



# The Foundation of King Edward VI

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# Head of Foundation's Report

As you will know, the school was 500 years old in 2002 and a Royal Visit took place to mark that event. This was a great day for the school, and we were all honoured to receive Her Majesty and Prince Philip at King's. However, after all the work involved in preparing for that great day, I was heard to say to the senior management team that another visit in 500 years time would seem like good timing. In retrospect, that remark seems as wise as the one made by Glen McGrath when he predicted a 5-0 whitewash for the Australian team in the recent Ashes series. And, sure enough, another Royal Visit ensued only recently.

HRH the Princess Royal was, I was told in secret, coming to launch a charity event at the Methodist Church and it was all very confidential. The local press were clearly given slightly different advice as they splashed the details all over the newspaper in advance of the day. In fact, Her Royal Highness was only using the school to park her helicopter en route, and I expected a maximum of only ten to fifteen seconds of her time. This would be while she was viewing that epitome of Macclesfield elegance, the grounds hut at the bottom of Westminster Road. Needless to say, with a Royal Visit, one winds up just following instructions.

On the day, she stopped to talk and was very interested in the school and what our pupils were doing. She met the school officers and chatted to them for nearly ten minutes, even though this was not an item on her itinerary. In short, she made an excellent impression on all. I would add that lots of little boys (aged between 11 and 54) were massively impressed with the helicopter even if they did not get to meet its passenger.

This was an exciting start to the term and followed on from some academic performances in the summer that also set the pulses racing. At A level, nearly half of the results (42%) were A grades and the pass rate was 100% for the third consecutive year. Seven pupils at the school obtained four A grades in their A level examinations with twenty three students producing three A grades or better. Taking AS results into account, seven pupils managed five A grades in their overall results.

The most pleasing statistic of all in this series of records was the percentage of A/B grades. This was 72%, a startling 10% above the previous record. These figures are great tribute to the effort of the pupils involved and, most importantly, to the teaching staff and their devotion to the cause. I would

like to thank Mr Andrew who has led the Sixth Form with clear vision over the last four years and I am especially happy for him. His dedication has been immense and I am proud of what he and the division have achieved together.

At GCSE, 53% of grades were A\* or A and an A\*-C pass rate of 95% was recorded. The Girls' Division had another outstanding set of results: Charlotte Green and Anja May both scored one of the top five marks in the country in French this summer, out of 138,508 candidates for the examination. Dominic Hall gained ten A\*s, the most in the school, and Alice Fox, Heidi Hughes and Rachel Sinton each obtained nine A\*s. Twenty six boys and girls collected straight A\*/A grades. The school also had very exceptional Key Stage 1 & 2 SATs results, although these are now taken internally and are not formally reported. Again, none of this success would have been possible without the dedication, enthusiasm and hard work of the teaching and support staff.

There were lots of other achievements during the year in sport, music, drama and other areas, and these will be mentioned in detail in the pages of this report. We have, in particular, had a terrific year on the sporting front and it is no coincidence, in my opinion, that we are seeing such high standards inside the classroom matching those set on the games field, the concert hall and the stage. This is all part of making King's the special school that it is and one of which we can all be proud.

I thought you might like to know

about some new prizes that the school will be awarding in the future. This year's Prize Giving saw the first award of the Brookfield Elizabethan Prize, named after a former pupil who lives in Canada. The IA Wilson Economics Scholarship is named after Ian Wilson, who taught the subject here from 1969 to 2004 and this will be awarded annually, from September 2006, to the most successful student completing the Lower Sixth Form at that point. This prize is worth a considerable amount of money and is funded by a student who studied Economics with Mr Wilson. The donor is keen to keep a low profile, but if I tell you that he is now a major figure in the world of Economics, you will know that his lessons with Ian Wilson were well received.

I am also pleased to announce that a permanent Quincentenary Bursary is being launched. The Ashness Bursary is donated by Richard Ashness in memory of his father Stewart, both of them having attended the school. Like me, Richard is keen to see talented youngsters of limited financial means benefit from what we have on offer here. The Quincentenary Bursary Scheme has been a pet project of mine and I am delighted with this initiative also.

I hope that you will agree that this has been another superb year in the life of the school and I hope that you enjoy reading about it.

*Stephen Coyne*



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## Hail...

Welcome to the following members of staff who joined King's during the academic year 2004-2005:

**Mr Steve Carpenter** came to us from Fallibroome High School to replace Nick Williams in the Physics Department. He graduated from the University of Warwick. He is a member of the Buxton Mountain Rescue Team and also enjoys sailing.

**Dr Linda Craig** became an additional part-time member of the History Department. A graduate from MMU, she also has a PhD from the University of Liverpool. She enjoys playing the piano, walking and the theatre.

**Mrs Lucy Hewitson** joined us as an NQT in the Economics Department. She graduated from Lancaster University and also has an MSc in Environment and Development. She has worked in Ghana as a voluntary teacher and her interests include tennis, squash and current affairs.

**Dr Ian Lancaster** returned to King's on a permanent basis to replace Jo Blackshaw in the Biology Department. Having already worked at King's for two terms in 2003, he spent the intervening year teaching at Abbey College. He enjoys photography and mountaineering.

**Mrs Rachel Maddocks** replaced Trevor Adams in the History Department. She has studied at Manchester and York Universities and previously taught at Boston Grammar School. She is a qualified hockey and tennis instructor.

**Mrs Delphine Masters** joined the French Department on a temporary basis during Helen Leeming's maternity leave. Having taught previously at Hulme Grammar School, she is a French national and studied at the University of Orleans.

**Mr Ben Masters** (husband of Delphine) also joined us on a temporary basis to work in the English Department during Nicola Chadwick's maternity leave. A graduate of Warwick and

Liverpool Universities, he previously taught at Bridgewater School, Worsley. He is a keen sportsman and follows Liverpool FC.

**Miss Christine Morton** joined King's in the new role of Head of Spanish. She gained a BA in French and Spanish at the University of Sheffield and went on to earn a Masters Degree in Language and Linguistics in the same university. She lived and worked teaching English in Spain for seven years and has taught at South Cheshire College and at Loreto Grammar School.

**Mr Daniel Parkes** became the new Head of Geography. Previously, he was Head of Geography at Cobham Hall in Kent. He graduated from Sheffield University. His interests include photography, chess and travel.

**Miss Nicola Partington** joined us as an additional Infant Teacher. She graduated from MMU and previously taught at Cheadle Hulme School as an NQT.

**Mr David Pook** became the new Deputy Head upon the retirement of Alan Brown. He was previously Director of Studies at Churcher's College, Petersfield. He graduated in Theology at Durham University and his interests include the theatre, walking and climbing.

**Miss Christine Rice** remained at King's for a further year to replace Michaela Jautz in the German Department. She holds an MA in Germanic Studies and enjoys walking, swimming and music.

**Mr Mark Seccombe** joined the Economics Department as its second new member of staff. Also an NQT, he studied Management Sciences and French at the University of Southampton. He plays roller-hockey and also enjoys debating and film.

**Miss Audrey Sheen** replaced Heidi Bader in the German Department. Previously, she was Head of Modern Languages at Frodsham High School and graduated in German, Italian and French at Salford University. She enjoys hill-walking and travelling.

**Mr Paul Thompson** joined the Chemistry Department as an NQT. He studied at the University of Manchester and completed his PGCE at MMU, previously having worked for many years as a Laboratory Manager. His interests include rugby and tai chi.

**Mrs Emma Warburton** became Vice-Principal (Infants) on the retirement of Maureen Denovan. She studied at Cheltenham and previously taught at Cheadle Hulme School for two years. She enjoys art, reading and travelling.

**Miss Louise Watkins** became the new Head of Science and Chemistry to replace Kris Stutchbury. She studied at the University of Manchester and was previously the Head of Chemistry at Liverpool College. She enjoys running and going to the gym.

**Mrs Joanne White** joined us as the Vice-Principal of the Sixth Form on the retirement of Gill Turner. She graduated in Biochemistry from Oxford University and previously taught at Stockport Grammar. Her interests include hockey, fell-walking and travel.

## Gap Students

Ben van Weel  
James Smith  
Susie Crosland

## Language Assistants

Clarisse Martinol – French  
Barbara Langer - German

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## ... and Farewell

and our best wishes for the future to:

## Mike Barlow

Mike taught Religious Studies in the school for four years, having joined us from Manchester High School for Girls.

He brought with him a personal, caring touch towards all whom he taught. His classes had a lively buzz about them and pupils were unfailingly stimulated by his wealth of anecdotes and his wide-ranging understanding of his subject. His teaching drew upon his rich experience of life: the challenge of the real world was never far from his classroom.

## Hail & Farewell

Over and above his teaching responsibilities, he ran football clubs, after school at Cumberland Street, for the Boys' Division, and on Wednesday afternoons for the Sixth Form. He is taking early retirement in order to travel, and we wish him well in his future enterprises.

### **Alan Batchelor**

Alan joined King's in 1968 immediately after graduating from Trinity College Dublin with a joint degree in French and Russian: he came to teach both of these languages at the school. Such is his love of learning that he taught Information Technology as well as Modern Languages for the last few years.

He has fulfilled many positions during his time at King's and is much respected by his pupils and colleagues. He can also still beat most of them when it comes to playing squash! He will, indeed, be returning to the school regularly to give squash lessons at Cumberland Street.

Alan has been Head of Year and, more recently, has been in charge of the school's morning assemblies and has co-ordinated and conducted many of the school's celebratory services. He has also had a long association with the Junior Division at King's. Thirty seven years is a long time and he will be much missed. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

### **Sue Bream**

Sue Bream joined King's as School Nurse at Fence Avenue when it first opened in 1993. Her expertise and enthusiasm helped her provide an invaluable service to pupils and staff across the Infants, Junior and Girls' Divisions. The same qualities were used in assisting in development of the Nursing role across both sites. Sue was much appreciated by colleagues and pupils and will be hard to replace. We wish her all the best in her new role as Nurse Advisor for NHS Direct.

### **Nicola Chadwick**

Nicola joined us from Stockport Grammar School in September 1997 to become Senior Subject Teacher for English at Fence Avenue. Much of her energy there went into building an English Department with a strong identity and a wide range of activities available at



*Barry Edwards and Alan Batchelor*

lunchtimes, creating both a real buzz and a high profile in the Division.

She then became Head of Department, taking in her stride the frequent changes imposed by new GCSE specifications and consolidating the department's approach to AS and A2 teaching.

Nicola ran Debating Societies on both sites along with writers' workshops which resulted in several pupils having their work published. Theatre trips abounded, and she initiated and ran Amnesty International clubs, concentrating especially on a letter writing group.

She left the school in 2005 to start a family. We wish them all well for the future.

### **Tracy Dukesell**

Tracy joined the team in the Foundation Office in November 2002. As the first point of telephone contact for the entire Foundation, her role was pivotal

in setting the tone for the school and she was consequently very busy.

Her sense of humour was much appreciated by those who worked with her and her infectious laugh brightened many a dull winter morning. Her willingness to assist teaching colleagues with the minutiae of academic administration was also much valued.

Tracy left in February 2005 to take a part-time job nearer to her home in Leek to enable her to spend more time with her family, and to go home at lunchtime to be with the newest acquisition to her family, her dog Sam. We wish them all well.

### **Barry Edwards**

Barry Edwards graduated from Liverpool University in 1968 with a degree in Philosophy. He came to King's in 1970 from Hamilton Secondary School, and stayed here for 35 years. His was very much a career at King's.

Mainly an English specialist, he con-

tinued to teach lessons of his degree subject at A level. He held various positions in the school including that of Year Group Tutor: during the years when the Girls' Division was new to the Foundation, Barry initiated many cross-site joint activities, and organised annual foreign activity holidays which were eagerly joined by members of both divisions.

He is well known for his love of sport, especially skiing and sailing, and he has been the mainstay of both skiing and sailing clubs for many years. The sailing club is in robust health and Barry has been persuaded to stay on with them and do some work even in his retirement.

As such, this is not farewell, but adieu. Sue, his wife, has also recently retired and we wish them a long and happy time together.

### **Rachel Forster**

Rachel joined the Infant School staff in September 2001 as Rachel Barker and was appointed as Year 1 Teaching Assistant when the year group expanded to two classes. She continued to support the Year 1 teachers in the classroom until taking maternity leave for the birth of her son, Charlie, during the Autumn term 2004.

Sadly for the Infant School, Rachel has decided to take a career break to look after Charlie. Hopefully, she will feel able to return to the classroom in years to come in order to resume her career in her usual dedicated, caring and resourceful fashion.

### **Kirsten Hinds**

Kirsten joined King's in September 2002. She quickly became involved in many aspects of school life, such as Hockey and Biology Club. She was an excellent teacher of Psychology and Biology and organised trips to Aberdovey and the Isle of Man. She left to start a family and we wish her every success.

### **Caroline Hulme-McKibbin**

Caroline was a pioneer member of the Junior Division staff, joining at its inception in September 1993. Before taking a career break, Caroline inaugurated the role of Academic Head of the Junior Division.

She returned to teaching in 2002 and

was appointed as our Vice-Principal following Pennie Aspinwall's departure to Cheadle Hulme School in January 2004. Caroline also made a vital contribution to the extra-curricular life at King's, having taken charge of netball and rounders as well as co-directing this year's outstanding musical, *The Wind in the Willows*.

She was appointed Head of the Junior School at Alderley Edge School for Girls from September 2005, and we wish her well in her new role.

### **Gareth Jones**

Gareth taught in the Junior Division at King's for seven years and also made an outstanding contribution to sport and extra-curricular activities in the division. He organised successful football, cricket, chess and athletics teams here, as well as developing orienteering, and his musical talents were invaluable in countless Junior Division concerts. He was also a regular participant in staff sporting (and social!) activities.

Recently, he took on the responsibility of organising ski holidays to France and an annual outdoor activities holiday for Y4 children in Shropshire.

Gareth has moved on to Forest Park School, Sale, as Deputy Head.

### **Helen Leeming**

Helen started at King's in September 2003 and taught A Level ICT for one year before taking maternity leave for the birth of her son, Alex. Her husband's job then meant that the family had to move to Singapore. Helen was a vivacious teacher, full of enthusiasm and native wit. Her class responded warmly to her teaching style and she is missed in the department. We wish her well for the future.

### **Sally Mann**

Sally initially joined King's as a maternity cover for Karen Wells, but so well did she fit in that the school was delighted to offer her a further year's employment.

In her short period with us, she supported girls' games, principally netball and rounders, as well as acting as ICT co-ordinator. She moved to London in the summer to spend a year there, before returning to her native Australia in July 2006.

### **Gill Westall**

For over eight years Gill Westall fulfilled the role of Junior Division Secretary, during the period when the Division's population almost doubled. Many parents and children can testify to her patience, fortitude and good sense, which have rescued many a difficult situation.

She offered great support to the staff in a myriad ways, as well as being a keen supporter of social events, along with her husband, Ian. She did not wish to consider moving on as "retirement"! Instead, she now has more time to devote to her family and to the Derbyshire countryside near to her home. There seems no doubt she will also be keeping herself very busy with a number of new ventures and we wish her well.

### **Best wishes** also go to:

K Dakin

Peter Kyriakides

Ben Masters

Christine Rice and

Carmel Lawrence

and to our Gap students – Mike Newell, Lyndsey Simcoe and Ben Tatti.

## Art and Design

2004 saw the unveiling of the newly refurbished Art Department at Cumberland Street, completing the renovations to the whole of the Kent Block's teaching rooms. This has transformed K3 and K4 into a superb gallery space with state of the art lighting to do justice to the fabulous artwork created by the pupils.

### Exhibitions

Three pupils were selected for the *Living Edge* exhibition at the Lowry in Manchester. Emily Gosling represented Year 8 (pictured below); Amy Cotterill represented Year 11 and Katie Grundy represented Year 13. The work was enthusiastically received and was featured in *Living Edge* magazine. All student artists received prizes of art materials.

In April, GCSE artists exhibited the results of their 2 years' endeavour as part of the Creative Coursework evening at Fence Avenue

In May, Year 10 coursework from both the Girls' and Boys' Divisions was displayed as part of a showcase of Northwest schools' artwork at the Birley Gallery in Didsbury.

Finally, a year of outstanding work by Years 12 and 13 was unveiled to delighted parents, friends and visitors at the 6th form exhibition in June. This was an enjoyable cultural event and provided many visitors with their first viewing of the new rooms.



### Trips and visits

Year 10 boys and girls studying GCSE took part this year in the first joint trip to Manchester Museum of Science and Industry in order to research imagery

through drawing and photography for their Year 11 coursework.

This was a very rewarding experience with pupils spending time studying machinery, textile production, aircraft and steam engines. On our return, prizes were awarded for the best sketchbooks of the day and the work will continue to develop throughout the next school year.

In July, Year 12 artists spent four days at the Trigonos Centre in North Wales, using Mount Snowdon and its environment as inspiration for their work. This annual event, now in its fifth year, was a great success and the group was also lucky enough to take in, en route, an exhibition of contemporary craft workers at Ruthin Craft Centre and the students were also treated to a glorious afternoon at the beach as a break from their creative studies.

### Other events

Pupils in the Boys', Girls' and Sixth Form Divisions were involved in creating the environments to support this year's drama productions. Miss Hall and her team worked energetically on the set for Mr Walker's *Cyrano de Bergerac* and Mrs Richards ably supported Mrs Thompson's production of *Under Milk Wood*.

For the first time this year, Mrs Richards organised a sculpture competition across the Infant, Junior and Senior Divisions on the theme of "The Rainforest". Lydia Rex's flower sculpture was chosen to represent the 11-13 age group in the national *Sculpture for Kids* competition. Mrs Richards spent a very hot summer's evening at the opening of the London exhibition for this event, with Eve Worthington, of Year 5, who was selected as a finalist for her age group.

The Art Department has been working to develop new exhibition areas around the Divisions so that art appears to be creeping out of the art rooms and appearing in a variety of likely, and unlikely, places around school. The quiet garden at Fence Avenue has been enhanced by the addition of Aboriginal 3D poles and the Girls' canteen is now a stimulating visual environment, as well as a stimulating eating environment, thanks to Year 7 girls' artwork. At Cumberland Street, the Sixth Form block has benefited from some of Tom Brown's paintings which have been installed there, and the area outside the Boys' Division office now houses an ongoing display of sculptural works created by Lower School boys.



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## Drama

This year's production at Cumberland Street was Edmond Rostand's swashbuckling romance, *Cyrano de Bergerac*. In Christopher Fry's lively translation, the play offered a talented cast the challenge of handling a play in rhyming couplets, which they rose to with aplomb.

The humour, excitement and pathos of Cyrano's tale of unspoken love were handled with sensitivity, imagination and confidence. From the boisterous opening scene to the gently moving finale, the cast responded to changes of mood and tempo with impressive control.

The central roles of Cyrano, Christian and de Guiche were taken by Leo Thompson, Richard Madden and Calum Roxborough, while Roxane, the object of their affections, was played on alternate nights by Claire Winstanley and Laura Marten.

Leo Thompson conveyed all the humour, dash and stoical bravery of Cyrano, while revealing a breaking heart beneath the mask. He engaged confidently with the audience, demonstrating some flashy swordsmanship in his duel with Richard Foster's de Valvert, and yet moving effortlessly to the poignant closing scene when the dying Cyrano bids his adieu to Roxane.

A host of minor characters was played with commitment by a large and well drilled cast. Particularly memorable were Tom Bamford's drunken Lignière, Robin McArthur's Captain Carbon and Aaron Ayling's poetry-lov-

ing pastrycook, Ragueneau.

The lighting, operated by Matthew Rigg, was remarkably atmospheric, especially in the Siege of Arras, where back light through the smoke of gunfire combined with some frighteningly lifelike battle sound to create a vividly striking effect.

When Rostand first staged *Cyrano* at the Théâtre de la Porte Saint-Martin in Paris in 1897, he enjoyed critical and popular acclaim, his play becoming one of the most frequently performed plays in the world. In recent years, the rising cost of staging such large scale plays has deterred professional revivals, but the King's School production amply demonstrated that *Cyrano* still has the power to amuse, excite and, ultimately, move a modern audience.

## Boys' Division Theatre Visits

The Boys' Division theatre visits have been many and varied this year. They began in the Autumn Term with the Library Theatre's touching portrayal of Van Gogh in Nicholas Wright's play *Vincent in Brixton* and followed up with a slightly disappointing *Merlin and the Cave of Dreams*.

Shared Experience presented a stunning adaptation of E. M. Forster's *A Passage to India* at the Lowry. In its use of physical theatre techniques, it gave the pupils ample inspiration for their own work for G.C.S.E. and AS Level.

The National Theatre visited the Lowry with their acclaimed production of *An Inspector Calls*. The pupils found the staging spectacular and responded

to the message of the play which was as powerful and relevant as when Priestley wrote it.

The year ended with a trip to London to see Richare Eyre's production for Donmar Warehouse of Ibsen's *Hedda Gabler*. The play was magnificently staged, Eve Best's performance of Hedda disturbing, and her suicide, grimly effective.

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## Under Milk Wood

A cast of over fifty students from Year Eight to Sixth Form level presented *Under Milk Wood* by Dylan Thomas at Fence Avenue in February.

From the moment members of the audience entered the auditorium, they were delighted by the soothing sounds of the musicians' original melodies creating the mood of a sleepy village. Visually, this was enhanced by the sight of the full cast in various positions, sleeping. This was very much an ensemble piece, which demanded a disciplined cast that would remain on stage throughout the performance.

Each member of the cast created a very colourful character with humour and wit. The three voices of Katy Koyich, Charlotte Tighe and Hannah Beard (overleaf) brought out the poetry and beauty of the language, delivering each line with confidence and commanding the audience's attention with every look and gesture.

Although the cast was predominantly female, the success of the show was enhanced by the performance of four talented young men from Year Eleven



and the Sixth Form.

Sophie Vohra sang a beautiful ballad, written by Jo Beesley and Harriet Fraser, and Lizzie Moors sang a hauntingly melodic duet written by Alison Lea. Directed by Catherine Thompson and professionally stage managed by Heather Shribman, *Under Milk Wood* appealed to everyone, whether they were meeting Dylan Thomas for the first time or as an old familiar friend.

*Howard Shribman*

### Girls' Year 7 Drama Evening

On Monday 16 May, in the Fence Avenue hall, Dr Palazzo and Mrs Thompson welcomed almost a hundred parents to the Year 7 drama evening.

Every student in the year group was involved in performance ranging from movement and improvisation to Shakespeare.

Most of the work had been devised by the students during classes and their work was presented with professionalism and maturity.

The evening was a huge success and the students gained greatly from the whole experience.

### Girls' Drama Trip to London

On 13 April, a wet Wednesday morning, forty four GCSE drama students from Fence Avenue met four staff at Macclesfield Station.

Fortunately the weather cleared and by the time the party reached Covent Garden (for some long awaited retail therapy), the sun was shining!

The purpose of the trip was to watch the matinee of *The Lion King* at the Lyceum Theatre. This would enable the students to review the show in preparation for their GCSE examination.

Three students (and Simon Leah) were selected to meet Mrs Thompson's brother - he plays Pumba - for a VIP backstage tour.

The show lived up to everyone's expectations.

The staff then battled the party onto the Underground during rush hour, breathing a sigh of relief once back at Euston station.

No delays, a super group of students and a fabulous show ensured a very successful trip.

*CPT*

### Music

As the new school year started, the Music Department staff and Foundation Choir were still mentally basking



in the July sunshine of the Italian Lakes, remembering the sounds of the choir singing in exquisite church or palace, and hearing again the excited ovations of the Italian audiences. As ever, the beginning of the Autumn term quickly became busy with auditions for choirs, the re-forming of orchestras and bands, and the planning of concert programmes, carol services and the like.

The Foundation Choir had to work very quickly to prepare for the re-opening celebration concert in St Michael's Parish Church on 25th September. King's shared the concert with the Parish Church Choir and it quickly became apparent that not only had the major alterations changed the church visually, but also they had improved the acoustics tremendously. The choir looked forward to returning to St Michael's for the school carol services in December.

The Winter Instrumental Concert on November 18th kick-started the musical year in fine style. Some groups, like the Training Wind Band and Foundation Orchestra, could hardly fit on the stage, but all gave wonderful performances. A special mention must be made of the String Ensemble who were joined by two senior flautists, David Jervis and School Captain,

Reesha Sodha, to give an outstanding performance of Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No.4*. The Boys' and Girls' Division Wind Band, Percussion, Flute and Brass Ensembles, String Orchestra, Training Big Band and Foundation Big Band all gave performances of musical distinction that were also full of fun. A capacity audience helped to create an evening of special atmosphere, a fitting beginning to the farewell year of Ron Darlington as director of the two Big Bands.

The musicians had a very busy and fulfilling end of term, beginning with a Christmas choral concert on the first Friday of December. The recently formed BFC (Foundation Choir for boys and girls in Years 7 and 8) demonstrated a verve and confidence that came from various school concerts and services and a trip to Paris to sing in a church and at Disneyland. The Foundation Choir sang with their customary polish and liveliness.

Not to be outdone, the Girls' Division Choir and Chamber Choir provided memorable items. Much of the excitement of the evening also came from various ensembles, including LiC, a Sixth Form rock group led by Jamie Wesley on guitar, who followed the Director of Music playing Bach's famous *Tocatta and Fugue in D minor* on the



organ with Jamie's stunning fantasy on the Bach original.

The Foundation Choir continued the Christmas celebrations with the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in Chester Cathedral and St Michael's Parish Church. In between, they brought their charisma (and their audience) to the Christmas Concert of the Northern Chamber Orchestra. The relationship between King's and the professional NCO is a major feature of both institutions, not only presenting Christmas music together, but also taking in, over recent years, Britten's *Saint Nicolas* and Fauré's *Requiem*.

The Big Band and Training Big Band gave two concerts of their own in the Spring term, raising money for Uganda in January and for the Tsunami disaster appeal in March, a concert in which the Big Band played with jazz legend, saxophonist Alan Barnes. He was amazed at the quality of jazz playing from a school band.

Two recitals on successive evenings in March presented the best of professional and amateur music-making. The former was demonstrated in flamboyant style by concert pianist, Richard Meyrick, making his second visit to King's in two years, astounding everyone with his phenomenal fingers, moving faster than the eye could follow. On the following evening, a Musical Soirée contained excellent solos from A-level and GCSE Music students, recording the performances as part of their examinations. It is good to be reminded of the wealth of musical

talent at King's. The last two hilarious items, *The Gendarmes Duet* and *Mary Had a Little Blues* reminded us, also, of the fun that many of our musicians have together.

The Spring Instrumental Concert brought more excellence from all the groups who had delighted audiences in November. The String Orchestra was particularly memorable, having enjoyed a second rehearsal weekend at Trigonos, that haven of peace and delight in North Wales. In addition to presenting pieces by Bach and Paul McCartney, they joined a superb quartet of Sixth Form wind players (Reesha Sodha, David Jervis, David Kennerley and Ben Illingworth) and lone trumpeter Jack Townley, to perform the very challenging *The Unanswered Question* by 20th century American composer, Charles Ives. One of the more challenging aspects of this haunting piece was that the String Orchestra played off-stage, in the corridor outside the Hall. There can't be many schools presenting such advanced musical fare to the audience.

The concert ended with a presentation to Ron Darlington as he retired from King's after many years as trumpet teacher and band leader. He did a fantastic job of raising the playing of the bands to an almost professional standard, presenting concerts which raised many thousands of pounds for charity over the years.

The BFC had a spectacular visit to Belgium at the end of May and returned to England with their confidence very

high: it showed in their performances in the *King's Sings for Silk Heritage* concert given in the Heritage Centre at the end of May. The BFC were joined, but in no way outshone, by the Foundation Choir and Girls' Division Choir. The capacity audience enjoyed a wonderful evening of choral music of many styles, helping to raise money for the Heritage Centre in the process.

The end of term also provided an evening of special performances by pupils from Years 7 to 9 who were competition winners in the annual Summer term House Music Competition. As the wide range of extra-curricular music rehearsals and concerts progressed, pupils who sat for GCSE and A-level Music continued the King's trend of outstanding results in Music examinations.

AKG

### King's School Big Band

The last academic year proved to be momentous for the Big Band. With several hundreds of pounds being raised for charity from concerts such as that at the Beaujolais Evening and Big Bands for Uganda, we feel very proud of what we have achieved as a unit. As usual, it was sad to see so many talented players leave to go to university at the end of the year. Their contribution and commitment, to rehearsals and concerts alike, was admirable.

On a more professional level, the band also played with internationally renowned saxophonist, Alan Barnes. The concert was a great success and gave the band an excellent opportunity to experience Jazz music of the highest calibre.

A sad departure this year was that of the Band's director, Ron Darlington. Joining the school in 1990, Ron was responsible for making the band what it is today. Ron will be dearly missed and the entire band wishes him well for the future.

Playing in the school concert in May proved to be our perfect opportunity to say farewell as an ensemble. From the performances of the old favourite *The Trolley Song* and a new arrangement of *When the Saints Go Marching In*, it was clear just how much the Band has come along in the last year. As many of the members are quite young, the next year should be an exciting opportunity to progress further under the supervision of the new directors, Gareth Brown and Kevin Dearden.

Ben Illingworth



## Ron Darlington

One of the great characters of King's School's music, Ron Darlington, retired this Summer after 12 years as trumpet teacher and at the helm of one of the jewels of the school: the King's School Big Band. No-one who heard the Big Band, and in recent years the Training Big Band, can fail to have been impressed by the almost professional standards of musicianship achieved by young players and the 'wit' of Ron's banter with the audience. Many will have wondered about Ron's background.

Ron was, and is, a professional jazz trumpeter and entertainer. As a young man, he started in brass bands and played in the inaugural National Youth Brass Band. He played in local dance bands and then, during army service, in the Royal Signals Staff Band. He spent over twenty-five years in show-business, working with many of the stars in theatre venues, summer seasons and in the television studios of Granada, BBC North, Central TV and the Elstree Studios. He played lead trumpet in the BBC Jazz Orchestra and currently plays with the midlands based Bryan Jones Orchestra and local jazz group, Impact, as well as professional big bands in the North West.

Personality is one reason for Ron's popularity with audiences and with the successive members of the Big Band over the years, and this is very difficult to follow. However, the most important factor in his and the Band's success was the professional approach, which ensured a slick operation and accepted nothing less than the best in playing and commitment from the players.

When asked what he will remember most, Ron refers to many individual trumpet pupils over the years, but also to the way in which he was able to take the Big Band into the community, from the Last Night of the Proms for Mayor's Charities in 1977, to the recent magical musical evening featuring British jazz icon, Alan Barnes, playing with the band. He is proud of so many things: of the fact that over £30,000 has been raised for charity; of the forming of the Training Big Band to give young players the experience of big band music and to prepare them to fill vacancies in the main band; of the many memorable concerts, like the two bands filling the Silk Heritage Centre and playing in the Quincentenary Gala Concert in The Bridgewater Hall; of the live CD recording at the Little Theatre in 1998 and the Millenium Big Band CD, both a great credit to the bands of the time;

of the Big Band appearing twice in the Wigan Youth Jazz Festival, the only single school band to be invited; of the seminar given by American Richard Dunscomb, president of the International Association of Jazz Educators; of the King's School Big Band being the only school band to be played on Jazz FM.

The list could go on. Ron enjoyed it all. At 70 years of age, he deserves his retirement, but he will probably go on and on in the profession. Let's hope his wife, Pat, will see a little more of him and that we will not lose touch with him entirely. One positive way in which anyone can help to celebrate Ron's work at King's is to contribute towards the funding of the Ron Darlington Jazz Prize, to be awarded annually to the most promising young musician in the field of jazz. Ron is delighted and proud of this development.

AKG

## Junior Drama and Music

The pantomime chosen for the Year 4 children to perform this year was *Cinders* by Nick Cornall. The children tackled the pantomime with great enthusiasm and each class had its own dance and percussion accompaniment to perform.

Alex Davis was the sparky Cinders, with Emily Johnston as the ever-reliable Buttons. Jack Hammersley and Tom Howarth were comical ugly sisters. James Hudson played the odious Prince Charming and Hattie McCance was the rather forgetful Godmother. The audience all appreciated this splendid evening's entertainment.

The Christmas concert presented a wide variety of music from Junior music groups and showcased some young soloists. The Year 3 and 4 Choir wished for a selection of musical instruments in their song *Jolly, Jazzy St. Nicholas* and the audience was treated to a rap version of *The Night Before Christmas* by a group of Year 6 children.

The Staff, determined to be part of the fun, sang both in Latin and in harmony, and the audience enjoyed their rendition of the carol *Gaudete*. The Year 5 and 6 Choir brought the evening to a close with John Rutter's beautiful *Carol Of The Children* and the comic *Christmas Fare* by Jane Sebba which tells of Christmas Day over-indulgence. The audience enjoyed their own festive fare - a mince pie and a glass of wine, kindly served by Friends of King's.

In December the Years 5 and 6 Choir also took part in the first ever

Community Carol Service which was organised by, and held at, Macclesfield Town Football Club. On a frosty Sunday afternoon, they joined with adults and children from local churches and schools to form a massed choir.

Junior musicians were also invited to provide entertainment for the Age Concern Christmas lunch, which was held in Macclesfield Town Hall. A small group of children performed a selection of items from our Christmas concert to a very appreciative audience and were complimented not only on their musical ability but also their good behaviour.

The Junior Carol Service this year was held in the newly refurbished St. Michael's Church. Each year group sang a song and, together with the relevant readings, given by Year 6 children, the story of the first Christmas was told. The Upper and Lower Junior choirs also sang and 6CHM narrated and mimed *This Is The Star*, an unusual telling of the events of Christmas.

The Macclesfield Music Festival was held in early March and the Year 5 children joined forces with eight other primary schools to try to raise the roof of the Leisure Centre.

Two weeks later, the Year 6 pupils had their chance to be stars when they gave three superb performances of *Wind in the Willows*, a musical adaptation of the well-loved story by Kenneth Grahame. All the children were involved and, even if they didn't have a speaking part, appeared in a number of guises as weasels, stoats and assorted woodland creatures, policemen, jury members and people in a courtroom, cancan dancers, flowers and even as the river itself!

The main characters gave outstanding performances: Eleanor Strutt and Richard Barratt sparkled in the roles of Mole and Rat; Emily Pasquale gave a mature and convincing performance as Badger, and Oliver Pickstone was hilarious as Mr Toad (both pictured right). As always, the production would not have been possible without the assistance of members of the Junior, Infant, ICT and Maintenance staff, of Mr Sykes and Miss Brown from the peripatetic staff, who played in the band and gave the music such a professional sound, and without the assistance of so many willing parents.

The Easter Service was held on the last morning of the Spring Term in St. Paul's Church. Then, in May, Junior choirs competed in the Alderley Edge Music Festival at St. Philip's Church.

This year there were a record 184 entries in the Music Festival in June.



The services of Mrs Barratt, Mrs Pyatt, Mrs Beesley and Mr Green were secured as adjudicators and their encouraging comments were helpful to budding musicians. When the scores were totalled, the winning house this year was Tatton.

The final event of the musical calendar was the Summer Concert and a celebration of the year's efforts. Year 6 Class winners performed and all the instrumental ensembles were heard. It was heartening to see how younger children had gained the necessary ability and confidence to swell the ranks of the various ensembles. It was also good to hear how ensembles and choirs have progressed and was another opportunity to listen to our successful choir entries from the Alderley Edge Music Festival.

The staff displayed their instrumental talents in this concert, playing an

arrangement of *Is This The Way To Amarillo?* As it was Mrs Hulme's final concert, her two young daughters also came and joined in the musical fun. Mrs Hulme and Mr Jones have made a great contribution to the musical life of the Junior Division over the past few years and are to be thanked for their enthusiasm and expertise. The Year 5/6 Choir sang a final number entitled *You Lift Me Up*, an appropriate ending to such an uplifting musical evening.

AJL

#### **Nativity Play**

The nursery children performed their nativity play for their parents for the end of the Autumn term. After a few informal rehearsals, the children, the majority of whom are only three, sang and acted their hearts out telling the story of the baby Jesus.

Mrs Barratt accompanied the chil-

dren on the key-board and Miss Mauro and Mrs Davies helped the children to dress up in appropriate costumes. All were a sight to behold. The parents were a very appreciative audience and, at the end of the performance, clapped and cheered the children.

All had refreshments together and the children were able to go home with their parents after an inspiring afternoon.

JH

#### **Religion and Philosophy**

The Department of Religion and Philosophy aims to foster a spirit of independent thinking and genuine enquiry into the big questions about our existence and the way in which we think, believe and live. We want King's pupils to leave the school richer people because they have considered for themselves the questions raised simply by being human. We aim to do this through research, investigation, analysis, evaluation, discussion and debate.

There have been additions to our existing courses and the number of students looking to take both Religious Studies and Philosophy at GCSE and A Level continues to be strong. In addition, the department's commitment to giving King's pupils an opportunity to get outside the school walls and visit the world we are learning about is as sound as ever.

This year saw excellent results at all levels. The A Level students fared well. According to the latest set of value added results, King's pupils taking Religious Studies at GCSE were achieving significantly higher grades than the average for schools nationally. It is also especially gratifying to see our students achieving places at good universities to read Philosophy and Theology.

The year 8 visit to religious buildings in Manchester was, once again, a great success thanks to Mrs Agour's efficient organisation. Pupils visited a variety of mosques, temples, churches and gurdwaras. Much value was gained from the first hand experience of being taught in the worship buildings for a day and meeting those of other faiths. Our thanks go to all colleagues who helped escort the pupils.

Another highlight was a very successful sixth form conference organised by Mrs Pentreath in the summer. Held in the peaceful surroundings of the Derby Fields pavilion, we paid host to 100 pupils and teachers from six other schools from the North West. Our sixth

form students were treated to wonderfully lucid explanations of theories of perception by Stephen Law from London University, one of the foremost communicators of Philosophy in Britain today. Other speakers were Martin Butler, an AQA examiner, who spoke excellently on Moral Philosophy, John Chapman, and our own Mrs Pentreath, who delighted us with Descartes.

The year also saw the opening of the quiet room in A1 (pictured below) at the Fence Avenue site. Pupils now have somewhere new where they may sit quietly at break times and have an opportunity to be still, among the bubbling fountain, the calming incense and the hypnotic music.

As ever, we are reviewing our teaching courses and the next academic year sees the start of an experimental course on what it means to be human. It is to be piloted by Mr Pook within the Boys' and Girls' Divisions with forms 9GT and 9LB. Mrs Agour is also organising a new joint year 11 venture out of school for the GCSE pupils next spring. We hope, too, to take our sixth form philosophers and theologians to some student conferences. So there is much to look forward to.

*DJP*

## German

An exciting event took place within the German Department during the spring term: the Director of the Goethe-Institut in Manchester, Wolfgang Winkler, visited King's to deliver a talk, to those Sixth Formers taking AS and A Level

German, on the modern history of Berlin, including the division and subsequent reunification of the city.

Herr Winkler had visited the school before in order to deliver this talk and it had proven to be most beneficial for the students. The talk is conducted solely in German and Herr Winkler uses a wide variety of media to aid understanding, including video and radio recordings, overhead projections and handouts. He is an informative and passionate yet humorous public speaker and the students all commented on how enjoyable the evening was.

The talk was free of charge and took place on Thursday 10 February at 4.30pm in the Rock Block Language Laboratory and lasted until around 6.00pm. Year 13 students study this topic as part of their A2 level coursework, so the talk was intended as part of the primary source material for their written coursework piece. Additionally, Year 12 students benefit as, not only will it feed into their coursework next year, but it also presents an excellent opportunity to listen to and converse with a native German on an enthralling topic. All Sixth Form Germanists had the opportunity to prepare discussion points for the evening before the event.

All in all, the evening was a great success and we look forward to organising another such event in the future. It is hoped that this may take place on a bi-annual basis, alternating with the Sixth Form study trip to Berlin.

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## Updates A level Conference

The conference was attended by eight Year 12 and four Year 13 students, along with Frau Rice and Frau Langer.

Topics covered included the Environment, Transport, Family, School System, the Euro, Media, Youth Problems and Music, by means of lecture, role play and audience participation. Most presentations were lively and engaging; the students were provided with an excellent booklet of notes, useful topic-wise for AS students, and for vocabulary for A2 students.

The students response to the day was very positive. "This has drawn the group closer together!" commented one Year 12 student. (There were apparently benefits other than the academic!)

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## Updates GCSE Conference

Sixteen students from Cumberland Street and Fence Avenue accompanied by Audrey Sheen and Barbara Langer, the German assistant, spent a successful day preparing for their German exam.

Fun and engaging activities were interspersed with sessions of more relevance to the examinations, namely grammar points and hints on improving success in the Speaking test. Each participant was given a workbook for the activities and for future reference. The day was conducted mainly in German with explanations in English were appropriate. The overall consensus was that the day was both beneficial and enjoyable.

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## Biology Department

### Year 13 Biology

The Year 13 field course was completed at a very special site. The students spent two days at Lindow Common, a Site of Special Scientific Interest, on the outskirts of Wilmslow. Despite some very inclement weather in the days leading up to the field course, the weather turned out to be almost perfect for the two days of ecological activities. Thus, both days started cold and frosty but, after the initial introductory talks, the sun came out and students were able to complete their tasks and enjoy a picnic.

The group are indebted to Paul Hughes, a King's Old Boy for his excellent local knowledge and relaxed teaching style. One hundred percent attendance meant that large amounts of data could be collected for the coursework and the students enjoyed some real science. This was an opportunity to learn that text book scenarios rarely happen in real life and that biological findings need statistical verification.

Another exciting event was the Biology Olympiad in which four out of six students were placed: Katie Grundy, who won a gold medal; Rachel Alston, who secured a silver; Richard Mayers, who gained a highly commended certificate and Victoria Howarth, who was commended.

### Biology Club

Membership remains high. The Biology Garden provided a huge amount of interest and a variety of bulbs planted the previous summer produced a fine show.

The group took a bit of persuading, but they completed the RSPB Garden Bird Survey in various locations around the school and their findings were forwarded to become part of the national effort and the final report was available on the Internet.

The pond continued to amaze and large amounts of frog spawn was present by late March. Small birds showed considerable interest in the nest boxes, but successful occupation has not occurred. The total number of birds and variety of species in the garden is steadily increasing, despite the large number of local cats in the locality.

The main activity continues to be the care and maintenance of the animals. Stick insects have been added to the collection and are breeding successfully. Several other breeding successes have taken place in the fish collection.

## Chemistry Department

### Analytical Measurement Proficiency Competition

This year, twenty-one Lower Sixth students took part in the 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. The results are, at this time, unknown, but all competitors will receive a certificate of participation. RSC Christmas lecture.

This was attended by pupils from Years 9, 10 and 11 at Manchester University. The lecture, entitled *Son et Lumiere*, uncovered the mysteries of chemical reactivity through demonstrations involving colour and explosions.

### RSC Chemistry Quiz

This event was held at Manchester University in April and involved schools from all over the North West. The boys' team comprised budding chemists Josh Hearn, Johnty Marshall, Christian Bridge and Dominic Hall. Working together, they were given a series of practical and paper exercises to complete. They managed to win the laboratory section, (with a little help from the most senior team member), and they came sixth overall.

### 'A' Level Revision Seminar

All Upper Sixth chemists and selected members of the Lower Sixth were invited to attend a revision morning or afternoon at All Hallows School, hosted by chief AQA examiner Colin Chambers. They picked up valuable question tips and revision advice in

preparation for their summer examinations. One member of the upper sixth impressed with her knowledge of Chemistry – Dr Chambers personally commended Katie Grundy.

## Geology Department

The year started with the usual one day field trips into the Peak District, with surprisingly dry weather for a change. Later in the term, a group of students attended a Christmas lecture: *The Earth: An Intimate History* given by Professor Richard Fortey of the Natural History Museum. The theme of the lecture addressed the idea that Geology underlies everything: it controls the landscape; it influences cultural history and even the way in which buildings look in our cities. Like an unconscious mind it controls the human race. We all left with a different perspective of how the Earth works.

Before Easter, the Lower Sixth sailed for the Isle of Arran for a week-long field course. James Hutton's world-famous unconformity was visited and dinosaur foot prints and monster millipede tracks were located. All survived the experience and we saw almost as much wildlife as geology. One student even admitted to dreaming about rocks whilst on the field course!

Some keen Year 7 lads got together and a Geology Club was formed. There are some budding geologists ready to pick up their hammers and hard hats when they reach the Sixth Form

## Physics Department

### Physics Club

The Year 9 Physics club was opened up to Year 7 students because of a high level of interest. The club met every



Monday lunchtime at Cumberland Street and the students carried out many projects such as building model hot air balloons, making model aeroplanes and constructing electric quiz games. A particularly popular activity was designing rockets and then firing them using waterpower. The students enjoyed investigating how hot air rises by convection and found out about this by planning and carrying out many burning experiments. The large group of students who regularly attend are keen to continue into Year 8 and want to investigate the Physics of explosions.

*SJH*

## Young People's Lecture

One evening in March, twenty Sixth Form students and two members of staff attended a lecture at Manchester University organised by the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society. The lecture, given by Professor Sir Roger Penrose, was entitled *The Magic of Quantum Mechanics*. Sir Roger explained how particles sometimes behave as waves and how waves sometimes behave as particles. Whilst it was a rather high-powered evening, it was a privilege to listen to such an eminent academic. Indeed, Robert Fett was delighted when he managed to obtain the great man's autograph.

*CPH*

## Physics Olympiad

The second stage of the British Physics Olympiad 2004/5 took place in November. The competition is in the form of a three-hour examination and is designed to test the more talented year 13 Physicists. Rachel Alston and

David Johnson secured Bronze awards, whilst Robert Fett and Thomas Sinton received commendations.

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## Engineering Education Scheme

The scheme, intended for Lower Sixth students, is part of the Engineering Education Continuum and is coordinated by The Royal Academy of Engineering. The aim of the scheme 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 over a period of five to six months. They work as a team on a real industrial problem for which the company needs a solution.

At King's the students selected were Rosie Campbell, Tom Hill, Gary Ledger and Austin Sependa. The professional engineer was Mr James Baird from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals.

In early October, Mr Baird visited the school to outline the nature of the problem for which the team had to find a solution. In mid October the team attended the '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.

During the site visit, the team discovered that after a series of chemical reactions pharmaceutical drugs are formed into a slurry of crystalline active ingredient and solvent. The slurry must then be dried so that the solid

active ingredient can be formulated into tablets. This is achieved in large vessels called pressure filters, but, before the batch is discharged from the pressure filter, it is essential to know that the filter cake is sufficiently dry. At present, this is achieved by extracting a sample of the filter cake via a single port in the pressure filter wall. The moisture content of the sample is then determined in the laboratory.

AstraZeneca wish to use a near infrared probe to determine the moisture content of the filter cake, the advantage being that this can be done without extracting a sample from the pressure filter. Unfortunately, there is insufficient data available with the NIR probe at present to allow them to be certain as to when the filter cake is dry and so, for the moment, it is necessary to take a sample as well. The team were, therefore, asked to design and test a combined pressure filter sampler and near infrared probe which could utilise the single port available in the wall of the pressure filter.

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 machine. They were also required to give a short presentation on the progress they had made so far. During the next three months, the team had to complete the project and produce a written report for submission to the assessment panel. In mid March, 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.

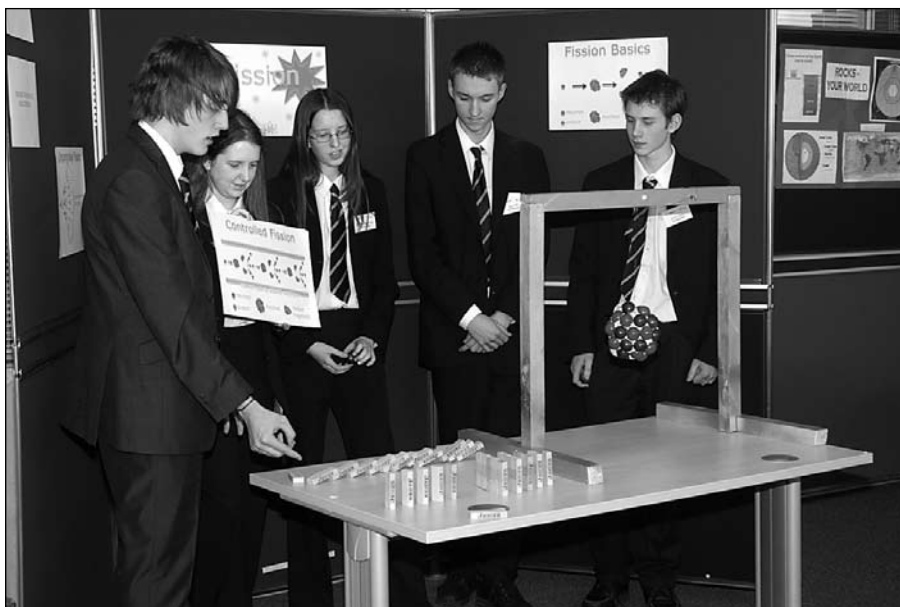
The culmination of the whole project was the Presentation and Assessment Day, held at the University of Manchester in mid April, and attended by all of the schools in the region who had participated in the scheme. During the morning each team had to set up a display stand, give a presentation to the assessment panel and face a question and answer session. The King's team was successful and in the afternoon the students were presented with their Engineering Education Scheme certificates.

*CPH*

## Paperclip Physics

This is a competition organised by the Institute of Physics. Teams of Lower Sixth Form students provide a five





minute presentation to a group of three judges, one of whom is a non-scientist, and explain some application or device, or demonstrate a law or principle of Physics, using only items found in the home.

Two teams entered the initial heats at Salford University. Jeremy Done, Matthew Dunne, Gabriella McCormick, William Soutter and Akshay Srivastava explained the need for streamlining if vehicles are to achieve an acceptable fuel economy and were highly commended by the judges.

Elizabeth Conway, Anna Fleming, John Hardy, Tom Hill and Andrew Roast gave a memorable presentation on the principles of nuclear fusion with the aid of blocks from a Jenga game and nuclei made from table-tennis balls (pictured below). They won through to the Liverpool and Manchester Regional Final at Daresbury Research Laboratories where they gave a polished presentation, admired by the judges, but were beaten by a particularly strong team who were to go on to win the National Finals.

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### Austin's Early Bath

In early July 2005 I attended a four-day residential course on Civil Engineering at Bath University. The course allowed me to see if a profession in Civil Engineering was for me before I committed myself with university applications and it also provided me with a preview of what to expect as a student during university life as we were put up in halls of residence.

The morning I arrived, we were given a brief introduction to Civil Engineering – what it is, what it encompasses and how it benefits everyday life. Following this, we were divided into three

main groups and thrown straight into lectures on Lightweight Structures, Bridge Engineering and Natural Building Materials (Straw Bales). I was placed in the Lightweight Structure group with the goal by the end of the course of designing and constructing a model of a lightweight canopy to cover an outdoor amphitheatre on the university campus. That evening we went on an open-top bus tour of the beautiful city of Bath. The engineering department also laid on a barbeque for us, which gave us an opportunity to get to know each other.

During the second day, we were taken on a visit to the environmentally-friendly, award winning headquarters of Wessex Water (equivalent of United Utilities). We also inspected the varying constructions of the two Severn bridges. Once back at the university, the Head of Department had rounded up some unlucky students to host a question and answer session in which we could ask questions about the courses and student life in general. In the afternoon, we continued with our projects and, in the evening, we had a three course dinner and a rather obscure quiz.

On the final day we finished our projects and models and gave our presentations to the group. Overall, it was a well structured, enjoyable and interesting four days that met my expectations and helped to cement my interest in civil engineering. The course project provided me with a useful insight into working as a Civil Engineer. I wholly recommend attending a Headstart course to anyone considering a profession in a science related field.

*Austin Sependa*

### Tom's Flying visit

In June, I attended the Headstart engineering course at Liverpool University. This course was centred on aeronautical engineering, and involved re-designing the Wright brothers' 1903 flyer. I arrived on the Sunday evening at the halls of residence where the group were staying. After being given room keys, we had a short explanation of what the course involved. After dinner, we were given dry spaghetti and sellotape, and an hour to build a bridge between two tables. The tutors then took great pleasure in adding masses on a string until the bridges broke.

On Monday, we attended lectures on the Wrights' plane and its design, and saw a test pilot attempt to fly it on the simulator. On the second day, we were given lectures on how modern planes are designed so that they are stable, and how control systems work. We then designed our newer version of the plane, which flew much better than did the original on the simulator. Thursday was spent preparing and giving a presentation on the work we had done.

The course gave a great taste of university life, with some students staying up till 3am in the kitchen in halls. We also got to see wind and water tunnels for testing, and some of the university's high tech equipment. I would recommend that anyone considering engineering at university should take a Headstart course, as they are a great experience, even in themselves.

*Tom Hill*

## Psychology Department

### Twycross Zoo

Year 13 Psychology students went to Twycross Zoo which specializes in primates, in particular, Babobos, which are the most genetically similar animal to humans (98.7%). They were given a talk by the zoo education department about the evolution of human intelligence and the possible relationship between brain size and intelligence.

The students were encouraged to ask questions and to engage with the zoo staff and were given examples of behaviours to look out for during the subsequent tour. They were then able to spend time watching gorillas, various chimps and other animals. The party left with the impression that the distinction between ourselves and the animals was somewhat blurred!

*MJB*

## Girls' Division Science

### Science Club

The Science Department has run a very successful Year 8 Lunchtime Club this year. A large group of girls has enjoyed making Alien's Blood, crunchy foam, crystal gardens, a wormery, and rockets, among many other things. They have also solved a murder mystery.

### CREST Projects

Small groups of Year 9 and 10 girls have been pursuing their own research ideas and writing up reports for awards at Bronze level under the CREST scheme (Creativity in Science, Engineering and Technology).

Caitlin Scott of 9RSH investigated a sample of dust collected in Antarctica, hoping she would find micrometeorites. She asked the University of Manchester for help and was given time on a mass spectrometer to analyse the particles. To her surprise, she found many pollen grains, blown around the world in the upper atmospheres and deposited in Antarctica.

Katherine North and Katie Mycock



of 9LFA investigated sun creams and their project was chosen to represent King's School at the Regional CREST final at Salford University on 28 June.

### Science Race 2005

The Girls' Division entered an internet science quiz run by the Research Councils. Two teams competed and the Year 7 and 8 team achieved the top score in the North West region. To celebrate this, four representatives of the team, Amy Jacobsen, Lucy Merchant, Hope Ward and Chloe Byatte, travelled to the Natural History Museum in London on 24 June to receive their award. There was also a presentation by Johnny Ball, the TV science presenter.





## IEA Conference

The Institute of Economic Affairs is a prestigious organisation based in London that promotes the free working of economic markets. In January, they provided tickets for our students to attend their *State of the Economy* conference in London.

Two students in Year 12, along with Mr Reeve, attended the conference, held at the studios of Bloomberg television in London.

The conference was attended by leading economists and business leaders and a whole array of well known speakers was present. Lord Lamont, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, chaired a session on the European Central Bank where the speaker was Professor Otmar Issing, who is currently a member of the ECB executive board. Rodger Bootle of Capital Economics (who also writes a regular column for the *Sunday Telegraph*) spoke on the state of the UK Economy, and Miles Templeton, Director General of the Institute of Directors, gave a talk on how excessive EU regulation imposes a cost on industry.

The journey to London provided a 'practical' in Economics as flying turned out to be £250 cheaper than the train!

The department is very grateful that the IEA made attendance at the conference both possible and thoroughly enjoyable.

## Sixth Form Château Trip

During the Easter holidays, a group of A Level French students and teachers departed for Le Château de la Baudonnière, in a rural backwater of Normandy. Being greeted by the perpetually cheerful "animateurs" offering cups of chocolat chaud at around midnight after a long day of travelling set the welcoming tone, and the Château staff were ever on hand to solve all the students' queries over the complexities of French grammar or pronunciation. They also gave the students a valuable cultural insight into what life is like in Normandy.

This cultural insight was expanded with a wide range of educational activities and trips, as well as some which were purely for fun! Over the course of the week, the group experienced the delightful odours of the 'Coeur de Lion' cheese factory, which produces several tons of Camembert and Brie each week; witnessed an emergency call out at the fire station, as well as taking trips up the mechanised lad-



der; and called in for coffee with the chuckling mayor of Avranches, who showed them some 1,000 year-old manuscripts from the archives of Mont St Michel. The trip to Mont St Michel itself was accompanied by glorious weather which provided a stunning backdrop to the ancient monastery. The group also went bowling, made some rather oddly-shaped French bread and sampled the local sausage, cider, cheese and wine!

The trip was great fun and everybody picked up some useful French for use in later examinations. A big thank you is extended to all those who helped with the preparation, management and enjoyment of the trip.

*David Kennerley*

## Year 7 trip to Normandy

At midnight on Friday July 1st, eighty five Year 7 boys and girls, accompanied

by eight members of staff, left school for what was to be, for many, their first extended trip away from home. It was to be the occasion when they spoke French for real and saw for themselves how French people lived. The trip was long and tiring, but neither long nor tiring enough to give the staff an early night.

The accommodation that we had meant that the children were spilt into two groups; the smaller group drew the short straw, they thought, in that there were no girls allocated to their gîte, but the groups spent all day together only returning to their respective gîtes at bed-time.

The week was packed with activities, ranging from a memorable visit to Pegasus Bridge, where our guide was amazed at the children's knowledge of history, via a treasure hunt around what was a beautifully picturesque and floral local town, to the never-to-



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be-forgotten visit to Mont Saint Michel where, after an exhausting walk across the sands between tides, the children were shown how to avoid sinking in quick sand.

There was also time for shopping in the hyper-market and at a local town market where many children bought an amazing array of gifts and keepsakes, including the ever-famous Eiffel Tower statues and Mont Saint Michel ashtrays.

The attractions were not just to be found outside the gîtes, however: for many of the children, this trip was to provide their first opportunity to get to know the Year 7s of the opposite sex and the evening games sessions, and the various activities (especially the team quiz) helped do just that. The barbecue and dance on the final evening was a highlight for many of the children and represented the end of a very enjoyable and educational trip to France.

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### German Exchange

This year's 15th anniversary German Exchange with the Vöhl Gymnasium in Memmingen, Bavaria, proved, yet again, to be a great success. Sixteen students, from Year 10 to the 6th Form, took part in the trip.

The purpose of the visit was to provide a chance for GCSE and A Level classes to visit Germany, to enhance their understanding of the culture and life of the country and to improve their skills in German via first-hand contact with the language.

The German exchange students and their two accompanying teachers, Herr Rolf Müller and Herr Horst Heidhardt, arrived on Thursday 10 March 2005. All were greeted at the airport by their partners and transported to their homes where, over the next nine days, they would begin to get to know one another a little better.

The German students visited lessons with their partners on the Friday morning, before being greeted by the Headmaster and having their photograph taken with their teachers and King's Head of German, Miss Melanie Turner, for the local press. In the afternoon, the group were officially welcomed to Macclesfield by the Mayor in a formal visit to the Mayor's Parlour at the Town Hall.

The weekend was spent with the host families, and then, on the Monday, the Germans visited Paradise Mill, the Silk Museum, the Heritage Centre and the Victorian Schoolroom in Macclesfield. Tuesday brought a trip to the Albert

Dock in Liverpool (Museum of Liverpool Life; Beatles Story museum) and, on the Wednesday, the party visited Manchester, including a tour around the grounds of Manchester United Football club and the Imperial War Museum. This was followed on Thursday by a trip to the city of Chester. The group departed from Manchester Airport on Friday 18 March.

Two weeks later, on Saturday 2 April, it was the turn of the King's students to visit their partners in Germany, flying from Manchester Airport, landing in Munich and making the onward journey to Memmingen by train to arrive in time for dinner. The pupils spent the rest of the weekend with host families, finding their feet and trying out their German skills!

On the Monday, pupils visited classes in school with their German partners, before being given a warm official welcome by Herr Hacker, the principal of the school, and subsequently enjoying a guided tour around the beautiful and historic town of Memmingen.

It is a good job that the party paid attention, as a quiz on the town was organised for the Tuesday and the group was also officially received by Memmingen's Mayor in the splendid Town Hall. The beautiful, dream-like castle of Neuchwanstein, built by Mad King Ludwig of Bavaria and the original castle upon which Disneyland's Cinderella castle was based, was visited on the Wednesday. On Thursday came Lindau and a boat trip across Lake Constance into Austria, where cable cars took the group up the Pfänder mountain to

witness spectacular views of German-speaking Europe. The last trip, on the Friday, was to the city of Ulm, where braver pupils climbed the cathedral's tower!

After spending a final day with the host families, King's returned to home soil on Sunday 10 April, tired but happy.

The German Exchange Trip to Memmingen 2005 proved a great success, with no problems to report. The pupils from both schools behaved excellently on excursions and with the host families, and were a delight to spend time with. They were a credit to themselves, their schools and their respective countries.

In all, this was a well organised exchange and thanks go to those members of the German Department involved for their support: Miss Rice for accompanying the trip to Germany, Mrs Costello and Mrs Marcell for hosting the German teachers, Miss Sheen for organising the excursions for the German party.

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### Years 8 and 9 German Rhineland Trip

At 5am on Monday 4 July 2005, 32 boys and 11 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 2pm 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 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 was a quiz, in the hotel, based on the details of the trip.

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, before 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 using up any excess energy – MTH organised a salsa dancing class, and much fun was had by all trying to master the steps! 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 2005 proved a great success. 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: VCo, AUS, AH and MTH. Here's to next year!

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## History Department

### Sovereign Lectures, Manchester:

*The Rise Of The Nazis 1919-1933*  
Rachel Maddocks and Paul Williams took a group of thirty-four Year 12 students to the Lecture Halls, on Oldham Street in Manchester on Thursday 3 February 2005.

The purpose of the lecture was to deepen the students' understanding of the rise of the Nazis and also to examine different interpretations of Hitler's success through the examination of historiography. Three lectures were presented on four subjects: the effects of the Wall Street Crash; the effects of the First World War; handling and interpreting statistical and economic data; and historical interpretations of 'the German idea'.

### London

Peter Murray, Eileen Olsen and Paul Williams took a party of fourteen Year 13 history students to London to visit a number of sites in order to enhance their understanding of World War II, which they are studying for an A2 module. The party stayed overnight on board *HMS Belfast*, sleeping in the mess decks.

The next day, the students visited the Imperial War Museum followed by *HMS Belfast* in the afternoon. At the War Museum, the party toured the Second World War gallery and the

large exhibits gallery. There was then an opportunity for the students to look at other aspects of the museum such as the Blitz experience, the Holocaust exhibition and the WWI trench.

The Education Department on *HMS Belfast* had kindly arranged for Tim, a WWII veteran, to speak to the group. He had served on the ship in 1943 when the *Belfast* was involved in the Battle of North Cape, during which the German battle cruiser, the *Scharnhorst*, was sunk; his talk was fascinating and most appreciated by our students. The group then travelled to the West End for a meal and a trip to the cinema before another night on *HMS Belfast*.

On the second morning in the city, the group travelled to the National Army Museum where Andy Robertshaw, the Head of Education, gave a lecture on the Second World War in Europe, and they also had a 'hands on' experience of the weapons and equipment of the period before touring the museum's galleries. After lunch on the King's Road, the party went to Whitehall and to the Cabinet War Rooms, Churchill's underground headquarters during the war. They were given a lecture comparing Churchill and Hitler as war leaders, and then took an audio-guided tour of the War Rooms. After walking the students up Whitehall and past Downing Street there was an opportunity to visit Trafalgar Square, before the party took the Underground back to Euston for the return journey to Macclesfield.



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### Royal Armouries and Conisbrough Castle

Peter Murray and Linda Craig took a group of thirty-three Year 12 students to Yorkshire to visit the Royal Armouries at Leeds and Conisbrough Castle near Doncaster in January. The purpose of the trip was to enhance the students' knowledge and understanding of the Norman Conquest, which is being studied for an AS coursework module.

Mrs Gillian Waters at the Armouries gave the students an excellent lecture on the military aspects of the conquest, with the aid of replica armour, weapons and slides of the Bayeux tapestry. This was followed by an opportunity for the students to try on the armour and handle the weapons of the period, which they clearly enjoyed. Since this visit is now a regular event, Mrs Waters had obviously taken the opportunity to develop her presentation in greater detail and the students received a high quality talk, geared well to their needs. After lunch, they all visited the medieval war galleries in the museum.

In the afternoon the party moved on to Conisbrough Castle, which had been held by Harold Godwinson in 1066, but was given by William I to William de Warenne after the conquest. The guide gave a very good tour of the site and many interesting insights into the period, especially the Normans' terrible 'harrying of the North' in 1069/70. Luckily, the weather was not too inclement for a tour of the bailey and an ascent of the keep of the castle, which is the

best example in the country of an early Norman stone keep.

### Conway Castle

Peter Murray led the annual one day Year 7 history trip to Conway Castle accompanied by seven other staff. After first learning in school about the development of the castle since 1066, and Edward I's Welsh wars, all Year 7 boys travelled to Conway Castle in North Wales to carry out some field-work to enhance their understanding of the topic. The boys walked the town walls and then explored the castle itself. Each student completed a set of worksheets prepared by Dr. Linda Craig. This left just enough time for a fish and chip lunch. The pupils' behaviour was impeccable and the trip was both very enjoyable and most educational. On returning to school the students undertook project work on the development and decline of medieval castles. Many of these pieces of work were so good as to merit a Headmaster's commendation. The trip helped inspire the boys to produce some very high quality written work.

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*Jake Knowles, 7MTRS, submits the report below:*

We all met at School at ten minutes to nine, quickly embarked onto our buses and set off for Conwy. When we drove into Conwy, we had our first view of the huge castle overlooking the Conwy Estuary. We left the buses and split up into groups. Our group went immediately to the top of the town walls.

The walls were really thick and strong and we could see for miles from the top. The walls were really well defended because they had 480 arrow loops from which to fire arrows out at the enemy.

Then we all met back up again for our packed lunch and as extras, had fish and chips followed by ice-creams, near the waterfront.

After lunch we went to look inside the castle. All the important features of the castle such as machicolations and crenellations were pointed out to us by our superb guides (teachers!) Also, we saw the dungeons where the prisoners were kept and the Lord's Room which was safely deep inside the castle and was where the Lord and Lady lived. We also looked at the towers which provided accommodation for the Castle Constable and his men. We filled in our questionnaires on the way round to make sure we did not miss out any detail.

Finally, we arrived at the gift shop where all our mental ages dropped, because so many of us purchased wooden swords and bows and arrows. We all got back on our buses and headed for home, impressed by the sheer size and strength of Conway Castle.

### History Lectures

Sixth form history students in both Year 12 and Year 13 attended a number of lectures during the year in order to improve their knowledge and understanding of their A level topics, and give them a taste of university style teaching. Year 12 students attended lectures in Manchester in February on the *Rise of the Nazis*, and in April on *Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1980*. Year 13 students attended lectures on *Stalin's Russia*. The sixth formers gained a great deal from these events which were very well suited to their courses and were also intellectually stimulating.

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### First World War Battlefields

The History Department undertook its tenth World War One battlefields trip in activities week of the summer term this year. A group of forty-one students from the Boys' and Girls' Divisions travelled to the battlefields of Belgium and France. It was an excellent opportunity for pupils on both sites to share an educational experience. The group was led by Peter Murray accompanied by Eileen Olsen, Paul Williams, Linda Craig and Rachel Maddocks.

The first day began very early: at 04.15 hours when the party assembled on the Rock Block for departure. After a fairly calm channel crossing, the early start was rewarded when we were able to visit the *In Flanders Fields* Museum in Ypres the same day. Following the museum visit, the group walked to the Menin gate where the names of 55,000 soldiers who died on the Ypres Salient, and whose bodies were never recovered, are recorded. A number of the students were keen to trace the records of relatives who were killed in the Great War, and were successful in doing so, both at the Menin Gate and at Tyne Cot British Military Cemetery. The Hotel Munchenhof at Langemark in the heart of the Ypres battlefield proved to be an excellent centre, being in an ideal location, and having good facilities, including a bowling alley and football pitch.

After a continental breakfast in the hotel, the group toured the battlefields, cemeteries and museums of the Ypres Salient. Particularly powerful impressions were made on the students by the



trenches at Hill 62, the British cemetery at Tyne Cot and by the contrast with the German cemetery at Langemark. This time the preserved Yorkshire Trench at Boesinge, which is the result of recent archaeological work, was also visited. The students also visited Essex Farm cemetery, which is famous as being the location where the Canadian doctor, John McCrae, wrote his poem *In Flanders Fields*, which inspired the adoption of the poppy as the symbol of sacrifice for the British soldiers who died in World War One.

That afternoon the group visited the town of Poperinge, which was behind the lines in World War One, and where Talbot House became a refuge for soldiers. Founded by the army chaplain, Tubby Clayton, it was a place where rank was ignored and soldiers could rest and relax whilst on leave, and the students visited the new museum there to study aspects of life behind the lines. Unfortunately, Poperinge was also a place where the executions of those soldiers accused of desertion or cowardice under fire took place, and the group visited the death cells and shooting post behind the 1914 town hall. In the evening, back in Ypres, was the moving *Last Post* ceremony at the Menin Gate.

On Thursday, the group travelled south to make a visit to the excellent French museum of the First World War at Peronne - the Historiale de la Grande Guerre - where the students watched a video presentation and completed detailed worksheets. After lunch, the party picked up a guide and toured the battlefield of the Somme, seeing the site of the Pals' battalion's doomed attack at Serre, Beaumont Hamel, where the Newfoundland Regiment made its brave and tragic attack on 1st July, and

Thiepval where the group carried out a moving remembrance ceremony and laid a wreath for the fallen of the King's School who included, amongst many others, Roy Mellor (pictured), Head Boy of King's in 1912, and who died on the 1st July 1916 attacking German positions at Mametz.

The party was then able to visit the battlefields and cemeteries of the Vimy Ridge area. First was the German cemetery at La Targette, where many students asked some very perceptive questions, which led to a discussion of the significance of the First World War. At the Canadian Memorial Park on the ridge, the party had an excellent guided tour of the Canadian cemetery and the underground tunnels, conducted by one of the Canadian students who volunteer to come to Europe each year to do this. Next came the French cemetery and memorial to the Great War at Notre Dame de la Lorette. This proved to be most moving and informative; the students were able to visit the diorama of the battle, the museum and the preserved sector of the battlefield, together with the cemetery itself, which contains the graves of some 42,000 French victims of the conflict, and stands as a very poignant indictment of the folly of war, and at the same time as a tribute to the bravery of those individual soldiers.

On the morning of the final day, the students had the opportunity to visit the fascinating medieval town of Arras, before the journey home. The students gained a great deal from the trip, both

in terms of historical knowledge, and in gaining a deeper appreciation of the reality of an event which has done much to shape the world in which we live today, and of course impacted so deeply on the lives of millions of British families.

### Year 4 History

Year 4 enjoyed three events linked to their History work this year. In May, they all set off to York ready for a hard day's work as Viking farmers. Split into four families, there was plenty to do in and around the village. Most importantly the village had to be guarded against Saxon spies, so the children all learned how to wield a spear and the Viking commands of "My Lord".

Then there was wood to gather, goats to tend, water to be drawn, fields to be hoed and houses to clean, not to mention grinding enough wheat for the daily bread cooked on hot stones next to the open fire. Fortunately, "My Lord" thought the Year 4s had worked hard enough to merit a feast, but they had to keep him entertained throughout with jokes, songs and dances. Back to work in the afternoon meant making pottery lamps to sell at the market: the fruits of their labours could be seen on display in the Lower Junior building. A tiring day, but a lot learned about life in the past.

Earlier in the year, Year 4 studied the Romans, and this included a trip to Chester, or Deva, as the Romans called it. This time the children met a Roman



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legionary, who took them on a march and told them all about his life in the army. They had a demonstration of his weaponry and, back at the museum, there was an opportunity to try on a helmet and armour, which was even heavier than it looked. A picnic lunch and visit to the excavated amphitheatre rounded off the day.

As a conclusion to their Roman studies, Year 4 celebrated with a Grand Roman Banquet. All the children came suitably attired as a selection of emperors, gladiators, goddesses and noble personages. They spent a morning attending Roman school, learning to write on wax tablets and trying maths with Roman numerals; menus were written for the feast; some archaeological evidence was pieced together and souvenir figures made. The children also made a visit to the "temple" to ask for special favours from the goddesses.

Then came the real excitement – chariot races! In the 4JC arena, a race track was marked out and four teams battled it out in closely contested races. After all that, it was time for the banquet lunch, eaten while reclining in Roman style. The "wine" flowed, the roast (chocolate) dormice went down very well and there was not a great deal left for the goddesses to clear away! Now, if only togas were adopted for King's uniform . . .

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### Junior Division School Walk

After a hot spell of weather, the organisers were glad of a cool, but dry morning for the school walk. Two hundred and forty five children, accompanied by eleven staff and over seventy parents, embarked upon what has now become the traditional route. From Fence Avenue, the walk began along the canal, before climbing over fields to Cliff Lane and then up towards Tegg's Nose for refreshments.

The return was via Langley, Macclesfield Golf Course and the canal before school was reached for lunch – a total of six miles. All participants returned happy, but a little tired. Some were pleasantly surprised at how easily accessible the countryside is from the normal hustle and bustle of everyday school life.

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### Fylde Sports Tour

Following the success of the previous year, it was decided to repeat the mini sports tour of Lancashire's finest stretch of coastline. The boys were to play

football whilst the girls played netball and hockey, the opponents being King Edward's and Queen Mary's, Lytham, and Arnold School, Blackpool. In between fixtures, the party was to sample the best entertainment Blackpool had to offer, namely arcades, bowling, fast food and of course, the wonderful eliminations.

First stop was King Edward & Queen Mary's School, Lytham. The footballers drew 0 – 0 (A team) and won 4 – 2 (B Team) whilst the netballers lost 4 – 5 (A Team) and 1 – 3 (B Team). After a quick change, the post match meal was taken at Frankie and Benny's Italian/American restaurant before heading off to ten pin bowling.

This was enjoyed by all, but the evening was still young. Our driver then took us all to see the famous Blackpool hallucinations. (Getting to grips with the word illuminations proved quite difficult!) At around 9.30pm, the group at last arrived at the hotel. The children had had a long day, so it was thought that they would sleep well. How wrong that was!

Throughout the weekend, each team was able to earn and lose points for their team for a variety of things. Points could be earned for good sportsmanship and leaving an empty plate at breakfast. Points could be forfeited by losing things, not listening and keeping the teachers awake at night. It was a good job each team started with a hundred points. The team that accumulated the most points was, in the end, the netball 'A' team.

Saturday morning began with a full English breakfast for those that wanted it. It must have laid heavy in several stomachs, as both the football teams got off to terrible starts being 0 – 2 and 1 – 5 down at half time. Improvements were made in the second half with the final scores being 3 – 4 (A Team) and 4 – 7 (B Team). The hockey players struggled to get to grips with playing indoors and lost 0 – 3 and 0 – 2.

Before journeying home, the group had time to visit one of Blackpool's many arcades, and MacDonald's, to round off the weekend. All in all, the thirty children accompanied by Mrs Baker, Mrs Cole, Mrs Squares and Mr Jones enjoyed the tour.

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### Library Theatre, Manchester

On Thursday, 13 January 2005, the Junior Division visited Manchester's Library Theatre to watch a performance of *Merlin and the Cave of Dreams*. The play focused on

King Arthur's early life, up to the point where he pulls the sword from the stone.

The audience met Arthur just as he discovered that his life was not as simple as he thought it to be. His parents and brother were, in fact, guardians appointed by the mighty wizard, Merlin. Their task was to bring him to adulthood and ready him for the revelation that he was the only son of the dreaded Uther Pendragon, king of the land in which they dwelt. Arthur entered a cave with Merlin, and then fell into a deep sleep, a sleep that had him journey to Avalon, where he met his real mother and father, a sleep filled with dreams of things past, and things yet to come. The climax of the play saw him removing the sword from the stone.

The set was simple, but effective: huge light-tubes formed the interior of a forest, a house, and a cave. Giant masks transformed Arthur's adoptive parents into characters from the underworld. The music was loud and powerful, evoking feelings of sadness, fear and joy. The children were transfixed.

The logistics of moving so many children into Manchester, across a busy street and into the theatre, are daunting, yet, as always when the Junior Division children are taken on educational visits, the task was made easy by their exceptional behaviour. The party returned to school with 246 happy and contented children and 15 relaxed and stress-free staff. A 'dream' of an occasion!

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The nursery Summer excursion was inspired by their topic, *On the Farm*. The children and staff were very fortunate to be able to visit Home Farm at Tatton Park. Although the day started out extremely wet, by the time the coach had deposited the party at the farm, the sun had come out to play.

The children thoroughly enjoyed feeding, stroking and observing the animals. At first hand, they were able to experience the diversity and size of the natural world from hens, pigs and piglets to enormous shire horses and skittish goats. Adults and children learned a great deal. The trip was made complete by some time on the adventure playground where the children, and staff, were able to run off any excess energy.

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## Outdoor Activities Club

This year has seen a surge in the number of pupils involved in the outdoor trips with both boys and girls contributing at different times and in varying proportions to the groups. The Autumn term has always been a time for many trips to take place and this year ran true to form. The late September camping trip has, in the past few years, generally started on a camp site, then moved on to wilder places, with a high camp in the hills. Sadly, this year was the exception, with a campsite at Side Farm on Ullswater. A long traverse of High Street and Loadpot Hill began in showers, but the day cleared to give excellent visibility, if remaining somewhat windy. A twisted ankle saw one student's weekend curtailed, but the rest had a splendid moonlit dinner and then a very windy ascent of Hallsfell Ridge on Blencathra, departing for home just as the promised afternoon downpours began.

Later on that term, a visit was made to the Cheshire Outdoor Centre on Anglesey where the group had a chance to try raft building and sea kayaking. After a very long journey to North Wales, Bangor Youth Hostel provided a welcome haven from where sea-kayaking took place on Saturday morning. After much compulsory dunking, a climb up local hills was made in the afternoon

with a large meal to follow.

On Sunday, Newborough Warren sand dunes provided early sport before the raft building programme in the afternoon. The centre's facilities allow pupils to experience a full range of activities which it would be difficult to cover in school.

The next trip took everyone who wished to go underground on a caving weekend in Yorkshire. Some come along simply for the hill walking, whilst there are others for whom this is their only trip in the year, as they mainly enjoy squirming below ground, getting wet and muddy. Even past members of staff return for this annual pilgrimage and it was pleasant to welcome Mrs. Stutchbury back as a helper. The caves were in fine condition: the Ribblehead caves provided a good introduction followed by the classic Browgill-Calf Holes through-trip, with the customary moonlight exit. The final cave was a trip down Long Churn as far as the first roped pitch before returning home. The hill walkers conquered all of the Three Peaks in the course of the weekend. By way of a contrast, the last trip of the term involved some problem solving and navigation, with prizes to be won for a successful completion of all challenges. The area around the Roaches provided a suitable backdrop for this.

Spring term began with a one-day

walk around a misty Pendle Hill and a visit to the famous café at Barley, where the highlight is the soup with dumplings that can be sampled part way round. However, this time, it was just too full to get in, so MacDonald's had to suffice! As the weather at this time of year is less than predictable, Youth Hostels provide the accommodation for weekend trips. This time Snowdon Ranger was the venue for an excellent weekend, but no snow was in evidence. Nevertheless, the Nantlle ridge was traversed almost to the sea, with an exchange of van keys half way. The second day was spent in a very wet ascent of Snowdon which ended unfortunately, as some of the group returned to find that the minibus had been broken into and personal effects stolen. It is a reminder of the need for constant care even in remote areas.

A second visit to the Conway Centre on Anglesey centred on the empty and cold Rowen Youth Hostel which is reached by a very steep hill that a loaded minibus could not climb. The first day involved raft building with attempts to sink staff, then an afternoon on the high ropes course – very high! Some pupils overcame very real fears here, in making the Leap of Faith to a trapeze bar, swinging over the void from the top of a telegraph pole. On the second day, a walk up onto the Carneddau in spring sunshine finished the weekend nicely.

Finally, in the Spring term, a strong group of sixth-formers, plus old boys and an old girl, made their way to Braemar Youth Hostel for the Scottish Mountaineering Trip. The first day was outstanding, with blue skies, and snow on the ground. In warm, summer-like weather, the team walked in to a high camp in the Cairngorms via Ben Macdui, the second highest peak in Scotland. Thereafter, the weather deteriorated, but a safe traverse of the Cairngorm plateau was made, followed by a very wet and misty traverse of the White Mount to Lochnagar the day after. The rain stopped and the sun shone on the last morning, so everyone enjoyed the view from the top of Morrone, outside Braemar, before travelling home for the holidays.

The summer term involved as much activity as ever, but as this is written, only the long walk on the Gritstone Trail has taken place. A fine day, around the south west Dark Peak, took in Dane Bridge and Hanging Rock. Many pupils came along to enjoy yet another successful outing.



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### PGL Holiday

Forty-four excited children from Years 5 and 6 left the Rock Block car park at 6.30am for their journey to northern France. All was going well until a fishermen's strike at Calais resulted in all the normal ferry traffic being diverted to the Channel Tunnel. Sadly, a pre-booked crossing through the tunnel counted for nothing and the party was delayed for three hours. Fortunately, the fine weather and a nearby adventure playground meant that time went more quickly than had been feared. Still, the PGL centre, Le Pre Catalan at Hardelot Plage, was reached only just in time for dinner.

On Saturday, the group visited the market town of Montreuil, saw how honey is made at a bee museum and enjoyed a trip to the ten pin bowling at Boulogne. A busy day indeed, but in the evening there was still time for a quiz night.

Sunday was equally busy. The morning was spent at *Nautica* – Boulogne's superb aquarium, and the World War I cemetery at Wimille. The afternoon saw the children taking part in a variety of activities and problem solving within the grounds of the centre. The Sunday evening meal was one of the highlights of the weekend as the menu boasted *cuisse de grenouille* and *l'escargots* – frogs legs and snails! Most children were brave enough to sample these unusual delicacies.

The final night was disco night, which was held in a proper night-club. Everyone enjoyed the Cha Cha Slide and dancing on podiums. On Monday, a brisk walk around the old town of Boulogne and a visit to the hypermarket preceded the return home. All in all, it was a very busy weekend which certainly gave everyone a taste of France.

GDJ

### Cumrae Sailing Weeks

This year's trip to Cumrae took place at the end of August. Twenty eight pupils participated, eight from the Girls' Division. Dr Hollis and Mr Edwards drove the minibuses and Hannah Edwards was in charge of the luggage van. School Governor, Mike Forbes, a keen sailor, joined the group for the week.

The group had the use of a *Sunfast 37 Somerled* and an *Elan 36 Santa Vey* for cruising in the Firth of Clyde. James Brett and Alex Williams particularly benefited from their time on these boats on excursions to Brodick, Rothesay and



Inverkip. Their helming and crewing skills developed considerably in the centre's *Somerled*.

When not cruising, boys and girls sailed a variety of performance craft in conditions that made Redesmere look very tame. The standard of instruction was very professional and wholeheartedly supportive and friendly.

On Friday morning, the centre held a regatta for the group in Picos and training boats with trapezes and spinners. Outright winner was Adam Smith. First lady was Rebecca Porter. Rising stars were Ben Arnold and Alison Smith. Alison deserves special mention for making one of the best timed and successful starts that the race officer had seen.

### Y7 Thorpe Farm Trip

The Year 7 pupils had their first taste of the King's outdoor pursuits programme during the first few weeks of the autumn term. Each Year 7 form headed into the Peak District for a series of adventures accompanied by their form tutors and members of staff. Staying in a bunkhouse at Thorpe Farm, Hathersage, the pupils started the evening with a trek and scramble up to High Neb on Stanage Edge. Ambushing the staff from the cover of the ferns formed an essential part of the evening's entertainment. After dinner and helping with the cooking and washing up chores, the pupils played various games or entertained each other and the staff with talent shows.

Setting off from Grindleford Station,

the next day comprised a more challenging trek through Bole Hill Woods up past Millstone Edge to Over Owl Tor, Higger Tor and the storming of the ancient fort on Carl's Walk. As the groups made their way back to Grindleford via Padley Gorge, many chip butties were consumed at the station café before returning to school.

All the pupils got to know each other, their form tutors and staff in a fun but challenging environment which left them all looking forward to further adventures together.

### Y9 Edale Camp

As a continuation of the outdoor pursuits programme that the pupils started in Y7, the Y9 pupils set off in their form groups for the annual trek and camp at Upper Booth, Edale. After checking their tents and equipment at school, and being dropped off at various points around the Edale Valley, the pupils trekked as independent groups and navigated their way to a rendezvous at Upper Booth campsite. Pitching their own tents and cooking their evening meal proved an entertaining learning experience for many. Pupils then settled down for the night to build up their energies for the challenges of the next day.

Breakfasting on bacon butties, incinerated to various degrees, fuelled the pupils for the day's trek over and along the heights of Rushop Edge, Hollins Cross and Lose Hill to their goal of the café in Hope village. Enjoying the



adventure of being out in the wilds, taking charge of their own welfare and helping out their team members proved a valuable learning experience for all and encouraged many to sign up for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



## Year 1 Visit to Lower Moss Woods

In May, Year 1 went to Lower Moss Wood to see how the animals and birds lived in the forest. They met Ray, and his two dogs, who took the children around, seeing a tree that would still be growing in two thousand years and whose trunk was bigger than the whole party standing in a huge circle. The children acted out the life of a nettle because nettles are very important to all the animals in the forest.

The children saw a blackbird's nest with five blue eggs and found out why rabbits build their homes in the side of a hill - so they don't get wet. Lots of birds were singing and one kept calling out 'teacher, teacher'. On the way back, the children found the cottage where Santa's helpers live, but could not go in because they were asleep - Ray said they were working nights that week.



In the afternoon, the group went pond dipping and caught all sorts of strange creatures in the nets but no fish. Ray showed the children a toad and then magicked another one for them, out of his special stick.

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## Year 1 Visit to Macclesfield Forest

On Wednesday 3 November, the Year 1 classes travelled to the Macclesfield Forest. During the first half-term of the year, the Year 1 classes were comparing the difference between town and country.

The day out began with a brisk walk through the forest. On the way, the children observed features such as animal tracks and habitats and enjoyed the autumn colours. After lunch, all the children searched for as many natural colours as possible to stick onto a colour palette. Even the adults were amazed at the variety of colours available.

Great excitement then ensued when the party set off on a minibeast hunt with their magnifying glasses. The day was blessed with good weather and an enjoyable day was had by all.

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## Year 1 at Stapeley Water Gardens

The Year 1 children enjoyed an interesting day out exploring a range of environments at Stapeley Water Gardens.

Following the work done in school on habitats, the children had a chance to see, for themselves, contrasting environments and habitats whilst searching for camouflaged creatures and watching the antics of the Cotton Top Tamarins.

In the *Tunnel of Underwater Life* there were many brightly coloured species, the blind Cavefish, poisonous fish and the vegetarian fish that eats lettuce, sweetcorn, peas and tomatoes!

Next, a wander through the humid rainforest conditions of the Tropical House in search of banana and pineapple plants and the Giant Amazon Water Lily left everyone feeling very hot and sticky.

A picnic in the Italian Garden added to a brilliant day out observing anything from sharks to Suzie the Burmese Python, from harvest mice to snapping turtles. With an excellently behaved group of children, this was a super trip, that made a wonderful end to a year's very hard work.



## School Trips

### Year Two at Tatton Park

Following a topic on the Victorians in the summer term, the year 2 children went on a visit to Tatton Park Hall. The children dressed up as Victorian servants and took a step back in time.

When they arrived at the hall they were met by the housekeeper who checked their hands and assigned



them their jobs for the day. Their tasks included making beds, polishing brass, scrubbing stone floors and baking scones. They had a fabulous day and learned a good deal, but they all agreed that eating the scones was the best bit.

### Year Two: Heritage Centre School Rooms

As part of their topic on Victorian life, the Year 2 children visited the school rooms of the Heritage Centre. They dressed in pinafores, mop caps and breeches and they sampled the life of a Victorian child.

The teachers were very strict and many children found it difficult to work in silence. They were expected to use pen and ink and they could only speak when they were spoken to. The children also saw a mill worker's home and they learned about the terrible conditions that people had to endure. The visit taught the children a lot and it was a great way to bring history to life.

### Year 2 India Week

The Year 2 children studied India as their country topic this year and they received a visit from Mrs Coyne who brought along many artefacts and told

of many experiences from her visit to that country. The children also enjoyed an Indian meal, dressed in typical costumes and listened to Indian music.

### Year 3 Quarry Bank Mill

The whole of Year 3 excitedly set off once again on their annual combined Geography/Science trip to Quarry Bank Mill at Styal. A very busy day lay ahead with a full programme of study, to learn more about rivers and, in particular, the River Bollin and to visit the woods and ponds for hands on study of mini-beasts!

The grey day did not lower spirits as groups set off with guides, armed with nets, twelve sticks and lots more equipment for the first session. 3LT learnt about erosion and how it was controlled along the paths and woodland habitats. They were amazed to learn that the humble oak tree was the habitat of up to 200 species of mini-beasts and worked hard as a team to observe, measure and record the flow of the river at various points, while thoroughly enjoying the sight of a fish swimming to the surface to gobble down, in one, a dog biscuit that had been thrown in for them.

The pond dipping session was a huge success, with a great variety of creatures being netted, including numerous leeches. The woods proved just as exciting, as groups of children found and observed with their magnifiers a whole array of slugs, spiders and insects. One pupil in 3LT's group even created his own habitat for the wildlife in the woods.

All in all, this was a very good day's work – one which aimed not only to consolidate knowledge about rivers and to teach more about mini-beasts and their habitats, but also one that tried to foster an appreciative and caring attitude towards all types of animals and their environment.

Although many children arrived back at school distinctly tired, muddy and wet, it was worth it. A huge thank you is also due to the parents who bravely offered to help: the trip could not have been managed without them.

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### Year 5 at Bramall Hall

It was a wet and windy day when Year 5 squashed onto a coach, along with their trusty teachers and some loyal mums. All were bound for Bramall Hall, to take part in a Tudor Experience, and all were excited.

On arrival at the hall, the party was

split into three groups, and first up for my group was a Tudor handwriting lesson. Fantastic! Now others could experience my class's handwriting skills. Surprisingly, they all did very well, so it's lessons in quill pen and ink from now on! We were able to sit in a Tudor chapel where we were told all about the Reformation, and learnt about customs surrounding births, deaths and marriages. Much to her disgust (but to everyone else's delight) Lydia Norman (alias Lady Penelope) was promised in marriage to Daniel Hughan (Sir William), as she was getting a bit too old not to be betrothed!

We saw a Tudor bedroom, which had a four poster bed with a "roof" on it, just in case the ceiling caved in! We were also able to witness a priesthole in the bedroom, and although we did try to leave some of the boys shut in there, they escaped eventually. The children were disgusted at the thought of putting pigs in bags to warm up the beds, but learned that this was also a good way to get rid of the fleas from the mattresses.

Perhaps the favourite activity of the day was when three of the class got to dress up in full Tudor costume and pose for photographs. They weren't allowed to smile, as that wasn't the done thing in the Tudor age. The three children chosen fitted their roles perfectly, and although I won't, of course, name the girl chosen to be the rather pompous Lady of the House, it is enough just to express my sympathy to Maria and Eddie Auslander, who have to live with her! On the whole, a good time was had by all, and the trip has proved to be a very valuable learning experience.

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### Y6 at Macclesfield Silk Heritage Centre

Year 6 pupils and their teachers spent a day at the Silk Heritage Centre in Macclesfield in order to complement their studies of the Victorian era. The groups attended three sessions in rotation.

They experienced life in a Victorian schoolroom, where they had to write in their best handwriting or they were in trouble with the schoolma'am! They handled artefacts from those days and found great difficulty in identifying their uses.

Finally, they experienced life as a Victorian family, in a suitably darkened living room where they dressed in period costume and played some of the children's games of the time.

*JTS*

**Charities**

We have had a successful year, our efforts having raised over £10,000 for charities, local and national.

It is almost unfair to mention a few examples when so many people have contributed so much, but a successful small-scale event was the raising of £92 for *Farm Africa*, a charity which seeks to help villages in the Third World by providing them with goats in order that they can provide food for themselves.

The annual sponsored read by Year 7 was especially successful: the event raised well over two thousand pounds. This money was used to sponsor two children in the Third World and the remainder went to charities suggested by the students who had taken part in the read.

Every Division in the School contributes: the Junior Division has regular collections, and the Sixth Form raised more than ever from their Fashion Show in December.

It is appropriate to mention that not all our work involves raising money. We send toiletries to a charity in Manchester; our huge load of Christmas boxes was sent to the Middle East this year, and many of our Sixth Form students do voluntary work as part of their Wednesday afternoon activities.

That we achieve so much is a tribute to the team spirit for which King's is famous.

**Sixth Form Charity Fundraising**

At the start of the year Sixth Form students made individual collections for Macclesfield Borough Flag Day, raising a total of £246 for Barnardo's.

At Christmas, students again collected vast quantities of toiletries that were sent to the *Lifeshare* project for homeless people in Manchester. The sale of silk roses for Valentine's Day raised £575 that was donated to the Kirsty Appeal (Francis House) and the Children's Heart Federation.

**Junior Charity Fundraising**

**Non-uniform day for UNICEF**

Over £360 was raised for UNICEF when children and staff came to school in casual dress on this day.

**French Café**

One of the busiest areas of the Junior Division on Open Morning was *Le Café du Roi*, sited within the Infant Hall. Madame Johnson and her Year 5 assistants served coffee and patisserie throughout the morning, raising over

£110 in the process. The proceeds are to be donated to the international aid charity, *Medecins sans Frontieres*.

**Harvest Gifts to Winlowe Flats**

Over forty Year 6 children visited the local sheltered accommodation at Winlowe Flats in order to present harvest gifts to the residents. They were delighted to receive a visit from our youngsters and enjoyed their conversations. The children visited again at Christmas time, to sing carols.

**Children in Need Day**

Over £500 was raised for the BBC's *Children in Need* appeal, thanks mainly to a non-uniform day where children and staff paid £1 for the privilege of attending school in casual dress. There was also a variety of individual fund-raising efforts.

**MedEquip4Kids**

Junior School children took part in a sponsored event to raise funds for the children's charity *MedEquip4Kids*. The final total raised amounted to £891.97, thanks in part to a sum of £78.09 which was raised by the Year 4 Post Office, selling over 2500 stamps in the process! Local fund-raising manager, Mr Sid Richards, returned to a Junior School assembly to thank all involved in raising the excellent total.

**Comic Relief Day**

A total of £368.50 (£216.71 from the Junior School and £151.79 from the Infants) was raised for Comic Relief as a result of the non-uniform day and associated fund-raisers.

**Infant School Bounceathon**

The Infant children took part in a number of sponsored bouncing activities in support of the *HappyDays* charity which aims to support terminally-ill

children by arranging much-needed holidays for them. The Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children all participated in a bouncing obstacle course involving trampettes and space-hoppers, whilst Year 2 had to bounce for a mile on space-hoppers.

In order to reach the money target, Mrs Warburton also joined in and photographic evidence provided much hilarity for her colleagues. The Bounceathon raised over £2000, 75% of which was given to *Happy Days*, with the remainder being used in school for outdoor play equipment.

**Junior School Sponsored Skip**

The Junior School children also took part in a sponsored skip in aid of the British Heart Foundation. During the summer term, children were seen enjoying the advantages of skipping during break times and, in their sponsored event, they raised over £2500 for the BHF.



## Clubs and Societies

### Cumberland Street Chess Club

The Chess Club met every Wednesday lunchtime throughout the first two terms and during the first two weeks of the Summer term so that the knockout competition could be completed.

Highlights of the first term included house matches for Years 7 to 9. These were very successful, with the Year 7 houses often having reserves in addition to their 6 man teams. Played on a league basis, every board was fiercely contested. In Year 7, the winners were Adlington, in Year 8, Capesthorne and, in Year 9, Capesthorne again.

Meanwhile, 'friendly' matches continued with several Sixth formers turning up. David North vs Andrew Kenyon must be one of the longest



running contests of all time, with the scores well into 3 figures! Charles Gilman (pictured) of 7 CAM was one of many challenging Mr Laurence on a regular basis, the difference being that from time to time he was actually the victor! Charles distinguished himself in the London Junior Chess Championships over Christmas and also played in other congresses, so it was perhaps not surprising that he should emerge winner of the Blake Trophy, defeating Steven Cross, of 8KEE, in the final. Twenty three boys took part, not only seeking individual glory, but also striving to earn house points.

### Junior Division Chess

Chess continued to be a popular lunchtime activity this year, with Mr Jones' room often being filled to bursting at lunchtimes. The Year 5s and 6s took

part in a variety of competitions. The results being as follows:

Year 6 Inter Form Champions: 6JEB  
 Year 5 Inter Form Champions: 5NS  
 Year 5/6 House Champions: Gawsworth  
 Year 5 Knockout winner: Will Smith  
 Year 6 Knockout winner: Josh Berry

Chess Ladder winner: Siddh Bhatnagar

GDJ

### First Lego League

This was a fantastic opportunity to learn about team building, strategic planning and technical engineering whilst having great fun playing with Lego.

The *First Lego League* is an international challenge set every year to compete against other schools and colleges to design and programme a robot that will perform a number of challenging tasks. All this is set within a theme and this year's theme was *Disability*.

The large group of pupils who came to the club on a Thursday after school had a tight schedule to meet. In eight weeks, they had to learn about the challenges that the robot had to undertake, design and make the parts for the robot, plan the strategy to carry out these tasks, and learn how to programme the brick. They also had to prepare presentations on the theme of disability and organise a technical presentation that explained how they had organised the construction of the robot. This was very challenging in the time available, and it is fair to say Mr Nichols and Mr Richards had to work very hard to support and control the flow of ideas and suggestions.

The challenges that the team had to meet ranged from some relatively simple tasks, such as picking up and returning a pair of glasses, dropping a basketball into a net, to the very complex, such as serving dinner onto a table, recognising different coloured bus stops, opening gates and, finally, climbing a set of stairs. The team had to develop a rapid change unit so that different parts could be added to the robot to complete different challenges.

The team members worked well and, by competition day at the Mulberry



Sports Centre, were in good shape to compete. Under the full glare of a packed arena, the King's team scored a first round win on the robot challenge, taking them through to the quarter final. This was where King's went out last year. With some changes to the strategy, the team went to battle and qualified for the semi final. In the semi final, they were up against possibly the best robot in the competition. With some more changes to strategy, the team managed to get through to the final by just five points. It was very close indeed.

In the final, disaster struck. The robot ran out of batteries and the team had to change them. With fresh power came lots of problems and control of the robot was lost, leaving the challengers to win easily.

Everybody was delighted with the way the robot had worked. It was a credit to those who went to compete on the day and to those who had played their part by helping to develop the robot during that eight week scramble.

King's came back from the competition with two trophies: one was for the runners up in the robot challenge and, to his great surprise, Mr Nichols won the most outstanding teacher award.

The group are now working on the next challenge, *Ocean Odyssey* and hoping for more success next time around.

### French Club

Madame Johnson's French Catch-up Club took to the hockey pitches during the Summer Term when pupils from Years 5 and 6 learnt, in French, to master the game of *pétanque*.

The popularity of the club grew rapidly (helped by some Mediterranean weather conditions) as did the skills of the young players. By the end of term, there were some exciting matches and some very encouraging French conversations among the pupils. Bravo! C'est super!

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**Horse and Pony Club**

On Monday lunchtimes, an enthusiastic group of Year 5 pupils and Mrs Eardley met to spend a pleasant half hour talking about horses. The group discussed the evolution of the horse, native British horses and ponies, coat colours and markings. All attendees were measured with Mrs Eardley’s measuring stick to determine their height in hands.

Towards the end of the term the group began working on a project for next year – a hobby-horse gymkhana. Several hobby-horse heads were made, ready to be attached to suitable bodies (hockey sticks) and rosettes were prepared ready for the Autumn term. Tally ho!

**Birdwatching Club**

Two keen Year 5 twitchers, George Walker and Christopher Manak, organised a weekly get-together for other bird watching enthusiasts through the Junior Division. George and Christopher prepared weekly information sheets to assist young birdwatchers and, helped by mums, Mrs Walker and Mrs Hanak, produced details of suitable bird watching venues for holiday viewing.

Mrs Hanak organised an RSPB Great Schools Birdwatch event in May in the Ginko Meadow and results were entered onto the RSPB website.

**Duke of Edinburgh**

This year’s Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition went to the Brecon Beacons. All three groups managed to complete the expedition in some of the worst weather possible. They coped well

with “basic” campsites and showed good character at difficult times. The 18 pupils involved were a credit to the award and the school.

Next year we have further increased the numbers at all levels: 75 – Bronze; 52 – Silver; 38 – Gold.

This shows the way in which the award is now being viewed as a very valuable addition to academic qualifications.

**Target Two Point Zero**

On 30 November 2004 a team of four Year 13 economics students entered the *Target 2.0* competition run by the Bank of England.

The competition involves deciding whether the interest rate should be changed to meet the government’s target rate of inflation of 2.0%.

The students prepared a Powerpoint presentation then fielded questions about their proposal to maintain the interest rate at 4.5%.

The team comprised Adam Brassington, Sarah Waddingham, Max Robertson and Lewis Mellor, supported by Rob Barker and Michael Davis. The team was placed second and found the day very informative and worthwhile.

**Young Enterprise**

The Economics and Business Studies Department ran three *Young Enterprise* groups consisting of over thirty Year 12 students. Each group had a link teacher to guide them and an advisor from industry. The aim of the scheme is for each group to form a company and to trade

for a year with a view to making a profit. In addition to this, *Young Enterprise* is a national competition and our students have taken part in regional trade fairs and presentational evenings.

The three companies: *Break Even*, *Product Dynamics* and *Sold Clothing* all worked hard during the year and recognised that making money is not always as easy as it seems.

All the students then undertook the *Young Enterprise* examination set by OCR.

*Young Enterprise* is a great scheme which encourages students to work as teams as well as improving leadership and presentational skills. Students enjoy undertaking the programme and gain much from it.

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**Sixth Form Fashion Show**

The stage was set. The audience was packed into the venue. Fashion designers from all over the world (well, perhaps one or two from Macclesfield, at least) were clamouring for the event to start. The anticipation in the air was palpable. The occasion – The King’s School Fashion Show 2004!

The show opened with ten male models (fronted flamboyantly by Chris Moore) exhibiting formal attire from *Burton’s* in Macclesfield, to the tune of *Smooth Criminal*. This was followed by the first routine from the ladies, showing off their evening wear from *Birdcage* in Macclesfield. This format



continued throughout the evening, punctuated with some finely choreographed dance routines from the ten female dancers. Even the staff took to the catwalk, modelling clothes from *Marks and Spencer*, *Annie's* and *Best Man*, among others, with Mr Parkes in particular swinging a very fine shoe.

The show was presented by the ever-charismatic Richard Madden (afterwards described by Mr Andrew as a 'lounge lizard') and the vivacious Claire Winstanley, who were joined at various points throughout the evening by Mrs T, who proceeded to use her wit and charm to take even more money from the audience during the raffle.

The show turned out to be a resounding success, and a great experience for those involved, thanks in no small part to the organisational skills of Francesca Bernard, Lucy Horton and Mrs McArthur. The fantastic stage decorations were designed and fabricated by Jay Mosedale. The end result of the show was that £2700 was raised for *Christie's Against Cancer* and local charity shops.

*Robin McArthur*

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## Friends of King's

This was another enjoyable and successful year for the Friends of King's. The usual events (including Parents' Luncheons, the Beaujolais Evening, the Summer Ball and, most significantly, the Christmas Fair) were held, raising money for the 6th Form Common Room, for the Big Band, for the Sailing Club and for various departments in the Senior School. Over the year, a total of £10,757 was raised, and £4,129 has so far been allocated to the school. FoK also supports the Quincentenary Bursary Scheme with a donation of £1,000 each year.

As well as the fund-raising, FoK fosters the enjoyment of the social aspects of all these events. As a new initiative this year, several year group coffee mornings have been held, hoping to encourage more parents to become actively involved with FoK. These have proved both popular and useful. It is hoped that some of those who have shown interest will augment the committee, which every parent can join, and so ensure the future success of the organisation: a large number of

the current committee will be stepping down over the next two years as their children leave the school.

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## English Civil War Day

Colonel Granville Thomas of the *Sealed Knot* English Civil War re-enactment society came to King's in March to enhance our pupils' understanding of this seminal, and often overlooked, period of British history. The event took place in the Fence Avenue hall, with the boys attending in the morning and the girls in the afternoon.

To explain the causes and outbreak of the war, Colonel Thomas organised the children into groups based on their possible allegiances in 1642 and engaged them in a role play exercise. He then explained the main features of the Civil Wars of 1642-6 to them and there was an opportunity for the pupils to experience the arms, armour, dress and lifestyle of the period.

Later, Colonel Thomas took the pupils to the field at the rear of the Fence Avenue site in order to give them a practical demonstration of seventeenth century musketry and artillery fire. He loaded and fired a matchlock musket (with wadding only!), and a falconet (a small cannon, again, without cannon ball, although some of the students did not realise this!)

A most educational and enjoyable day was had by all concerned.

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## Junior Maths Challenge

Excellent results were achieved by several children from Years 5 and 6 in the National Junior Maths Challenge, which is actually aimed at students in Years 7 and 8. Bronze awards were won by Becky Grimes, Matthew Arnold, Chris Ward and Yiyu Xiang, and silver went to Eleanor Strutt, Elizabeth Bell, Joshua Berry and Christopher Hanak (who was only in Year 5).

Sean Wilson and David Moores, who was the youngest child in Year 5, went one better, and received gold awards, outstanding achievements for children so young.

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## King's Wildlife Week

One of the highlights of this school year was the King's Wildlife Week. Over the summer half-term, the Junior Division entrance hall was transformed into a stimulating, informative and beautiful





wildlife resource centre. The excellent late spring weather also played its part in stimulating children to look at the environment around the school, as well as their environment at home.

The informative tree guide and Ginkgo Meadow Trail provided excellent input for families to explore the school grounds and the informative talks given by local experts proved to be very popular. Tribute must be paid to parent, Mrs Jane Roberts, who worked so hard to prepare and promote the Wildlife Week with great support from Mrs Hanak and Mrs Eardley. The week was an outstanding success and it is hoped to make this an annual event.

### Junior Mock Elections

Many people may well have been heartily tired of election broadcasts by the time voting day arrived, but the Junior Division children were not. The Year 6 children (with some help from their form teachers) developed their own 'political' parties, namely the United Students (6JEB), the Pupils' Union Party (6CHM) and the Orange Party (6GDJ). They created their own policies (some of which were realistic, others merely fanciful!), and presented them to the school at assemblies where the jargon and terms associated with an election were clearly explained. The respective leaders even withstood a barrage of questions at the hustings.

The party leaders were suitably charismatic; indeed Joshua Berry's barnstorming delivery of his party's policies earned him the Robert Batchelor Prize for his 'statesmanship'. After three weeks of frantic activity, which included all manner of incentives from

the respective parties to vote for them, the votes were counted as follows:

Berry, Joshua	United Students	78 votes
Marshall, Elizabeth	Pupils' Union Party	99 votes
Ward, Christopher	Orange	63 votes.

Thus, Elizabeth Marshall was duly elected the representative for the 'constituency' of King's Juniors. (The US party's idea of heated toilet seats may have been a potential vote-winner but the electorate were not to be swayed by the promise.)

This activity proved to be of tremendous benefit to all the children, involving them as it did with the national election (of lesser importance, of course!) in a fun way. It will be interesting to see how many of the PUP's policies come to fruition.

### Harvest Festival

The Nursery children took part in an informal harvest celebration. Parents were invited to hear their children sing, dance and recite action rhymes all connected to Autumn and harvest time. The class had only been in school for a few weeks and parents were amazed at the confidence with which their three year olds joined in the concert.

After the celebrations, parents were invited to join us for refreshments. This proved to be a lovely afternoon where our youngest members of the school were able to demonstrate their talents.

The staff would like to say thank you to all parents for the wonderful harvest baskets that came into school. The gifts went to the Salvation Army who distributed them to those in need.

JH

### Nursery Soup Party

The Nursery children invited their mums and dads to a special Soup Party. The special part was that they had made the vegetable soup (under the supervision of Mrs Hankinson, Mrs Davies and Miss Mauro!) themselves!

### Orienteering

It has been an eventful year for the orienteering club with 20 events all over the North West, East Midlands, Yorkshire and the West Midlands. The club benefited from help given by other staff new to the sport, namely Jane Barratt, Debbie Baker and Gareth Jones.

Elliot Malkin was the orienteer who made the most progress and who recorded some of the best results. He managed to beat both Mr O'Donnell and Mr Colville during the year. He is pictured below in the 2005 British Schools Score Championships.



Other good results were posted by Robert Wreglesworth, Christian Bridge, Robbie Smith, Dominic Hall and Jenny Campbell, all of whom represented Manchester and District (along with Elliot) on a number of occasions.

One of the best individual results of the year was achieved by Katherine Baker, who won one day of an international event held in the Easter holidays.

### Junior Orienteering

Orienteering is, perhaps, the fastest growing sport in the Junior Division with over forty children competing during the year. Pupils from Years 5

## Variae

and 6 took part in eight events over varied terrain, ranging from the woods of Delamere Forest and Brereton Heath to the open moorland of Lyme Park.

The children began in pairs on a yellow course of about 1–2 km with some difficulty, before progressing to an orange course, about 2–3 km of moderate difficulty. Checkpoints would be located and electronic 'dibbers' recorded competitors' progress. At the finish, the instantaneous results usually caused much discussion, often about who managed the final sprint to the finish line in the quickest time.

Several teachers and parents took the opportunity to give orienteering a try, including Mr Jones, Mrs Baker, Mrs Cole and Mr Atkinson. The pupils certainly enjoyed the occasions when they were able to beat the teachers!

*GDJ*

### Skiing

This year the school ski trip was resurrected and thirty five pupils, with five staff, went to La Plagne in the French Alps. We arrived to the biggest snow fall of the year. The journey to the resort was by coach and we were delayed for four hours because of the weather. When we eventually made it, we were given a very welcome meal and settled in to our accommodation.

The snow did not stop for three days! The coach was stuck in the resort and needed to be replaced as it gave in to the arctic conditions. The pupils found the conditions for skiing excellent. The lessons began on day one and everybody made good, quick progress. By day three, the sun was out and we had a 'perfect powder day'. These do not come along often in the Alps, and the more advanced skiers and snowboarders were able to make the most of the conditions.

The week continued to provide some of the best snow conditions I have experienced in the alps. With evening activities of ice skating, sledging, snowballing and a disco there was much for everyone to do. In all, the trip was a great success. The behaviour of the pupils of all ages was first class and 'a good time was had by all'. In 2006, the school is going to Powder Mountain, Utah and the 48 pupil places available have already been filled. There is to be a separate sixth form trip in 2006, also. This is to Meribel in France and involves twenty two pupils. Skiing is popular at King's and the pupils were a credit to themselves and the school last year. Long may this continue.

*JPB*

### Citizenship Day for Year 9

On the 25th February, the Ministry of Defence presentation team came into

school as part of the Year 9 Citizenship Programme. Boys and girls from both divisions came together at Cumberland Street. The morning started with a briefing on the role of the MOD as a government department and on the importance of defence.

The pupils were then put into mixed groups and had an opportunity to learn more on a range of topics, including: Afghanistan - the importance of resolving conflict; human rights issues; Veterans - social responsibility and sacrifice; Heroes Return ; Thought for Food - religious, ethnic and health dimensions in designing service rations; environmental awareness; We were there - ethnic minorities' contributions to defence over 200 years; global communities and diversity issues.

Finally, the pupils were briefed on a fictitious crisis in Decan. They had to role-play as a government cabinet making decisions on how to respond to the situation and then the top team from each group was subjected to a Press Conference where they had to defend their plans to the rest of the students.

It was a fast paced morning which produced a challenging activity. It was great to see the boys and girls working together, a popular way to integrate the two divisions.





## The Diver

His toes curl,  
determined  
as the slugs in his mother's vegetable  
patch, the boy raises his arms.  
The creamy sunset illuminates his muscular  
figure. He inhales deeply, pushing his diaphragm  
downwards like he's been taught, so  
that the butterflies  
in his belly are shrunk to playful moths. He springs,  
agile as the spindly-legged frogs in the park  
opposite his gran's. As he tumbles through the air,  
the familiar thrill, induced  
by this and rollercoasters alone, shoots up his  
belly and erupts in his torso. The wind defines  
his premature wrinkles and his skin is moulded  
easy as clay  
into a Picasso-like sculpture. The disorder  
reflects his state of mind: a multitude of thoughts press against  
his temples; he dismisses them as annoying little buggers  
but as each individual notion becomes obsolete, another  
slips in, quick as the Fido he wishes he'd had,  
to replace it. He sees  
his mis-  
calculation before he feels it. The biting rocks  
soar up to meet him, snapping  
eagerly in anticipation. The last taste  
to grace his tongue is one of  
salty seaweed.

Emily Middleton

Emily Middleton of 11 VCo is Head Girl of the Girls' Division. She was one of the fifteen overall winners of the Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award which is organised by the Poetry Society. The poem that won, printed alongside, is called 'The Diver'.

She visited London on National Poetry Day, for the prize presentation, and was interviewed on the CBBC programme 'Newsround'. The main part of her prize is a week-long poetry-writing course in February at one of the Arvon Foundation's centres.



Calum Patrick Yr 9



Emily Gosling Yr 8



Coffee Table  
by Helen Schofield Yr 11  
Dressing-up Table  
by Mandy Chadwick Y11



## Creative Work

### Man and Woman (I see them in vertical strips)

They choke capriciously on candlelight.  
Devouring a delectable (kosher) dinner,  
She bats her eyelashes at him, sleepy with mascara.  
(You could  
Forgive her; she does not understand that  
Her encouragement  
Is utterly unnecessary.)

The man clutches a briefcase  
During the day, or a spade or a computer  
Mouse. His features are regular, and  
At his address are housed a wife plus  
Kids. On Sundays  
They stroll around the local  
Park (smiling even, with ice creams for the children,  
When I last saw them).

Their evening is still young, yet their  
Lungs are heavy with smog. They have  
That in common.  
(It is in the tiny yet consequential details where one  
Could locate their differences, if she  
Checked.)

When they leave, linking arms, laughing (would you  
Believe it) they are both aware of the  
Establishment just  
Next to the restaurant. As though empowered by the  
Supernatural, the woman's ears seal to the strangled cries  
The building ("somehow, but never mind how") emits.

Man turns his head, instead, to look at the building.  
He nods to the uniformed guard outside it and the  
Corners of his mouth turn up (it could be a smile,  
I don't know in these cloudy times). His partner does  
Not notice.

Descending the spacious boulevard, the couple walk  
Towards the sunset (I watch the shifting, surreal  
Painting through  
Vertical strips.

I wonder if I, an ex-member  
Of the human  
Race, will ever slot into anyone's  
man-woman equation.)

*Emily Middleton*

### Summer

On a hazy summer's day,  
Laughter's heard as children play.  
Sun beams down from a cloudless sky,  
Snoozing parents on deckchairs lie.

Weighed down with bucket and spade  
To build a sandcastle in the shade.  
Others too tired to join in the fun,  
Stretch out on towels, drinking up the sun.

Climb over rocks to escape from sand,  
Mini crab captured in palm of hand,  
Barnacle covered stones help feet grip  
Slippery seaweed, careful not to slip.

Smooth pebbles, a rainbow-coloured shell,  
Seagulls cawing, a salty water smell.  
All these ingredients mixed together  
Create a perfect day in summer.

*Jamie Butterworth Year 8*



*Amelia Woodruf 5NS*



*Ceramic Bowl  
Rhyannon Harding Yr 11*

## Forget

The sun rose over the horizon, closer and hotter than the day before. Its rays stretched down through the atmosphere, becoming trapped underneath the thick layer of pollution, which now enveloped the earth.

As the sky gradually became lighter, details of the landscape could be made out through the swirling smoke and fog. Tall piles of rotting waste were dotted in abundance, replacing the trees that used to grow strong and beautiful out of the green, fertile earth. Among the rubbish, bubbling cesspits and gurgling, brown puddles sucked and spurted, releasing bursts of foul odours that lingered over the dying land.

A small shape emerged out of the smoke. It was the shape of a human girl, the lines of her body blurred and undefined against the dense, syrupy smog. She flitted through the rubbish with bare feet, without noticing the broken glass and toxic liquids that reached up to her ankles. As she reached a temporary break in the fog, her features could be distinguished, illuminated green against the radiation filled sky. Her eyes were abnormally large and the pupils dilated, trying to pick out any light that managed to battle into this dark world. Her skin was as white as bone and her limbs as thin and fragile as old twigs.

Every day this tiny girl left the relative safety of her family's hut and walked miles over the traitorous, poisoned wasteland. The motivation for her insane journey was food. Long before she had been born, even before the world had changed, someone had stored millions of cans of food in a fallout shelter. These cans had survived through everything and were now the only known source of food. The few humans that were left travelled everyday to collect their ration of one tin. When these tins ran out, humans, the last species on earth, would also become extinct.

The sky overhead darkened and darts of fiery rain began falling sharply from the sickly tinged clouds. The raindrops sizzled as they hit the floor and felt hot against the girl's skin. Wrapping her arms tightly around herself, the girl shut her eyes and began to sprint. She ran blindly, hoping to escape the blistering acid that fell disguised as rain. Suddenly with a loud crack, the ground gave way beneath her and she fell forwards into a pit of mud and sludge. The girl lay, covered from head to toe in grime, crying out pitifully like a wounded animal.

A noise next to her made her start suddenly and sit up. She heard the noise again, a slow, rustling, stretching noise, similar to the sounds of an animal waking from hibernation. Something soft brushed against the girl's skin and she leapt up desperately. Slipping and floundering, she felt for the sides of the pit and heaved herself out. With her heart thudding in her neck, she wiped the dirt out of her eyes and watched the edge of the pit.

A quiet scrabbling could be heard as something climbed up the slimy side of the hole. The girl watched with curious fear as a creature emerged over the edge. Its movements were slow and stiff as if it had been dormant for some time and, like the girl, it was covered with filth. It gave a sudden shake and all of the dirt broke away like a shell.

The creature revealed underneath was the most incredible and beautiful thing that the girl had ever seen. Its liquid eyes were huge and round. So many different colours darted and sparkled through them that they seemed to swirl and drift like a mysterious galaxy. The body of the creature was even more remarkable. The different ocean blues, pasture greens and milky whites of its coat blended together and, with every breath the creature took, it seemed to change and flow, like water over sand.

The creature staggered awkwardly three feet away from the hole and then sat down. The girl watched, shivering slightly as it slowly raised its head and looked around. It looked at everything: the polluted streams; the piles of waste; rust and broken concrete lying as far as the eye could see. All of this registered in the creature's mind and as it looked, it began to cry. Its large, crimson tears rolled slowly down its face and onto the floor.

The girl gasped at the creature's tears and it snapped its head around to stare at her. Its eyes bored into hers, questioning and accusing, tears of blood dripping rhythmically from its haunting eyes.

All day the creature did not move from its place and all day it continued to stare at the girl. A small crowd of people gathered around the two of them, all watching the strange, crying creature in fear and curiosity. For a long time, no one spoke or moved, not wanting to startle or anger the creature.

Finally, a thin, wasted looking man made his way forwards. He was very old, older than everyone else and old enough to remember the world as it used to be. He approached the girl and the creature, his hands twitching nervously on his stick. As he drew level with the girl, he stopped, scared and unsure of what to do next. Minutes passed and nobody moved, until the creature slowly turned its attention to the old man. It fixed him with the same piercing stare that it had given the girl, a red film of new tears welling up over its deep, mysterious eyes.

The creature's eyes enchanted the old man and as he looked, memories that he had repressed began to wash over him. He remembered green fields, cool spring days and humid summer nights. He could almost feel a cool sea breeze on his face and hot sand beneath his bare feet. So many beautiful memories hit him at once that he gasped and staggered backwards. He looked at the beautiful, vulnerable creature sitting in front of him and the memories were replaced with a feeling of unbearable guilt and anger. With a cry, the old man lunged forwards and hit the creature with his stick. He hit it again and again, overcome with fury for what the creature had made him feel. The creature didn't resist or fight back; it sat as the man beat it with the stick, its tears falling fast and thicker with every savage stroke.

Suddenly, with one final blow of the stick, the creature fell sideways. Its wonderful, shining eyes blackened and went out; the captivating colours of its coat faded and turned as brown and ugly as the surrounding landscape. The creature took one last gasp of air and crumbled apart, its body adding more dust and dirt to the already covered ground.

The old man turned hurriedly away from the creature's body and pushed through the crowd, ignoring everyone and breathing heavily. Gradually, one by one, the crowd dispersed, already trying to forget. Only the girl was left behind. She knelt down and touched the remains of the creature. She tried to recall the beauty of its eyes, but somehow they were gone forever. Sighing, she stood up and continued the journey that she had begun that morning.

The creature's body lay forgotten next to the pit from which it had emerged, until that, too, became filled up with rubbish and waste. The creature was soon covered. It was never mentioned again. Even when the last humans began to die, they would not speak of it. Everyone refused to remember what the world had been like, before they had destroyed it.

*Charlotte Cox Year 10*



Left: 'Rainforest' by Katharine Fray 4VA  
 Right: 'Tim' by Jamie Hammill & 'Jamie' by Tim Brown 6PA



## What's it all about, Matti?

I still think about her sometimes, Krista, my wife, the girl I thought I'd spend the rest of my life with. She was as beautiful as an angel, with light-brown, curly hair that had golden bits of sun through it. It sparkled like her eyes when she laughed. We laughed together a lot. It was easy to be myself with her, to sing, feel free and play like a child.

We were married on a warm, spring day with our friends around us, cheering us on. The teacher we both loved was a witness to our vows. Who on that wonderful, exciting, best day of my life kinda day could have guessed there was a terrible, dark shadow over our future? I know it's a cliché; however, I was the last to know.

She left without any word, no goodbye, nothing. She'd said she would always love me. Why did she leave? What did I do wrong? I didn't understand, and perhaps I didn't want to. I just knew it hurt to my inner core. A place so deep inside of me I never knew it existed before, before the day I thought the world would end and prayed that it would.

I made it through the next few months like a robot. Repeating those daily tasks, not thinking, not feeling, not caring. Everyone tried to help me, but what could they do to heal the hole in my heart? Time is supposed to be the great healer. I didn't believe it. How much time had to pass to make the overwhelming pain go away, let alone for me to forget? She had promised; did her promise mean nothing?

I don't know how, but I survived the summer and, amazingly, I was promoted in the autumn. I began to work hard to replace Krista in my thoughts. I tried to keep myself from falling in to that dark, unforgiving place. I wanted to forget and move on with my life or, at least, that's what I needed to do. They say it's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. Who's kidding who? Or is that whom?

On the outside, I was excelling. I mean, really finding my stride. Perhaps it would have been the same outcome even if she hadn't left, but I'll never know. As the years passed, I took on new challenges and the darkness moved on, too. I no longer felt it hanging over me and I came out as a butterfly is released from its cocoon. I've learned over the years that life is just one challenge after another, some easier than others. "Life lessons" is what you say to yourself in order to make it over each hurdle. I know as I've said it often enough. I'm in a happy place at the moment, even though I know it may not last. You have to believe that it could.

I've lived my life always trying to be the best person I can be. It's something my Mother constantly told me. She also made sure my brother and I understood how wrong it is to hurt others. You must be honest about your feelings and never betray someone's love. It's one of the most precious things we have to share. She says not to give it freely, but when you do give it, remember always to give it completely.

I know a lot of guys who have never even had a girlfriend and, depending on my mood, I feel sorry for them. Of course, there are those other moments when I wish I could trade places with them. There's still a sore place in my heart, but time has grown a thick scar over it.

No matter how many years pass, you don't forget your first love. Krista, with the dimple in her left cheek that I loved to see because it meant she was smiling. I've gone out with a few girls over the years, but never married again. I'm sure I will one day, just not yet. I've forgiven Krista and now, when I think of her, I can remember the good times, the fun.

It was her parents that tore us apart. They moved back to London and made her go with them. I wonder how she is? Does she ever think of me? Well, I've moved on, too: that was reception class and, of course, I'm much older now.

Matthew King Year 8



BIOGRAPH



*Exhibition at the Portico Gallery in Manchester showing details of work by Helen Hadfield and Lily Dunlop*

# Creative Work

## Habits

My family seem quite normal.  
But not to me-who lives with them!  
My Dad's habits must be the worst  
Driving along using his knees to steer,  
Singing along tunelessly to the radio!  
Ugly, nasty, creepy habits.

My mum has lots of habits too,  
Cleaning the kitchen floor five times a day,  
Insisting we eat lots of vegetables,  
Cleaning away our food before we've finished,  
Vigorously combing my sister's hair,  
Unnecessary, annoying, stupid habits.

My sister really does take the biscuit,  
Music blaring and booming from her room,  
Trying seventeen outfits before she'll go out of the door,  
Spending hours putting on nail varnish,  
Then taking it straight off again!  
Silly, petty, girly habits.

My parents think my habits are annoying too,  
They think I spend too much time on the Play Station,  
Too much shouting at rugby players on the TV,  
They hate the way I spike my hair,  
And dirty my clothes in the garden.  
Wasteful, pointless, dirty habits.

I think I have the only normal habits,  
Soaking the mud from rugby in a hot bath,  
(Who cares about the brown tidemark?)  
Chilling out in front of the TV and Play Station,  
Endless games,  
Relaxing , calming, fantastic habits.

*Jake Knowles*



*The English Department's Young Writer of the Term prose and poetry competitions produced some splendid creative writing. Several of the winners from the Boys' Division have their pieces published in this year's report. Jake Knowles, Year 7, won Young Writer of the Year in 2005. Although he did not win every part of the competition, Jake created a most impressive portfolio.*

## Yellow

Yellow, the colour of happiness,  
a colour of joy.  
Yellow, a neutral colour,  
for a newborn girl or boy.

Yellow, a promise, of warmer days to come,  
a symbol of spring.  
Yellow, a sign of new life,  
when all the birds begin to sing.

Yellow, the sun in a child's picture,  
a colour of fire.  
Yellow, a colour of comfort,  
to make your mood get higher.

Yellow, the foundation of orange and green,  
a basis for all.  
Yellow, a sea of flowers and daffodils,  
responding to nature's call.

Yellow, an acidic, citrus colour,  
the colour of many foods.  
Yellow fruits, healthy for all to enjoy,  
lemon, banana and grapefruit.

Yellow, a colour seen throughout night and day,  
the glow of the moon at night.  
Yellow, a beacon through the ages,  
the hue of an old gas light.

*James Boardman Year 8*

*Tranquil Sea by Greg Booker 3LT*



## Who is it?

He is a monkey, cheeky and active;  
When elevenses come, he's always there.  
He is the crack of dawn. As the light comes in,  
Fruit is his disguise, small and compact.

Sits on a bar stool, small and compact,  
Riding a milk float, down memory lane.  
Microwave is his motto; he waits for the ding;  
Novel is his type, quiet yet interesting.

The colour red he represents, bright and lively,  
Useful as a cake knife, a two inch  
Stapler comes to mind, in the stationery section.  
Caring as a hospital, he gets you on your feet.

Wearable as a pair of shoes, unpolished but simple;  
Skiing is his sport, thrilling and relaxing.  
Music is the French horn, with plenty of air;  
Sturdy, convincing and as natural as a tree.

*William Holden Year 9*



## Teachers, teachers

Teachers, teachers, how they preach us,  
Trying their hardest just to teach us.  
Telling us to get our homework done,  
When we would rather have some fun!

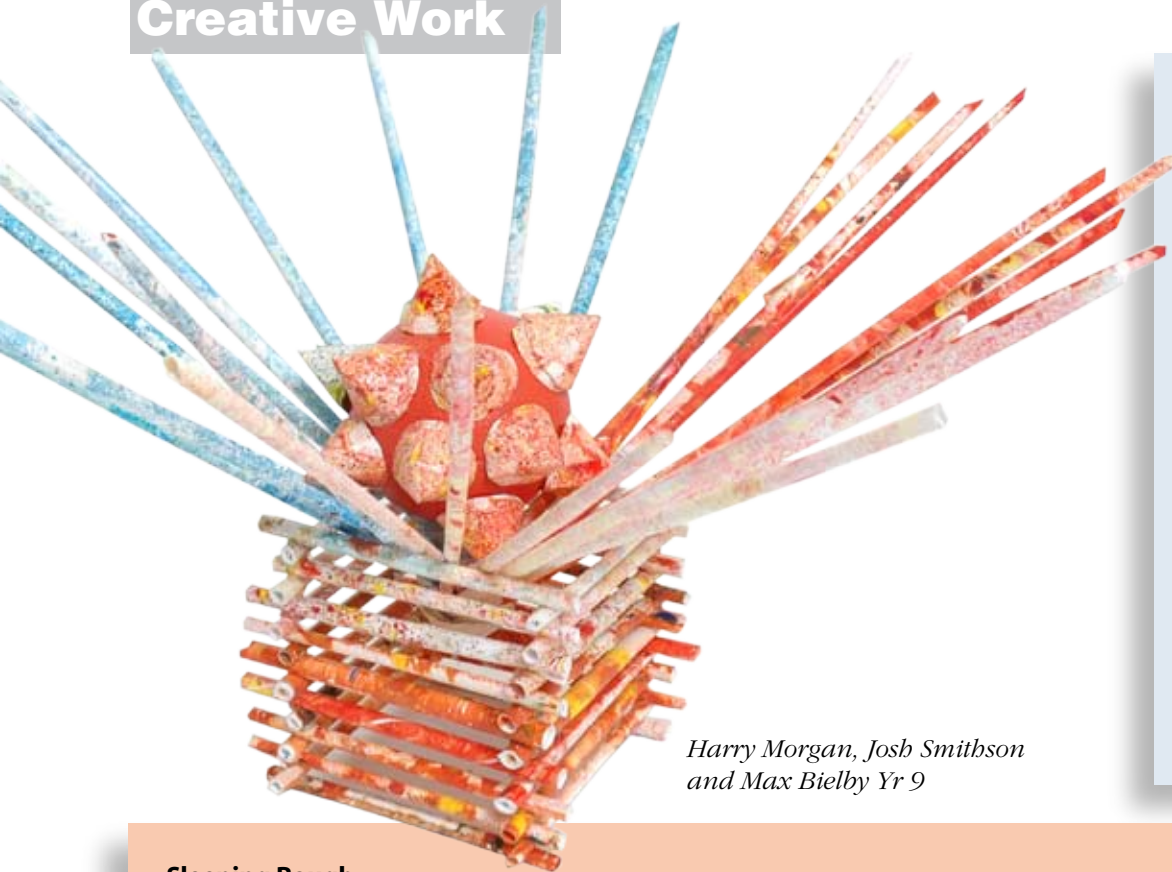
Teachers, teachers, giving us grief,  
Why don't they give us some relief?  
Droning on about history,  
When all we want to be is free!

Teachers, teachers, I really wonder,  
If they ever make a blunder.  
When they give us lots of lines,  
I wonder what goes through their minds?

Teachers, teachers, is it a rumour,  
Or do they have a sense of humour?  
Now that I've said what I had to say,  
I'll probably miss my lunchtime play!

*Jamie Irving Year 6*

*Top left: Rainforest by SNS  
Above: Elizabeth Bell 6CHM  
Right: Ceramic relief  
by Stephanie Whittaker Yr 11*



Harry Morgan, Josh Smithson  
and Max Bielby Yr 9

### Summer

Holiday starts  
Summer break  
The sky turns blue  
The beaches wake  
The blazing sun  
The trees in bloom  
The lazy days  
In your room.

Gone abroad  
Foreign food  
Everyone in a  
Joyful mood  
Barbeques  
Sweltering nights  
Ice cream vans  
And mosquito bites.

Henry Jeffrey Year 8

### Sleeping Rough

Written in response to 'Stone Cold' by Robert Swindells

I settle down at 10 o'clock on the doorstep of a newsagent. It seems a little draughty, but certainly not close to the horrible chill that greets the streets with glee. But don't you go thinking that this is some five star accommodation like the Ritz; it's still just as damp and murky as the streets, just a tiny bit warmer.

The sound of giddy laughter greets my ears, the sound of drunken men after a 'night out with the lads'. I also hear the howling of dogs and the scratching of the dry, crisp, autumn leaves against the pavement and the sound of trees trying to wrestle from the grasp of the wind and ... OK - I'll stop moaning now.

The pavement feels like a blanket of ice under my sleeping bag and my socks and trainers are soaked right through. I imagine myself as a little rag doll shivering and squirming in the bag, trying to rush the blood around my body so fast that I set it alight. The pavement isn't just cold; it doesn't have springs like your average bed so you end up waking up like an old man badly needing a walking stick.

Quiet... a chime: DING DING DING. Three o'clock already. This night's going faster than any other. I'd better get my head down, but then I think more closely about what I'm about to do. Why is this night going to be different? Looks like I'm going to have to do what I am used to doing: drifting in and out of sleep.

My place is very enclosed, so my view is somewhat restricted, but, if I stretch, I can just see the angel on top of a church. I then wonder, does anybody out there give a damn about me? Even care about me? I shouldn't

think so. Oscar has probably forgotten about me and I'm only a distant memory in the eyes of my mum. How I hope she doesn't one day marry him! I probably have only one person who remembers me, Lisa, and she only remembers me once in a blue moon.

I don't really know how I feel about walking out. If I'd known it was this hard on the streets, I'd probably have toughed it out with Mum and Oscar for a little while. I only really feel fear about my own safety and who, where and what I'll be when I wake up in the morning. It's just a huge relief when I wake up with everything fit and healthy. I also fear all the idiots on drugs who will just walk up and kill you for fun. The street is a harsh way of life and you have to watch your back for creeps. You need all the luck in the world just to get through another day and walk another step.

The smell from my sleeping bag isn't too bad considering I spend most of my time in it, but one thing I sure know is that I need a bath or shower, because I really smell. I'm lucky that my doorstep doesn't smell too bad, but the guttering sure does need a spring clean soon.

I doze in and out of sleep. I am woken several times during the night by dogs, a car or van, and by rain.

I'm woken by many hard kicks to my lower back. I open my eyes to find that, standing there, is a huge, great, big, fat man with a cigarette in his mouth. He shouts obscenities at me.

1,2,3,4,5 ... yes. Ten fingers and two arms. I'm all fit and ready for another day of begging.

William Hudson Year 8



### 1st XV Rugby

This proved to be an outstanding year for the 1st XV, and their pursuits provide the main thrust of the rugby reports of this issue. An undefeated tour of South Africa, described in last year's report, was followed by a successful fifteens season that led, in turn, to an excellent month of Sevens, and, ultimately, victory at Sedbergh in the National Tens competition, providing the icing on the cake. The side will rank alongside some of the best ever to represent the school.

The fifteens season opened with victory at Bishop Vesey's, which was followed by hard-fought wins at Manchester GS and at home to QEGS Wakefield. Although playing well for long periods in each of the games, we were not clinical enough at times in our finishing and all left feeling that we were capable of better. This trend was followed by our first defeat of the season to RGS Lancaster where we dominated for long periods; however, despite sound defence, the visitors broke out and secured a narrow victory. In the following match, away at Stonyhurst College, it was our turn to provide an outstanding defensive performance which denied the home side until they equalled an early Ian Hart try with the last play of the match. A very tight victory over Wilmslow completed a competitive but successful half term.

Victories over Adams GS, Wirral, Arnold and Nottingham were all fairly comfortably achieved in the run up

to Christmas, before the team made the journey north to face the powerful Sedbergh with their collection of international and divisional players. Although defeated, the side gave one of their best performances of the season with the teams only separated by one score until the final minutes of the game.

The period after the New Year proved somewhat frustrating with many games being cancelled. For a number of reasons, six matches were missed, some in bizarre circumstances, and all were left with the feeling that the playing record could have been even better. Only three matches were played.

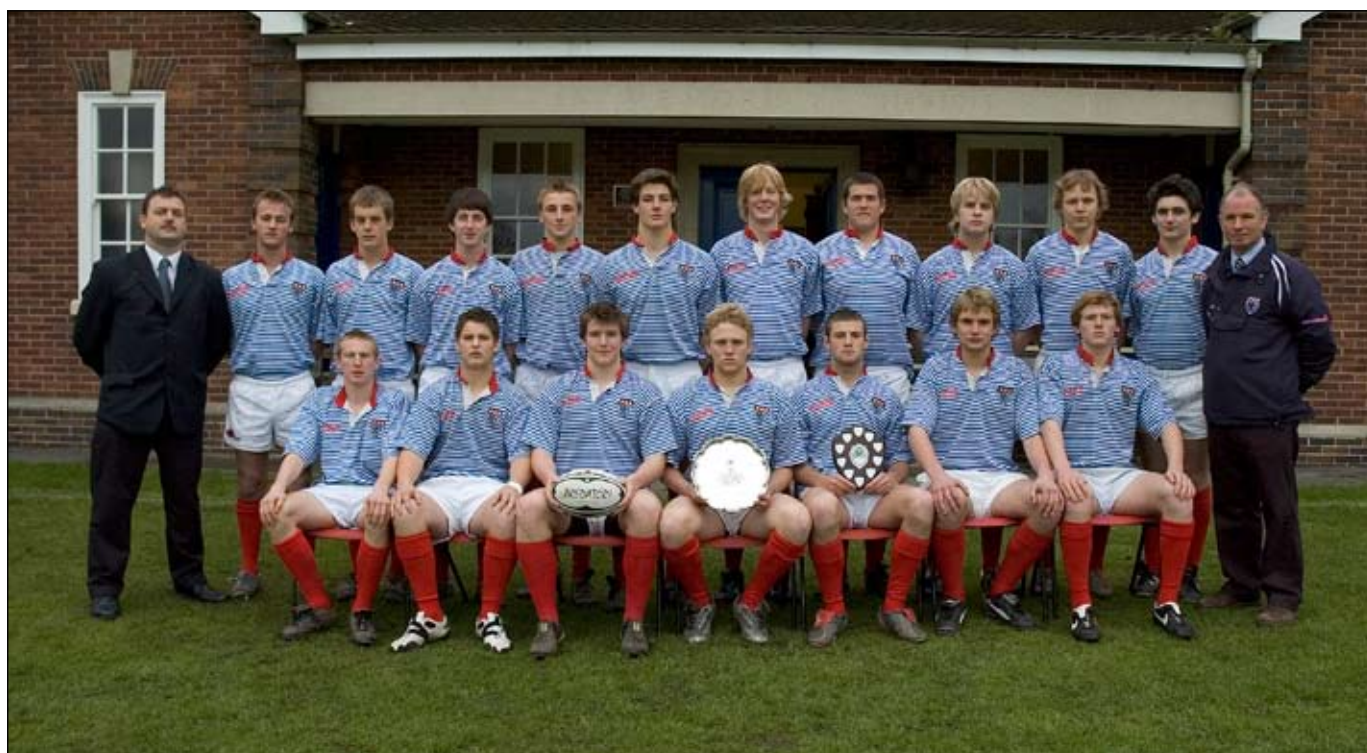
A disappointing defeat came by virtue of a solitary try away to Bradford GS, a game in which we definitely had our chances to win. A fairly simple victory against Merchant Taylor's was then followed, in what proved to be our last XV's game, with a magnificent display of the team's all round skills in the complete dismantling of Stockport GS.

After a short period of training, made even more difficult by inclement weather, the side then progressed to a month of glory. The Solihull Sevens were won for the second successive year without the squad being really stretched. The team then reached the final of the North Sevens, losing to Sedbergh. After winning their group comfortably, they had a very close encounter with Stonyhurst in the quarter finals, recovering from 0-14 down to snatch victory in the final seconds.

Sedbergh again proved to be the stumbling block, defeating us narrowly at the semi-final stage in the Stonyhurst competition. The team displayed its strength in depth, however, by doing so well after being deprived early on of David Williams and Nick Barker. The final stages were reached at Rosslyn Park for the first time in a number of years. The VII won their group easily before overcoming John Fisher with an excellent try by Chris Moore in the last minute. Narrow defeat, however, was tasted against a physically strong Colstons' in the final sixteen.

After returning from London, the side travelled north once again to Sedbergh, for the National Tens competition. There are no easy games in this tournament: the team had to play outstandingly well on the first day to defeat three times previous winners, Millfield and QEGS Wakefield. The third group game was a draw with RGS High Wycombe after a scoring pass was dropped during the final play of the game. This cunning (and, of course, completely planned) move meant we were very narrowly the group runners-up and, therefore, faced the hosts in the first game on the second day. This was the first time that the school had qualified for the main competition at this stage.

After an epic struggle Sedbergh were defeated, two tries to one. Another titanic effort was required against a powerful St Paul's team before Brighton College were overcome reasonably easily. As group winners, we progressed





to the main final to meet RGS High Wycombe again. With a strong wind at our backs, we produced a first half performance of clinical proficiency, scoring three tries and leading 21-0 at the break. Our defence was as well organised and committed in the second half as it had been throughout and, although RGS scored two late tries, we were deserving winners.

The whole squad can be proud of producing one of the school's proudest rugby achievements. Although this was definitely a team success, mention must be made of David Williams (pictured above) who won the award for player of the tournament and of the captain, Johnny Lee, who played in the final matches with cracked ribs and was an inspiring leader.

The 1st XV squad possessed players of talent and experience; however, the success of the XV was based on the fact they performed as a team, the strong forward base being complemented by

some incisive running from the backs and the whole side being mean in defence. The backs were a fairly settled unit throughout, with David Jones starting at fly half but playing most of the matches at full back. Always an incisive runner, he appeared to get quicker as the season progressed, playing to a consistently high standard during the last month. Andrew Laing did well as an under sixteen to secure a regular position on the right wing, while Ian Hart provided electric pace on the other flank until he injured his shoulder. Andrew Watts was the most unfortunate of players, struggling with injuries through the season, but always playing well when fit. Chris Moore and Richard Chadwick were the first choice centres; Moore was the most improved player in the team, adding defensive qualities to his footballing skills. Chadwick was Mr Dependable: a sure and powerful tackler, he invariably chose the right option in attack. Nick Barker and David Williams became the regular half back pairing. Both possess a high degree of skill, generally playing well, with the occasional impressive bursts of inspiration. When on song, the unit produced rugby of the highest quality and was a joy to watch.

One of the strengths of this year's first fifteen was determined and aggressive forward play. In fact, one visiting coach described the pack as 'a horrible unit to play against'. It was this implacable attitude that paved the way for the season's successes. Unusually for such an impressive set of forwards, there was neither a single key player nor great size through the pack. Instead, athleticism and fitness, combined with incredibly competitive natures, meant that the forwards were able to compete with any opposition and, in most cases, dominate after the opening exchanges.

The scrum was compact and

powerful with props Cowan, Byrne and, earlier in the season, Fullerton, combining well with hooker Lee to cause problems for all opposition scrummages. These players were also highly mobile and were important ball carriers in attack. In the second row, McArthur and Durrant were top quality lineout forwards who also played prominent roles in the loose. McArthur handled and supported well whilst Durrant's work rate at breakdown and in cover-defence was exemplary.

The back row was possibly the outstanding unit of the year, where number eight McGeorge, together with flankers Griffiths and Partington, performed to the highest level. All three were strong in the tackle, competitive at breakdown and were extremely powerful ball-carriers. McGeorge was particularly strong at tackle and turnover; Partington built on his pace and running flair to become a very high quality open side flanker and Griffith continued to improve his play as a blind side flanker to the point where his defence and ball carrying marked him out as possibly the most consistent player in a very good pack of forwards. A special mention must go to Barker who, having converted to the forwards from the centre, found himself playing as a second row, then as flanker, before reverting to centre at a time of injury crisis later in the season. He improved throughout the season and became a strong and very effective forward producing a number of top quality performances.

The whole squad deserve the highest praise for their performance this season. Hard-working during training, controlled and determined on match days and, importantly, entertaining and lively in their approach, they were a credit to themselves and the King's School.

Both first team coaches thoroughly enjoyed the season and coped with only a few wrinkles, grey hairs and, occasionally, hoarse voices! On behalf of all the rugby staff at King's, we would like to pass on our best wishes to this group of players for the future.

## 2nd XV Rugby

P	W	D	L
14	10	0	4

This was an excellent season, with the side recovering well after a difficult start. The School played with verve and élan at times, most notably against Wirral and Arnold; on other occasions, the team showed the dogged determination



necessary to grind out victories, the away wins at Nottingham and Bradford being classics in that respect.

The side's forward platform was never less than solid, the front five proving committed and a handful in the lineout where our rangy locks often reigned supreme. The back row was workmanlike and competitive. At half back, the school was able to dictate the game, with England, as captain and fly half, on more than one occasion being outstanding at this level. An often makeshift, but, nonetheless, punchy centre combination allowed targets to be set whilst the strongest side fielded provided a cutting edge.

All in all, this was a most enjoyable season: the side made considerable progress and a number should progress to the 1st XV next year. The senior players acquitted themselves well and set a fine example. All can congratulate themselves.

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## U15 Rugby

After a slow start to the season the boys showed significant improvement. The forwards in particular became a strong unit outplaying every side towards the end of the season. George Morrissey was an excellent captain and led from the front in every game.

The 7's brought surprise success at the end of the season with some excellent performances from emerging players.

## U15 B XV Rugby

P	W	L	F	A
10	7	3	353	114

The excellent U15B XV season was cut unexpectedly short at Christmas. For a variety of reasons, mostly meteorological, no B team games were played after December. Players, frustrated by the lack of purposeful action, lost interest during the Spring Term.

Highlights were convincing victories against Stonyhurst and Wirral but also very honourable defeats against Audenshaw's A XV and a remarkably familiar QEGS Wakefield 'B' team. Many of the B XV also featured in the Sevens Squad. Top scorers were Jake Rathbone, who scored four first half tries against Manchester, Joe Sizeland and goal kicker, Max Slater.

U15B XV Squad 2004-05: A Platt, J Rathbone, N Kennedy, B Hearn, J Marsden, N Wales, A Fowler, S Peel, B

Patterson, J Stott-Sugden, G Whiteley, T Rowbotham, C Burness, J Townley, J Sizeland, B Dean, W Kerr, J Illingworth, M Slater, M Bloom, D Swetman, J Barratt, E Banks, P Laing, T Minshull, B Midwinter, M King-Smith, D Rowarth, R Butterworth, C McGhee, M Yates, T Hurst.

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## U14 Rugby

The Under 14XV captained by Jordan Heginbotham had what is best described as a difficult season. Heavy defeats at the hands of Lancaster RGS; Warwick; QEGS Wakefield and Wirral Grammar School were harsh lessons handed out by presently more talented and physical rugby players. There were several glimmers of hope in victories over Merchant Taylors'; Adams Grammar School and a draw against Nottingham High School and in defeat against a small but talented Stonyhurst XV and Lymm High School.

As this group progress through the school I have no doubt they will get better, hopefully when they learn to cope with the physical aspects of the game. Several players have shown marked improvement notably David Harding in the back row, Michael Bloom at full back and Joe Diamond on the wing. Oliver Wilkinson and Greg Dunne have also started to develop more control at half back. It may just take one significant victory for this side to develop the confidence they need to play the game with a more competitive edge, which to date they have lacked.

## U13 Rugby

### A Team

P	W	D	L	F	A
17	12	1	4	408	145

### B Team

P	W	D	L	F	A
17	14	0	3	516	136

Another very large squad of players produced selection headaches, but provided a lot of competition for places and some excellent results on the field. Again, the turn-out at training was indicative of the enthusiasm of the squad and this, in turn, provided the basis for improvement in all aspects of the game. All in all, 27 boys represented the A team and 33 the B team. There were almost enough to turn out four sides!

The A team lost 4 games, all very nar-

rowly, to QEGS Wakefield, Terra Nova, Merchant Taylors' Crosby and Lymm HS, but won most of their games with ease. The outstanding performance was a 17-0 victory over an unbeaten Bradford GS, in which disciplined defence, allied to tactical awareness in attack, belied the youthfulness of the team. In general, the forwards provided ample possession from set pieces and the backs ran with determination and skill. The squad of players shows a lot of promise for the future.

The B team were a very successful side with an adventurous style and they scored over 500 points in only 17 games, a tribute to their commitment to open, 15-a-side rugby. Many of the squad will be playing A team rugby in the future, when the physical development of some of the smaller members will come on apace. At this level, there is still often a massive disparity in size, which evens out as the boys go through the school.

The Sevens programme was very condensed, as Easter was early, but a third place at Rydall, finishing runners-up at Solihull, and a creditable performance at the Rosslyn Park National tournament (all in the space of 10 days) showed promise for the future.

From a large list of candidates, the MELSON trophy went, deservedly, to Seb Sheratte.

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## U12 Rugby

P	W	D	L	F	A
15	8	3	4	251	122

Once again the King's Under 12 squad enjoyed a largely successful season that promises much for the future.

The team was captained for most of the season by George Drury, whose skill and resilience were inspiring. Many of the successes came as a consequence of powerful forward play with Jonathan Marsden and Sam Rodman being at the forefront. In the back division, Greg Mellor, Carl Southan, Will Hanson and Fraser Lacey all caught the eye and should continue to score many tries as they progress through the school.

The end of the season was something of an anti-climax with the cancellation of this year's Festival because of water-logged pitches. Perhaps the highlight of the season was the 42-0 victory away at Merchant Taylors, Crosby at the end of January.

## 1st XI Cricket

P	W	L	T	D	Q
20	9	8	0	3	3

The 2005 1st XI cricket season was one of highs and lows. All the games that were won were won by a huge margin. Three close games against Denstone, Birkenhead and Bangor were lost, but the team was comfortably beaten by MCC, the Old Boys, Brighton, Manchester GS and Wrekin.

The team was bowled out for 86 by Wrekin in the very first game of the season. Wrekin then scored the runs required for victory without losing a single wicket. Later in the season, the firsts bowled Lancaster out for the same score (86) and comfortably knocked off the runs. The Lancaster team had been National champions at U15 level three years before and should have been one of the strongest teams that the team played against.

The XI chased 255 to win against a strong Sedbergh side containing an England Schoolboy batter who scored 100, but then couldn't get even 130 the following day against Bangor GS who, by their own admission, had one of the weakest sides they had fielded for many years.

The team was well captained by Tom Parfett-Manning, who will do the same job next year. Tom has a good cricket brain and, after a disappointing first few games, managed to combine the job of Captain and leading batter. Tom finished the season with 678 runs at an average of 45.2, with a much deserved 130 against Rossall. This was Tom's first century for the School, having twice got into the 90's last year.

Elliott Purdom again showed what a great hitter of the ball he is, scoring 736 runs at an average of 46. The highlight of his season was a magnificent 150 not out in a 40 over game against King's, Chester. The innings will be remembered as much for the early patience Elliott showed as for his hard hitting at the end. Throughout the season, Elliott showed an increased maturity in his batting and proved himself a batsman who is able to adapt his game according to the situation.

Khalid Sawas scored 904 runs at an average of 60.26, including four centuries. It is unique for anyone in the School to score four centuries in a season as a sixteen year old and the magic target of 1,000 runs has only been achieved by one player in the past. Khalid is clearly capable of reaching the 1,000 mark next season and this

must be his target.

James Barratt, coming in down the order for most of the season, was the next highest run scorer with 241 which included a fine 63 scored when opening the batting against Ipswich. Tom McIlvenny also scored 241 runs: his 41 against Newcastle held the batting together and a fantastic 50 not out in the big run chase against Sedbergh showed his potential, but, overall, he should score more runs.

Tom, Elliott and Khalid were selected for Cheshire and all will be playing for the school next season which means the batting should again be strong.

The bowling attack was led by Jonny Lee whose fairly modest statistics off 26 wickets at an average of 17.03 tell only half the story. Jonny bowled with genuine pace throughout the season; he bowled the top order out against Lancaster, taking 4 for 29 and bowled equally well against Manchester Grammar without taking a wicket. Jonny was always willing to come back on to bowl in any situation and his economy rate was very good (a fraction over 2 per over).

Elliott Purdom opened the bowling with Jonny throughout the season and although genuinely quick he never really got the wickets he should have done. This is an area of his game that Elliott needs to work hard on; although a fine fielder and outstanding batsman, it is his bowling that may still become his greatest strength.

Nick Barker playing his first, and final, season for the 1st XI was the third seamer. After missing the start of the season through injury, Nick went on to finish with an excellent 21 wickets at an average of 15.76 topping the bowling averages. Ashley McCormick and Stuart Parks both bowled well when playing in the 1st XI and they should get more chances next season.

The Barratt brothers (James bowling slow left arm spin and Jonathan bowling leg spin) provided the spin option for the team for a second successive year. Jonathan led the wicket takers with 35 at 18.08 including 7 for 19 against Newcastle and an excellent 6 for 54 against the MCC. and he is to be congratulated on his selection for Cheshire in his age group and also for his selection for the North of England in the prestigious Burberry festival.

Andrew McGeorge was the best of the three wicket keepers who played in the season. Andrew, playing his fourth season in the 1st XI, missed the start of the season through injury, but took over the gloves from Jeremy Done when he regained fitness.

Nine wins in a season is good but the team lost too many games for the season truly to be described as a good one. With only three key players leaving at the end of the season next year, this should see the School with another strong 1st XI. and a tour to Barbados in December will provide the focus for winter training and will help establish a fine team spirit amongst the players.

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## 2nd XI Cricket

P	W	D	L
12	6	4	2

The 2nd XI had a reasonably successful season and, in keeping with their tradition, played some entertaining and positive cricket. Under the relaxed but astute captaincy of Matthew Horton, worthy winner of the Tim Greaves Trophy, the team lost only two games and produced some impressive performances in winning half their matches.

The summer started with an unconvincing draw against Chester followed by victories over Wilmslow and, in the most dominant performance of the season, Denstone. In a complete reversal the following week, the most lacklustre performance of the year resulted in defeat by Stockport. Merchant Taylors' produced the most exciting game, with the home side winning off the last ball of the game.

The matches against Newcastle and Manchester Grammar School both resulted in draws, the former ending in favour of King's the latter with our opponents in the stronger position. In between these two games, came an impressive victory over Lancaster, traditionally one of the stronger teams on the circuit. The season concluded in style with victories over Birkenhead, Sedburgh and Bolton.

The team's strength was in its bowling and Matthew Horton led the way with this consistent and accurate off-breaks. Shamas Bedi, Ashley McCormick and Alex Dempsey shared the opening bowling duties with varying degrees of success and useful support was provided by Richard Chadwick, George Maudsley and, towards the end of the season, the well organised and reliable vice-captain, Iain Hughes, whose award of Club Colours was well deserved.

The team's batting was less reliable, but while few players made really consistent contributions, it seemed that different ones would always appear to

ensure a reasonable score. The temptation to play extravagant shots to the wrong ball was never far away from most players' minds and batting was consequently always a rather nerve-racking affair. Nonetheless, it was only against Stockport that collective madness swept through the whole team resulting in an all-out score of 86, the lowest of the season.

Once again, Matthew Horton led the way with several good scores, often made when the team was in some state of crisis. Alex Dempsey produced some hard hitting and David Jones always looked elegant in building some useful scores. The innings of the season came from the diminutive Andrew Kimber against Merchant Taylors': few second team players score 96 and even fewer then find themselves on the losing side!

As always, the Second XI proved a useful breeding ground for younger players to develop under the guidance of more experienced seniors. It is to be hoped that all will take their cricket further both in and beyond school.

### Under 15 Cricket

The U15 XI, captained by Ben Allsopp, gained the Team of the Year award at the end of the 2005 cricket season. Victories were achieved over Merchant Taylors', Newcastle-under-Lyne School, Birkenhead, KES Lytham, Bolton, Wilmslow High School and Bury Grammar School. Hard earned lessons were also learnt in defeat against Lancaster RGS and Manchester GS.

An excellent individual performance came from Richard Butterworth, who took 6-9 against Merchant Taylors' and who was to gain selection for the 1st XI later in the season. Jack Taylor showed promise with the bat. James Nicholson bowled consistently well, whilst both the captain and Rhodri Lowndes showed potential as spin bowlers. Philip Laing scored some crucial runs in the middle order, as did Robert Wreglesworth, and Tom Fisher, who scored three 50's as well as being a very consistent opening bowler. The XI played with great spirit, with nail-biting and significant victories over Bury Grammar School (by one wicket) and Birkenhead (by three runs) among the highlights of a most enjoyable season.

### U14 Cricket

P	W	L	D	C
11	7	4	1	4

The squad had a very good season overall. The side is potentially very strong, with great depth in batting and bowling and it is well balanced with pace, swing and spin bowling. A lot of catches were dropped, at a dear cost and there were not enough good balls bowled in an over. Batsmen showed ability but, on the whole, were too easy to get out. Fielding and bowling need to be more disciplined, as do the celebrations on taking a wicket or winning. Overall, the team can be proud of their efforts: they are very pleasant and enthusiastic, always encouraging each other.

It was unfortunate that they met a strong Birkenhead side in the first round before they had found their form. Thus, the cup run ended before it began. Unfortunately, our main wicket-keeper, Jordan Heginbotham, was lost as he emigrated part-way through the season. He was also a useful bat. Matthew Wynne is improving as his replacement.

The team was well led by the two captains, Frankie Bryant and Matthew Murray, who will both be a credit to the school in years to come in this capacity. Murray batted very well at the start and finished very well with 106 and 60 not out. He scored over 300 runs in total.

Greg Dunne was consistently good, scoring over 300 runs. He hits the ball very hard. He also bowled fast and accurately, taking 13 wickets. Matthew Wynne made himself into a reliable opening bat, scoring over 150 runs.

Anshul Jairath scored 236 runs. He is rather too attacking, but can play straight when pushed. Anshul also bowled well. Frankie Bryant has a text-book technique and will delight the spectators in years to come. He is also a useful support bowler. Joe Stanley shows promise with the bat, but is sometimes slow to get into position and he swings to leg a little. His bowling action is superb, but a growth spurt hampered his ability to bowl accurately. Next year, he will be a force to be reckoned with.

Jimmy Lomas is a gritty batsman who made a late start owing to a shoulder injury. He flicks fast bowlers away and did well at number three. He is more likely to bat at six in the future, however, as his style suits that position. He also bowls very good left-arm round.

Sam Stockwin developed his bowling this year to become a regular opener or first change. He has a nice high action and gets bounce off a good length. Peter Board can become a good swing bowler with more practice. He played well. Josh Williams worked hard and is difficult to get out.

Nathan Rhodes and Kunal Mandalia, Alex Reeve, James Gibson, Thomas Gradwell, Emile Broome and Johnny Marshall all showed enthusiasm and made good progress during the season.

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### U13 Cricket

#### A Team

P	W	D	L
15	11	1	3

#### B Team

P	W	L
5	4	1

The following boys represented the school:

L Kennedy, J Holt, T Taylor, S Townley, J Gradon, A Barratt, T Coleman, A Parton, D Ferdani, S Sheratte, T Rood, T Waters, F Thorneycroft, S Calvert, M Dodd, S Coutts, A Potter, M Wreglesworth, A Chadwick, J Thomson, N Wrigley, J Hearn, A McPherson, N Brooks, A Calder, J Fox, G Murray, H Hassan, J Goncalves, S Cross, B Monsey, J Plowright, J McCormick, F Macleod, W Allen, F Marsden.

Despite losing two matches to the weather, the under 13s played a lot of good cricket during the Summer of 2005. The A team boasted a great deal of talent and, when on song, played some excellent cricket. There were many highlights but perhaps chasing down Newcastle's 222 total in under 33 overs at half term, with a weakened team, will stand out for them.

It is unfortunate that the team played badly on three occasions: the loss to Stockport in the Hill-Hopkin's trophy (having already inflicted a heavy defeat on them in an earlier fixture) was particularly disappointing, as King's were favourites to go far in the competition.

Lloyd Kennedy scored 446 runs at an average of over 37 to lead the batting; he received strong support from James Holt, Tom Taylor, Sam Townley and Johnny Gradon, whose aggressive hitting often demoralised the opposition.

Tom Waters, Dominic Ferdani and Seb Sheratte led the pace attack, but Andrew Barratt's accuracy made him

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the leading wicket-taker with 20; Tom Coleman added variety with his left arm spin.

With forty eight boys in the squad, the U13 team has a large pool of enthusiastic players and the future of cricket with this group is highly exciting. The first target, for next year, is to win the county cup, a task well within the team's capabilities. The depth of the squad was very evident in the 'B' team performances: despite using, in all, 36 players, we managed comfortably to win four of the five matches played.

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## U12 Cricket

A XI				
P	W	D	L	T
14	8	0	5	1

B XI				
P	W	D	L	T
12	6	4	0	2

This was a reasonably successful season for the A XI with good individual and team performances during the term. However, consistency was a problem, particularly in the batting, with only two batsmen, Tim Saxon and Tom Livesley scoring half centuries.

Comfortable wins were achieved against Wilmslow, twice, against Tytherington, Cheadle Hulme, Bury and Lytham, with Carl Southan taking the second hat-trick of the season against Lytham. The first hat trick had come earlier in the season in an admirable victory over RGS Lancaster, where King's, batting first, had been 22-4. However, Tom Livesley, with an undefeated 69, led an excellent recovery that saw the innings close at 132-9. The bowlers then completed the work, dismissing the visitors for 91 and with Jonathan Marsden claiming his hat trick whilst returning figures of 6-1-19-4.

In terms of excitement, however, the match two days earlier, at Birkenhead, had more to offer. King's again batted first and posted a very useful 141 for 6, with Tim Saxon batting beautifully for his 53. After King's being well in command early in Birkenhead's inning, the opposition recovered well and looked the likely winners, but Marsden and Southan bowled accurately at the end, resulting in a draw with the scores level.

Defeat was experienced at Nottingham HS, Manchester GS and King's Chester against stronger sides. Disap-

pointing losses were also tasted at home against Merchant Taylors' who bowled us out cheaply, and against Cheadle Hulme in the Cup: they performed better than the U12s on the day, even though they had easily been beaten earlier in the term.

Once again, the enthusiasm for the game was shown by the large squad. This proved a problem, at times, in giving everybody a game and the B XI managed to play six matches, winning four.

The following played for the A XI: T Saxon, C Gilman, W Hudson, J Knowles, T Lilvesley, J Armitage, M Jones, J Board, S Rodman, R Chatwin, J Marsden, C Southan, J Stubbs, G Drury, S Underwood, J Seddon.

B XI: A Andrews, A Bremner, C Brown, J Clarke, O Collins, W Hanson, A Hughes, S Jones, C McPake, M Southam, D Sully, A Taylor, S Travis

## U11 Cricket

The season began well with a comprehensive victory at Cheadle Hulme in the first round of the AJIS Cup. Captain Hannah Gradwell opened with a confident 25 not out, leading her team to 88 for 2. Opening bowlers Greg Eyre and Aswad Khan quickly reduced CHS to 8 for 6 before they recovered to 52 all out. However, the team were quickly brought down to earth by a crushing 64 run defeat at the hands of Bolton School. The following day saw a performance of even bleaker proportions when, in reply to King's Chester's 86 for 6 in their allotted 25 overs, King's slumped to a pitiful 9 all out!

Lots of souls were searched before the next match against Stockport GS where a much better performance resulted in an improved all-round performance but another defeat (by 49 runs). This improvement eventually bore fruit in a resounding victory against Altrincham Prep. The bedrock of King's 104 all out was provided by Oliver Stockwin (45) and Jim Lock (24), who both struck the ball lustily. Hannah Gradwell's accuracy brought her a reward of 4 for 4 to skittle Altrincham for 50. The good form continued into the next round of the AJIS Cup where QEGS Blackburn were restricted to 79 or 6 by some tight King's bowling. Despite another sterling effort from Jim Lock (27), King's eventually fell 17 runs short of their target. The final 11-a-side match of the season resulted in a loss to Birkenhead Prep by 50 runs.

The highlight of the season undoubtedly came in the Stockport GS

6-a-side competition. In their group matches, King's beat Altrincham Prep, but lost to Stockport GS. However, by a quirk of the competition rules, they progressed to the semi-final. Here, the promise of Oliver Stockwin and Jim Lock materialised in a hail of powerful strokes all around the wicket. Merchant Taylor's, Crosby were contemptuously brushed aside to allow King's to reach the final. Here they met once more with QEGS, Blackburn and, despite another fantastic batting performance (72 for 1 in 5 overs!), the bowling could not contain the Lancastrians who won with four balls to spare. The squad on this day was Hannah Gradwell (Capt.), Oliver Stockwin, Jum Lock, Greg Eyre, Ben Marsden, Aswad Khan and Ben Saxon. Other regular members of the 11-a-side squad were Ben Spencer Pickup, Edward Gwatkin, James Gwatkin, Matthew Arnold, Harvey Lord, Daniel Kunze, Tom Gowans, Jack Walker, Joanthan Treece and Tommy Wakeham.

The final event of the season saw Adlington beat Gawsworth in the House Competition.

Mention must be made of Hannah Gradwell's contribution this year. She proved herself to be a true all-rounder, being skilled at batting, bowling, fielding and wicket-keeping. Her knowledge and interest in the game is second to none in my experience. Her skill was rewarded with a regular place in the Cheshire Girls U11 XI where she had the distinction of scoring a century. She will no doubt be the first young lady to grace the Front Field for the 1st XI!

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# Hockey

## Boys' Hockey

### 1<sup>st</sup> XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
23	12	3	8	72	52

After early promising performances against Sandbach and a very good Merchant Taylors' team, confidence was severely dented by heavy defeats to an excellent Bromsgrove team and to Hall Cross School, although it was more the weather than the opponents that defeated the team that day! The next eight matches saw six good victories, in particular against the traditionally strong teams from Calday Grange and Birkenhead School. Progress in the Cheshire Cup, however, was halted by Altrincham G.S., though it was the team's inability to take their chances rather than the quality of the opposition which punished the team.

The team became more settled in the second half of the season and, in spite of defeats to Birkenhead School, where the defeat was as a result of a very slow start, and Merchant's, where an 8-8 thriller would have been a fairer reflection of the game, the pattern of play became far more established and better suited to the players on the pitch.

The victories against Newcastle and Denstone were particularly satisfying. Everything became more secure. The team was more solid at the back with Ben Illingworth, Rob Barker, Jeremy Done, Khalid Sawas and captain Neall Hollis all showing great commitment to their task and all complementing one another with their individual skills and style of play. These regulars were ably supported by Matt Horton, Jon Close and Chris Yeates.

Matthew Dunne, Nick Petty, Lewis

Mellor, Jamie Wesley and George Maudsley were the work horses in midfield. They all used their individual skills and flair to good effect in securing the ball and supplying it to the forwards. Again, there was able support from Patrick Geake and James Crawley. In the forward line, Tom Parfett-Manning, Callum Hepworth and Sam Baker added their own individuality to the team framework and were responsible for scoring some quite superb goals. Set pieces were particularly good with some excellent variations leading to some delightful goals.

The season ended with the tour to the Taunton Tournament. The promising U16 Scott Mason supplemented the team and excelled in his approach to team play. Only one game was lost at Taunton, to the eventual winners from Belfast, but it was the commitment on the field and the skilful, team-based play which drew the admiration of the other team's managers.

To the Upper Sixth, I pass on my grateful thanks for their years of dedication to hockey at King's and, for the Lower Sixth, I am sure that there is much to look forward to next season. The basics are in place and more success is just around the corner.

Appearances : 23 N.Petty; 22 B.Illingworth, K.Sawas; 21 J.Done, M.Dunne, G.Maudsley, T.Parfett-Manning; 20 N.Hollis, C.Hepworth, P.Geake; 17 R.Barker; 16 L.Mellor; 15 M.Horton; 12 S.Baker; 11 J.Wesley; 10 J.Crawley; 9 C.Yates; 7 J.Close; 5 S.Mason; 1 T.Wall.

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### U16 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
20	16	2	2	77	21

Without doubt, this year's under 16 squad has done much over the last three seasons to enhance the reputation of King's as a hockey playing school in the wider hockey community. Two years ago, playing as under 14s, they reached the quarter-finals of English Hockey's National Schools competition. With no national competition at under 15 level, the target since has been to develop a squad and a playing style capable of surpassing this achievement by reaching the semi-finals or final as under 16s.

Under cloudy skies at Warwick University in March, four penalty strokes, each executed clinically, took King's through 4-2 in the penalty shoot-out to the National Final after a thrilling semi-final against Hitchen GS had finished tied at 5-5. Earlier, success in another penalty stroke competition had seen King's move into the semi-final after Eggescliffe School from Northumbria equalised late in their quarter-final with King's to take the tie to penalties. In qualifying rounds, King's had defeated Birkenhead (4-0) and Merchant Taylor's (5-1) to become Champions of Cheshire and NW respectively. In fact, in all fixtures between November 2003 and February 2005 they won all 24 games played. But their opponents in the National Final, Kent College from Canterbury, were an awesome prospect and would present challenges to King's not hitherto encountered. Kent had two junior internationals who played regularly in the senior National League together with a host of regional and county players. Furthermore, the school had won this competition twice in the previous three seasons. Undaunted, the King's squad were committed in preparing thoroughly for





the final, which included incorporating a new playing strategy designed to counter tactics employed by Kent College. Training and matches took place on water-based pitches; warm-up games were arranged against strong club and school sides, including a prestigious fixture with Millfield School, and some of the games were videoed for analysis later.

All the preparation was put to the test in the final hosted by Chelmsford HC in May in which a disciplined performance by King's resulted in a goalless first half. While enjoying some fortune in defence, King's had had chances to score, too, particularly from a battery of penalty corners. Above all, their tactics were frustrating their opponents

Early in the second period, however, Kent scored twice, but immediately King's pulled a goal back and at 1-2 were still in contention. A third goal from Kent made the task more difficult and though King's continued to battle to the end, fatigue ultimately told against the team and Kent scored four times in the last 10 minutes.

While the final result was disappointing, the players and School should be proud of reaching, and competing well, in a national final and this accomplishment should establish targets for future teams to emulate and, hopefully, surpass. The squad comprised: Joe Bryant, Francis Bryant, Adam Farran, Andrew Gales, Alex Garlick, Saad Ghauri, Alex Hall, Lyam Hollis (capt), Jamie Kavanagh, Scott Mason, Ben Parton, Alex Reeves, Khalid Sawas, Matthew Shribman, Robbie Smith, Tom Wall.

## U16 National Final

### *Kent College 7-1 King's*

On the 8 May, King's U16 team played against a strong Kent College side in the national final at Chelmsford Hockey Club. After weeks of preparation the team was as ready as it could have

been against the strong Kent College side that had made it easily through the quarter and semi finals, and looked very strong on paper.

Right from the start the quality of the Kent side could be seen, as they pushed forward straight from the off. Whilst Kent controlled the game in the first ten minutes, forcing some good defending from the King's back four, and some good saves from Tom Wall in the King's goal, King's began to push forward more as the half continued, and good chances were created by both sides, with Khalid Sawas coming close for King's, as they won three successive short corners.

At half time the score remained 0 - 0 with the team feeling satisfied with the performance, and the fact that they had not conceded against such a good attack. The second half began, with the team hoping that they could keep the performance going, and try to sneak a goal at the other end. Unfortunately, the plan fell apart on thirty-nine minutes and Kent broke the deadlock, after a fortunate ricochet from a clearance rebounded into the goal.

From then on, King's were forced to push forward more as they searched for a goal to bring them back level, with the risk being that they were leaving themselves exposed somewhat at the back. Kent took advantage of this well, scoring a good goal within the next ten minutes. It did not take long for King's to fight their way back into the game, after Alex Hall put the ball into the net in fantastic style to give King's a chance of getting back into the match.

Kent, however wasted no time in restoring their two goal advantage, as their captain and England central midfielder scored a fantastic goal to give them room to breathe. With ten minutes to go, King's needed to push forward and Kent's superior fitness now paid off, as they ran King's off the park scoring four more goals to

give them a seven-one victory. Whilst Kent deserved to win the match and become the national champions, the score line did not reflect the match or the performance of the King's team for the first sixty minutes.

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## U15 XI

Overall, this was a very enjoyable but, in the end, not terribly successful season.

Having lost all but two games the previous season, this was always going to be a tough year for the U15 players. Their commitment to practice and matches and their effort in all areas could not be questioned: the players worked hard, but positive results were hard to come by.

The undoubted highlight was a hard fought 3 - 1 victory over Birkenhead, but, in too many games, the team was in a good position at half time only to lose the second half. They always managed to retain the ability to concede three goals in ten minutes but lacked the attacking strength to force the opposition to do the same.

Captain Robert Wreglesworth had a fine season, tirelessly working up and down the pitch. Both Robert and Vice Captain, Ben Allsopp, proved to be good motivators and helped the team to play the game in a good spirit.

Richard Birtles, skilful and fast, was our most dangerous player and on his day was almost unstoppable. Richard finished as leading goal scorer with five goals. Adam Allmand-Smith was full of running and scored some crucial goals as did Oli Cowan, who started the season in defence and finished it as centre forward.

James Fitzgerald was solid in defence and Jack Edwards, Matt Stringer and Oliver Kirkham all performed well in midfield. Joe Ollier played from left defence to left wing and his tackling and dribbling were both strong. Christian Bridge and Joe Worrall made up the side, both playing mainly in defence and both solid tacklers.

Robbie Smith played a full season in goal and always had plenty to do. A very accomplished stopper, Robbie made a number of crucial saves and was man of the match in all three games that the side won.

Obviously, more success as a side would have made the season all the more enjoyable, but the players never lost their enthusiasm and spirit: they improved throughout the season and need to continue this improvement into next year.

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## U14 XI

It has been a mixed season for the boys, with six losses and seven wins. The team was strongly supported by a core of keen players who held the team together both in matches and training. A key theme of matches was the team's superb defence, led by captain, Alex Reeves, and by Matthew Murray. Their commitment throughout the season proved to be invaluable.

The team tried out a number of prospective goal keepers, who had varying degrees of success. Phil Humphrey, James Hay, Joe Stanley and a reluctant Emile Broome all played in this position. The midfield and attackers showed promise and determination, even after conceding three goals in the first five minutes against Birkenhead. The team then dominated the game, with goals from star players, to result in a 5-4 victory.

Issues with slow starts, weak tackling and a lack of communication between players were gradually addressed, with stronger leadership from the captain. Individual contributions to the team increased morale, with James Gibson's and Francis Bryant's skill added to Howard Shribman's and Emile Broome's boundless energy. Great improvements were also noted in Adam Rogerson, Chris Gibson and Nathan Rhodes

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## U13 Hockey

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The U13 hockey team had a very successful first year. After a few months of initial training, the boys played their first match. This was against Newcastle-under-Lyme School and was played at Crewe Vagrants' ground. This was a tough first match, given that the Newcastle team had been playing together for over a year, but King's played a tremendous game and, after trailing 2-0 at half time, came back to pull off a commendable 2-2 draw.

This game was an excellent experience for the boys, one that spurred them on and gave them a competitive edge for the next fixture. With the team bonded together, the next match was against Beech Hall at home. The boys were in high spirits when the team were winning at half time. The spirits were lifted even higher when the final whistle blew and King's went away with a 13-0 triumph, with six goals from Allie Potter and five from Michael Dodd.

The third match sent us to a sunny Calday Grange School. The teams were well matched and played an impressive and entertaining game resulting in a 2-0 win for King's. The boys won two of the last three matches, making an impressive first year of school hockey.

At the end of the season, the team entered the Cheshire Minis Tournament at Chester Hockey Club. The team comprised Salman Rehman, Allie Potter, Matthew Wreglesworth, Dan Alderley, Michael Dodd, James Flood, James Boardman and Joschka Roffe, and they won the first match, drew the second and won the third, putting them through to the semi final where they met Bowden Hockey Club. King's put up a resilient performance, but went down 4-0, and into a play-off game for third position, which ended with a 0-0 draw against Deeside Ramblers. The boys played tremendously well and were the only school team to get through to the semi-finals.

Matthew Wreglesworth was a solid and reliable team captain and Allie Potter was a successful vice captain as well as the leading scorer. Throughout the year, the team displayed a good spirit of togetherness and notable signs of improvement. Each of the players remained as keen and enthusiastic as the day he started. This will make for an impressive U14 team.

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## Indoor Team

Indoor hockey sharpens stick skills for the outdoor game. A committed group of boys who wished to improve their hockey attended the Friday afternoon practices at the Leisure Centre. This group showed much promise in their preparation for the two indoor tournaments in Hull and Taunton.

The North of England Indoor Tournament at Hull attracts club sides with far greater experience of the game than the King's team. In spite of this, and a slow start, the quality of play improved significantly as the team gradually got into a rhythm. It was, however, too little, too late.

The indoor tournament at Taunton is always played in good spirit. The King's team was disadvantaged by the loss through injury of captain Nick Petty; however, all the matches were extremely close, with the players enjoying the occasion.

Appearances : 6 B.Illingworth, J.Done, M.Dunne, R.Barker, G.Maudsley, S.Mason; 3 N.Petty, K.Sawas, L.Hollis, P.Geake.

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## Mixed Team

Competition for places for the annual mixed game against Sir John Deane's Sixth Form College was fierce. The game always provides an exciting yet friendly end to the season. This match was no exception. Following an even start to the game, the King's team gradually got used to playing together and succeeded in getting their passing game going. This, together with the opposition's losing their best player to an injury received when treading on the ball, resulted in the King's team dominating the play, with 5 different players sharing the goals as they ran out comfortable winners. As always in this fixture, hockey was also the winner.

Players : K.Doncom, F.Bernard, J.Mosedale, M.Bloor, R.Scott, B.Illingworth, J.Done, R.Barker, N.Hollis, M.Dunne, K.Sawas, N.Petty.  
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## Girl's Hockey

The Girls' hockey teams had mixed results, but the matches were not without excitement and drama. Many were won or lost only in the dying moments of the games.

Fitness is paramount if players are to concentrate until the end of any gruelling encounter and it is those with the staying power and focus who often make the difference. All players are encouraged to attend fitness sessions on a weekly basis, which not only benefits stamina but also fosters team building and cohesion.

A number of players deemed to have county representational potential were sent through to county trials at the beginning of the season. Congratulations are due to the eight who were selected and who played regularly, receiving county colours at the end of the season, their coaches having been particularly impressed with their standard of play and attitude to training.

The players were: U16 Helen Mills, Heather Shribman, Hannah Burns (B team GK), U15 Emma Wood, Rachael Burgess, U14 Katherine Baker, Rebecca Bamford, Sarah Broadbent.

The annual Aikin Cup Tournament was played on Open Day. Six 8-a-side teams, which were a mix of U13, U14 and U15 players, played a round robin tournament umpired by the 1st team captain and vice captain. Natasha Gittens (Year 9) and three Year 8s, Alex Smith, Sarah Ollier and Sophie



Woodley, gained valuable experience in goal. (It is interesting to note that Sophie's determination to persevere with her goalkeeping skills paid dividends when she was selected to play in goal for the Macclesfield Borough team who were gold medal winners in the Cheshire 2005 Youth Games in June.)

Players who made a significant contribution in helping and encouraging the younger, less experienced players were Eleanor Rousseau, Laura Johnson, Sophie Maudsley and Charlotte Henshaw.

After a superb morning of hockey, the eventual winners were the Green Team (S Maudsley, E Spencer, V French, E Brierley, K Baker, E Cornish and J Quinlan)

The annual House Hockey tournaments in March were again strongly contended with encouraging empathy from the team players for those girls who are not so "switched on" to hockey as a pastime. The overall Championship winner for 2004-2005 was Team Capesthorpe.

The Macclesfield Borough Hockey Festival in May played host to the trials for the impending County Youth Games. The King's team, of Tiah Jones

(Capt), Lucy Askey, Katherine Baker, Hannah Woodley, Sophie Fox, Victoria French, Sarah Steward and Sophie Woodley, exhibited some fine hockey and, having convincingly won 2 games and drawn 2, the team was invited to return later in the month for the final selection trials. Six of the girls were key members of the Gold and Bronze medal winning teams at the Cheshire games. (A team: T Jones, L Askey and S Woodley, and B team: S Fox, V French and H Woodley)

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### **Girls' 1st XI**

On first impressions, having viewed the team's results, one would be inclined to consider the team to be wanting. However, this could not be further from the truth. The captain, Izzy Whittaker, and Vice Captain, Becky Scott, led the team with determination and vigour. They drew from every possible source to try to inspire and to keep spirits high. Unfortunately, it was often the first few minutes of the game (when fresh off the bus with only a rushed warm-up) that would determine the final outcome. The second half would regularly see King's dominating but finding it difficult to claw back the deficit.

The team's desire was always present; they consistently played a strong defensive game with many counter attacks, and at times were just plain unlucky. However, it is goals that count and, try as they might, they found great difficulty in converting their scoring opportunities and in finding the back of the net when it really counted.

Squad List: Isobel Whittaker, Rebecca Scott, Jay Mosedale, Francesca Bernard, Jenny Martin, Meredith Bloom, Charlotte Cooper, Kay Doncom, Sarah Evans, Charlotte Grimes, Katy Massey, Ramya Ravikumar, Rose Richardson.

*Player of the Year*

Kay Doncom

*Most improved player*

Jay Mosedale

### **Girls' U16 XI Hockey**

Dedicated, enthusiastic, keen, devoted, committed, sometimes out-and-out rogues and rascals (pictured) – this was a team that could not be faulted!

They desired success so much that no-one wanted to let the team down. Regularly, everyone turned up for practice sessions, no matter what the

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conditions, which meant that inclement weather never threw them off track. Fitness sessions could never be regarded as a treat, but were recognized as a necessary evil to be endured - or so one was led to believe.

What joy – but it had not always been plain sailing! In two years, these girls had developed into a fine bonded and cohesive unit, each recognizing the others' strengths and weaknesses.

The three county representatives and several club players all contributed their new found knowledge and skills to the team's development.

The win at the preliminary round of the county tournament in November and the prospect of fighting for the county title in March helped spur them on and they very nearly did it. Had they won their very closely fought last match in the tournament they would have been crowned champions, but it was not to be.

Everyone is to be congratulated on the splendid attitude and commitment displayed toward King's hockey and, for that, the whole team was awarded Departmental Commendations.

## *Player of the Year*

Heather Shribman

## *Most Improved Player*

Stephanie Lowndes

Squad: Helen Alston, Hannah Beard, Harriet Burgess, Hannah Burns, Amy Cotterill, Lucy Craske, Heidi Hughes, Stephanie Lowndes, Helen Mills, Alison Madley, Charlotte Murray, Heather Shribman, Hannah Smithson, Katy Ward.

## **Girls' U15 Hockey**

After a very disappointing group effort last year, the team reformed in September and seemed to be back on track with a great 3-0 win against Withington High School. The next two matches were evenly fought games, narrowly missing out to Lady Manners, 2-3, but with a splendid win at Rydal Penrhos, 3-2, which was no mean feat.

As Christmas neared, some of the players found it difficult to maintain commitment and focus on a regular basis which obviously had detrimental effects on the team. They lacked strength in numbers and the morale of the remaining enthusiasts, unfortunately, waned.

With two regular county players, Rachel Burgess and Emma Wood, in the side, and many more with potential, this should have been a team to be reckoned with.

It is hoped that a new start in Year 11, greater maturity and some personalized shirts to give the players identity will boost enthusiasm and motivation. It would be a shame for such potential to be wasted.

## *Player of the Year*

Emma Wood

## *Most improved*

Charlotte Henshaw

Squad: Sophie Fowler, Laura Johnson, Sophy Maudsley, Emily Purdham, Rachel Burgess, Emma Wood, April Greaves, Beth Roxborough, Charlotte Henshaw, Jane Ford, Helen Moxon, Ashley Hinchcliffe, Eve Spencer.

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## **U14 XI Girls Hockey**

A very enthusiastic and committed group of players trained hard throughout the year and made great progress.

The forwards were a very strong group of players supported by most effective halves. The team benefited from the skilful and determined contributions of Katherine Baker (captain), Sarah Broadbent and Rebecca Bamford who represented the U14 County Development squad. This, together with strength in the central defence from Tiah Jones, helped the team to improve. The final match of the season against Altrincham Grammar saw everything coming together with a most impressive victory of 6-0.

## **Girls' U13 Hockey**

This year's U13 team took some time to gel, but there were over twenty girls involved in the practices and games. The player of the year, Sophie Fox, and the most improved player, Sarah Stewart, playing in midfield, helped hold the team together.

Although the eleven-a-side results were quite mixed, the team had some success in the Cheshire 7-a-side tournament at Altrincham. After being second in the group, they lost to the eventual winners, Stockport Grammar School, in the semi-final stages.

It is most encouraging to note that a number of the team players are now training with clubs at the weekends.

Squad: Eilidh Cornish, Sophie Fox, Holly Parrish, Katie Burness, Ellie Smith, Sophie MacFadyen, Hetty Adams, Sarah Branley, Ginny Coates, Yasmin Lavasani, Katie Murray, Caroline Shorland, Sarah Stewart, Sophie Woodley, Ali

King, Jess Quinlan, Hatty Ravenscroft, Alex Smith, Grace Duckworth, Victoria French, Emily Gilmour, Vicky Mobbs.

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## **U12 Girls' Hockey**

The Year 7 hockey squad worked hard throughout the season and achieved some good results. The teams performed well at 7-a-side and progressed to 9 and eventually 11-a-side for the final game of the season. This experience has prepared them for the format next year and, hopefully, all of the squad will contribute to the team next season in either defensive, midfield or attacking roles.

The versatility of some members of the squad is particularly worthy of note and it is encouraging to be able to report on three girls who were successful in the role of goalkeeper, suggesting that this position will be well covered in the future! Felicity Kimber was nimble and committed between the posts and also has tremendous potential as a fast and effective attacker. Sophie Worall coped very well with the demands of a midfield role and yet showed determination and skill as goalkeeper, too. Kim Lawrence played a number of outstanding games in goal and should be congratulated on her abilities to save and distribute, effectively turning defence into attack. Her tenacity and obvious enjoyment of the game when playing out, however, suggest a promising contribution from Kim next season in either role!

Hannah Sugden deserves a special mention for her impressive goal scoring record. Hannah is a strong and enthusiastic player who has been a huge asset to the team.

Congratulations go to all those who showed great commitment to practice sessions and who have worked hard to improve their understanding of the game and develop their skills.

## *Most Improved Player*

Grace Hennell.

## *Player of the Season*

Kim Lawrence.

Squad: N Armour-Smith, R Cann, C Duncan, A Foreman, G Hennell, K Khan, F Kimber, K Lawrence, S Main, K Pickering, H Sugden, M Sutton, T Thorneycroft, I Wilkinson, S Worall

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## Biathlon

Fifteen King's pupils entered the Schools' Championships this year – the largest contingent to date.

The cross-country conditions at the Midlands Championships, at Cheslyn Hay on Sunday 24 October 2004 were, as is so often the case at such events, particularly challenging: the rain and the constant pounding of the runners made the course very muddy, slippery and heavy-going under foot.

The swim is a far more welcome discipline for the competitively trained swimmers and the event in which their technical training brings them an obvious advantage over the athletes.

All pursued their tasks with admirable determination and eleven pupils won medals and thus automatically qualified for the national competition in March.

It was difficult for all eleven qualifiers to compete in the national finals in March, because of a last minute change of date and venue. However, those who did enter enjoyed the superb facilities offered by Bath University and gained valuable experience in national competition.

The U13 boys' team gained overall 9th place with Daniel Cotterill achieving 25th position, James Burke achieving 41st and Alex Eyre being placed 45th.

Unfortunately, the U13 Girls were unable to field a full team as Tori French was unwell, but Sophie Fox achieved 39th position and Caroline Shorland 42nd.

In the U14 Girls' event, Hannah Hills continues to grow in confidence and, despite what she thought was a poor swim, she achieved overall 10th place. Congratulations go to all who took part.

Hannah Hills has exciting potential. She has displayed the attitude and determination to go far in this sport. Her dedication to training, both in athletics (with Macclesfield Harriers Athletics Club) and swimming (at Satellites Swimming Club) has paid dividends. In recognition of her achievements in schools and regional competitions this year she was awarded the Biathlete of the Year trophy.

It is also important to recognize and acknowledge the invaluable contribution of parents in the organization of these events. Their help with poolside management and course officiating is very much appreciated.

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## Rounders

In true tradition, the Rounders Club was again supported by a cast of thousands. Many girls who were not involved in winter games enthusiastically supported this summer activity alongside the stalwarts of the other team activities.

With so many enthusiasts, the aim was to endeavour to provide everyone with the opportunity to gain match experience and, therefore, team lists varied from game to game. That said, however, the standard of play throughout was extremely encouraging. Of the fifteen games played in five fixtures, seven were won, one was a draw and seven were lost (and of those, three games were very close).

There were some outstanding performances in all age groups: probably most worthy of note was Year 9 pupil, Natasha Gittins, who made some spectacular catches on several occasions.

### *Players of the year*

Year 7 Sophie Worrall  
Year 8 Hatty Ravenscroft  
Year 9 Natasha Gittins

The Inter-house competition was eagerly contested with both A and B teams in most age groups. Adlington won in Years 9 and 10 but Capesthorpe was the overall winner, having won the 7, 8 and 11 age groups.

## Junior Rounders

This year, more than forty year 5 and 6 girls have been involved in playing rounders in A and B team matches against other schools. About seven or eight of the Y6 boys have also played - and done extremely well. Several matches have been played against the local primary schools and others against Cheadle Hulme School, Alderley Edge Girls' School and Stockport Grammar School. Two Year 6 teams also played in the AJIS tournament at Cheadle Hulme School. The A team progressed to the quarter finals.

Matches have, on the whole, been played in sunshine, but also in cold, windy weather and in persistent drizzle. The teams have provided many memorable moments of skilful play, of super catches, of effective fielding, of fantastic throwing and super hitting to say nothing of "cunning running"!

The players have learned a great deal about playing the game well, but, more importantly, they have learned a lot about being part of a team, supporting each other, not letting each other down and about co-operating with

each other. They have also learned to be both good winners and losers. Rounders Club has also been run for year 3 and 4 girls and has been very popular. House rounders matches have been played in an excellent spirit. Tatton are this year's champions.

Thanks go to all the staff (Mrs Atkins, Mrs Baker, Mrs Squares, Mrs Mann and Mrs Cole - even Mr J was roped in) who have given up their time to help run practices, to umpire matches and to transport pupils to rounders' matches. The tuneful singing in the back of the bus made it all worthwhile!

## Junior Athletics

A consistently strong turn-out to athletics and running clubs this year ensured a very enthusiastic and committed athletics team from Years 4, 5 and 6 who performed very well at a number of events this season.

Local fixtures against Cheadle Hulme School and Stockport Grammar School were opportunities to rehearse for the larger AJIS and Macclesfield Primary Schools Championships. Alex Billings won a gold medal in the high jump competition on both of these occasions. It is also very pleasing to report that the boys from King's retained their trophy at the Macclesfield Primary Schools competition. It was an excellent performance and the evening ended in fine style when the 4 x 100m team put all their relay changeover practice to good use and won gold in a closely fought final.

The athletics season concluded with Sports Day. We were blessed with a beautiful day and all the children enjoyed competing in a range of field, track and fun events. The ribbons on the winning cup this year were green. Congratulations to Capesthorpe, and good luck to all athletes next season.

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## U14 Netball

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13	8	0	5	179	151

This was a tremendous season for the girls. With sixteen dedicated players, the team saw several changes from match to match, but the girls worked well together and were excellent opponents to some very strong teams. Many made great improvements in their technique throughout the season and they demonstrated these confidently in matches despite the occasionally

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dreadful weather.

A consistent level of strong defending came from Holly Fraser, Tash Gittins and Rebecca Bamford, supported by swift mid-field work from Katherine Baker, Lucy Askey and Helena Walsh, to name but a few. The county level skills learnt by Laura Bridge, coupled with the precision of Hannah Woodley, made their attack a resounding success in many games. The main strength of the team, however, lay with the girls' willingness to work together and contribute in whatever way they could.

With continued enthusiasm next year, this large team of players has the potential to achieve excellent results. Helena Walsh received Most Improved Player, with Player of the Year going to Holly Fraser.

### Sailing National Schools Regatta Chichester

This is the first time the school has participated in this event which is sailed in the International 420 Sailing Dinghy, a fibre-glass, round bilge trapeze boat with a conventional spinnaker. New versions cost upwards of £7000. Elliot Banks and Ben Arnold were enthusiastic helm and crew and it would be fair to say that both found the boat a challenge. For Elliot, this was because, though the boat was sound, it was rather tired in some respects and lacked boat-speed and pointing ability in comparison with the rest of the thirty-five strong fleet, and for Ben, it was because of the technical novelties involved in trapezing and spinnaker handling.

In strong winds and difficult tidal conditions, the boys did very well in the first three races. Elliot's starting was excellent, but the boat did tend to fall back through the fleet as the race progressed. Lack of boat speed and pointing ability became more pronounced as the wind moderated later in the series. Eventually the team finished twenty-seventh out of thirty-five in a fleet of excellent sailors with equipment to match.

The event was organised by the Itchenor Sailing Club and took place in Chichester Harbour. The club's hospitality was warm and friendly and the event was very well organised. The boys were generously hosted by sailing club members.

Needless to say, the boat will be a very valuable addition to the King's fleet as a training platform for trapeze and spinnaker work.



### Swimming

The year started with the English Schools' Divisional Team Championships at the Europa Pool in Birkenhead on Sunday 7 November. Teams for three age groups were entered but, unfortunately, because of last minute withdrawals, only the Under 14 girls competed. Hannah Hills, Katherine Baker and Alison Smith in Year 9 and Victoria French in Year 8 swam personal best times against very tough opposition from some of the best swimming schools in the north west and the rest of the country. The team achieved overall 5th in the freestyle and 6th place in the medley relay – creditable results when all things are considered.

The next two events on the calendar included the annual *Swimarathon* swim for the Local Lions Club on Sunday 21 November, followed by the *Swimathon* held by the Alderley Edge and Bollin Valley Rotary Club on Sunday 29 November.

Sarah Pickering, Sarah Gales, Greta Bearne and Victoria French covered 115 lengths in the continuous relay and raised valuable funds for the Lions charities.

Eight of the Girls' 1st XI Hockey players raised over £400 for the Rotary charities. R Ravikumar, R Richardson, M Bloom and J Mosedale swam for the Kingpins and completed 100 lengths. The Kingfishers team of S Evans, C Grimes, I Whittaker and K Doncom just pipped them with 112 lengths.

The final event of the year was the Annual NULS Invitation relays Gala on Tuesday 15 March. The U16 team (H Moxon, H Schofield, H Beard, E Hallam) swam well, but against opposition from Bradford, Liverpool, Lancaster, Bolton, Bromsgrove and the home team, Newcastle, it was impossible to

make a real impact.

The U14 team (H Hills, A Smith, Year 9 and, from Year 8, T Gilsenan and D Cotterill) showed great promise considering that they were fielding an underage team. They finished 7th and 9th in the freestyle and medley relays.

Although it is difficult for King's to compete against schools which have the luxury of their own pools and can specialise in swimming, it is still a great experience for our swimmers. Our local clubs provide us with the talent. It is perhaps a shame that we are unable to match our fellow schools and foster team unity through a school training regime.

There are some very promising youngsters, both boys and girls, coming up through the age groups. These include Katherine Edgar in Year 7 who achieved a national qualifying time for backstroke this year. As long as the pupils all keep training regularly, King's may well have some exciting teams filtering through.

Hannah Hills was awarded the Swimmer of the Year Trophy

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### Junior Swimming

Swimmers enjoyed participating in a number of inter-school galas, travelling to Cheadle Hulme, Merchant Taylors' and to QEGS Blackburn.

Swimmers from years 4, 5 and 6 competed in a full compliment of races including individual 25m and 50m backstroke, frontcrawl and butterfly events and freestyle and medley relays. The combined year 6 x 25m cannon relays have always provided an exciting final event to these occasions!

King's swimmers competed in the AJIS galas but, sadly, we did not return with a clutch of medals this year. It is, however, valuable experience to take part in such a high calibre event and all our swimmers acquitted themselves very well.

The House Swimming Gala provided a fitting finish to our swimming year and the whole school contributed to a very positive and colourful afternoon at Macclesfield Leisure Centre. Well over two hundred children took part in forty six events allowing our expert swimmers to demonstrate their considerable skills and for everyone to do their bit to contribute to their House Score. The scores were very close and every point was valuable. The Lower Junior Trophy went to Tatton and the Upper Junior Trophy went to Gawsworth.

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**Mrs J T Barratt**, GTCL Hons, LTCL (Pft), Trinity College of Music, London; PGCE, City of Birmingham Polytechnic

**Mrs A E Mitchell**, BSc Hons, Birmingham University, Mathematical Sciences

## Appendix 1 Staff 2004/2005

- A McInnes**, Diploma of Loughborough Colleges (Physical Education); Ministry of Education Teaching Certificate with distinction in Mathematics, Nottingham University
- Mrs H L Broadley**, BSc Hons, Nottingham University, Zoology; PGCE Science, Worcester College of Higher Education
- M J Brown**, BSc Hons, University of Sheffield, Physiology; PGCE Biology and Combined Science, City of Birmingham Polytechnic
- Dr L C Palazzo**, BA, University of Durham, General Studies; Laurea in Lingue e Lettere Straniere, University of Bari, Italy; BA Hons, University of Natal, Durban, English; MA, University of Natal, Durban, English; PhD, University of Durham, English; PGCE, Manchester Metropolitan University
- Mrs C P Thompson**, BA Hons, Middlesex Polytechnic, Performance Arts; PGCE, Manchester Metropolitan University; Advanced Teaching Certificate and Diploma in Teaching Studies, Manchester University
- Dr G N Banner**, PhD, BA Hons, MA, Sheffield University, English Literature
- Dr J A Fitzgerald**, PhD, MSc, University of Sheffield, Palynology; BSc Hons, University of Manchester, Geology; PGCE, Liverpool Hope University College
- D R Marshall**, BSc, University of Manchester, Computer Science; PGCE, Manchester Metropolitan University
- Mrs E Pentreath**, MA Hons, University of St Andrews, Greek & Moral Philosophy; PGCE Didsbury School of Education
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- Mrs R A Agour**, BA Joint Hons, University of Leeds, Arabic & Religious Studies; PGCE, Manchester Metropolitan University, Religious Studies
- M K Barlow**, BA Hons, University of Manchester, Theology & Religious Studies; PGCE, University of Glasgow, Religious Studies
- Dr J M Pinkham**, BSc Hons, University of Birmingham, Biochemistry; PhD, University of Birmingham, Biochemistry
- A Rice**, BA Manchester University, Sports Studies & Sociology; PGCE, West London Institute of Education, PE & Special Educational Needs
- J Street**, BSc Hons, Imperial College, Chemistry; PGCE, University of Bristol, Science
- Miss M Turner**, BA Hons, University of Liverpool, English & German; PGCE, Edge Hill College of Higher Education, Modern Languages
- Mrs K Darch**, BA Hons, King's College London, French; PGCE, Keele
- Dr S J Hartnett**, BSc, DPhil, University of Sussex, Physics; PGCE, Exeter
- Mrs K H Hinds**, BSc Hons, University of Wales, Psychology; PGCE, Edge Hill
- Mrs J S Locke**, BSc Hons, Durham University, Chemistry; PGCE, Nottingham
- J Nichols**, BEd Hons, Crewe & Alsager College of Higher Education, CDT
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- Miss E Schué**, BA, University of Nanterre-Paris, English Literature, History & Linguistics; PGCE, Reading
- J P Bartle**, BSc, Loughborough University, Chemistry; PGCE, Loughborough
- I E Dagleish**, MA, Merton College, Oxford, English & Modern Languages; PGCE, University of London
- Miss K E Easby**, MA, BA, University of Manchester, Classical Studies; PGCE, St Mary's College, Twickenham
- Miss Z Hall**, BA Hons, Manchester Metropolitan University, Textile Design; PGCE, Manchester Metropolitan University
- Mrs H Leeming**, MEng, Birmingham University, Mechanical Engineering & Management; PGCE King's College London
- Miss R E Pownall**, BSc, University of Manchester, Mathematics; PGCE, University of Manchester
- A P Reeve**, BA, York University, Economics & Economics History; PGCE, York University
- Mrs R A Richards**, BA Hons, Buckinghamshire Chilterns University, 3D Design; PGCE, Manchester Metropolitan University
- S Carpenter**, PhD, BSc, University of Warwick, Engineering & Materials Science; PGCE, Warwick
- Dr L A Craig**, BA Hons, Manchester Metropolitan University, Social & Economic History with Sociology; PGCE, Manchester
- Mrs L E Hewitson**, B A Hons, Lancaster University, Economics; PGCE, Leeds.
- Dr I Lancaster**, PhD, BSc Hons, University of Wales (Bangor), Oceanography; PGCE London, MSc, Durham.
- Mrs R E Maddocks**, BA Hons, Manchester University, Politics & Modern History; PGCE, York.
- Mrs D Masters**, BA, University of Orléans, License d'Anglais, PGCE, Bath.
- B Masters**, BA, University of Warwick, English & European Literature; MA, Liverpool, Victorian Literature.
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- Miss C K A Rice**, BA Hons, University of Wales (Bangor), German; PGCE, Bangor; MA, Sheffield, German
- M T R Seccombe**, BSc Hons, University of Southampton, Management Science & French; PGCE, Warwick
- Miss A Sheen**, BSc Hons, Salford University, German & Italian; PGCE, Sheffield
- P Thompson**, BSc Hons, University of Manchester, Chemistry; PGCE, Manchester Metropolitan University
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**Mrs R E Forster**, Teaching Assistant

**Mrs C Frankish**, Bursar's Office

**J Gibbons**, Maintenance, Cumberland Street

**Ms D Gibson**, Assistant Caretaker, Fence Avenue

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**Mrs L Green**, Admissions Secretary

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# Appendix 2 Examination Results

## A2/AS Results 2005

Key: A&D: Art & Design; B: Biology; BStd: Business Studies; C: Chemistry; CC: Classical Civilisation; Comp: Computing; D & T: Design & Technology; D: Drama and Theatre Studies; Ec: Economics; ELang: English Language; E: English Literature; F: French; FM: Further Mathematics; Gstd: General Studies; G: Geography; Geol: Geology; Ger: German; H: History; IT: Information Technology; L: Latin; M: Mathematics; Mu: Music; Phil: Philosophy; P: Physics; Ps: Psychology; RStd: Religious Studies; SpStd: Sports Studies.

Adams S E.....	E, H, Ps, GStd (AS), ICT (AS)
Alston R.....	B, C, M, P, GStd (AS)
Arnold W T.....	Comp, M, P, D&T (AS), FM (AS)
Ashton S D.....	ICT, P, C (AS), GStd (AS), M (AS)
Baker S J.....	G, H, Ps, GStd (AS), ICT (AS)
Barker N J W.....	C, G, M, P (AS)
Barker R A.....	BStd, Ec, Ps, GStd (AS), ICT (AS)
Barrow C.....	Phil, RStd, F (AS), GStd (AS), L (AS)
Beeston G L.....	F, G, Ps, GStd (AS), Ger (AS)
Bernard F V.....	BStd, Ps, D, ELang (AS), GStd (AS)
Bestley T M.....	CC, H, ICT, BStd (AS), GStd (AS)
Braddock F S.....	CC, H, ICT, BStd (AS), GStd (AS)
Brassington A C.....	BStd, Ec, G, GStd (AS), H
Brown D C.....	B, C, Ger, GStd (AS), H (AS)
Brown T N.....	A&D, D&T, CC (AS)
Burgess J J C.....	BStd, B, P, GStd (AS), Ps (AS)
Butterworth A L.....	B, F, Ger, C (AS), GStd (AS)
Byrne J S B.....	B, G, ICT, GStd (AS)
Campbell K M L.....	B, C, M, RStd
Chadwick R.....	B, C, SpSt, BStd (AS), GStd (AS)
Clark C S.....	B, Geol, G, ICT
Close J J.....	Geol, G, BStd (AS), ICT (AS)
Cockitt L.....	B, C, M, P
Crompton H S.....	BStd, Geol, G, GStd (AS), ICT
Curry A E.....	G, M, P, Geol (AS), GStd (AS)
Daniel T W.....	CC, H, ICT, GStd, RStd
Davies M T.....	C, H, M, GStd (AS), P (AS)
Deakin T H.....	E, Geol, G, F (AS), GStd (AS)
Doherty N.....	F, Ger, H, C (AS), GStd (AS)
Durrant J T.....	ICT, M, D&T, GStd (AS), P (AS)
England O J.....	BStd, M, P, GStd (AS), H (AS)
Fett R P.....	G, M, FM, P, GStd (AS)
Finch S O.....	BStd, G, P, Comp (AS), GStd (AS)
Freeman M L.....	BStd, ICT, Ps, GStd (AS)
Gokhale J M.....	BStd, F, Ger, GStd (AS), H (AS)
Greenwood L M.....	B, G, P, C (AS), BStd (AS)
Griffiths J R.....	B, H, Ps, ICT (AS)
Grundy K C.....	B, C, M, A&D (AS)
Gush S L.....	B, M, Ps, GStd (AS), ICT (AS)
Hadfield H M.....	A&D, ELang, PS, GStd (AS), D (AS)
Hamilton K E.....	ELang, F, Ger, GStd (AS), H (AS)
Handley C M.....	BStd, Ps, SpSt, G (AS)
Haydock B.....	B, P, Phil, GStd (AS)
Hepworth C R.....	CC, G, ICT, B (AS), GStd (AS)
Hollis N A.....	F, H, M, GStd (AS), Ger (AS)
Hopping N L W.....	BStd, G, Ps, Comp (AS), GStd (AS)
Horton LA.....	ELang, Ps, B (AS), GStd (AS), ICT (AS)
Horton MB.....	BStd, Ps, G (AS), SpSt (AS)
Howarth V J.....	B, C, M, P, GStd (AS)
Hughes I D.....	BStd, G, ICT, Geol (AS)
Johnson D R.....	C, M, P, Ps, GStd (AS)
Katovsky N E.....	A, M, P, B (AS), FM (AS)
Keys T A.....	C, F, M, GStd (AS), Ger (AS)
Lee J F.....	BStd, Ps, RStd, GStd (AS), H
Madden R A.....	E, F, Ger, GStd (AS), H (AS)
Mair A F.....	ELang, Ps, D, F (AS), GStd (AS)
Martin J S.....	A&D, ELang, E, ICT (AS)
Mather C J.....	CC, Ger, H, ICT
Matthews H R.....	B, G, M, C (AS), GStd (AS)
Mayers R D.....	B, C, M, FM
McCormick A C.....	B, C, Ps, GStd (AS), M (AS)
McGeorge A N.....	A&D, M, D&T
McLeod W A.....	B, C, M, G (AS), GStd (AS)
Melezinek M.....	Comp, M, Ps, C (AS), GStd (AS)
Mellor L P.....	BStd, Ec, Ps, ICT (AS)
Moore C M.....	Comp, E, ICT, GStd (AS), Phil (AS)
Moore C T.....	A&D, BStd, D&T, GStd (AS), H (AS)
Mosedale J N.....	BStd, ICT, D&T, H (AS)
Painton S L.....	BStd, Ps, D&T (AS), ELang (AS), GStd (AS), SpSt
Partington J.....	BStd, F, H, Ps, GStd (AS)
Phillips J D.....	ICT, M, P, FM (AS)
Potts J L.....	ELang, H, Ps, GStd (AS), Ger (AS)
Rafferty S L.....	ELang, G, Ps, B (AS), GStd (AS)
Rathi H R J.....	BStd, H, Phil, Geog (AS), GStd (AS)
Richards M J.....	Comp, ICT, M, Gstd (AS), P (AS)
Rider A J.....	B, E, Ps, Geog (AS), GStd (AS)
Robertson M A J O.....	BStd, Ec, Ps, M (AS)
Robinson K S.....	CC, Ps, GStd (AS)
Robinson R H M.....	BStd, CC, G, GStd (AS), ICT (AS)
Roxborough C N.....	E, Mu, D, Geog (AS), GStd (AS)
Schirmer H.....	A&D, B, E, Ps
Scott R D.....	A&D, RStd, D, ELang (AS)
Shaw D M.....	B, C, Phil, GStd, P (AS)
Shaw H V L.....	F, Ger, Ps, A&D (AS), GStd (AS)
Sinton T J.....	B, C, M, P
Sodha R F.....	B, C, Mu, M (AS)
Stranks J C.....	E, Phil, Ps, GStd (AS), Ger (AS)
Taylor A W J.....	B, E, H, C (AS), GStd (AS)
Taylor J M.....	BStd, H, RStd, ELang (AS), GStd (AS)
Varo R H.....	G, Ps, SpSt
Waddingham S C R.....	Ec, F, H, GStd (AS), M (AS)
Walker L J.....	B, C, Ps, GStd (AS), Ger (AS)
Warner L J.....	F, Ger, Ps
Watts A N.....	H, ICT, B (AS), CC (AS), GStd (AS), M (AS)
Wesley J E T.....	Mu, Ps, D, GStd (AS), M (AS)
Whittaker I M.....	Ps, SpSt, BStd (AS), GStd (AS), M (AS)
Winstanley C L.....	A&D, Ps, D, E (AS), GStd (AS)
Wood H J.....	C, G, M, F (AS), FM (AS)

### GCSE Results 2005

Key: A&D: Art & Design; B: Biology; C: Chemistry; D&T: Design and Technology; D: Drama and 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; Ru: Russian; Sc: Science Dual Award; Sp: Spanish

The following candidates gained grades A\*-C.

#### Girls' Division

Ainley C E ..... E, EL, M, D, F, Mu, RE, Sc  
 Alston H ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, Ger, P, RE  
 Ashworth CA..... E, EL, M, D, F, G, RE, Sc  
 Beard H M ..... E, EL, M, B, C, D, F, H, P  
 Berrett E S ..... E, EL, M, A&D, D&T,G, Ger, Sc  
 Braganza S F..... E, EL, M, D&T, F, L, Sc, Sp  
 Brough A N ..... E, EL, M, A&D, G, Ger, H, Sc  
 Burgess H J..... E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, F, H, Sc  
 Burns H A ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, H, L, P  
 Byrne L S..... E, EL, M, A&D, D, H, Sc  
 Chadwick A S ..... E, EL, M, D&T, F, G, Ger, Sc  
 Clark E..... E, EL, M, B, C D&T, F, G, P  
 Clarke S L ..... E, EL, M, D&T, Ger, H, RE, Sc  
 Cliff L M ..... E, EL, M, A&D, D, F, G, Sc  
 Cochrane S E ..... E, EL, M, D, F, Ger, H, Sc  
 Connor F E ..... E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, F, Sc, Sp  
 Cotterill A L..... E, EL, M, A&D, Ger, H, L, Sc  
 Coveney N M..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, Ger, P, RE  
 Craske L J ..... E, EL, M, D&T, F, G, Sc, Sp  
 Dillon A L..... E, EL, M, D, F, H, Sc, Sp  
 Durrant A C..... E, EL, M, A&D, F, G, Mu, Sc  
 Fox A K..... E, EL, M, Ger, H, L, Mu, Sc  
 Fraser H ..... E, EL, M, D, Ger, H, Sc, Sp  
 Gascoyne A L..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, G, Ger, P  
 Green C ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, G, H, P  
 Hall K C S ..... E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, D, Ger, P  
 Harding R F ..... E, EL, M, A&D, Ger, H, RE, Sc  
 Hofton G R ..... E, EL, M, A&D, F, Sc, Sp  
 Hughes H R ..... E, EL, M, Ger, H, L, Mu, Sc  
 Hughes H V ..... E, EL, M, D&T, F, G, Ger, Sc  
 Jeffrey A A D ..... E, EL, M, A&D, D, F, RE, Sc  
 Johnson R V E ..... E, M, A&D, Ger, H, Sc  
 Keen A C ..... E, EL, M, D, F, G, H, Sc  
 Knight E J ..... E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, F, H, P  
 Knowles C A ..... E, EL, M, A&D, G, Ger, H, Sc  
 Koyich K F S ..... E, EL, M, B, C, D, F, H, P  
 Lowndes S C ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, G, H, P  
 Macleod A C ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, H, L, P  
 Madley A J ..... E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, Ger, H, P  
 May A ..... E, EL, M, A&D, F, Ger, H, Sc,  
 McArthur S E ..... E, EL, M, A&D, F, H, Sc, Sp  
 Mills E H ..... E, EL, M, D, Ger, Mu, RE, Sc

Mitchell K J ..... E, EL, M, A&D, G, Ger, H, Sc  
 Moors E M ..... E, EL, M, D, F, H, Mu, Sc  
 Murray C E..... E, EL, M, Ger, H, L, Mu, Sc  
 Page E M..... E, EL, M, A&D, D, F, L, Sc  
 Perry C L..... E, EL, M, A&D, L, RE, Sc, Sp  
 Schofield H J ..... E, EL, M, D&T, F, G, Ger, Sc  
 Seddon F C ..... E, EL, M, Ger, H, L, Sc, Sp  
 Shribman H E ..... E, EL, M, B, C, D, Ger, Mu, P  
 Sinton R E ..... E, EL, M, D, Ger, L, RE, Sc  
 Smithson H L ..... E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, F, G, Sc  
 Snelson S L ..... E, EL, M, A&D, D, Ger, RE, Sc  
 Spencer R C ..... E, EL, M, B, C, H, P, RE  
 Stott J M ..... E, EL, M, D, F, H, RE, Sc  
 Stretton K A ..... E, EL, M, F, G, H, RE, Sc  
 Taylor J R ..... E, EL, M, A&D, F, H, RE, Sc  
 Tighe C L ..... E, EL, M, A&D, D, G, Ger, Sc  
 Vass C M ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, G, Mu, P  
 Waheed A ..... E, EL, M, F, Ger, H, RE, Sc  
 Walsh F E M ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, L, Mu, P  
 Ward K V ..... E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, Ger, H, P  
 Whittaker S V ..... E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, D, Ger, P  
 Williams H J L ..... E, EL, M, F, H, L, Sc, Sp

#### Boys' Division

Ahmed H..... E, EL, M, F, H, L, Sc, Sp  
 Ayling A B ..... E, EL, M, B, C, D, Ger, L, P  
 Bamford T C ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, G, Ger, P  
 Barter A C ..... E, EL, M, D, F, G, H, Sc  
 Beard S D T ..... E, EL, M, D, F, H, RE  
 Bedi S ..... E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, D&T, D, P  
 Beesley E O C ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, Ger, H, P  
 Bexon D A ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, G, Ger, P  
 Blake T W ..... E, M, D&T, D, Sc  
 Brooks R G ..... E, EL, M, F, Sc  
 Brown A J ..... E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, G, P  
 Brown P M ..... E, EL, M, A&D, H, Sc  
 Bryant J ..... E, EL, M, B, D, F, H, P  
 Cawson E P ..... E, EL, M, F, H, L, Sc, Sp  
 Clark J P ..... E, EL, M, B, C, D, G, Ger, P  
 Collinson J S ..... E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, G, Ger, P  
 Cook P T E ..... E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, G, Ger, Sc  
 Cotter R A ..... E, EL, M, D, G, H, Sc  
 Crawford W R ..... E, EL, M, G, Ger, H, RE, Sc  
 Crompton G W ..... E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, D&T, Ger, P  
 Dempsey N J ..... E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, D&T, P  
 Egerton J M ..... E, M, B, C, D&T, F, G, P  
 Falder M A ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, G, L, P  
 Farran A ..... E, EL, M, A&D, F, Ger, H, Sc  
 Frankish B..... E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, F, P, Sp  
 Freeman A J ..... E, EL, M, D&T, D, RE, Sc  
 Fullerton A S E ..... E, EL, M, G, Ger, H, RE, Sc  
 Gaffney R ..... E, EL, M, D&T, G, Ger, RE, Sc  
 Gales A ..... E, EL, M, B, C, F, G, H, P  
 Garlick A C ..... E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, G, Ger, P

## Appendix 2 Examination Results

Gatley S C J .....	E, EL, M, D&T, G, Ger, H, Sc	Shribman M R .....	E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, Ger, H, Mu, P
Geere D H L .....	E, EL, M, B, C, D, F, H, P	Smith A A .....	E, M, A&D, D&T, G, Ger, Sc
Ghuri S P .....	E, EL, M, D&T, Ger, H, Sc, Sp	Smith M F B .....	E, EL, M, A&D, F, G, H, Sc
Gibson M D .....	E, M,	Soudeikine D S .....	E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, H, P, Ru, Sp
Gierc D F .....	E, EL, M, D&T, Ger, H, Sc	Sterndale Bennett R J .	E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, D&T, F, P
Gokhale M V .....	E, EL, M, A&D, G, Ger, H, Sc	Stevenson J .....	E, M, H, Sc
Green M J .....	E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, H, L, P	Swales H J A .....	E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, H, P
Gwatkin B T .....	E, EL, M, A&D, F, G, H, Sc	Thompson J B.....	E, EL, M, A&D, F, G, RE, Sc
Hall A J .....	E, EL, M, B, C, G, Ger, H, P	Thompson L C .....	E, EL, M, B, C, D, G, Ger, P
Hall D L A .....	E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, F, G, L, P	Thorpe C J .....	E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, G, Ger, Sc
Holden J R V .....	E, EL, M, G, Ger, H, Sc	Tuffin G R .....	E, M, B, C, D, Ger, H, P
Hollis L M .....	E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, H, P, Sp	Tutton P M .....	E, EL, M, B, C, G, Ger, H, P
Hulme L H .....	E, Ger	Waddingham J D .....	E, EL, M, D, F, G, H, Sc
Jackson M D .....	E, EL, M, B, C, F, H, P, Sp	Wales M P .....	E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, H, P
James T M .....	E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, G, H, P	Wall T S .....	E, M, D&T, Ger
Jones K E .....	E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, G, P	Walsh B W .....	E, EL, M, A&D, G, Ger, RE, Sc
Kapoor D .....	E, EL, M, B, C, D, Ger, P, RE	Williams A J .....	E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, Ger, L, P
Kavanagh J A M .....	E, M, Sc	Wilson C A .....	E, EL, M, F, G, RE, Sc
Keeling S J .....	E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, G, Ger, Sc	Winstanley R C .....	E, EL, M, D, Ger, H, RE, Sc
Kerr F G .....	E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, H, L, P	Withington S A .....	E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, H, L, P
Kimber A A K.....	E, EL, M, A&D, D, Ger, H, Sc	Wolstencroft N C .....	E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, Ger, L, Sc
Laing A J .....	E, EL, M, A&D, G, Ger, RE, Sc	Wong M M C .....	E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, F, Ger, Sc
Lea S E .....	E, EL, M, F, Ger, H, Mu, Sc	Wrigley T H .....	E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, F, H, P
Lee N G .....	E, EL, M, A&D, D, RE, Sc	Yarwood R .....	E, EL, M, B, C, H, L, P, Sp
Marie J J K .....	E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, F, H, P	Yeo O E .....	E, EL, M, D&T, F, G, RE, Sc
Mason S .....	E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, F, G, Sc		
May J D .....	E, EL, M, F, H, L, Sc, Sp		
McGill S D .....	E, EL, M, F, G, Ger, H, Sc		
Moore R D .....	E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, G, P		
Morrall R P .....	E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, Ger, H, Sc		
Musa E R .....	E, EL, M, F, G, H, Sc, Sp		
Newham J D .....	E, EL, M, B, C, G, Ger, H, P		
Nobbs K H S.....	E, EL, M, B, C, F, Ger, P, Sp		
Northcote R M .....	E, EL, M, P		
Painton J J.....	E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, G, Ger, P		
Parks S M .....	E, EL, M, B, C, G, Ger, H, P		
Partington D .....	E, EL, M, D, F, H, L, Sc		
Parton B W .....	E, EL, M, B, C, H, L, P, Sp		
Pochin W A.....	E, D&T, Sc		
Powell J I .....	E, M, F, G, RE, Sc		
Pownall T H L .....	E, C, D&T		
Purdom E .....	E, EL, M, B, C, D, G, P, RE		
Rae J M .....	E, M, D&T, F, Ger, H, Sc		
Raine J P A .....	E, M, RE, Sc		
Ralston W .....	E, EL, M, B, C, F, Ger, P, RE		
Rigg J G M .....	E, EL, M, D, F, H, L, Sc		
Robinson C J J .....	E, EL, M, B, C, G, Ger, P, Sp		
Royston D C .....	E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, G, Ger, Sc		
Ryan J K .....	E, EL, M, B, C, F, H, L, P		
Ryder C A N .....	E, EL, M, Ger, H, Sc		
Scott A M .....	E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, H, P, RE		
Seddon O J .....	E, M, Ger, H, Sc		
Sephton C A L.....	E, EL, M, A&D, G, Ger H, Sc		
Shaw E R C .....	E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, Ger, H, Sc		

## Pupils Admitted to Higher Education 2005

Name	Destination	Subject
Adams S E.....	University of Wales, Bangor .....	Psychology
Alston R.....	University of Sheffield .....	Medicine
Arnold W T.....	Bath University .....	Civil Engineering (06)
Ashton S D.....	University of Huddersfield.....	Automotive Engineering
Baker S J.....	University of Nottingham.....	History with Contemporary Chinese Studies
Barker N J W.....	Leeds Metropolitan University.....	Sport & Exercise Science
Barker R A.....	University of Wales, Bangor.....	Psychology
Barrow C.....	University of Leeds.....	Philosophy-Theology & Religious Studies
Beeston G L.....	Loughborough University.....	International Business (4 years)
Bernard F V.....	University of the Arts London.....	Fashion Management
Bestley T M.....	University of Wales, Swansea .....	Ancient History
Braddock F S.....	University of Reading.....	Ancient History
Brassington A C.....	University of Nottingham .....	Industrial Economics
Brown T N.....	Macclesfield College.....	Art Foundation Course
Brown D C.....	Imperial College (University of London) ..	Medicine
Burgess J J C.....	University of Nottingham.....	Management Studies
Butterworth A L.....	University of Durham.....	Modern Languages
Byrne J S B.....	University of Hull .....	Geography
Campbell K M L.....	University of Southampton .....	Environmental Sciences
Chadwick R.....	Loughborough University.....	Human Biology
Clark C S.....	University of Sheffield.....	Geography
Close J J.....	Sheffield Hallam University.....	Architecture & Environmental Design
Cockitt L.....	University of Manchester.....	Engineering with a Foundation Year
Crompton H S.....	University of Reading.....	Land Management with Diploma in Planning
Curry A E.....	University of Newcastle upon Tyne .....	Environmental Engineering
Daniel T W.....	University of Portsmouth .....	Politics (06)
Davies M T.....	University of Hull .....	20th Century History
Deakin T H.....	University of Sterling.....	English Studies
Doeherty N.....	University of Leeds.....	Chinese Management Studies
Durrant J T.....	University of Leeds.....	Civil & Structural Engineering
England O J.....	University of Manchester.....	Mathematics and Management
Fett R P.....	University of St Andrews .....	Mathematics-Theoretical Physics
Finch S O.....	Loughborough University.....	Construction Engineering Mgmt
Freeman M L.....	Manchester Metropolitan University.....	Internet Computing (06)
Gokhale J M.....	University of Dundee .....	Law
Greenwood L M.....	University of Nottingham.....	Management Studies
Griffiths J R.....	Leeds Metropolitan University.....	Human Biology
Grundy K C.....	University of Edinburgh.....	Ecological Science (Ecology)
Gush S L.....	University of Wales, Bangor.....	Psychology
Hadfield H M.....	Leeds College of Art.....	Art Foundation Course
Hamilton K E.....	University of Durham.....	Modern Languages
Handley C M.....	University of Wales Institute, Cardiff.....	Sports Development
Haydock B.....	Applying 05/06	
Hepworth C R.....	University of Manchester.....	Ancient History
Hollis N A.....	University of Wales, Swansea .....	International Relations with French
Hopping N L W.....	Manchester University .....	International Management
Horton M B.....	Sheffield Hallam University.....	Sport & Leisure Management
Horton L A.....	Liverpool John Moores University.....	Media & Cultural Studies
Howarth V J.....	University of Sheffield.....	Genetics & Microbiology
Hughes I D.....	Staffordshire University.....	Business Studies
Johnson D R.....	Mansfield College, Oxford.....	Law
Katovsky N E.....	University of Bristol.....	Mathematics
Keys T A.....	University of Leeds.....	Chemistry
Lee J F.....	University of Leeds.....	Management
Madden R A.....	University of Durham.....	Modern Languages
Mair A F.....	University of Leeds.....	Psychology (06)
Martin J S.....	Loughborough University .....	Aft Foundation Course
Mather C J.....	University of Manchester.....	Ancient History & Archaeology

# Appendix 3 Higher Education

Matthews H R	University of Durham	Psychology
Mayers R D	University of Leeds	Medicine (06)
McCormick A C	York College	Psychology
McGeorge A N	Leeds College of Art	Art Foundation Course
McLeod W A	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Chemical & Process Engineering
Melezinek M	University of Manchester	Computer Science & Mathematics
Mellor L P	University of Sheffield	Management & Economics
Moore C M	Loughborough University	Art Foundation Course
Moore C T	Staffordshire University	Computer Games Design
Mosedale J N	University of Sheffield	Architecture
Painton S L	Loughborough University	Art Foundation Course
Partington J	University of Nottingham	Management Studies (06)
Phillips J D	Lancaster University	Mathematics
Potts J L	Manchester Metropolitan University	Modern History
Rafferty S L	Manchester Metropolitan University	Primary Education
Rathi H R J	University of Sheffield	Management
Richards M J	University of Warwick	Electronic Engineering
Rider A J	University of Nottingham	Nursing Science
Robertson M A J O	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Marketing & Management
Robinson K S	Nottingham Trent University	Equine Sports Science
Robinson R H M	University of Reading	Land Management with Diploma in Planning (06)
Roxborough C N	St Martin's College, Lancaster	Drama
Schirmer H	Sheffield Hallam University	Law
Scott R D	Loughborough University	Art Foundation Course
Shaw D M	York College	Philosophy
Shaw H V L	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Combined Studies
Sinton T J	University of Manchester	Biochemistry
Sodha R F	Magdalen College, Oxford	Biological Sciences
Stranks J C	University of Reading	Philosophy & English (06)
Taylor A W J	Manchester Metro University	English
Taylor J M	University of Leeds	Management (06)
Varo R H	University of Hull	Criminology with Psychology
Waddingham S C R	University of Leicester	Law with French Law & Language
Walker L J	University of Huddersfield	Physiotherapy
Warner L J	University of Wales, Bangor	Psychology with Child Language Development (06)
Watts A N	University of Wales, Swansea	Egyptology & Ancient History (06)
Wesley J E T	University of Durham	Music (06)
Whittaker I M	Leeds Metropolitan University	Business Studies
Winstanley C L	Loughborough University	Art Foundation Course
Wood H J	University of Manchester	Mathematics with Financial Mathematics

## Deferred Entries

Beech A S	Staffordshire University	Psychology
Braganza G K	Manchester Metropolitan University	History
Briggs C	University of Leeds	Management
Brooks S	Oxford Brookes University	Real Estate Management
Hope L E C	University of Southampton	Nursing: Adult Branch
Marten H E	Ruskin College, Oxford	Fine Art
Montgomery K	University of Wales, Bangor	Geography
Perring J S J	University of Manchester	Politics & Modern History
Petrie J	Manchester Metropolitan University	Coaching & Sports Development
Remblance G S	University of Leeds	Computing
Slade A	Sheffield Hallam University	Accounting & Financial Management
Stones L	Manchester Metropolitan University	International Fashion Marketing
Thompson J	University of Huddersfield	Music Technology & Audio Systems
Turner M W F	University of Portsmouth	Computer Animation
Unterhalter R W	University of Reading	Classical Studies
Wilson J P	University of Birmingham	Classical Literature & Civilization
Wright N L	University of Manchester	International Management

## Distinctions in Public Examinations

### A & AS Level

Pupils with 3 As

Nadia Doherty  
James Taylor  
Richard Madden

Reesha Sodha  
Max Robertson

Pupils with 4 As

Adam Brassington  
Daniel Brown  
Lee Greenwood  
Katie Grundy  
Kate Hamilton  
Alison Mair

Richard Mayers  
Alister McCormick  
Tom Sinton  
Nick Katovsky  
Sarah Waddingham

Pupils with 5 As

Rachel Alston  
Robert Fett  
Vicky Howarth  
David Johnson

James Partington  
Dominic Shaw  
Hannah Shaw

### GCSE

Pupils with at least 8 A\*/As

Aaron Ayling  
Thomas Bamford  
Hannah Beard  
Edward Beesley  
Sarah Braganza  
Ailsa Brough  
Ted Cawson  
Ellen Clark  
Sophie Cochrane  
James Collinson  
Amy Cotterill  
Matthew Falder  
Alice Fox  
Harriet Fraser  
Robert Gaffney  
Andrew Gales  
Annie Gascoyne  
Charlotte Green  
Matthew Green  
Dominic Hall  
Rhyannon Harding  
Lyam Hollis  
Heidi Hughes  
Helen Hughes  
Emily Knight

Charlotte Knowles  
Sam Lea  
Stephanie Lowndes  
Abigail Macleod  
Alison Madley  
Anja May  
James May  
Kathryn Mitchell  
Charlotte Murray  
Benjamin Parton  
Charlotte Perry  
Joe Ryan  
Frances Seddon  
Heather Shribman  
Matthew Shribman  
Rachel Sinton  
Leo Thompson  
Charlotte Tighe  
Peter Tutton  
Anoshe Waheed  
Francesca Walsh  
Katy Ward  
Hannah Williams  
Reuben Yarwood

### King's School Awards

T U Brocklehurst Awards

Reesha Sodha  
Rachel Alston  
Richard Madden

W D Brocklehurst Awards

Joe Durrant  
Katy Grundy

F D Brocklehurst Awards

Robert Fett  
Helen Wood

William Barnett Award

David Johnson

Pearson Award

Richard Mayers

Goodlad Dobson Award

Kate Hamilton

### Special Prizes

Head of Foundation's Prize,  
Upper School Prize: Music (Joint) &  
Development Trust Major Award

Reesha Sodha

Former Pupils' Association Awards

Jonathan Lee  
Claire Winstanley

### School Prizes (all age groups)

Sainter (for scientific research)

Elizabeth Conway

Maimi Wright for Computing

David North

Ben Davies (Poetry),  
Principal's Prize and Year 10  
Research Project Major Award

Emily Middleton

Selwyn Russell Jones Sports Prize &  
Religious Studies  
(Thorneycroft) Joint Prize

Jonathan Lee

Thornber Chemistry Development  
Prize & Middle School Prizes:  
CDT (Technology) & Physics

Dominic Hall

Year 7 Endeavour Cup &  
Junior Orchestral Prize

Tom Baston

Year 9 Achiever's Cup Joint

Elliot Malkin

Year 9 Achiever's Cup Joint & Form  
Prize: Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)

Johnty Marshall

Ros Marcall Prize for Endeavour,  
Upper School Prize: Classics (Wilmot)  
& Development Trust Major Award

Chloe Mather

Ken Brookfield Elizabethan Prize,  
Upper School Prize: Senior Reading  
& Development Trust Major Award

Richard Madden

Sue Bream Crystal Star

Jack Walker

### Upper School Prizes

Art (Selwyn Russell Jones)

Rebecca Scott

Biology & Chemistry

Katie Grundy

Business Studies & Economics  
(Canon F W Paul) Joint Prize

Adam Brassington

CDT (Technology) & Alan Batchelor  
Retiring Prize

Joe Durrant

Economics (Canon F W Paul)  
Joint Prize & History (C A Bradley)

Sarah Waddingham

English Language

Sarah Rafferty

English Literature & Geology

Thomas Deakin

French (William Broster)

Kate Hamilton

Geography, Mathematics Double, Physics  
& Development Trust Major Award

Robert Fett

General Studies (T B Cartwright)

Alison Mair

German (J O Nicholson)  
& Development Trust Major Award

Anna Butterworth

Mathematics: Mechanics

Helen Wood

Mathematics: Statistics

Oliver England

Music Joint Prize

Jamie Wesley

Philosophy

Dominic Shaw

Psychology

David Johnson

Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)

Katie Campbell

Senior Choral Joint Prize

Helen Mills

Senior Choral Joint Prize

Richard Mayers

Senior orchestral Joint Prize

David Kennerley

Senior Orchestral Joint prize

David Jervis

Simon Schuler Trophy

John Hardy

Sports Studies

Isobel Whittaker

Theatre Arts

Claire Winstanley

# Appendix 4 Awards & Prizes

## Middle School Prizes (Boys' Division)

Deryck Siddall Cup, Chemistry and CDT (Graphic Products)	Matthew Shribman
Art & Design	Nicholas Lee
Biology	Andrew Gales
English, French, German, Music & Dual Science	Sam Lea
Geography	David Bexon
History	Peter Tutton
Latin	James May
Mathematics	Matthew Green
Religious Studies (Thornecroft)	Robert Winstanley
Spanish	Kingsleigh Nobbs
Theatre Arts and Best All Rounder Cup	Leo Thompson
Middle or Lower School Reading & 8GT Joint Form Prize	James Boardman
Macclesfield Grammar School Challenge Cup	Matthew Falder

## Lower School Prizes (Boys' Division)

Junior Choral Joint Prize & 7BE Form Prize	Sean Malkin
Junior Orchestral	Ross McNeill

## Form Prizes (Boys' Division)

10AR	Jonathan Barratt
10BM	David Swetman
10JN	James Nicholson
10MTH	George Morrissey
10RGD	Christian Bridge
9DMH	Anthony Floyd
9JAD	Grant McGlinchey
99JPB	Matthew Murray
9KDa	Joe Hanson
8GT Joint Prize	Mike Dodd James Boardman
8KEE	Jacob Calvert
8PAUT	Joshua Hearn
8PI	Matthew King
Religious Studies (Thornecroft)	Hikmat Hasan
7CAM	Jonathan Stubbs
7PFH	William Hanson
7MTRS	Peter Nixon
Religious Studies (Thornecroft)	Kester Banks

## Year 10 Research Projects (Boys' Division)

<i>Major Awards</i>	Jamie Holland Matthew Sumpter
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## Middle School Prizes (Girls' Division)

Macclesfield High School 'Best All-Rounder' Cup	Heather Shribman
Art & Design Joint Award	Eleanor Page
Art & Design Joint Award	Amy Cotterill
Biology, Geography & Mathematics	Stephanie Lowndes

CDT (Resistant Materials) Chemistry	Hannah Smithson Charlotte Green
Dual Award Science & Religious Studies (Thornecroft)	Charlotte Perry
English Joint Award	Rhyannon Harding Jessica Stott
French	Anja May
German	Heidi Hughes
History	Charlotte Murray
Latin	Rachel Sinton
Music & Macclesfield High School Somerville Challenge Cup	Alice Fox
Physics	Helen Alston
Spanish	Hannah Williams
Theatre Arts Joint Award	Katy Koyich
Theatre Arts Joint Award & Macclesfield High School Susan Russell Jones Cup for German	Sophie Cochrane
Middle School Reading	Harriet Fraser
Anne Craig French Prize	Natalie Gildert
Jenny Lee Mathematics Prize	Charlotte Turner
Year 7 Endeavour Cup	Molly Ross
Year 9 Achiever's Cup	Hannah Hills
Victrix Ludorum Cup	Emma Wood
Macclesfield High School Isobel Day Cup for French joint prize	Rebecca Sugden
Macclesfield High School Isobel Day Cup for French joint prize & Lower School Prize:	
Junior Choral	Sophie Vohra
Principal's Prize	Emily Middleton

## Lower School Prizes (Girls' Division)

Junior Orchestral	Katie Holt
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## Form Prizes (Girls' Division)

10GG	Clare Reucroft
10CHB	Jessica Tweedie
10HLB	Nicola Keys
10VCO	Rebecca Walker
9LFA	Katie Lob
9REP	Alison Smith
9RSH	Rebecca Bamford
Religious Studies (Thornecroft)	Natasha Perry
8JSS	Laura Powell
8LB	Rosie Jacot
8DRM	Anna Beesley
Religious Studies (Thornecroft)	Lydia Rex
7Esc	Kanza Khan
7RAR	Isabel Wilkinson
7LCP	Jilly Clifford
Religious Studies (Thornecroft)	Clare Vlissidis

# Appendix 4 Awards & Prizes

## Year 10 Research Projects (Girls' Division)

<i>Major Awards</i>	Katherine Marlow Emily Nesbitt Madeline Rex Fiona Sneddon Priya Sodha
<i>Awards</i>	Robyn Ashurst Julia Phillips Joy turton

5AE	Holly Pinkham
5NS	Jonathan Emery
5SEO	Lara Knowles
4AER	Alex Calder
4JC	Kate Garnett
4VA	Edward Laughton
3LT	Jenna Self
3PA	Katharine Fray
3SAM	Rory Heywood

## Other Prizes

Robert Batchelor Prizes	Sam Thomas Katie Pickering Lucy Rowbotham Matthew Thorp
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## Endeavour Prize

6CMH	Phoebe Fox
6GDJ	Emily Pasquale
6JEB	Becky Grimes
5AGE	Harry Frost
5NS	Daniel Higginson
5SEO	Sam Butler
4AER	Olivia Kuriawan
4JC	Lisa Bianco
4VA	Emily Pegg
3LT	Alex Moore
3PA	Thomas Lynch
3SAM	Joshua Stevenson

## Retiring Prizes

Barry Edwards	Ben Arnold
Ron Darlington Jazz Prize	Ben Illingworth

## Ridings Best All-Rounder Prizes: (and the Martin Badger Cup for All-Round Endeavour)

Robert Batchelor Prizes:	Richard Barratt Elizabeth Bell
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## Junior Division

### Subject Prizes (Year 6 only)

English: Reading	Eleanor Strutt
English: Speaking	Oliver Pickstone
English: Writing	Rebecca Massie
Mathematics	Sean Wilson
Science	Jonathan Cook
Geography	Olivia Soutter
History	Angus Quinn
French	Virginie Nobbs
Art, Design and Technology	James Hyde
Music	Elizabeth Marshall
Information Technology	Kate Dewhurst
Religious Education	Matthew Arnold
Physical Education	Peter Machin
Swimming	Alice Bailey
Games: Boys	Matthew Edgar
Games: Girls	Emily Ralston

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

Alice Simkins

## Mrs C J Hulme Y6 Musical Production Prize:

Naomi Gildert

## Form Prizes

### First Form Prize

6CMH	Elizabeth Bell
6GDJ	Sean Wilson
6JEB	Jonathan Cook
5AGE	Christopher Hanak
5NS	Clare MacKinnon
5SEO	David Moores
4AER	Hattie McCance
4JC	Ellamae Blackaby
4VA	Caitlin Cornish
3LT	Karl Southern
3PA	Raife Copp-Barton
3SAM	Poppy Nathan

### Second Form Prize



# Appendix 5 Music Examinations

## Autumn Term 2004

### Associated Board Practical Examinations

#### Sixth Form and Boys' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Alexander Eyre .....	Saxophone	1	126 Merit
Matthew Murray.....	Piano	2	120 Merit
Michael Buckley .....	Piano	3	108 Pass
Matthew King .....	Flute	5	110 Pass
Joe Ryan.....	Violin	6	108 Pass
Charles Gilman .....	Piano	2	105 Pass
David Kennerley.....	Singing	8	120 Merit
Thomas Charlesworth.....	Piano	2	111 Pass
Christopher Gibson .....	Piano	1	132 Dist

#### Girls' Division

Name .....	Instrument	Grade	Result
Hannah Higham .....	Flute	3	110 Pass
Nicola Deakin .....	Trumpet	6	136 Dist
Emma Butterworth .....	Clarinet	3	118 Pass
Charlotte Murray.....	Singing	6	122 Merit
Hetty Adams .....	Piano	4	117 Pass
Nicola Deakin .....	Singing	4	125 Merit
Rachel Bates.....	Violin	2	106 Pass
Alice Fox .....	Piano	7	118 Pass
Kanza Khan .....	Singing	2	131 Dist
Katherine North.....	Violin	4	116 Pass
Heidi Hughes.....	Singing	4	135 Dist
Francesca Walsh .....	Piano	7	111 Pass
Kiryann Stevens .....	Flute	4	138 Dist
Scarlett Collins .....	Singing	5	124 Merit
Harriet Fraser .....	Singing	5	130 Dist
Rebecca Higginson .....	Flute	1	132 Dist
Katherine Edgar.....	Cello	3	124 Merit
Stephanie Main .....	Singing	1	138 Dist
Samantha Cook.....	Violin	4	101 Pass
Sumaiya Salehin.....	Flute	3	133 Dist
Kate Holroyd .....	Singing	4	124 Merit
Florence Jeffrey .....	Violin	3	102 Pass
Katherine Baker.....	Piano	1	124 Merit
Jessica Quinlan .....	Piano	3	112 Pass
Hannah Wood .....	Clarinet	3	132 Dist

#### Junior Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Olivia Soutter.....	Piano	3	124 Merit
Jamie Irving.....	Clarinet	1	134 Dist
Gabriella Brough .....	Piano	2	117 Pass
Elizabeth Bell.....	Flute	3	112 Pass
Victoria Lomas .....	Clarinet	1	111 Pass
Henry Reavey .....	Piano	2	120 Merit
William Strutt .....	Piano	1	118 Pass
Eleanor Strutt .....	Piano	3	115 Pass
Hannah Gradwell .....	Clarinet	2	117 Pass

## Spring Term 2005

### Associated Board Practical Examinations

#### Sixth Form and Boys' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Joschke Roffe.....	Guitar	2	124 Merit
Daniel Brown .....	Piano	2	134 Dist
Jacob Calvert.....	Guitar	2	126 Merit
Alexander Davies .....	Piano	2	109 Pass
Jack Ryan .....	Piano	5	110 Pass
Alex Smith.....	Guitar	1	130 Dist
Matthew Murray.....	Guitar	3	116 Pass
Ross Elliot .....	Trumpet	2	116 Pass
Peter Mills .....	Oboe	5	115 Pass
Thomas Gradwell .....	Trumpet	2	132 Dist
Sam Rodman.....	Piano	2	112 Pass
Hassan Kamran.....	Flute	1	123 Merit
Christopher Gibson .....	Saxophone	5	114 Pass
David Kennerley.....	Piano	7	130 Dist
Matthew Green .....	Clarinet	8	122 Merit
Allie Potter .....	Trumpet	6	139 Dist
Michael Barratt.....	Clarinet	3	130 Dist

#### Girls' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Helena Loynes.....	Piano	1	114 Pass
Nicola Keys.....	Piano	7	126 Merit
Jenny Campbell .....	Percussion	3	134 Dist
Hannah Wood.....	Piano	3	123 Merit
Kate Shaw .....	Clarinet	2	133 Dist
Sophie Hawker .....	Flute	2	121 Merit
Nicola Armour-Smith.....	Flute	2	125 Merit
Sarah Berrett .....	Piano	5	100 Pass
Emily Nesbitt.....	Piano	5	123 Merit
Amy Jacobsen .....	Violin	4	122 Merit
Hannah Hills .....	Oboe	5	127 Merit
Alison Smith.....	Guitar	2	134 Dist
Laura Chatwin.....	Oboe	2	106 Pass
Sumaiya Salehin.....	Piano	3	124 Merit
Sophie Vohra .....	Guitar	2	124 Merit
Felicity Kimber.....	Flute	2	106 Pass
Rosanna Jacot .....	Piano	6	127 Merit
Katie Burness.....	Flute	2	116 Pass
Caroline Vass .....	Flute	7	105 Pass
Victoria May .....	Singing	2	125 Merit
Zoe Wolstencroft .....	Piano	2	124 Merit
Heather Shribman.....	Piano	2	120 Merit
Heather Shribman.....	Singing	6	130 Dist
Koryann Stevens.....	Piano	3	130 Dist
Emily Nesbitt.....	Violin	5	123 Merit

#### Junior Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Harriet McCance .....	Piano	1	134 Dist
Aswad Khan.....	Flute	2	125 Merit
Timi Dina .....	Piano	1	122 Merit

# Appendix 5 Music Examinations

Emily Pegg.....Piano	1	121 Merit
Ben Spencer-Pickup..Piano	2	118 Pass
Samuel Stockman .....Recorder	1	130 Dist
Alex Quinlan.....Guitar	1	120 Merit
Gabriella Brough.....Flute	1	132 Dist
Eve Worthington.....Flute	1	127 Merit
Clare MacKinnon.....Piano	3	117 Pass
Sam Thomas .....Violin	1	126 Merit
Hanni Hill .....Violin	1	113 Pass
Kate Dewhurst.....Oboe	2	124 Merit

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### Sixth Form and Boys' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Harrison Blackaby	Flute	3	117 Pass
Gregory Eyre.....	Saxophone	1	131 Dist
Elliot Banks.....	Viola	5h	127 Merit
Robert Fett .....	French Horn	5	110 Pass

### Girls' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Sarah Longson .....	Flute	2	118 Pass
Emma Dreysay.....	Piano	3	117 Pass
Sarah Branley.....	Violin	3	122 Merit
Nicola Deakin.....	Piano	4	116 Pass
Erin Roxborough.....	Singing	3	120 Merit
Katie Holt.....	Violin	4	126 Merit
Amy Matthewson.....	Singing	3	131 Dist
Sarah Gales .....	Piano	5	126 Merit
Sarah Naden.....	Piano	2	109 Pass
Amy Jacobsen.....	Piano	1	132 Dist
Natalie Gildert.....	Piano	5	106 Pass
Freya Bradley.....	Flute	3	133 Dist
Zoe Wolstencroft .....	Flute	3	122 Merit
Alexandra King.....	Flute	4	113 Pass
Charlotte Turner .....	Flute	7	130 Dist
Carys Ward.....	Flute	4	112 Pass
Hannah James.....	Flute	3	112 Pass
Jenny Wilson .....	Clarinet	1	122 Merit
Rachel Bates.....	Singing	3	122 Merit
Sarah Pickering .....	Flute	5	108 Pass
Rochelle Banks.....	Flute	4	123 Merit
Hetty Adams .....	Flute	6	118 Pass
Olivia Howick.....	Singing	4	120 Merit
Emily Purdham .....	Singing	5	115 Pass
Clara McKechnie.....	Singing	2	123 Merit
Sophie vohra.....	Violin	3	128 Merit
Sukanya Javle.....	Singing	4	124 Merit

### Junior Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Phoebe Fox.....	Flute	2	115 Pass
Millie Ralston .....	Flute	1	122 Merit
Victoria Provis.....	Piano	1	100 Pass
Chris Wood .....	Violin	1	128 Merit

Jamie Irving.....	Clarinet	1	126 Merit
Eve Thomas-Davies...Piano		1	117 Pass
Bethany Tallents .....	Piano	2	118 Pass
Eleanor Strutt .....	Singing	2	132 Dist
Charlotte Sampson ....Piano		2	118 Pass
Sarah Winstanley .....	Flute	3	116 Pass
William Connor.....	Singing	2	123 Merit
Sophie Branley .....	Piano	2	113 Pass
Annabelle Roberts .....	Piano	1	116 Pass
Millie Ralston .....	Piano	1	136 Dist
Jamie Irving.....	Piano	1	130 Dist
Charlotte Banner-Smith...Oboe		2	125 Merit
William Connor.....	Flute	2	112 Pass
Eleanor Strutt .....	Cello	1	130 Dist
Sarah Winstanley .....	Singing	2	139 Dist
Richard Barratt.....	Viola	1	137 Dist
Jenna Self .....	Piano	1	110 Pass
Hannah Naden.....	Violin	1	135 Dist
David Moores .....	Violin	1	132 Dist
Justine Blake.....	Violin	1	127 Merit
Olivia Soutter .....	Violin	3	132 Dist
Hattie Lasman .....	Clarinet	1	116 Pass
Rowena Moores.....	Piano	1	121 Merit

### Guildhall School of Music Drum Kit Examinations

Name	Grade	Result
Matthew Parris.....	1	161 Merit
Jonathan Stubbs.....	1	205 Honours
James Holt.....	1	172 Merit
Joe Morrison .....	2	229 High Honours
Tom Baston.....	3	218 Honours
Cameron McPake.....	1	181 Merit
Grace Hennell.....	2	205 Honours
Grace Pullen .....	2	203 Honours
Joshua Rooney.....	2	150 Pass
Maia Birch.....	1	207 Honours
Jonathan Treece.....	2	140 Pass
James Hyde.....	1	165 Merit

### Trinity Exam Successes

#### Autumn Term 2004

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Alexander Eyre .....	Keyboard	2	Pass
Gregory Eyre.....	Keyboard	2	Pass

#### Easter Term

Simon Main.....	Keyboard	4	Pass
Genevieve			
Young-Southward .....	Keyboard	2	Merit
Andrew Taylor .....	Keyboard	2	Pass