&D, CDT
Murdy H K.....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, RE
Murphy C.....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, A&D
Olsen Rong T S.....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Parrish C K L.....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT
Patterson A C.....	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H
Ravikumar R	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
Read E	E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, A&D
Richards H L	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, D
Richardson R E	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, RE
Robinson N K	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, A&D, D
Rosson A J.....	E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, D, Mu
Russell E D.....	E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, A&D
Seeley A E.....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, D
Shaw S A	E, EL, M, P
Sherratt J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT
Smith C S L	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, A&D, Mu
Stanford R J.....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, D
Sutton S C	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
Swetman J E.....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, CDT
Turner R J	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, RE, A&D
Usher K C	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, RE
Varney S R.....	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, A&D
Vohra C E.....	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, Mu
Walker H L.....	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, RE

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Wallis A C..... E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, A&D
 Watts K J..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, CDT
 Whipp S J J E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, G, A&D
 Wilkinson L M..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
 Williams A J E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, D
 Williamson C A..... E, EL, M, Sc, F, G, H, A&D
 Wilson F J E, EL, M, Sc, F, RE, D, Mu
 Wilson S J..... E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, RE

Boys' Division

Ahmed F H E, EL, M, C, P, F, RE
 Barker F O E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, G, CDT
 Barratt J D E, EL, M, Sc, H, RE
 Beardmore C E E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
 Beeby T P E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, D
 Begg D R..... E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, D
 Billington A J E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, RD
 Birch A R J E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, A&D
 Black P J E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, A&D, CDT
 Blease T E..... E, EL, Sc, G, A&D, CDT
 Bradley W E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, L, A&D
 Bromley O J S E, EL, M, B
 Burgess A R E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, CDT
 Child J E E
 Clarke-Williams..... E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G,
 Cowan C A..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, RE
 Crawley J F E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, D
 Dempsey A M..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, A&D, CDT
 Done J C E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, L, H
 Dunne M S..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT
 Fairbrother G A E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H
 Ford G H..... E, EL, M, Sc, G, A&D, CDT
 Foster R W E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, D
 Frost-Danson O C..... E, EL, M, Sc, D
 Geake P M E, EL, M, Sc, F, G, RE, A&D
 Green D G D..... E, EL, M, F, H
 Griffiths B R..... E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, RE
 Hart I A E, EL, M, B, C, P, G, CDT
 Haynes A P E, M, Sc, F, H, G
 Hession C A..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, A&D, CDT
 Hill T C..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H
 Holland D J..... E, EL, M, Sc, G, D, Mu
 Howe M E..... E, EL, Sc, G, A&D, CDT
 Howick A E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, D
 Howsley D J E..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H
 Illingworth B J E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, Mu
 Innes K..... E, EL
 Jairath A E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, A&D
 Jeans T P E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, A&D, CDT
 Jervis D S E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, Mu
 Jones B J A..... E, EL, M, Sc, A&D, D
 Jones D A..... E, EL, M, Sc, G, A&D, CDT
 Jones D R..... E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, A&D, CDT
 Kennedy J E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G

Kennerley D T E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, Mu
 Kenworthy D J..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G
 Kenyon A K E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, D
 Kirkham S M..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, L, A&D
 Lane A M J E, EL, M, Sc, H, A&D, CDT
 Lawton D A..... E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, RE, CDT
 Ledger G E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H
 Leslie R A E, EL, M, Sc, G, A&D, D
 Littler G H..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H
 Loughran M..... E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
 Maudsley G D..... E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, RE
 McArthur R J L..... E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, G
 McCormick A J..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, A&D
 McCormick C T..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, L, RE
 McGrath M P..... E, EL, M, Sc, G
 McIlvenny T R E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, A&D
 Morris J S..... E, EL, M, Sc, CDT
 Moss T I C, P, F
 Moxon R J..... E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, A&D, CDT
 Murphy S C..... E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, A&D, CDT
 North D T..... E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, L, H, CDT
 Nowrouz M A E, EL, M, Sc, RE
 Oza N B E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
 Parfett-Manning T J E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, CDT
 Parker S..... E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, G, D
 Petty N E P..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H
 Raine A J E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
 Reade A R E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, A&D, CDT
 Reynolds J X..... E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H
 Rhodes J G E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, A&D
 Ridgway K W H..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
 Roast A G..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, A&D
 Roxborough C P..... E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, L, H, D
 Savage P G M E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, RE, A&D
 Sawas K..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, CDT
 Sependa G H A..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, Mu
 Smith A J E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, A&D
 Smith R L..... E, EL, M, Sc, H, G, CDT
 Soutter W J J E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, Mu
 Strivastava A..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H
 Swain W M..... E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H
 Tenwolde A A R..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, A&D, CDT
 Topalian R S..... E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, L, H, A&D
 Turner E L F..... E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, L, G, D
 Vere-Hoose T D..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, A&D
 Wallace J K..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H
 Walsh H M A..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, L, A&D
 Warner A P..... E, M, P, A&D
 Werner T E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, H, CDT
 Weston M J..... E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
 Whiting R T..... E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, RE, A&D
 Williams D R..... E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, G
 Yeates C T..... E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, Mu

Appendix 3

Higher Education

Pupils Admitted to Higher Education 2004

Name	Destination	Subject
Abbotts C	Hull University	English
Ardern K	UMIST	Aerospace Engineering
Barker R S	Royal Agricultural College	Rural Land Management
Barter J A	Lancaster University	Biological Sciences (05)
Bates C E	University of Wales, Bangor	Psychology
Beardmore M D	Manchester University	Medicine
Beeby J W	Leicester University	History
Beech A	De Montfort University	Dance (05)
Bell T	Hull University	Marine & Freshwater Biology
Birch C A	Sheffield University	Psychology
Boston A	Goldsmiths College (Uni of London)	Sociology & Cultural Studies (05)
Bradbrook A	University of Greenwich	Psychology
Bradbury K L	Leeds University	Chinese Studies (Modern)
Briggs C L	Applying 04/05	
Brooks S L	Applying 04/05	
Byers J	Nottingham Trent University	Business Studies (05)
Chevalier D	Stockport College	
Chiorando F	Leeds University	Art Foundation
Clarke-Williams Alexander	Glasgow University	Computing Science
Collier L E	St Andrews University	Medical Science
Collins J	Huddersfield University	Architecture/Architecture (International)
Collins K	Manchester Metropolitan University	Clothing Design & Technology
Colville R	Cheshire County Council	Trainee Engineering Technician
Covey C H	Manchester University	American Studies (05)
Davenport A R	Manchester University	Biological Sciences
Davenport L A	Harper Adams University College	Rural Enterprise & Land Management
Davies S E	University of Wales, Bangor	Accounting & Finance
Diamond C M	Manchester Metropolitan University	Business Studies
Dillon J A	Salford University	Construction Management
Doncom A	Keele University	Biology & Psychology
Edmunds C L Y	Manchester University	Art & Archaeology of the Ancient World
Elkin R M	Cambridge University	English with Education Studies
Ellis W R H	Oxford Brookes University	Hotel & Restaurant Management
Evans R	University of Wales, Bangor	Psychology & Neuro Psychology
Fitzgerald E L	Applying 04/05	
Flattery J S	Leicester University	History
Foster E D	Manchester University	Art & Archaeology of the Ancient World
Gathercole R S	Southampton University	Medicine
Gibbons G	Leeds University	Art Foundation
Gilham K A	UMIST	Textile Design & Design Management
Goodsell L S	UMIST	Biological & Computing Science (Bioinformatics)
Green C	Birmingham University	Law
Green C J	Sheffield Hallam University	Psychology
Green T R M	Sheffield University	English Literature
Greenough S L	University College, London	Medicine
Halewood R A	Nottingham Trent University	Human Geography
Harding B J	Sheffield University	Sport & Leisure Management
Harrison H E	Jesus College, Cambridge	Medical Sciences
Hart R	New College, Oxford	Philosophy & Modern Languages
Hasbullah N	Birmingham University	French Studies/Mathematics (05)
Hawes B	Mercedes	Mechanical Apprenticeship
Hayward A	Manchester Metropolitan University	Computing
Hedley R	Durham University	Philosophy & Politics
Hepworth R A	Manchester Metropolitan University	Primary Education
Holden E L	York University	English Language & Linguistics
Hope L E C	Applying 04/05	
Hussain O	Queen Mary University of London	Biomedical Sciences
Illingworth D	Worcester College, Oxford	English Language and Literature
Jackson A	Hull University	Business & Financial Management

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Jamison S J.....	Manchester Metropolitan University	Consumer Marketing
Jones J.....	York University	Psychology
Kazmierski N C.....	Employment (Musical Theatre); Applying 04/05	
Keelagher M.....	Nottingham Trent University.....	Business Studies
Kenyon L M	Hull University.....	Sport Science with Geography
Kenyon O J W	Applying 04/05	
Kidd C L.....	Manchester University	Linguistics (05)
Knight A L.....	Liverpool University	Geology & Physical Geography
Langstreth B.....	Oxford Brookes University	Business Economics
Lea R J.....	Queen's College, Oxford	Modern Languages
Levitt S.....	Leeds College of Art & Design	
Lisser F L.....	Applying 04/05	
Livesley A.....	Sheffield University.....	French Studies
Lloyd N	Bristol University	Biology
Love D.....	Liverpool John Moores University.....	American Studies & Media & Cultural Studies
Maddocks W.....	Leeds University	Information Systems –Management Studies (05)
Marten H E.....	Applying 04/05	
Marten K A.....	Sheffield University.....	Psychology
Massey E L	Leeds Metropolitan University	Social Sciences
McConnell O P	Manchester University	Medicine
McDonnell R D O.....	Surrey University	Economics
McKenna T.....	UMIST.....	International Management with American Business Studies (05)
McMahon S	Birmingham University.....	Philosophy
Miller C D	Manchester University	Psychology
Moran R	University of Wales, Bangor.....	Psychology
Mortimer N A.....	Birmingham University.....	English
Moussallati M.....	Manchester University	Accounting and Law
Newham W G.....	Leeds University	Biology
O'Connor A R.....	Liverpool University	History
Parks G	Manchester Metropolitan University	Primary Education
Patrick A	Manchester University	Mathematics
Percival R C.....	University of St Andrews.....	Medical Science
Perring J S J	Applying 04/05	
Potter S.....	Homerton College, Cambridge	Natural Sciences
Ravikumar K K	Leicester University.....	Biological Sciences (Biochemistry)
Reynolds C.....	Leeds University	Art Foundation
Rice C L.....	Durham University	Philosophy
Richards C D.....	UMIST.....	Civil Engineering
Richardson L.....	Lancashire University	Psychology
Roddy-Webster C J	Nottingham Trent University.....	Sport (Science & Management)
Roper N A J.....	Magdalen College, Oxford	Biological Sciences
Rukazenkova N	St Catharine's College, Cambridge.....	Natural Sciences
Savage R F E	Salford University	English with Cultural Studies
Seddon J H.....	Liverpool University	Philosophy and French
Sidebottom J C.....	Manchester Metropolitan University	Geography
Slade Adam.....	Applying 04/05	
Swinden J L.....	Bath University	Business Administration
Tenwolde M N.....	Salford University	HNC Surveying
Thorley E J.....	Manchester University	Mathematics
Topalian M E C.....	Leeds University	Mathematics with Finance
Trotter V.....	Manchester Metropolitan University	Humanities/Social Sciences Programme
Tunwell L J.....	Cardiff University	Marine Geography
Tutton B.....	Bristol University	Biochemistry
Unterhalter R W.....	Applying 04/05	
Waite S M.....	Nottingham Trent University.....	Business Studies
Weight C J	Leeds University	Mechanical Engineering
Werrell E	York University	Biochemistry
Williams H J.....	Applying 04/05	
Wilson J.....	Applying 04/05	
Wood E J C	Glasgow University	Architecture
Wood L E	Manchester University	French and German

Appendix 4 Awards & Prizes

Distinctions in Public Examinations

A & AS Level

Pupils with three A grades

Coral Briggs	Katherine Marten
Rachel Elkin	Mohammed Moussallati
Jonathan Flattery	Alastair Patrick
Carrie-Anne Green	Justin Perring
Osman Hussain	Edward Thorley
Nicholas Lloyd	Michael Topalian
Helen Marten	Lauren Wood

Pupils with four A grades

Luke Goodsell	Oliver McConnell
Sarah Greenough	Naomi Mortimer
Elizabeth Harrison	Claire Percival
Robert Hart	Sarah Potter
Nabila Hasbullah	Nicola Roper
Richard Hedley	Natalia Rukazenkova
Rebecca Lea	Ben Tutton

Pupils with five A grades

Laura Davenport	Elizabeth Werrell
David Illingworth	Emma Wood

Pupils with six A grades

Matthew Beardmore

GCSE

Pupils with at least eight A*/A grades

Katie Bagnall	Alexandra Long
Sarah Barber	Laura Marten
Francis Barker	Katy Massey
Meredith Bloom	George Maudsley
Victoria Bradbury	Robin McArthur
Nicola Bridge	Gabriella McCormack
Rachida Brocklehurst	Christopher McCor-
mick	
Lauren Brookes	Carly Mellor
Anika Bulcock	Charlotte Murphy
Rosemary Campbell	David North
Elizabeth Conway	Nicholas Petty
Charlotte Cooper	Ramya Ravikumar
Christopher Cowan	Holly Richards
Eleanor Cox	Rose Richardson
Kay Doncom	Anna Seeley
Matthew Dunne	Austin Senda
Polly Edwards	William Soutter
Sarah Evans	Catriona Smith
Anna Fleming	Rebecca Stanford
Emma French	Sophie Sutton
Michelle Greaves	Jennifer Swetman
Katherine Harrison	Katie Usher
Eleanor Herald	Sarah Varney
Ben Illingworth	Charlotte Vohra
David Kennerley	Heather Walker
Ka-Lok Lau	Samantha Whipp
Gary Ledger	Carley Williamson
Gareth Littler	Fiona Wilson

King's School Awards

T U Brocklehurst Awards

Robert Unterhalter

Nicola Roper

David Illingworth

W D Brocklehurst Awards

Laura Davenport

Matthew Beardmore

F D Brocklehurst Awards

Rebeca Lea

Claire Percival

William Barnett Award

Sarah Potter

Pearson Award

Richard Hedley

Goodlad Dobson Award

Robert Hart

Special Prizes

Head of Foundation's Prize

Robbie Unterhalter

Former Pupils' Association Awards

Naomi Mortimer

Alastair Patrick

School Prizes (all age groups)

Sainter (for scientific research) Joint Prize & Middle School Prize: Physics Elizabeth Conway

Sainter (for scientific research)

Joint Prize & Middle

School Prize: Mathematics

Nicola Bridge

Sainter (for scientific research)

Joint Prize

Sophie Sutton

Maimi Wright for Computing

& Upper School Prizes:

General Studies (T B Cartwright),

Philosophy & Joint Senior Choral

David Illingworth

Ben Davies (Poetry) & 9NAW Form

Prize Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)

Emily Middleton

Selwyn Russell Jones Sports Prize

Ben Harding

Thornber Chemistry Development Prize

Polly Edwards

Year 7 Endeavour Cup

Helena Loynes

Year 9 Achiever Cup

Emily Nesbitt

Victrix Ludorum Cup

Amy Cotterill

Rox Marcall Prize for Endeavour

Gayle Parks

Upper School Prizes

Art (Selwyn Russell Jones)

Sarah Levitt

Biology, Mathematics: Mechanics &

Year 13 Development Trust Scholarship

Nicola Roper

Business Studies

Mohammed Moussallati

Chemistry & Mathematics: Statistics

Matthew Beardmore

Classics (Wilmot)

Edward Foster

Design Technology

Christopher More

English Language &

German (J O Nicholson)

Lauren Wood

English Literature

Helen Marten

French (William Broster), Music &

Joint Senior Orchestral

Rebecca Lea

Geography & Sports Studies

Laura Davenport

Geology

Rachel Barker

History (C A Bradley) & Joint

Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)

Richard Hedley

Mathematics Double

Natalia Rukazenkova

Physics

Nabila Hasbullah

Psychology

Rachel Elkin

Appendix 4 Awards & Prizes

Joint Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) & Joint Senior Choral	Robert Hart
Senior Choral Joint Prize	Victoria Kirkham
Senior Choral Joint Prize	Ben Illingworth
Simon Schuler Trophy	Chris Clark
Theatre Arts Joint Prize	Justin Perring
Theatre Arts Joint Prize	Janet Wilson

Middle School Prizes (Boys' Division)

Deryck Siddall Cup, Chemistry & Mathematics	Nick Petty
Art & Design	Richard Whiting
Biology	Gary Ledger
Design Technology (Graphic Products), German & Physics	Matthew Dunne
Design Technology (Technology)	Teodor Werner
Dual Award Science	David North
English	Robin McArthur
French & Year 10 Major Research	James May
Geography, History, Music & Staffordshire University Prize	David Kennerley
Latin	Gareth Littler
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)	Chris McCormick
Theatre Arts	Leo Thompson
Middle School Reading & 9MTH Form Prize	Jack Edwards

Lower School Prizes (Boys' Division)

Junior Choral	Benedict James
Junior Orchestral	Allie Potter

Form Prizes (Boys' Division)

10AH	Liam Hollis
10DG	Jonathan Newham
10FW	Edward Beesley
10JRP	Simon Withington
10PW	Alex Waddingham
10SJH	Peter Tutton
9AR	Robbie Smith
9KLP	Christian Bridge
9MKB	James Fox
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)	Matthew Sumpter
8DMH	James Hay
8JAD	Johnny Marshall
8KDa	Michael Strother
8PI	Alex Reeves
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)	Jonathan Burman
7BE	Joshua Hearn
7GT	Michael Dodd
7KEE	Max Elliott
7ZH	Matthew King
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)	James Boardman

Year 10 Research Projects (Boys' Division)

<i>Major Awards</i>	Matthew Falder
	Sam Lea
	David Bexon
	Matthew Green
	Dominic Hall

Awards

Ted Cawson
Dhiraj Kapoor
Michael Wong
Robert Winstanley
Stuart Parks

Middle School Prizes (Girls' Division)

Macclesfield High School 'Best All-Rounder' Cup	Rebecca Stanford
Art & Design	Lily Dunlop
Biology & Staffordshire University Prize	Theresa Olsen Rong
Chemistry & History	Anna Seeley
Design Technology (Resistant Materials)	Kay Doncom
Dual Award Science & English	Rosie Campbell
French	Katherin Harrison
Geography	Lauren Brookes
German	Katy Massey
History	Chloe Mather
Latin & Music	Charlotte Vohra
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)	Katie Usher
Theatre Arts	Emma French
Middle School Reading	Natasha Bell
Joint Anne Craig French Prize & Year 10 Research Award	Hannah Williams
Joint Anne Craig French Prize & Year 10 Major Research Award	Charlotte Green
Jenny Lee Mathematics Prize	Stephanie Lowndes

Lower School Prizes (Girls' Division)

Junior Choral	Amy Matthewson
Junior Orchestral	Anna Beesley

Form Prizes (Girls' Division)

10GNB	Abigail Macleod
10JMH	Sarah McArthur
10MPF & Year 10 Research Award	Alison Madley
10RAA	Claire Ainley
9JSS	Sarah Falder
9LB	Hannah Lock
9NAW	Priya Sodha
8LFA	Katherine North
8REP	Hannah Hills
8RSH	Charlotte Bailey
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)	Sarah Gales
7Esc	Victoria French
7RAR	Naomi Gibson
7LCP	Anna Beesley
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)	Rosanna Jacot

Year 10 Research Projects (Girls' Division)

<i>Major Awards</i>	Heidi Hughes
	Charlotte Tighe
	Katy Ward
	Charlotte Perry
	Anja May
	Samantha Whipp
	Kaila Hall

Appendix 4 Awards & Prizes

Awards

Eleanor Page
Lizzie Moors
Sophie Cochrane
Hannah Beard
Katie Stretton
Libby Coper
Mandy Chadwick
Anoshe Waheed
Heather Shribman
Hanna Williams
Charlotte Murray

Second Form Prize

5JC
5NS
5SEO
4CJH
4VA
3KW

3LT
3PA

Sam Thomas
Olivia Soutter
Eleanor Strutt
Maddie Coutts
Lara Knowles
Jack Brierley and
Edward Laughton
Raoul Sheikh
Liam Hadfield

Other Prizes

Robert Batchelor Prizes

Yasmin Lavassani
Matthew King
John McGowan Fazakerley
Rebecca Cann

Retiring Prizes

I A Wilson
G D Turner Joint Prize
G D Turner Joint Prize
A Brown

James Barratt
Sara Brooks
Samantha Waite
Victoria Howarth

Endeavour Prize

6AER
6GDJ
6JEB
5JC
5NS
5SEO
4CJH
4VA
3KW
3LT
3PA

James Board*
Rebecca Higginson*
Tilly Thorneycroft*
Hannah Marlow
Matthew Self
Tommy Wakeham
Ben Mason
Alex Quinlan
Charles Cockburn
Thomas Cann
Alex Richardson

** denotes Broome Endeavour Prize*

Junior Division Prizes

Subject Prizes (Year 6 only)

Subject

English: Reading
English: Speaking
English: Writing
Mathematics
Science
Geography
History
French
Art
Music
Technology
Information Technology
Religious Education
Physical Education
Swimming
Games: Boys
Games: Girls

Prizewinner

Christopher Smith
Isabelle Byrne
Hannah Sugden
Sam Barratt
Sean Malkin
Jonathan Sampson
Alice Taylor
Hannah Higham
Jack Purdham
Katie Holt
Jilly Clifford
James Spencer
Jonathan Downs
Michael Barratt
Katerine Edgar
William Hanson
Felicity Kimber

Ridings Best All-Rounder Prizes:

Robert Batchelor Prizes:

Year 4 Young Artist Award (Mrs P J Aspinwall Trophy):

Jake Knowles and
Sumaiya Salehin
John
McGowan-Fazakerley
and Rebecca Cann

Eve Worthington

Form Prizes

First Form Prize

6AER
6GDJ
6JEB
5JC
5NS
5SEO
4CJH
4VA
3KW
3LT
3PA

Jake Knowles
Jilly Clifford
Hannah Sugden
Ben Spencer Pickup
Sean Wilson
Elizabeth Bell
Christopher Hanak
David Moores
Edward Nathan
Ellamae Blackaby
Hatti McCance

Autumn Term 2003

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form and Boys' Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Edward Beesley	Piano	7	135 Dist
Michael Buckley	Piano	2	123 Merit
Christopher Kennerley	Saxophone	4	124 Merit
Elliot Malkin	Guitar	2	126 Merit
Robin McArthur	Saxophone	4	107 Pass
Sam Lea	Percussion	6	137 Dist
Matthew Shribman	Percussion	2	133 Dis
Thomas Charlesworth	Piano	1	108 Pass
Sam Lea	Oboe	7	124 Merit
Danny Brown	Piano	1	133 Dist
Edward Turner	Clarinet	2	128 Merit
Joe Hanson	Piano	2	109 Pass
Ross McNeill	Singing	4	118 Pass
Thomas Coleman	Singing	2	123 Merit

Girls' Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Rebekah Overton	Piano	2	125 Merit
Jenny Campbell	Piano	4	121 Merit
Katherine North	Violin	3	120 Merit
Nicola Keys	Piano	6	104 Pass
Amy Keen	Piano	2	110 Pass
Adie Cook	Flute	5	111 Pass
Sophie Vohra	Guitar	1	132 Dist
Charlotte Ashworth	Flute	2	120 Merit
Fiona Wilson	Piano	6	108 Pass
Sarah Gales	Piano	3	128 Merit
Abigail Johnson	Piano	3	113 Pass
Josephine Mills	Piano	3	121 Merit
Naomi Stanton	Clarinet	4	102 Pass
Laura Powell	Clarinet	4	113 Pass
Hannah Wood	Clarinet	2	132 Dist
Zoe Wolstencroft	Piano	1	130 Dist
Amy Beard	Clarinet	1	115 Pass
Koryann Stevens	Piano	1	143 Dist
Heidi Hughes	Piano	6	118 Pass
Ellen Clark	Piano	5	108 Pass
Kate Holroyd	Singing	3	121 Merit
Nicola Deakin	Singing	3	138 Dist
Alison Smith	Singing	3	121 Merit
Georgina Rae	Singing	3	120 Merit
Jenny Campbell	Singing	3	120 Merit
Charlotte Murray	Singing	5	141 Dist

Junior Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Michael Barratt	Clarinet	2	114 Pass
Georgina Swain	Piano	1	100 Pass
Ben Spencer Pickup	Piano	1	111 Pass

Spring Term 2004

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form and Boys' Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Peter Mills	Oboe	4	127 Merit
Chloe Mather	Piano	6	112 Pass
Ben Parton	Piano	4	103 Pass
Helen Wood	Flute	8	116 Pass
Jamie Wesley	Clarinet	5	120 Merit
Matthew Murray	Guitar	2	114 Pass
Richard Mayers	Piano	8	111 Pass
Chris Gibson	Saxophone	4	112 Pass
Daniel Bowman	Piano	1	116 Pass
Richard Marlow	Flute	1	116 Pass
Danny Lawrence	Saxophone	3	123 Merit
David Jervis	Piano	7	114 Pass

Girls' Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Laura Boyd	Flute	6	104 Pass
Hannah Williams	Flute	5	117 Pass
Naomi Gibson	Flute	3	105 Pass
Priya Sodha	Clarinet	6	130 Dist
Gemma Lord	Guitar	1	118 Pass
Amy Cotterill	Guitar	3	100 Pass
Sophie Macfadyen	Saxophone	2	125 Merit
Hannah James	Flute	1	118 Pass
Charlotte Murray	Piano	3	128 Merit
Carys Ward	Flute	3	108 Pass
Sophie Vohra	Violin	2	128 Merit
Georgina Harmsworth	Flute	4	104 Pass
Nicola Deakin	Piano	3	120 Merit
Hannah Hills	Oboe	3	121 Merit
Hetty Adams	Flute	5	109 Pass
Hannah Wood	Piano	2	122 Merit
Holly Parrish	Piano	1	100 Pass
Natalie Gildert	Piano	2	127 Merit
Amy Matthewson	Saxophone	1	130 Dist
Sophie Macfadyen	Piano	3	112 Pass
Zoe Wolstencroft	Flute	1	120 Merit
Nicola Keys	Flute	6	116 Pass
Rosie Jacot	Piano	5	122 Merit
Anna Beesley	Piano	5	127 Merit

Junior Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Charlotte Banner-Smith	Des Recorder	1	112 Pass
Eve Worthington	Flute	1	112 Pass
Hannah Higham	Flute	2	109 Pass
Elizabeth Bell	Flute	2	122 Merit
Felicity Kimber	Flute	1	117 Pass
William Connor	Singing	1	111 Pass
Clare Mckinnon	Piano	2	122 Merit
Olivia Soutter	Piano	2	130 Dist
Charlotte Duncan	Flute	2	108 Pass

Appendix 5 Music Examinations

Jim Lock	Flute	1	107	Pass
Aswad Khan.....	Flute	1	109	Pass
Eleanor Strutt	Singing	1	130	Dist
Richard Barratt	Singing	2	118	Pass
Hugh Roberts.....	Piano	1	100	Pass
Sumaiya Salehin.....	Flute	2	118	Merit
Sumaiya Salehin.....	Piano	2	108	Pass
Jake Knowles.....	Saxophone	1	117	Pass
Harrison Blackaby	Flute	2	118	Pass
Kate Dewhurst	Des Recorder	2	116	Pass

Summer Term 2004

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form & Boys' Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
David Bexon.....	Trumpet	8	120 Merit
Peter Mills	Piano	4	122 Merit
Thomas Gradwell	Trumpet	1	137 Dist
Sebastian Sheratte.....	Saxophone	3	106 Pass
Ross McNeill	Singing	5	109 Pass
Matthew Shribman	Singing	5	115 Pass
Jack Vlissidis	Trumpet	5	117 Pass
Henry Williams	Saxophone	3	115 Pass
Matthew King	Piano	4	100 Pass
Elliot Malkin.....	Guitar	4	101 Pass

Girls' Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Flora Woodruff.....	Piano	1	117 Pass
Wangui Wanjau.....	Flute	2	112 Pass
Helen Kershaw	Clarinet	2	105 Pass
Olivia Howick.....	Singing	3	131 Dist
Emma Mycock	Clarinet	4	110 Pass
Sukanya Javle	Singing	3	121 Merit
Alex Smith.....	Piano	1	120 Merit
Katie Mycock	Violin	4	111 Pass
Alexandra King.....	Flute	3	121 Merit
Charlotte Murray.....	Clarinet	5	112 Pass
Laura Holland	Trumpet	5	117 Pass
Yasmin Lavassani.....	Flute	5	112 Pass
Rocky Banks	Flute	3	120 Merit
Sophie Woodley	Flute	2	116 Pass
Jenny Campbell	Guitar	3	112 Pass
Sukanya Javle	Violin	3	133 Dist
Abigail Johnson	Violin	4	117 Pass
Alison Smith.....	Singing	4	130 Dist
Sarah Naden	Piano	1	111 Pass
Sarah Bailey	Piano	2	110 Pass
Rebekah Overton	Piano	3	116 Pass
Katie Burness.....	Flute	1	126 Merit
Anna Beesley	Violin	6	126 Merit
Georgina Rae	Singing	4	122 Merit
Charlotte Bailey	Clarinet	5	108 Pass
Priya Sodha	Piano	6	126 Merit

Helen Mills.....	Piano	7	100	Pass
Sarah Pickering.....	Flute	4	108	Pass
Rebecca Bamford	Saxophone	3	106	Pass

Junior Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Elliot Hanson	Guitar	1	105 Pass
Sam Barratt	Guitar	1	100 Pass
William Connor	Flute	1	107 Pass
Bethany Tallents	Piano	1	134 Dist
Laura King-Smith	Piano	1	120 Merit
Sophie Branley	Piano	1	125 Merit
Maddie Coutts.....	Piano	1	106 Pass
Charlotte Sampson	Piano	1	120 Merit
Kim Lawrence.....	Cornet	3	121 Merit
Kanza Khan	Singing	1	127 Merit
Sarah Winstanley	Flute	2	111 Pass
Elizabeth Marshall	Viola	3	114 Pass
Eleanor Lasman	Flute	3	117 Pass
Chloe Jackson.....	Flute	2	100 Pass
Leigh Paton	Flute	2	111 Pass
Jonathan Sampson.....	Saxophone	1	131 Dist
Olivia Soutter.....	Violin	2	130 Dist
Katie Holt.....	Violin	3	127 Merit
Rosie Rodman.....	Piano	1	118 Pass
Alice Bailey	Piano	1	114 Pass
Megan Bailey	Piano	1	109 Pass
Joshua Berry	Piano	2	122 Merit
Sean Malkin	Piano	2	110 Pass
Rachel Bates	Singing	2	114 Pass
Sean Malkin	Saxophone	3	113 Pass

Trinity Exam Successes

March 2004

Boys' Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Simon Main.....	Keyboard	Grade 3	Merit

Girls' Division

Katherine Lob	Keyboard	Initial	Pass
Amy Sumpter.....	Keyboard	Initial	Distinction
Genevieve			
Young-Southward.....	Keyboard	Grade 1	Merit

Junior Division

Kanza Khan	Keyboard	Grade 1	Merit
Victoria May	Keyboard	Initial	Pass
Andrew Taylor	Keyboard	Grade 1	Merit

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Ben Rees	Keyboard	Initial	Merit
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