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Junior cricket at Fence Avenue

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Head of Foundation's Report

I am pleased to report that the School is really on the crest of a wave at the moment for all sorts of reasons. Most notably, the building of the new Sixth Form Centre is a project that has captured the imagination of all, and the Senior Management Team is very excited about this development. I am grateful to the Governing Body for taking this step, which is an important landmark in the future of the school. They have shown great vision and fortitude. I am particularly grateful to Jonathan Spencer Pickup, the Director of Finance, who has been instrumental in making this construction occur.

Last year, I reported on a Royal Visit that happened in the September and I have similar news this year. Although none of the Royal Family actually visited the School on this occasion, some of our Junior Division pupils did get to meet the Duchess of Cornwall on her recent visit to Cheshire. This was indeed a super start to the year.

The examination results over the summer also gave us reason to smile as, at A Level, over a third of the passes obtained (38%) were A grades and the pass rate was again 100%. The percentage of A/B grades was 73%, improving on the remarkably impressive record of the year before. Nine pupils at the school obtained four A grades in their A Level examinations with twenty-five students producing three A grades or better. Nick Petty managed A grades in his A Level papers for Economics, Chemistry and Mathematics. He also obtained A grades in his AS examinations in Physics, History and General Studies. This made half a dozen top grades at this Level. Matthew Dunne and William

Soutter obtained five A grades, via three A Levels and two AS Levels. Katherine Harrison and Elizabeth Conway each obtained one of the top five marks in the country for their A Level Biology examination and Lily Dunlop did the same for her Art and Design A Level. *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Times* newspapers published examination results in August and demonstrated that, by one measure or another, our A Level results were better than those of all the independent co-educational schools in Manchester and I think this is an achievement of which we can all be justifiably proud.

At GCSE, 53% of grades were at A* or A, and a pass rate for A*-C grades of 97% was recorded. James Fox gained ten A*s, the most in the school, and Emily Middleton obtained nine A*s. Forty-six boys and girls each collected eight A*/A grades.

At Key Stages 1 & 2, we again had a very successful year, although we now take these examinations only for internal purposes and do not disclose the results.

None of this success would be possible without the great commitment of the teaching staff who give up so much of their time on the pupils' behalf. We all know that they work constantly on preparation, lessons, and marking, but it is the time that is sacrificed at lunch-time, after school and at weekends that makes King's the special place it is.

There were many other achievements during the year in sport, music, drama and other areas and these will be highlighted in the pages that follow. The First XV rugby team passed through the season unbeaten for only

the second time in its history, an incredible triumph. The Foundation also saw four outstanding dramatic productions and several excellent concerts during the course of the year. This is all part of providing the all-round education for which the school is well known.

The end of the last academic year saw the retirement of several colleagues and I am sure you will read about them with interest in the appropriate section of this report. However, I would like to pay particular thanks to two of these teachers. Keith Perriss was at King's for thirty-one years, became Head of Foundation PE, Senior Master (Administration), and was also elected Chairman of the Common Room. It was in this last role that we worked closely together and he ensured that I understood staff views on a number of issues: this helped to avoid problems and ensure the smooth running of the School. For this, I am very grateful to Keith and I am happy to report that he is planning to referee some rugby matches for us in his retirement.

Bill Beatson has also retired. I have never before met a member of staff who keeps in contact with such a large number of ex-pupils from all of his schools. This simple fact is a massive tribute to Bill. He became Principal of the Boys' Division in 1993 and fulfilled this role successfully for ten years. He then took on the role of Principal in charge of Staff Development three years ago. This was a new post and he had to define the role himself. He filled both of these positions superbly and I am very much in his debt, as is the school.

Finally, the recent Prize Giving saw the inauguration of IA Wilson Economics Scholarship and the Ashness Quincentenary Bursary was also awarded for the first time during 2006/7. I am pleased now to announce another lifelong bursary for this scheme to help able pupils of limited financial means. The Basil Dean Science Bursary is being launched by Basil, during this academic year, in honour of RB Rawsthorn who taught him science at King's.

The Quincentenary Bursary Scheme did not exist five years ago, but it has already proved to be great success, having raised almost a quarter of a million pounds so far: it is helping nine pupils in the Sixth Form at this very moment. I cannot think of a more fitting note on which to finish my report on the school year.

S Coyne



Hail . . .

Welcome to the following members of staff who joined King's during the academic year 2005-2006

Miss Malvika (Molly) Acharya joined the Religion and Philosophy Department from Sale Grammar School. She graduated from the University of Hull. At the end of the year, she was appointed Head of Adlington in the Boys' Division.

Miss Vicky Banks became a Teaching Assistant in the Infants. She worked previously as a Learning Support Assistant at Marlborough School and as Deputy Supervisor of their after-school club.

Mrs Mary Byrne joined the Infants as a part-time teacher, to job-share with Rachel Cookson. She is a graduate in Economics and Geography and, after relocating to the area, worked as a supply teacher in Manchester and Cheshire. When she went on maternity leave, her teaching was temporarily covered by Alice Byrne.

Miss Hannah Cumbes replaced Helen Leeming in the IT and Computing Department, but left King's at the end of the academic year to take up a post closer to her home.

Miss Lucy Derby became Head of English, leaving her post as Academic Leader in the English Department at Whalley Range High School for Girls. She graduated from the University of Leeds and has also taught at Withington Girls' School and William Hulme's Grammar School.

Mrs Frances Gathercole replaced Carmel Lawrence as the Nurse at Fence Avenue. She is already familiar with King's as both of her children were educated here. She is a qualified nurse, midwife and acupuncturist.

Jackie Egerton also joined the nursing team part way through the year.

Miss Jessica Morris left Westhoughton High School to join King's in the Modern Foreign Languages Department. She is a graduate in German from the University of Exeter and has spent a year in Germany as a Language Assistant.

Mr Michael Norris replaced Gareth Jones in the Junior Division for one term, taking responsibility for extra-curricular activities and games.

Mrs Jennifer Panton also joined the Junior Division as a class teacher and IT co-ordinator. She graduated in Russian Language and Literature from the University of Birmingham and has taught at the British International School in Moscow.

Mr Chris Randell joined the Modern Foreign Languages Department, as a teacher of French. He previously taught at Oakham School, having graduated in French and Spanish from the University of Manchester. He has also worked in Spain, Italy and France, including three summers at Disneyland Paris.

Mrs Ruth Roberts rejoined the English Department, having taught at King's previously in 1999. Since then, she has completed a PGCE and taught at Alderley Edge School for Girls for two years. She graduated in English and Modern Languages from Oxford and has also worked as an auctioneer. She runs the Debating Club in the Boys' Division and, at the end of the school year, was appointed Head of Year 7.

Mr Chris Shingles joined the school as a Cricket and Rugby Coach. He is a former pupil of the school and also completed a teaching placement at King's as part of a 'Return to Teaching' Course.

Miss Sue Waller became an additional member of the Biology Department. A pharmacology graduate from the University of Liverpool, she has taught at Nottingham High School for Boys and Bishop Vesey's Grammar School. She is a qualified hockey coach and takes one of the boys' hockey teams, and at the end of the year was appointed Head of Capes-thorne in the Boys' Division.

Mr Michael Walton joined the school in January as the permanent replacement for Gareth Jones in the Junior Division. There, he has responsibility for extra-curricular activities. He studied at the University of Wales, Bangor, and he has coaching awards in many sports. Previously, he was Head of PE and Sport at Terra Nova School.

Ms Helen Whitworth became a Teaching Assistant (Note Taker) at the Girls' Division for one year.

Mr Maximilien Dubois joined King's for the year as a French Language Assistant and **Miss Cordula Gehwolf** became the school's German Language Assistant.

Three new 'Gap Year' students joined the Foundation in January 2006, replacing Ben van Weel, James Smith and Susie Crosland, who left King's at Christmas. They are Jackson Board and James Stanley from Australia and Caitlin Boshoff from South Africa. They have worked, and played, with gusto, with all the students in every Division.

... and Farewell

and our best wishes for the future to:

Keith Perriss

Keith came to the school from King's, Worcester in 1975 as Head of P.E., a job he maintained even when, in 1994, he also became Senior Master (Administration). This was a perfect role for the man known as 'Mr Organised', whose methodical neatness and meticulous attention to detail made sure that the whole Foundation ticked along regularly, usually with everyone in the right place at the right time, and knowing what was supposed to happen. Naturally, it also fell to Keith to steer the committee that planned the Foundation's Quincentenary programme of celebrations in 2002.

He became Teacher Governor and Chairman of the Staff Common Room, and was held in very high esteem by colleagues. He was always willing to help and to advise, drawing on a wealth of common sense and experience. Keith had always 'been there and done that' - and he had an impressive array of T-shirts.

The deservedly high reputation of sport at King's owes much to Keith's leadership and to his commitment to the school and his job. He established a 'pyramidal' system for PE and sport, a wide base of involvement leading to a peak of excellence, a major force behind the successes achieved by school teams over the last twenty-five years.

As well as teaching PE, he taught Lower School History, and his lessons were always conducted with wit and good humour, a feature that he

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carried over into his report writing, which would often raise a smile and cushion the blow even if the truth beneath the comment was ominous!

Keith remained a rugby coach throughout his time at King's, leading a number of different teams, of different age groups, invariably with great success. He accompanied our rugby tours all over the world, visiting Australia, Singapore, Chile, Argentina, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, France and Holland, sometimes more than once! It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it. Keith's two sons, Matthew (School Captain), and Jamie, attended King's for their entire school life, and both played 1st XV rugby, having absorbed, through the blood as well as by dint of his coaching, both a love of the game and an aptitude for it.

Having been a keen runner when he was a schoolboy, good enough for a place in the English Schools' Finals, Keith was, naturally, also Athletics Coach and, after an exchange year teaching in Illinois, returned to King's able to add the title of 'Basketball Coach' to his CV as well.

Running several ski trips came equally naturally to him: Keith was ever an enthusiastic supporter of all aspects of the school's extra-curricular life and its Outdoor Activities programme. In retirement, he is busy 'bagging' Munros and walking the Lake District when he has a few moments to spare. We hope that such moments are many, and wish him a long and splendid retirement.

Mike Hart

In 1978, an exhibitor of Oxford University moved from Bury Grammar School to King's in order to become Head of the Geography Department: Mike Hart - scholar, educator, adventurer and family man.

Mike quickly and noticeably made a significant impact on the quality of Geography teaching in the school, truly inspiring his classes. He has the ability to convert technical and complicated information into simple terms, to make students understand, something readily and gratefully noted by many of his former pupils, one of whom now teaches Geography at King's himself!

As well as his input in the classroom, Mike was a Sixth Form tutor and a senior advisor whose calm and considered advice, coupled with an encyclopaedic knowledge of uni-

versity entrance procedures, helped many on their progress towards a good career. He always contributed wholeheartedly to all aspects of the pastoral life of the school, especially to its sports teams. In winter, he coached second XV and under 15 rugby, and, a very good 400m runner himself in his prime, gave hours of time each summer to coaching boys' athletics and accompanying teams to competitions all over Britain.

He was always equally heavily involved in the outdoor pursuits programmes and the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. He is a keen and experienced walker, having completed most of the long-distance footpaths in the United Kingdom, and also tackled the Alps, the Andes and the Himalayas!

His three sons all attended King's and they, too, were all major contributors to the Foundation, in music and in sport, as well as achieving splendid examination results, as would be expected of the progeny of such a serious and talented academic and schoolmaster. For that Mike certainly was, even publishing his own research and views in a book on the development of study in Geomorphology.

Modest and quietly spoken, Mike would invariably play down his contribution to school life, but it was considerable. We wish him many more years in happy and successful retirement.

Chris Buckland

Chris joined King's in 1979 as a Biology teacher and was soon promoted to Head of Department. His enthusiasm for the subject coupled with his genuine interest in people made him a very effective and popular teacher, commanding the respect of many staff and pupils.

He ran numerous Biology field trips to places such as Arran, Anglesey and the Isle of Man, and accompanied Geography field trips from time to time, particularly if they would enable him to climb a different mountain whenever there was a gap in the programme of activities! He also organised ornithology trips all over the country. He began and ran the Biology club for younger pupils at Cumberland Street, breeding snakes and stick insects and establishing and maintaining a garden within the Percyvale section of the site, as a handy source of material for lab work, as well as a pleasant place to spend time.

Chris took on the role of Senior Academic Tutor for the Sixth Form in September 1997 and also chaired the school's Stress Management working party, determined that teaching and support staff should have a chance, just occasionally, to relax and enjoy life! In 1989, he was awarded a sabbatical by the school, and a travelling scholarship by the Goldsmith's Trust and used these to walk the full length of New Zealand.

More recently, he started teaching A Level Psychology, after secretly studying and taking the relevant examinations at night school: obviously, he gained top grades. His interest in psychology and his extensive reading and research in the subject made him an interesting and knowledgeable teacher of it. He relinquished his role as Head of Biology, and began to teach Psychology instead.

Out of school, he is involved in a wide range of activities: he is a keen walker, jogger and ornithologist; he plays the guitar and enjoys concerts and the theatre. He has travelled widely and plans to continue to do so. He also plans to treat his former colleagues to lunch in local cafés from time to time. We wish him a long, active and happy retirement.

Bill Beatson

Bill joined the school in 1993, leaving his positions as Head of Biology and House Tutor at Dulwich College, to take on what was then a new role at King's: he was to be the first Principal of the Boys' Division.

From the outset, Bill set the tone and set the standard: the boys' uniform was to be immaculate; their schoolwork was to be as good as they could make it; politeness and respect were to be the norm.

Much that is now routine in the Boys' Division is the direct result of his expertise, determination and forethought. He was instrumental in changing the A/B banding system and separated academic setting from the pastoral system for the first time. Bill introduced parent's evenings with subject teachers for Years 10 and 11, along with the tracking of under-performers and high achievers throughout the Division, to ensure that they received the correct help and encouragement. He designed the first planners, now used by every pupil in the Senior School. As well as helping pupils' organisation, these supported and enhanced the communication

between School and parents that Bill considered crucial.

It was he who started the prefect system in the Boys' Division, the first group of 'Billy Boys' taking up their roles in 1997. He worked closely with Robin Craig, then Vice Principal, on this initiative, as he did with the creation of the School Council, another of his ideas. Theirs was a very productive and effective partnership at the head of the Division.

Classroom time, and passing on his considerable knowledge of his subject, was just as important to Bill as leading the Division well. Teaching is, after all, what teachers are here for. The boys he taught recognised his ability and professionalism and realised that he truly wanted to improve their chances, to raise their game. He inevitably did so: the Biology results in public examinations were usually impressive. Moreover, many former students are still his regular correspondents in their adulthood, testimony to the esteem in which he was held.

As well as all this, he ran two rugby teams for a couple of years, accompanied tours abroad, and refereed matches almost every Saturday, for all of his thirteen years at King's. He also instigated the now established Games Department custom of taking and displaying, every year, a photograph of every team, in every sport. Added to these, both for display and for the archives, was a formal photograph, every four or five years, of the pupils and staff of the Division.

What boys knew as truth about Bill's running of their Division was simple. If they broke a rule, or behaved improperly, there would be consequences. Fair - and instant. Every boy. Every time. They also knew that they would, always, have his support and the weight of his authority behind them if they had done nothing wrong. He was always consistent, and rightly proud of that.

We wish him a restful, successful and long retirement.

Anne Cohen

Anne first encountered life at King's as a trainee teacher in 1988, and then returned in 1995 to take up the position as Senior Subject Teacher of Physics at the Girls' Division, playing a key role in the running of the Science Department in Fence Avenue.

Anne also organised many subject related extra-curricular activities, in-

cluding the running of a thriving Science Club for the younger girls and co-ordinating the Crest Award Scheme for scientists as part of the 'Gifted and Talented' programme. In her former life, Anne was a professional astronomer and her enthusiasm for the subject never waned. Many students benefited significantly from her considerable expertise in this field and some were encouraged to pursue the subject further. She even used lunch-times to teach GCSE Astronomy as an extra subject.

Many girls were grateful for her willingness to give up time to help them learn, and equally impressed by her willingness to be covered by vinegar during rocket launches! She inspired many girls to continue to study Physics in the Sixth Form. She even made teaching her subject a family affair: her husband, Don Urquhart-Potts, helped out the Physics Department on various occasions.

Anne was an equally key figure in the pastoral team at Fence Avenue, becoming Head of Year in 1996. The girls always came first. She would go out of her way to provide support and guidance and many girls have benefited from her sound advice and caring words.

Anne has chosen to take early retirement to enjoy time with her husband. They are planning to move from the North West and start a new life in Cornwall, where they plan to enjoy a slower pace of life and to pursue their passion for sailing. As an enthusiastic gardener, Anne will also enjoy time in her new garden, wherever it may be. We wish her many prosperous, happy and successful years.

Jill Diamond

Jill came to King's in 1999, following her return to the UK after living in America. Her first post was in the Reprographics Department; then she stepped in to cover a maternity leave in the Admissions Office, and her adaptable skills saw to the continued smooth running of that very busy department.

However, it was the Sixth Form, where Jill then spent five years as Sixth Form secretary, which benefited most from her talents and her willingness to help and to take part. Her patience, understanding, tolerance and friendly demeanour helped create a happy working environment enjoyed by both staff and pupils alike.

As well as moving to a new post, Jill will be taking part in a sponsored cycle ride, through India, later this year. We wish her success in this, and all her future undertakings.

Barry Cooper

Early in the year, an untimely goodbye had to be said to Barry, the caretaker for Cumberland Street, because of his ill health.

Whilst he was only at the school for the relatively short period of four years, his helpfulness, dedication, wit and lively humour were much appreciated and will be missed by all the staff who knew him and worked with him. A once-fortunate few will also miss his eggs, tomatoes and courgettes!

We wish him well in his enforced retirement.

Delphine Masters

Delphine first came to King's in September 2004 to replace Helen Taylor in the French Department and was subsequently able to work at the School for a second year as maternity cover. She quickly established a friendly and warm relationship with her students and became known for her vivacious good cheer and her good humour.

She devoted a great deal of time outside the classroom to helping those who needed it, and her Sixth Form students were very grateful for this. She accompanied the Sixth Form Chateau trip, as well as other extra-curricular trips, even those run by other departments and several clubs. She was an excellent team member in the Languages Department and the School as a whole, and we wish her all the best for the future.

We also say farewell to

Chris Barrick
(temporary Games Coach)
Anne Major (Technician at FA)
Fiona Bremner
(Teaching Assistant - Infants)
Sally Olliver (temporary in Juniors)
Angela Soutter (temporary in Juniors)

Art

In April, the Art Department selected over thirty pupils' work to be entered in the national *Sculpture for Kids* competition run by the Robert Bowman Gallery Trust. This year's theme was *The Environment and Recycling - Trash to Treasure* and entries were made from an imaginative array of found materials such as drinks cans, packaging and colourful plastics.

In the 11-13 age group, Elizabeth Bell, 7GG (below), was the national winner with a sculpture entitled *The Splash*. The department received the top prize of £2,500 and Elizabeth won a range of art materials and a digital camera as her personal prize. She and her family attended the awards ceremony in London at the Royal Society of British Sculptors where the finalists' work was on display; the sculptures are now part of a touring exhibition.

In addition to this, Jilly Clifford, 8LFA, also reached the last six in the competition and she won the 'Teachers' Award'. Nine other girls were highly commended for their sculptures. They were: Lauren Hanley, Megan Jones and Olivia Soutter, of Year 7, Amelia Foreman, Victoria May, Grace Hennell, Emma Butterworth and Sophie Mason, of Year 8, and Daisy Bridge, of Year 9.

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Classics

This has been one of the most eventful years for the King's Classics Department in the last ten years. Three trips abroad took place, visiting Sorrento, Greece and Rome; the Sixth Formers enjoyed a two day visit to Oxford and London; the Year 9 boys and girls enjoyed a visit and a talk from a Roman soldier, Jefficus; Year 9 student Alex King won the junior section of the North West Latin reading competition; all the Year 10 students successfully did the level one Greek test, and a record number of pupils studied classical subjects at A Level, many of whom have chosen Classics related degrees at university.

Roman soldier, Jefficus, arrived in March and held the students spellbound with his impressive collection of Roman armour and weapons and his interesting tales of life on Hadrian's Wall.

For the first time at King's, the Year 10 pupils were given the opportunity to do Level 1 of the Greek course organised by The East Midlands Classical Association. The pupils had to learn the Greek alphabet and many technical and scientific words derived from Greek that are used in English.

MTH

Design and Technology

Audi Innovation Awards 2006

The Audi Foundation run an annual competition for pupils up to the age of 14. This year pupils could choose from six different design challenges: *The Perfect Plecticle*; *The Next Generation of Music Players*; *A Device to Solve Environmental Problems*; *A Craft That Can Travel at Extreme Speeds*; *Design an outfit for the supporters of the 2012 British Athletics Team*, or *Design a healthy snack that reflects the personality of your role model*.

The Year 9 girls studying Design & Technology as one of their creative options were set a homework to develop an idea for one of these challenges. The best were selected, in consultation with the girls, and were carefully presented as per the competition rules. About eight designs were entered: both pupils and staff were delighted when not one, but two, were short-listed for the semi-finals in Chester in June, where the pupils' work was displayed with that of all the other semi-finalists from the North West.

There were 4000 entries nationally and 385 entries selected for review in this region. Of those, forty-five were selected for the regional semi-final. Not only did King's Girls' Division D&T Department have two pupils in the top forty-five regionally, but also one in the top five. Two semi-finalists were advanced to the National Final and three semi-finalists were commended, including Ali King.

Ali King (far right) chose the music player challenge and she designed jewellery, incorporating a music player into a necklace worn with earrings that played the music, using Bluetooth technology to connect the two parts of the system.

Charlotte Attenborough (right), another semi-finalist, chose the open-ended 'Plecticle' challenge and designed a device that would fit over an ashtray and filter out the tobacco smoke using HEPA filtration, so reducing the risks of passive smoking.

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Among many memorable performances were Alex Howick and Rachida Brocklehurst first as Alice's parents and subsequently their alter egos, the King and Queen of Hearts. Jamie Holland, Oliver Gilman and Joshua Wood presided over the Mad Tea Party with inspired lunacy, while Katy Koyich and Aaron Ayling played the dotty White King and Queen doing their best to cope with a world in reverse.

Leo Thompson and Tom Bamford worked extremely hard on the whimsical choreography for the dances of Tweedledum and Tweedledee but, sadly, an accident on the rugby pitch prevented Tom from appearing on the night. Jamie Crawley stepped into the role and miraculously committed the role to memory within hours, playing the part with great aplomb.

Lydia Byrne was a flamboyant Duchess, James Siddall, a narcissis-

tic Unicorn, and Callum Roxborough a wheezing, arthritic Mock Turtle, but, despite the succession of striking cameo performances including Rob Winstanley's pompous Humpty Dumpty and Alex Hughan's delightfully vacant frog, the emphasis, as ever, was on teamwork, not only on stage but also behind the scenes. The acting was enhanced by spectacular costumes, astounding puppets and a fine set, produced and supervised by a dedicated team of teachers, pupils and parents who ensured that the players were supported by high production values.

The performance was sold out for its four-night run and the enthusiastic audiences might well have agreed with the Unicorn that 'Alice' was 'as large as life and twice as natural'.

Drama

The Dramatic Society's production at Cumberland Street this year was an ambitious double bill of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking-Glass* by Lewis Carroll. Rooted firmly in the context of its Christ Church College Oxford setting, the production emphasised the caricature of Alice's family and Carroll's academic circle rather than opting for a more 'Disneyfied' approach.

Dominic Hall as Charles Dodgson and Mathieu Jackson as Robinson Duckworth set the sober background against which the fantasies could be contrasted.

English music underscored much of the action and complex movement sequences enabled the Pool of Tears, the Caucus Race, the Game of Croquet and Chess Game to be brought imaginatively to life. The brought and shrinking were wittily suggested and effective use of lighting enabled Alice to be shown tumbling down the rabbit hole as she chased Stuart Gresham's timid White Rabbit into Wonderland.

Emma French was enchanting in the role of Alice, holding the stage with confidence as she led the audience through the gallery of eccentrics which inhabit Carroll's dream worlds. She avoided the saccharine sweetness of some approaches to create a spirited and independent young Victorian who was not to be intimidated by the 'fabulous monsters' surrounding her.



Year 13 Theatre Studies Group

The A level Theatre Studies group gave a performance of David Hare's *The Permanent Way*, a hard hitting piece of verbatim drama which condemns the privatisation of the railways. Although not without its humour, the performance produced many disturbing and emotionally charged moments as it expounded its thesis that in a commercially run railway system, the drive for profit often overrides a concern for safety. The powerful performances seemed to impress the examiner and produced some excellent grades.

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Girls' Division

In February, the hall at Fence Avenue was transformed into a wonderful palace for the Girl's Division production of Laurence Boswell's *Beauty and the Beast*. This timeless tale recounts the story of a brave young girl who leaves behind her beloved, if chaotic, family to discover the mysteries of passion, imagination and love in the Beast's palace.

Jenny Campbell's portrayal of Beauty was sensitive and captivating, and provided an excellent foil to the very lifelike performance of Alex Gillespie from the Boys' Division as the Beast. Alex Smith delighted and amused the audience in her role as Beauty's older brother, Andre, and the talking pieces of furniture entertained with their squabbling and gossip. The dramatic performances were matched by outstanding dancers, singers and musicians. Kanza Khan's singing was especially melodic and poignant.

In May, the hall was again full of parents eagerly waiting to see their daughters perform. In a programme

of pieces developed from work devised in the classroom, the evening saw the involvement of every Year 7 pupil. The performance opened with 7LCP's version of *As You Like It*. The audience was captivated by the wrestling, cross-dressing and numerous weddings that were acted out. This was followed by 7GG's thoughtful improvisations based on childhood photographs. An amusing observation of life as Victorian maids was then performed by 7LCP. Finally, 7RAR presented powerful performances as evacuees in the Second World War. 7GG assisted in creating the effective entrance of 46 girls playing vulnerable and nervous children. Throughout, all the students were disciplined and professional in their approach, performing with confidence and thriving in the atmosphere that can only occur when playing to a live audience.

CPT

Junior Division

In November, the Year 4 children presented *Ali Baba – the musical!* The audience came determined to enjoy themselves, and they were not disappointed. In this version, based loosely on the original, Ali is a poor pizza deliveryman who stumbles across a garage filled with loot. He does not realise that it has been stolen by Mustapha Shower (the dirtiest villain in the land) and his gang of thieves. After helping himself to a few bars of gold, Ali opens his own restaurant, whilst Cassim, his brother, is mistakenly kept prisoner by Mustapha, having to copy out the National Curriculum as a punishment!

However, true to good pantomime tradition, in the end the principal boy got the girl, the goodies became bad-



dies and all ended happily ever after, just like real life! The Year 4 children enjoyed singing the lively songs, a favourite being *Desert Rock Boogie*, and each class performed its own dance and percussion accompaniment.

Mention should be made of the principal characters who learned many lines and delighted the audience with their confidence and sense of timing: Katherine Fray was a bumptious Mrs Ali Baba with her lucky husband, Ali, played by Bethany Wilcock; Francesca Millin played their son, Hamid. Francesca Gorb played the slave girl, Sandy, and the unfortunate Cassim was played by Rory Heywood; the baddies of the piece were Sam Stockman as Mustapha and his two sidekicks, Slap and Tickle were played by Jenna Self and George Walker. The forty thieves (well, fifty, actually) were played with great enthusiasm by the rest of the children.

In January, the Year 6 children began rehearsing for the musical *The Wizard of Oz*. This is a challenging piece because of the 'magical' elements involved - a tornado, several scene changes, a magic bridge, a life-sized television screen and the departure of the Wizard in his balloon! However, with some creative thinking, several yards of rainbow-coloured fabric and the talents of Phil Atkinson, Liz Auger and John Gibbons, the directors, Alison Lea and Angela Soutter, began to see how this could all be achieved.



The chorus learnt many songs and some very complex dance routines. They were also involved in scene changes and any extra acting parts that could be created! They had plenty of costume changes and appeared as farmhands, Munchkins, crows, Jitterbugs, ghouls, generals and citizens of Oz. The production was blessed with a hardworking costume team led by Mrs Vohra and Mrs Auslander who seemed even to delight in the amount of work that they had to do! The props team also spent many happy hours blowing up yellow balloons to create the yellow brick road and providing for the many and varied needs of the production.

The cast of characters was led by Chloe Bullock, who was an utterly charming Dorothy, very ably supported by David Moore, Chris Hanak and Lara Knowles as the Scarecrow, Tinman and Lion. The production was blessed with a wise Sorceress of the North played Megan Bailey, and a hilarious, roller booting Wicked Witch of the West, played by Anneke Rood and George Walker brilliantly played the Wizard himself. The staff was delighted at all of the children's commitment and their enthusiasm for the production nights. The spirit of teamwork and sense of achievement and enjoyment is surely something that will remain with them for years to come.

AJL

Infants and Nursery

Mini Panto

The Infant children enjoyed a Christmas visit from Chaplin's 'Mini Panto' Company. They were treated to an alternative version of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, which included an array of unusual characters they had not seen before. The Year 2 children then used some of the ideas to write their own versions of the famous fairytale.

Nursery Nativity

Whoops-A-Daisy Angel was the nativity play the Nursery Class performed to a packed audience of parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and carers. The majority of the children were only three but they wowed their audience with lovely singing, actions, dancing and costumes. Mrs Barratt played the piano beautifully to accompany the children. This indeed was a wonderful start to the Nursery's Christmas festivities.

After the children's performance, the parents enjoyed a cup of coffee and a mince pie before they collected their excited stars from the Nursery Classroom.

English

Boys' Division Theatre Visits

Three productions were seen during the course of last year, each at different theatres.

In November, a group, made up principally of Year 9 pupils, travelled to the New Vic Theatre in Newcastle-under-Lyme to watch Mind the Gap's production of Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*. The company gave an interesting performance of the text, its disabled actors helping the audience to identify more clearly with some of the key themes of the play.

In February, a similar group visited the Lowry Theatre in Manchester to watch Northern Stage's production of Dickens's *Great Expectations*. The use of flashback perhaps made some of the opening sequences difficult to follow for those not familiar with the text, but this was more than compensated for by some stunning visual effects as Pip's journey was mapped out for the audience.

Perhaps the most notable trip last year was the journey to the New Ambassadors' Theatre in London by Year 11 GCSE groups who were studying the appropriately named *Journey's End*. The party of fifty-three students and six staff took an early morning train to arrive in time for lunch and



the matinee performance. The small theatre helped recreate an effective sense of the claustrophobic nature of a trench dugout and the group was treated to an excellent performance by the cast, culminating in the cacophony of the final scene as the expected attack commenced. MacDonald's for tea was followed by the evening trip home from Euston, with the party arriving in Macclesfield at just after half-past nine after a long, but very enjoyable, day.

RGD

Book Week

The Junior Division enjoyed their first ever Book Week in May. Activities were planned to encourage reading and 'book talk' and the week began with a special assembly. Every day, children and staff were invited to read poems or a book review in registrations, form times or assemblies. They also heard from parents, the gap students, James and Jack, and from Dr. Coyne, all of whom came to read to the children and to share their love of books.

There were quizzes, a book Treasure Hunt and *The Big Read*, which challenged the children to try and read one book from each of the thirty seven categories in the Junior Library. Kate Bremner, who achieved this mammoth task, is to be congratulated!

The school was visited by the author, John Malam, who explained the jobs of an editor, illustrator, publisher and author, and showed the children many of his excellent non-fiction books.

On the Friday, the Division had a 'Character Dressing Up Day' with pupils and staff really entering into the spirit of the occasion. Mr Shaw was disguised as the scary Demon Headmaster, Mrs Ord was the mysterious Scheherazade and Mrs Wells was typecast as the naughty goblin from Noddy! The children came in very imaginative disguises - from Aslan to Frankenstein, Pippa Longstocking to Cruella de Vil. Thanks to all the parents who sewed, bought or hired, it was a lot of fun and a day to remember.

Fairtrade Poetry Exhibition

Macclesfield was declared a 'Fairtrade' town and, to celebrate this, a poetry display, of poems written by local primary schoolchildren, was organised by the borough. The Junior

Division submitted a display and five of the school's young poets went to Macclesfield Library to meet the Mayor, Councillor Norman Edwards, and to hear poetry read by Andrew Rudd, Poet Laureate of Cheshire. The children also enjoyed a piece of celebration cake made from Fairtrade ingredients!

A/JL

German

University of Leeds Department of German: *Andorra* by Max Frisch

In March, the four students who make up the Year 13 German set, along with their teacher, MT, travelled by train to Leeds to see the University German Department's production of Max Frisch's play, *Andorra*.

Year 13 Germanists are studying the play as part of their coursework, which represents thirty per cent of the students' total A2 marks and, therefore, fifteen per cent of the A Level. As watching a production live is always superior to reading the script alone, the German Department here at King's was excited to hear of the play's local performance, and that it was to be accompanied by an introduction from the play's director and a lecture entitled *Andorra: Max Frisch and the Persecution of Jews in Germany and Switzerland*. The students also enjoyed a tour of the university campus and lunch in the Students' Union.

This was obviously a super opportunity for our students to experience a German production first-hand, to hear an alternative viewpoint on the play, to meet Sixth Form Germanists from other schools and institutions, and to experience German at university level. The visit was a productive one and is sure to have benefited our students, both in terms of their attainment in their coursework and their overall knowledge and appreciation of German literature and society.

MT

Updates Conference

Twelve members of the Year 12 and 13 German groups took the opportunity to attend this Annual Sixth Form Conference in Manchester devoted to AS and A2 topics. The conference was conducted entirely in German and topical themes and issues were discussed, with the occasional light-hearted touch. Topics this year in-

cluded the German elections of Autumn 2005, the World of Work, and the Rhineland.

AUS

GCSE Updates Conference

Around fifteen students from Years 10 and 11 went to the German conference at Salford University. We took a bus to the conference and arranged ourselves sitting together in a large hall with another fifty different schools from all around the area - very few in uniform! We were given a booklet at the beginning of the day with a timetable, all of the exercises we would be taking part in and some extra information about our exams. The booklets were very useful as they gave helpful information for our GCSEs. The speakers for the conference were very tolerant of a hall full of teenagers and they spoke perfect English.

Throughout the day we did many different exercises, some interesting, some tedious. A few of the exercises were games where we watched a video or listened to the German speakers and then answered questions by holding up A, B, C or D sheets in our booklets. At first, this was a good thing to start the day off, but, by the end, it had been done too many times. The videos were good as we saw people speaking German and watched German adverts. We also discussed different types of verbs and the ways in which they are formed. This was a very necessary element of our exam syllabus and we found it very useful. The organisers and speakers of the conference were excellent at getting the students involved, by bringing them out to the front, giving them chocolate as rewards and asking them questions.

Holly Fraser Year10

Music

Senior Divisions

The musical year began, as ever, with the choosing of Christmas carols in September, with Summer holidays still fresh in the mind. Auditions of new Year 7 singers for the BFC, the transferring of former BFC members into the Foundation Choir, the reforming of Foundation Orchestra and Wind Bands, the first rehearsals of the Big Band and the Jazz Band under new management (Mr Dearden and Mr Brown, following in the for-

midable footsteps of Mr Darlington) - all was fairly normal for September. The first major concert to aim for was the Autumn Instrumental Concert in late November, which included excellent items from the Jazz Band, Flute, Guitar and Percussion Ensembles, the Big Band, Training Wind Band, Boys' and Girls' Division Wind Band, Saxophone Ensemble, String Orchestra and Foundation Orchestra, under the batons of eight members of the music and peripatetic staff. The Sixth Form Stage Management Team worked their customary miracles of organisation to ensure chairs and stands were in place for the varied groups and that the concert did not last until midnight! Following this concert, the Foundation Orchestra and the Wind Band took breaks for half a term, to make room for rehearsals for a musical in the Spring Term, more of which later.

Many of the players are also singers and so were also preparing for Christmas choral festivities, which began with a festive *King's Sings for Rotary* in Macclesfield Methodist Church in early December, sung to a packed house with the Girls' Division Choir, the BFC and the Foundation Choir giving outstanding performances, as they did again in the Family Carol Service in St Michael's Parish Church a week later.

By the end of the Autumn Term, preparation was under way for performances of the hilarious musical, *Salad Days*, in February. This was a first production for a new teacher in his first year at King's, Mr Randell.

With a brilliant cast of twenty-two boys and girls, sixteen from the Sixth Form, the others in Years 9 and 10, this was a time of immense fun for cast and audience alike, with outstanding musical performances from all.

Two musical soirées provided some exceptional performances in March, with A Level Music students giving recitals to be recorded as part of their examinations. Virtuoso musical performances were given by Ben Illingworth on saxophone, David Jervis on flute and David Kennerley on clarinet, by Sam Lea on oboe, percussion and voice and by Charlotte Murray, also serenading beautifully in song. The second concert contained further fine performances for recording by girls and boys of the GCSE Music sets.

The Summer term saw the second major orchestral and band concert of the year, given on the Director of Music's birthday! Two days later, following on from a wonderful rehearsal weekend at Trigonos at the end of the Easter holidays, the Sixth Form Chamber Choir gave an exhilarating performance of Vivaldi's *Gloria* in the Heritage Centre, as part of the annual series of concerts with the professional Northern Chamber Orchestra. Past years have seen the Foundation Choir singing in Christmas Concerts and the Chamber Choir performing Fauré's *Requiem* and Britten's *Saint Nicolas* with the NCO: it is a long-standing relationship of which we are very proud.

Before mention of the climax of the musical year, exciting educational trips should be noted, such as that made by the large group of Year 7 and Year 8 boys and girls who enjoyed *Stomp* (a theatrical sensation that combines dance, comedy and percussion in one incredible, high-energy entertainment) at the Lowry Theatre, and visits to Trigonos by String Orchestra, Sixth Form Chamber Choir (already mentioned) and Flute Ensemble. An account of Trigonos visits by an enthusiastic pupil appears separately. In a separate section of the Report is evidence of the continuation of superb results in Music in GCSE and AS/A2 examinations, together with a fine and large group of Associated Board and other instrumental examination successes, which reflect so well not only on the hard work of so many pupils but also the excellent teaching of a fine team of peripatetic music teachers.

The Big Bands have been mentioned earlier in the report. They reached new heights under new direction, which was plain for all to see and hear in the last week of the Summer term when they gave a concert with a guest trombonist, Richard Wigley of the Syd Lawrence Orchestra. The end of term was also, as usual, the time for the Years 7-9 House Music Competition, culminating in a splendid music festival of the winning performances.

As the year approached its conclusion, the Foundation Choir, BFC, Girls' Division Choir and Sixth Form Chamber Choir joined in a superb *King's Sings* concert in the Macclesfield Methodist Church. The Foundation Choir and Chamber Choir were preparing for a tour of the Black Forest area of Germany in the first week of the Summer holidays. The BFC were fresh from a weekend tour to Blackpool and the Lake District, culminating in an outstanding concert in Cartmel Priory. Separate reports, written by pupils, are in another section of the Report.

This was an exciting, challenging year, in which many pupils and staff achieved very high standards of musical performance, while sharing with each other and with audiences the main characteristic of Music at King's: the sheer fun of making music together.

AKG



Junior Division

The Christmas Concert was held on the 1st December, which seemed rather early! However, the children and audience were soon full of seasonal cheer as they listened to all the Junior Ensembles and Choirs. They were treated to items by the Wind, Brass & Percussion Ensemble, String, Guitar and Flute & Recorder Groups. It was also a great pleasure to hear Mr Brown's newly formed brass group, which included trumpets, cornets and French horns. The Year 3/4 Choir almost stole the show with a beautiful rendition of *Who Is This Tiny Child* by Jay Castelli, which featured the pure voices of Thomas Huddy and Oliver Macfadyen. The staff didn't want to be left out of the fun and sang *Jingle Bell Rock* accompanied by Mr Norris on his guitar, flutes, violins and assorted percussion instruments! Soloists from all years entertained the audience, the youngest being Francesca Rijks from Year 3 who played *The Hunter's Chorus* on her violin. The Year 5/6 Choir

brought the concert to a close with *I See a Star*, and *The Twelve Groovy Days of Christmas* in the style of the hip 70s!

The annual Carol Service was held on the last afternoon of term in St. Michael's Church. Each year group sang as a choir: Year 6 sang the jazzy *Midnight* which told of the shepherds' surprise; Year 4 presented *Come Follow The Star* relating the journey of the Wise Men; Year 5 sang *Every Christmas* which reminded us to think of the true meaning of the season and Year 3 presented *Christmas Isn't Christmas Till It Happens In Your Heart*, which needs no explanation! The congregation also enjoyed the sketch *Away With The Manger* which was performed by 6AER and which showed how festivity can mask the real reason for our celebration.

The next major musical event was the Macclesfield and Bollington Schools Music Festival. It was the turn of the Year 5 children to shine and they did just that as they sang as part

of a massed children's choir. The first three songs of the evening were the American folk song, *Jennie Jenkins*, a song from a musical called *Fortuosity*, which the children sang in two parts, and the well-known *Bright Eyes*, which many of the pupils accompanied on their instruments.

They then presented *Easter Children* by Sheila Wilson, which tells the story of Holy Week through a series of songs. The children really enjoyed these catchy songs and the Bible readings were enhanced by mime. The singing during the evening was outstanding and it was a very positive and joyful experience for all involved.

The term finished with an Easter Service at St. Paul's Church and as the summer term began, the Year 6 Competition Choir began rehearsals for the AJIS Music Festival, which was held in June. This was a short and intense rehearsal period, but the children were very committed and it was a thrill to see and hear how they gelled as a choir, and unified and improved their sound. At the competition, they were delighted to be declared the winners and to bring home a very large shield for the trophy cabinet (left).

The Junior Division Music Festival was held in late June on three very hot mornings! Undeterred by the heat, the children played their competition items to an audience of classmates and parents. 170 entries were heard over the three mornings and the standard was very impressive. This festival is a House competition and this year the winner was Gawsorth.

Year 5 class winners played in the Prize giving presentation during the last week of term and the Year 6 class winners were the soloists for the Junior Summer Concert. The Wind, Brass and Percussion Ensemble, Brass Group and Junior Strings all took part. The guitar ensemble accompanied the flutes and recorder group and the audience were able to hear the standard of the Competition Choir and also heard the Lower and Upper Junior choirs. Mrs Barratt has assumed responsibility for the Year 3/4 Choir this year and the audience was treated to three very enjoyable items from them.

AJL

Infant Choir

The Infant Choir had a super turnout, with over forty children attending rehearsals every Wednesday



after school. They sang a variety of seasonal songs during the Christmas and Summer Concerts, receiving rapturous applause from the parents. The children also enjoyed attending a carol concert at Prestbury church, where they were able to join in with the local congregation.

Infant Concerts

The Infant Christmas Concert was a great success. The children delighted the parents and Governors with their Christmas musical *Star of Wonder*. The story was about a group of children who were trying to entertain themselves whilst impatiently waiting for Christmas. As they tried to occupy themselves they inadvertently discovered the true meaning of Christmas. The final Nativity scene brought a tear to the eye of many guests in the audience.

In summer, the Infants presented *The Elephant That Didn't Like Water*, written for the children by Mrs Lea, to a packed hall of appreciative parents. The elephant in question, played by Sam Brindle, decided to find another group of animals to live with. He met singing and dancing hippos, whistling ducks, snapping crocodiles, mambas, butterflies and jumping monkeys before he decided that he did like being an elephant after all. The show was a tremendous success.

Resource Centres

The Alan Cooper Library, along with the Rock and Girls' Division Centres, aim to advance information literacy throughout the school and encourage pupils' ability to learn independently. The staff worked throughout the year to provide a structured information skills course, which would continue to develop learning skills throughout a pupil's time at King's School.

The Resource Centres also aim to excite pupils interest in the information world and, to this end, began the publication of a termly newsletter 'Info@kings' and ran various activities throughout the year.

The year's events began with a summer photographic/reading competition called 'Where do our library books go during the summer holiday?' Many ingenious photographs were submitted. Pupils could be seen reading books on mountaintops, on a rock face, underwater, in a cupboard and even on a garden lawnmower!



The winners of the prize book tokens were Michael Buckley (below) in the Boys' Division and Olivia Soutter from the Girls' Division. In the Boys' Division, this was the first of what will be an annual competition for House points.

A month later, on Open Day, dinner party tables were laid out in the Girls' Resource Centre and the Alan Cooper Library, complete with candelabra and table decorations. Visitors were invited to 'Guess who is coming to dinner!' The clues by each place setting, some cobwebs and wedding cake for Miss Havisham, for example, provided the answers.

In November, eight pupils took part in the *Kids' Lit Quiz*, an international

book quiz for which each country has regional heats and a countrywide final. The school took part in the North West heat and Patrick Lavelle, Declan Shanehan, Amy Tudge and Francesca Pieczarka from Year 7 and Sumaiya Salehin, Hannah Sugden, Charlie Brown and Ben Porteous from Year 8 performed well. All came home laden with books as prizes.

In March, as part of World Book Day, Year 8 pupils thoroughly enjoyed a talk by the author Alan Gibbons (above). He has written several best sellers and won the Blue Peter 'The book I couldn't put down' award for *Shadow of the Minotaur*. Alan entertained his audience with tales of his love of reading as a schoolboy, his struggle to get published and, finally, the experience of winning a prestigious national award. Some pupils then took part in an English writing workshop, which Alan led.

During the summer term, the Girls' Division celebrated twenty-five years of the *Mr Men* books with a competition and displays. The Rock Resource Centre in Cumberland Street, the busiest centre for borrowing, awarded a 'Reader of the Year' prize. It was won by David Lowndes of Year 7.

Information is probably currently one of the fastest changing technologies. The Resource Centres at King's are constantly developing in order to keep abreast of developments and looking for ways of involving pupils. These are exciting times to be involved in the information world.

GP



Biology

Biology Club

There is life in abundance again at the Cumberland Street Biology Club! This year the pond was full of frogspawn, and many tadpoles going through the stages of metamorphosis to become frogs. The logs around the pond provided homes for lots of adult frogs, too. Indoors, the aquarium had more guppies and jewelled cichlids, bred from our own stock. With so many tanks to maintain, the boys have been kept busy.

Interest in gardening led to the planting of many bedding plants in the border, whilst the wild area continued to flourish with nettles and dandelions. The bird boxes were again used by Great tits and the young left the nest in the first week of June.

There was a great deal of interest on the day the corn snakes were mated. Unfortunately, few of the eggs survived and it is unlikely that there will be any new offspring this year.

Other projects included testing the antibiotic activity of various household remedies, breeding stick insects and brine shrimps, and raising prehistoric triops! Triops are crustaceans from the Triassic period (the time of the dinosaurs), that have managed to survive into our age. They live in desert areas and have a special means of survival - suspended animation. This was a fascinating exercise for the students.

As part of Activity Day, a group of boys joined with girls from the Fence

Avenue Biology Club to visit Twycross Zoo.

The club members would like to thank Mrs Walker, the Biology department technician. It would run far less well without her continuing support and ideas.

JRP

Nature Club

Junior Division children have the opportunity to learn about wildlife on a regular basis in this popular after school club, with the chance to observe worms and other creepy crawlies, plant wild flower bulbs, recognise the sights and sounds of garden birds, make jumping frogs and lots of other interesting activities. The Ginkgo Meadow provides an ideal outdoor classroom for club members to learn about the wildlife surrounding the school. They also enjoy talks and presentations from various wildlife experts, and enter competitions or prepare wildlife displays.

Club members were invited to prepare work to form part of a display organised by Macclesfield Rangers and Astra Zeneca, to celebrate the wildlife of the Middlewood Way.

In February, the children spent a rather chilly half hour identifying visiting birds and results were submitted to the RSPB's Great Schools Birdwatch.

At the end of June, the club spent a busy but enjoyable evening building a *Minibeast Hotel* for the smaller inhabitants of the Ginkgo Meadow.

AGE

Wildlife Week

Children in the Infant and Junior departments enjoyed a week of wildlife presentations, competitions and displays during Wildlife Week, which was timed to coincide with World Environment Day at the beginning of June. The aim of this is to raise public awareness of the importance of understanding and protecting the environment, and Wildlife Week helps children to appreciate the beauty of the world around them.

The children listened to presentations from wildlife experts from the Macclesfield Rangers, Cheshire Bat Watch, Lower Moss Wood wildlife hospital and Wildflower Surveys.

There was a tree trail and wildlife quiz, with prizes kindly donated by Mrs Jane Roberts of Wildflower Surveys (and parent of Emily in Year 3).

Year 5 and Year 6 boys organised the sale of RSPB wildlife badges, and children were able to buy wildlife guides and cuddly toys. The Infant and Junior school entrance halls were filled with flowers and posters depicting the beauty of the wildlife of this country.

AGE

Year 1 at Stapeley Water Gardens and the Hollins

Year 1 children went on a trip to Stapeley Water Gardens (left) as part of their studies for their Science topic. They were able to see a multitude of animals and insects. There were poisonous frogs, piranhas, snakes and lizards. There was a moment of major excitement when the cockroaches escaped from the millipede tank, which did not please the teaching staff.

For their topic on 'Town and Country', Year 1 pupils went on a walk to the Hollins in Macclesfield. They excitedly donned their wellies and waterproofs and braved the elements with a number of parents in tow. During their walk, they spotted a variety of wildlife and they were able to identify many geographical features.

Chemistry

A Level revision seminar

Members of the Upper Sixth and Lower Sixth were invited to attend a revision morning at school hosted by former chief AQA examiner Dr Colin Chambers.

Dr Chambers delivered three sessions, allowing pupils to pick up valu-





able question tips and revision advice in preparation for their summer examinations. He was most impressed by the quality of the questions that were asked, and answered, over the course of the morning.

LCW

One highlight of the year was the visit of Nick Arnold (above), author of the *Horrible Science* books. Nick spent the afternoon attending a science fair put on by Year 7 and 8 students from both sites. After he had exploded hydrogen, set fire to a jelly baby and punched custard, he signed books before preparing for his evening lecture. The lecture was attended by 400 people of all ages and it took the audience through the entire history of the planet from its birth to its destruction by a large meteorite.

The year finished off with the school hosting a science and engineering event for local schools. Over fifty students from six schools spent the day building self-righting buoys, designing robots and solving problems involving falling marbles. This event was attended by Macclesfield's new mayor and mayoress and was intended as a precursor to the school running similar events for the local junior schools.

It was a busy year, especially, at Fence Avenue. There were record entries in the National Science Week events, with over 180 students taking part in quizzes, aeroplane building competitions and poster competitions. Students entered events run at Manchester University and at Astra Zeneca and the Year 8 Science Club continued to thrive. In addition to this, large groups of students attended the Royal Society of Chemistry's *Son et Lumiere* Christmas lecture in Manchester and learnt about the *Chemistry of Christmas* at the Albert Halls in Bolton.

JSS

Geology

This year's introductory fieldwork in the Peak District was carried out successfully and the party was fortunate enough to have a good weather. Sedimentary successions of Mam Tor and Odin's Mine were among some of the field sites visited. Good weather managed to last until later in the Autumn Term for the Year 13 coursework field trip.

Before Easter, the Lower Sixth set sail for the Isle of Arran for a week-long field course and became yet another group of students to discover the delights of the island. Dinosaur footprints and monster millipede tracks were found and all paid homage at James Hutton's world famous unconformity located on the north of the island. All survived the experience and enjoyed the wildlife almost as much as the geology.

JAF

Physics

Young People's Lectures

In December, Sixth Form students attended a lecture, organised by the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society, at Manchester Metropolitan University. The lecture, given by Dr Ian Griffin, Director of the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester, was entitled *The Search for Life in Space*. Whilst 'little green men' and the Starship *Enterprise* may have been mentioned in passing, the main focus of the lecture was the possibility of extraterrestrial life as predicted by Drake's equation. In a most interesting, informative and entertaining lecture, Dr Griffin discussed where

mankind should look and what people should be looking for.

Later in the year, Dr Richard Battie visited the school to deliver a lecture on 'Dark Matter' to the Lower Sixth. Questions regarding what it is, the evidence for its existence, and the consequences of its effect were discussed.

CPH

Physics Olympiad

The second stage of the British Physics Olympiad took place in November. The competition is in the form of a three-hour examination designed to test the more talented Year 13 Physicists. Elizabeth Conway gained a silver award, whilst Thomas Hill and Nicola Bridge secured Bronze awards.

CPH

Engineering Education Scheme

The scheme, intended for Lower Sixth students, is part of the *Engineering Education Continuum* and is co-ordinated by the Royal Academy of Engineering. The aim 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 Dominic Hall, Matthew Green, Katy Ward and Andrew Gales. The professional engineer was Mr Darren Maude from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals.

In early October, Mr Maude 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 *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, they visited the AstraZeneca site in Macclesfield to gain some first hand experience.

AstraZeneca is one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies, dedicated to the discovery, development, manufacturing and marketing of high quality, effective prescription medicines that bring benefit for patients. In the reactions leading to the production of pharmaceutical drugs, various gases are released. It is vital



that the nature and rate of evolution, of these gases is accurately determined before the process is scaled up from the laboratory to the bulk production plant. The challenge for the team was to design, build and test a device to measure the rate of gas evolution and total volume of gas evolved from a reaction on the laboratory scale.

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 Manchester 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.

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

Headstart

These are residential courses, which take place at various universities, and allow lower sixth students to gain an insight into university life in general and engineering in particular. This year three students, Chris Robinson, Alex Garlick and Simon Keeling,

decided to grasp the opportunity afforded by these courses.

CPH

Simon Keeling provides the following report on his experiences.

My *Headstart* course took place at Loughborough University, where I was able to get an insight into aeronautical, civil, construction, automotive, mechanical and chemical engineering. For each subject we spent roughly half a day looking around the department and using some of the equipment to test theories and try out experiments. We were also able to watch while students carried out tests on new Lotus engines, fly in the University's flight simulator, try out the chemistry department's answer for the cure for cancer, and also to watch a small model town get flooded by a burst dam.

The second part of the experience was living in the University's accommodation. It also gave us the chance to taste the food provided by the canteen and experience a night out in the University's student union.

Overall, it gave me a great insight into a variety of aspects of engineering and also a good taste of what living at University is like.

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.

With over twenty students expressing an interest in entering, a school-based round of competition was or-

ganised to choose our top two teams to enter the initial heats at Salford University. Helen Alston, Hannah Burns, Kaila Hall, Alison Madley and Simon Withington explained the significance of Newton's Law of Gravitation to the orbits of comets and to the mutual attraction between two elephants, and were highly commended by the judges.

Ally Barter, Matthew Green, Dominic Hall, Tim James and Ben Par-ton gave a memorable presentation on the Principle of Conservation of Momentum with the aid of an ironing board (right), two skateboards and a rocket powered K'nex model. Coming first in the heats, they progressed to the final round and won the North West Regional Grand Final at Daresbury Research Laboratories. They were presented with £500 in equipment vouchers for the School Physics Department, a digital camera each and a teddy bear mascot, who was christened 'Frank', and who sings *Fly Me to the Moon*.

Later in the year, this winning team were invited to the Physics Teachers' Conference at Liverpool University where they gave their presentation to over 70 Physics teachers and fielded questions on their experiences in the competition.

PI

Physics Club

The Physics Club is open to students in the lower school. The club meets one lunchtime every week and the students carry out many projects such as building model hot air balloons, making model aeroplanes and constructing electric quiz games. A particularly popular activity has been designing rockets and then firing them using waterpower. The students have enjoyed investigating how hot air rises by convection and they found out about this by planning and carrying out many burning experiments.

SJH

Psychology

Year 13 Psychology students went to Twycross Zoo in Warwickshire in September to listen to a talk on the evolution of intelligence and brain size and to observe the animals. Twycross has the biggest collection of Bonobo chimpanzees. These are genetically the closest animal to humans: we share over 97% of our DNA!

As ever, the zoo staff gave an excellent, interesting and informative talk that the students and staff enjoyed. The party also had ample time to walk around the zoo looking at the animals. Twycross specialize in primates so the students were able to see, and hear, howler monkeys, gorillas and baboons to name but three.

Also last summer, the Psychology Department achieved the best A' Level results of all independent schools in the UK for this subject, an achievement recognized by the *Good Schools Guide*. The department received two certificates as both King's boys and King's girls topped their respective lists and tables.

MJB

Science Club

At Fence Avenue, the Year 8 Science Club was again very busy and successful this year, making rockets, crystal gardens, theatrical blood, model volcanoes and much more. Three groups of Year 9 and Year 10 girls chose to undertake CREST projects; the acronym represents Creativity in Engineering, Science and Technology.

One group of Year 9 girls pursued their research to Bronze level, studying the solubility of tablets and they gained their certificates. They are Chloe Byatte, Flora Woodruff, Grace Duckworth and Hannah Smith.

For the first time this year, three girls began studying for the Astronomy GCSE as an extra-curricular activity. This entailed some very chilly observing sessions late at night up on Tegg's' Nose as they learned the skills necessary for their coursework.

Science Club: Cumberland Street

The Science Club is open to students in the lower school and meets once a week at lunchtime. Students carried out many fun experiments such as making silly putty, building rockets, making helicopters, growing crystal Christmas trees and making hot air balloons. The boys particularly enjoyed the 'burning' practical and those which produced small explosions.

SJH



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Chemistry Department

RSC Christmas Lecture

Forty pupils from Year 10 and Year 13 attended this annual lecture in Manchester University, aptly titled 'Chemistry is for life, not just for Christmas'. Pupils watched a number of spectacular demonstrations based on colour and explosions - including the 'Barking Dog'.

It certainly gave all those involved some interesting suggestions for their ideal Chemistry lesson.

LCW

Classics Department

In October half term a group of nearly fifty pupils and teachers set off for a five-day trip to the Sorrento area of Italy. As well as the normal visits to Pompeii and Herculaneum, highlights included a chance to see the three Greek temples at Paestum. The fine autumn weather in Italy also enabled the group to take advantage of the hotel's beach facilities.

At Easter, a smaller group of sixteen enjoyed a week's tour of Greece, visiting Athens, Delphi, Olympia, Mycenae, Epidaurus and many other interesting sights.

Finally, in activities week, a tour took place to Rome for twenty-two mostly Year 8 and 9 pupils. In spite of the incredibly hot weather, the group managed to see the Coliseum, the Roman forum, the Vatican, the Catacombs and many of the famous fountains and piazzas in Rome.

For the second year running, in February, the Sixth Form Classics students visited the Ashmolean museum in Oxford to see their display of Greek vases, before moving on to London to see a performance of Euripides' *Medea* given by the students of Royal Holloway University. The following day the group visited the British Museum in London to see more Greek vases and the extremely impressive collection of Greek sculpture.

MTH

Duke of Edinburgh

Gold D of E Training Day

A fantastic day was had on Kinder Scout with some wintry conditions underfoot. The challenge of navigating up there in normal conditions is a big one; in a foot of snow, it was even harder. All the groups seemed really to enjoy the day, if finding it a little exhausting, as several members of the group found themselves waist deep in snow at times.

Particular note was made of Jeremy Done's apparent ability to navigate across the 'lunar landscape'. Unfortunately, it has since been learned that he just followed other people's footprints!

Gold Expedition

Thirty-two students made the trip to the Lake District to take on the grueling four day, three-night expedition. All were successful in their efforts.

There were some very difficult conditions for the groups to deal with as

it was the hottest time of the year, and they were carrying full packs in temperatures above thirty degrees Celsius over mountainous terrain.

Despite the arduous nature of the trip, all enjoyed it hugely. A highly entertaining diary of the expedition is reproduced in the Creative Writing section of the report.

JPB

Silver Expedition

The largest group ever of DofE candidates set off at the end of June, with Mrs Stutchbury and Mr Mathews as their assessors, unaware of just how hot the expedition was to be. For four days, hardly any cloud was seen and the temperature soared into the thirties.

On the first day, the journeys were even further enlivened by constant contact with the England and Portugal World Cup match. Everyone performed well, despite the risk of dehydration, and some groups looked as though they had merely been for a stroll in the park. Most of the candidates will surely continue successfully to the Gold Award.

PME

Economics

In the Autumn Term, a group of Year 13 Economists represented the school in the *Target 2.0* competition.

Acting like the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England, students had to decide whether or not to change the interest rate in or-



der to combat inflation in the UK. The team consisted of Adam Burgess, Alexandra Long, Ramya Ravikumar and Kartikeya Bhatnagar, who was also the team captain. Unfortunately, the team did not reach the final of the competition; nonetheless, they learnt much from their experience and have all gone on to university to study an Economics related degree.

In March, the Year 13 Economists took an overnight trip to London. This trip involved listening to Kenneth Clarke, M.P. and to numerous other politicians and academics at a conference held by Civitas, a ride on the London Eye, watching *Once in a Lifetime* at the National Theatre, and a meeting with various representatives of the Department for International Development.

The trip was highly educational and complemented the students' A Level course, and it was also great fun.

LEH

Institute of Economic Affairs

The IEA is a prestigious organisation that promotes free market policies within the market place. Each year they invite a small group of students to the *State of the Nation* conference in London. This year Mr Reeve took three Lower Sixth Formers to the event in February.

In a practical economics experiment, the students flew down to London at a fraction of the cost of the train and then enjoyed a highly informative conference that included a presentation by the President of the European Central Bank. The event was held at the television studios of Bloomberg, a spectacular venue, and the students were able to watch the filming of live business reports. The day concluded with an evening meal in the City followed by a late flight home. It was all very good training for these three young executives!

LEH

French Department

Sixth Form Study Trip

Bright and early on a beautiful morning in the Easter holidays an excitable group of sixth formers gathered at school ready to travel to Normandy for the annual study trip to the Château de la Baudonnière. The staff involved were Mr Randell, Mrs Masters and Mr Dalgleish. After locating the bus, the

party proceeded to Portsmouth guided by the metallic twang of the driver's satnav system – a device which seemed ideal for coping with finding south, but which seemed confused when trying to find more important details such as Westminster Road, or the ferry terminal in Portsmouth. The fast catamaran to Cherbourg was followed by a noisy journey onward to the chateau, sharing a bus with a group of much younger pupils from another school.

The time spent in the chateau offered a real French cultural cross-section. Helped along by the superb 'animateurs', particularly Juju, Coco and Faisal, our students carefully debated and prepared the issues and topics relevant to AS and A Level speaking tests. There was particular focus on questions on the environment and immigration, both of which are currently hotly disputed in French political and media circles.

Students also took some questions to put to the locals of Villedieu-les-Poêles in a survey on market day. Naturally, these met with a variety of responses, and it is to the students' credit that they showed little apprehension at the idea of heading out into the field to get to know some French people's ideas better. A local banker came to give a talk on her work and current important issues, notably the distribution of wealth and monetary union. One of our students also filled an awkward lull in conversation by establishing what her favourite colour was! Gerard, a permanent member of the staff, who had started his working life as an agricultural worker at the chateau, gave a fascinating talk about his reminiscences. He also demonstrated how he made cider. All of this was complemented by the chateau's superb food, all of it French and mostly of organic origin.

Of course, there was also plenty of fun to be had outdoors. Activities around the chateau's extensive grounds included the fearsome 'exercices d'initiative' in which our students had to solve various problems whilst working as a team.

Several visits were made during the course of the week. Food was bought at Villedieu market and hungrily consumed within sight of Le Mont St-Michel. The manager of *Mère Poulard*, the famous restaurant on the mount, was interviewed. The gendarmes in La Haye-Pesnel were visited and asked about crime and punishment.

Of course, there was no shortage of people willing to try on both handcuffs and bulletproof jackets! The firemen, and woman, of Granville demonstrated their equipment and took most of the group up to a gusty and wobbly altitude on their ladder in order to admire the view. Students were also entertained by the Deputy Mayor of Granville in the council chambers, sitting around the table and asking their questions through personal microphones. He addressed the issues that the party raised with tact, clarity and articulacy.

After a superb week, the students returned exhausted, but with far greater linguistic confidence, having spoken and heard a great deal of French. The trip was organised and arranged by Mr Randell, and he led it both efficiently and with good humour.

IED

Year 7 Chateau Holiday

July brought a new Norman invasion of ninety five Year 7 boys and girls from King's keen to speak and learn a lot of French, enjoy the early summer weather and have a great deal of fun. Our party was again taken to the ever-popular Château de la Baudonnière where they enjoyed a balanced programme of indoor and outdoor activities, conducted entirely in French by the superb Chateau staff. The group was led by Mr Randell and his staff included Mrs Taylor, Mrs Green, Mrs Morton, Mrs Darch, and the gap students Caitlin, Jack and James.

Despite the length of the bus journey to reach the Château, all were up for breakfast for the first morning, bursting with energy and eager to get started. The activities included archery, fencing, climbing, orienteering and canoeing. As the football World Cup final neared our animateurs got us all singing along – so they thought – with 'On est en final!' and 'Allez Zizou!' in a spirit of cross-channel solidarity. Most pupils also learned how to make bread and all kinds of interesting and imaginative shapes emerged from the oven to grace the dinner table.

There were several excellent trips, including one to the market at Villedieu les Poêles. Luckily, no one thought of buying any fluffy ducks with a view to 'setting them free in nature' among the items for lunch that were successfully purchased and enjoyed, with our pupils making use

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of some of the French studied during the year. They climbed to the top of Mont St-Michel and enjoyed the view of the wide, flat horizon. Obviously, countless trinkets and items of tourist tat were purchased and the party left with a warm glow of satisfaction at having boosted the economy of this historic site quite significantly.

This was a highly successful trip enjoyed by staff and pupils alike, thanks to Mr Randell's organisation and to the pupils' and staff's hard work and good humour.

IED

La Rochelle Exchange

Forty-five boys and girls from Year 8 and Year 9 set off on a grey May morning to Stansted in order to fly to La Rochelle for this year's exchange. The French group had already visited King's in the Easter Term and friendships had been established over the course of the week, which had included trips to the Science Museum and *Waterworld*. The journey to France went largely to plan and the French families were ready at the grandly named but tiny La Rochelle-Laleu-Ile de Ré International Airport for the party's arrival. The temperature was nearly double that left behind in Macclesfield!

After a first day spent getting to know families and recovering from the arduous journey, pupils spent the next in La Rochelle. Under blistering sunshine, gallant teams prowled the streets of the old town looking for the answers to cryptic clues for the quiz on the town. After completing the quiz, they were treated to a reception in the Town Hall where speeches were given, the future of Europe and the exchange were toasted and high-class nibbles were gobbled down. Gratitude is due to the Mayor of La Rochelle, as well as to Mr Boudet, Headteacher of the College Beauregard, for their continuing support of the exchange, now into its eleventh year.

Off sped the group after this on the 'water bus' – a boat which takes passengers from the old port to the slick modern yachting harbour at Les Minimes. After a spectacular boat journey, lunches were unpacked on the beach. Whilst the staff discussed the marking of the quiz, pupils enjoyed the beach and the sunshine.

Then it was time to go back 'home' for a weekend marked by new culinary experiences for many of our

boys and girls, and by various visits, for example, to the neighbouring and picturesque Ile de Ré. The teachers also indulged in retail therapy on the island, although caviar-flavoured ice cream seemed perhaps a gastronomic bridge too far!

The remaining few days were spent on trips out. On the first day, the group visited Saintes and enjoyed looking around the impressive remains of the Roman amphitheatre. Then it was Cognac for lunch and a tour of the Rémy Martin brandy distillery, heading out into the fields and warehouses on a speedy 'petit train touristique'. The last day out was a visit to the giant *Futuroscope* theme park of the moving image, near Poitiers. There were some thrilling new rides this year, some of these being 'dynamic' and thus involving sitting in chairs which tipped up, shook and did all kinds of odd things. Others were gentler and involved three-dimensional effects, giant screens and optical illusions. It is amazing that a theme park conceived in the eighties as a taste of the future should manage to develop and change itself so effectively as not to become a 'retroscope.' Somehow, the place manages to do this, and a visit there is a real thrill.

On the final morning, all were treated to hot croissants and pain au chocolat, courtesy of College Beauregard, before pupils were returned to their families to pack for the journey home.

I would personally like to thank all of the French families and all of our King's parents who were so hospitable and generous with our guests. The experience of learning a language within an authentic environment whilst forming relationships with a family is one of the most invaluable there is, and the school could not offer this without parents' kind support.

IED

German Department

German Rhineland

At dawn on a Monday morning in July, forty-two boys and thirty-eight girls from Year 8 and Year 9 departed on two coaches with eight 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.

The party travelled by coach and took the Eurotunnel shuttle from Folkestone to Coquelles near Calais, and continued the journey through France and Belgium into Germany, arriving at the hotel, the *Scholz*, in time for dinner.

Tuesday's activities offered a taste of the traditional Rhineland. In the morning, there was a boat cruise along the River Rhine to Braubach, where lots of photographs were taken of the beautiful Rhine valley. After lunch, was an impressive falconry display at Burg Maus in St Goarshausen, and a guided tour of Marksburg Castle, with its famous torture chambers. After returning to the hotel for dinner, pupils and staff watched the World Cup semi-final match, which kept excited spirits high.

On Wednesday, came 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 drama evening in the hotel, based on details of the trip.

Thursday again offered a different atmosphere – this time that of a large, bustling German city. In Cologne, the magnificent cathedral and the *Kölnisches Wasser* exhibition (the home of *Eau de Cologne*) were visited, and chocolate cravings were satisfied by 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!

That evening's planned bowling activity had to be cut a little short because of a mix-up in the booking, and instead pupils played on the pool tables and the arcades at the bowling alley.

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!

The party arrived back at the Rock Block at around midnight that evening, tired but happy, the German Rhineland Trip 2006 having proved, yet again, a great success. Here's to next year!

MT

Memmingen Exchange

Fifteen Year 10 pupils from King's took part this year – six from the Boys' Division and nine from the Girls' Division and, as in past years, the trip was successful and enjoyable. The purpose of the exercise is to offer GCSE and A level pupils the opportunity to enhance their understanding of the culture and life of Germany and to improve their grasp of the language.

The German party arrived in March and the guests were met by their families. Their flight had been diverted to Birmingham and the group bussed to Manchester. After a four and a half hour delay, all were glad to arrive and begin their stay. The two accompanying members of staff, Herr Rolf Müller and Herr Horst Heidhardt, stayed with members of King's staff.

The guests joined in activities with their host families over the weekend and trips during the week included Old Trafford and the Imperial War Museum, Liverpool and the Beatles' story and a day in Chester. The group was welcomed by the Mayor at the Town Hall and the week finished with a tour of the Silk Heritage Museum and Victorian School Room. The German pupils were able to attend some lessons at King's with their partners and were given tours of the schools by MT at Cumberland Street and, at Fence Avenue, by VCo.

A joint welcome tea party was organised for the two members of staff and for the French staff who were visiting with the French Exchange and the German department also provided a programme of evening activities for the two teachers.

AUS and VCo then accompanied the return visit to Memmingen for one week, flying to Munich and going on by train. King's pupils were welcomed by their excited hosts and set off for a weekend of joint events.

During the week, pupils were able to take part in some morning lessons. On the first day, they were given an introductory talk about the area by Herr Hacker, the Headmaster of the Vöhl Gymnasium and then a guided tour of the town by a former English teacher.

A number of activities and visits were organised for our pupils, including one to Neuschwanstein, the fairy tale castle built by Ludwig II. The day in Ulm was snowy and cold but this did not deter some of the group from climbing the tower of the Cathedral. The snow had cleared by the next day and a glorious day was spent at Lake Constance, taking the cable car to the top of the Pfänder mountain for a superb view of the entire lake. The week finished with a round-the-town quiz (in German!) followed by a reception given by the Mayor at the Town Hall.

Both groups got along extremely well with events and parties also being organised privately. Both weeks were trouble-free and enjoyable with pupils from both schools behaving impeccably.

AUS

History Department

Year 10 First World War Battlefields Trip

One early morning in July, a group of nineteen rather bleary-eyed students from the Girls' and Boys' Divisions set off from the Rock Block car park for the History Department's annual trip to the First World War battlefields.

The first two nights were spent in the Belgian town of Ypres, a scene of great devastation during the War, but now restored to its former beauty. The *In Flanders' Field* museum in the town's Cloth Hall was visited even before the party checked in at the Youth Hostel just yards from the Menin Gate, where pupils attended the moving *Last Post* ceremony.

After two days spent visiting places of interest around Ypres, the group travelled south to the area where the Battle of the Somme had taken place ninety years ago and visited the Thiepval Memorial, which bears the names of more than 72,000 British soldiers whose bodies were never



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found – including a former School Captain of King's, Roy Mellor. By the side of the massive Lochnagar crater, the pupils held a short service of remembrance for Roy and the other sixty-eight King's Old Boys, and one member of staff, who gave their lives during the course of the First World War.

The highlight of the fourth day was a tour of the tunnels dug by Canadian soldiers underneath 'No Man's Land' in preparation for their offensive at Vimy Ridge in 1917. With temperatures of around 30°C throughout the trip, it was a relief to get out of the sun for a while!

Mr Murray, with his immense knowledge of the First World War, proved to be an excellent tour guide and the party arrived back in Macclesfield the next day, in the rain, having enjoyed an informative and thought-provoking trip.

LAC

Year 10 at the War Museum

In late January, more than fifty Year 10 pupils visited the Imperial War Museum North to complement their study of Modern World History.

The pupils were given a fifty-minute lecture on the experiences endured by soldiers from Germany and Great Britain in the First World War.

The visit concluded with a tour of the Museum's display areas that included film shows and an explanation of the origins of the Cold War.

PW

Year 7 Boys at Conway Castle

We arrived at school on a nice sunny day on Friday 31st March. We all met up outside the Gym and waited until the bus came to take us to Conway. The bus journey was long and hot, but well worth it. When we arrived, we were sorted into forms with our history teachers supervising and helping us. The four forms all split up and two forms made their separate ways around the castle.

We were given worksheets and started off through the large portcullis. Our group first went to the East Barbican where we learned what it was for and saw a scenic view of the Conway Estuary. We then moved through the castle filling in answers on our sheets. The two other groups were on a walk around the town walls and would visit the castle later.

At about one o'clock, we all met up for lunch at the harbour. Most of



us had delicious Welsh fish and chips and others had a packed lunch. After we had all finished, our group walked around the town walls with the history teachers guiding us. In addition, thanks go to Mrs T for translating Welsh signs so that we could understand some of them.

Sadly, we did not have time to go to the Castle shop before we got back on the coaches for the journey back to school!

Nick Emery and Jonathan Treece

Year 6 at Tatton

Year 6 History was brought to life on a fine spring morning in April as the children assembled in line, dressed as evacuees and destined for 1940. They were more than happy to get into character as they made their way to

Tatton Park Farm to experience a day living as an evacuee during WW2.

On arrival, they were introduced to their host and given a guided tour of their basic accommodation, which startled more than a few of them! The discussions throughout the day were very informative and consolidated much of the material studied in school.

Pupils were given a demonstration of how to look after the animals on the farm, from milking the cows to feeding the goats. They were lucky enough to see many baby animals, including a lamb that had been born just three hours before they had arrived.

The children were really enjoying the 'hands on' activities when the air raid siren sounded and all were directed to the air raid shelter. They spent time singing songs and playing games until it was time to come out.

Blessed with fine weather, the experience was really worthwhile and provided a memorable day for the Year 6 children. It was difficult to drag many of them back to 2006 where school life is very different from life on a farm in 1940!

PAI

Year 2 at Tatton Hall and the Heritage Centre

After a term of learning about Victorian life, Year 2 went to Tatton Hall to work as servants. The children dressed up and were very excited about the trip. At the Hall, they made beds, baked scones, cleaned silver and even scrubbed the floors. They were allowed to take their scones



home so that their parents could sample their work. On their visit to the Heritage Centre, the children dressed up as Victorian schoolchildren. They could speak only when spoken to and they had to call the teacher 'Ma'am'!

Music Department

Musical Weekends at Trigonos

Twice a year, once in the Autumn term and once in the Spring, members of the String Orchestra travel to Trigonos, a lovely residential centre in the foothills of Snowdonia. Thirty five people, along with about twenty two violins, three violas, nine 'cellos and a double bass leave school on a Friday afternoon and arrive at Trigonos in time for dinner.

Over the weekend, time is spent eating, rehearsing and socialising, starting with a games evening to help everyone to relax. After much thorough rehearsing on Saturday morning, there are, in the afternoon, about three hours of free time. During this, there is the opportunity to stay in the beautiful grounds of the centre, to go for a walk in the nearby hills, to sight-see and explore the shops in Caernarfon, or even to do some homework.

Rehearsing resumes after cake! Trigonos is known amongst musicians for its wholesome food, and every trip includes not only breakfast, lunch and dinner, but also delicious home-made cake or biscuits three times a day. Even fussy eaters find that they enjoy everything from pumpkin soup to gooseberry fool.

By the end of the weekend, musical pieces have been perfected, and they are performed to an appreciative audience of Trigonos staff and a few locals in an informal concert. There is just time for one last meal before getting back onto the minibuses to come home.

The String Orchestra includes a full range of ages and abilities, but the Trigonos trips cater for all. A wide repertoire was played last year, from some simple, modern string music, to a more challenging Haydn piano concerto, with Mr Green forsaking the violin for the piano. The orchestra continues to practise each week, during lunch breaks, and takes part in regular instrumental concerts.

The Flute Ensemble and Sixth Form Chamber Choir also spent excellent weekends at Trigonos last year and thoroughly enjoyed a taste of the traditions set by the string players!

Anna Beesley

BFC tour to the Lake District

The BFC set off on their mini tour to Windermere from Cumberland Street very early in the morning in the pouring rain. Most members of the choir were very excited and could not wait to get to the first stop: Blackpool Pleasure Beach. Even though it was really early, no one slept on the bus.

After a long and tiring journey, the choir finally arrived at the Pleasure Beach. The teachers gave each group maps and tickets that meant they could go on any ride they wanted to, and then the groups went off to explore. Some of the choir were even brave enough to go on the tallest,

fastest rollercoaster in Europe, the Pepsi Max!

While in the Lakes, the choir stayed in a cosy, friendly youth hostel. Rehearsals took place in the hostel and provided entertainment for some of the other guests. From most of the dormitories, there were beautiful views overlooking hilltops and farms. The whole choir agreed that the food was fantastic.

As well as visiting scary theme parks, the choir also went on a relaxing boat trip on Lake Windermere and visited an aquarium. In the aquarium, they were lucky enough to see two otters!

At the end of the tour, after lots of rehearsing, the BFC finally performed a very successful concert in Cartmel Priory. In the concert were lots of joyful songs and some members of the choir performed amazing solos. The choir members would like to thank all the teachers for all the time and effort they have given to this choir: they had a great tour!

Kamlesh Sodha

Foundation Choir Tour to Germany

I spy with my little eye, something beginning with . . . zzz. There are only so many games of 'I Spy' and twenty questions that can be played on a seventeen-hour coach journey! As the Foundation Choir departed from the Rock Block car park at five in the evening, however, spirits were high as they embarked on their 'Deutschland adventure'. Despite the proposed ferry's having been missed, excitement still remained as the coach



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crawled through France at a snail's pace (no pun intended) and curiosity loomed throughout the weary corners of the bus. All troubles were forgotten on arrival at the stunning destination of Oberkirche, which oozed character and warmth as the travellers were met with a charming hotel and a delightful buffet.

With a quick turn around, choir and teachers found themselves back on the coach. After a warm meal, they were on their way to Strasbourg where they were to face a challenge: a performance after no sleep! After the first few notes of *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, it became immediately clear that what had been dreaded had actually become a special evening in a beautiful church. As Mrs B and the students put their French to the test by acting as presenters for the evening, and watched as David Kennerley conducted his own choral work, the choir knew that this was going to be a unique tour. A shower, some food and sleep was all that was required to complete what had been a surreal first day.

The morning brought sunshine, the discovery of Oberkirche and its delightful swimming pool and diving boards, always well received on choir tours. The tour set off with renewed energy, to Strasbourg, for an afternoon of ice cream and a sight-seeing riverboat trip. The choir then sang three of their more sacred works as part of a mass in Strasbourg cathedral, a thought-provoking experience for all. The evening of July 9th was also special in that it became clear, with masses of French flags and exclamations of 'Vive la France', that a football event of some sort was taking place that evening. An evening of relaxation around the hotel followed.

The following day brought more delights, with a trip to the enchanting Trieburg which included the biggest cuckoo clock in the world and the highest waterfalls in Germany, preceding a relaxing afternoon at Titisee with sun, swimming and a pedalo-war, an activity that has become something of a tradition on the choir tour - and people always say choir members are such placid characters! The Deutschland talent show was the event of the evening with memorable performances entitled *The Deutschland Rap*, a guest appearance from Lic, the *Rhine Time Blues*, Mr Buckland up to his old tricks, and a

musical spectacle as the teachers performed with glass bottles!

Time flew by and the choir awoke to their last day in Germany. The water park in the morning offered relaxation, and fun with an inflatable pool creature, before the choir gave not only its last performance on the tour but also its first open-air concert! A few tears were shed as the Girls' Choir sang and many of the sixth formers sang with the choir for the last time. A handkerchief and a delicious buffet ensured that smiles returned and a drink in stunning Freiburg marked the end of a lovely day.

All that remained was a relaxing morning in Oberkirche and the journey home. The trip had once again exceeded the expectations of the students and the teachers and a huge thank you is extended to all those who helped with the preparation, organising and made the choir tour once again a special memory that will remain with those who took part. It must not be overlooked, however, that there was one thing missing from this trip. We missed you Mr Green! (Mr Green was in The Bridgewater Hall, attending his son's graduation.)

Heidi Hughes

Skiing

Utah

The annual King's School ski trip this year was to Powder Mountain, Utah. Forty-nine pupils and ten adults made the thirteen-hour flights to Salt Lake City, previously a venue for the Winter Olympics. A short transfer put the party at their hotel, Red Moose Lodge. Pupils were moved towards sleep after such a long journey, but not before spotting the pool table, large screen TV, and hot tubs available for their use.

Day 1 was an acclimatisation day with a trip to a large shopping outlet in Salt Lake City. Some real bargains were to be had and a first sample of American cuisine was taken! The day ended with a trip to the *Hard Rock* café for the evening meal.

On Day 2, the skiing began. The group was collected from the hotel by two old style school buses, to be transported the short distance up the mountain. Then came a quick ski fit and all were skiing by ten o'clock. The rest of the week went in much the same way with six hours of skiing on most days.

The weather ranged from glorious sunshine to heavy snow over the week but never stopped the fun. Other evenings were spent at a themed restaurant, at an NBA game, and enjoying the local pizza take away. The final journey home was long, but as everyone was very tired, this provided a welcome opportunity to sleep. A great week was had by all.

JPB

Sixth Form Ski Trip: Meribel

The Sixth Form ski trip was a great success this year. The party arrived in Meribel, six hours late, to be greeted by three feet of fresh snow. The accommodation was first rate with chalet hosts doing all of the cooking and plenty of cake being provided for afternoon tea.

There were two complete beginners on the trip, Dan Partington and Nick Lee who benefited greatly from some expert tuition on the first morning. By the afternoon, they felt so confident that they undertook their first red run with the instructor. The deep snow off the sides of the piste made for some very interesting falls through the week. JPB managed to leave his skis behind on a couple of occasions, much to the delight of Leo Thompson and Richard Foster who witnessed the events.

The stars of the week were, well, everybody. It was a fantastic trip with great skiing and great après ski. It would be wrong, however, not to mention Eddie "The Eagle" Shaw and his 180, and "Dangerous" Dave Bexon and his unhealthy desire to attempt steeper and steeper slopes. The Upper Sixth girls, Carly Williamson and Laura Marten, provided the sensible approach required to keep everyone on track and Michelle Greaves provided much amusement by leaving her ski boots out in the snow all night.

The snow boarders did as well as snow boarders can: they just about kept up, and Andrew Laing and Chris Beardmore provided much amusement on their Snow Blades on the last day. The organiser is very much looking forward to next year's trip, having thoroughly enjoyed this one.

JPB



Spanish Department

Study Trip to Castile

Valentine's Day saw a new venture for the Languages Department at King's, as the first study trip to Spain, involving twenty students from Years 10, 11 and 12, three members of staff and one 'gappie', left Liverpool Airport to embark on a week-long stay with Spanish families in Valladolid, Castile. The department was keen for the students to see a different, more traditional Spain than is usually witnessed whilst on holiday, so a small commercial city, away from the coast, in northern Spain, in the depths of winter, was judged to be just the ticket.

The students attended morning classes, with a most welcome break in a local cafe, returned 'home' for lunch and then enjoyed a variety of activities in the afternoons. These included a tour of the old quarter, followed by 'chocolate con churros' (a thick chocolate drink with doughnuts), and a visit to the cinema, where a most impressive group of Year 10 girls, who had had only four months of Spanish lessons, watched a film whose dialogue was spoken at break-neck speed. One afternoon, the group participated in an interactive tour of the Museum of Modern Art and were then invited to produce their own canvasses. This they did with much gusto and flair.

Several trips were scheduled, too, including a visit to Segovia, home to Europe's most impressive Roman aqueduct, Salamanca, where Mr Randell was prevailed upon to conduct a tour whose historical data has yet to be

verified, but which was very amusing all the same, and to Madrid where the party saw the Royal Palace, went shopping and had 'tapas'. Nam, nam!

The trip home was eventful as northern Spain was hit by fierce snowstorms and roads were closed. The group was not at all prepared for the snow (above).

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of the week was the students' fearless determination to learn about all things Spanish, their willingness to throw themselves into all manner of new experiences . . . a Spanish karaoke, a rock concert, a First Holy Communion . . . and their good-natured attitude when things, inevitably, went wrong. Many lessons were learnt, including the need to remember one's own address, to board buses going in the right direction and to avoid mistaking police cars for taxis.



The students made mistakes too!

The children felt that, although they had struggled at times to make themselves understood, they had achieved much during their stay and had improved their language skills and confidence tremendously. The first King's language trip to Spain was judged to be great fun and a real learning experience.

In 2007, it's Andalusia!

CAM

Outdoor Pursuits

Outdoor Activities Club

As ever, the club has had a flourishing year with some new members and lots of older pupils getting involved in outdoor trips. Towards the end of September, the first big trip of the year was the annual high camp in the Lake District. Starting from Eskdale, in unseasonably cold but fine conditions, a large mixed group made their way up Slight Side to the summit of Scafell and then down Mickledore to a fine campsite that the school has used before, at Sampsons Stones on the edge of the Great Moss. It is a wild and empty place, reminiscent of a Scottish glen. After a fine night here, the group awoke to a lot of mist and low cloud so, sadly, bathing in the River Esk was shelved in favour of ice creams with the vintage motor-bike rally at the café in Boot.

In October, the Youth Hostel at Bangor provided the venue for another visit to North Wales and the Conway Centre. This time it was the ropes course that took a hammering as well as the dunes of Newborough Warren; the day before, the group had



ascended the Carneddau and met up, quite by chance, with an old outdoor-smán in the shape of Tony Robson.

After half term, the caving weekend had to change venue to Malham because of a lack of space at the regular Stainforth Hostel. It did not prevent some sporting caving, including the usual Browgill-Calf Holes (downstream this time and very quick) with a fine, if somewhat taxing expedition on Sunday to complete a newly-explored round trip circuit in the Old Ing-Dismal Hill system. After nearly five hours below ground, the group emerged to find themselves a mere fifty metres from the entrance, now bathed in bright autumn sunlight. The walkers in the group really enjoyed their ascents of Ingleborough (sun and snow showers), Whernside (glorious sun) and Pen-y-Ghent (sunshine), as well as the comforts of the Hostel and the many board games on offer.

Late November saw another visit to Coniston Hostel and a trip to Grisedale Forest on Saturday for a spot of orienteering. On Sunday, kayaking on a cold Coniston Water was undertaken with the help of the professionals from Summittreks.

Two trips took place early on in Spring, back-to-back and both in North Wales, as a result of availability of accommodation. The first was back to Bangor Hostel and the Conway Centre for raft building. The following weekend saw the group at Snowdon Ranger Youth Hostel and, in wild wintry conditions, a large group that included a number of Year 7 and Year 8 pupils, made an ascent of the Glyders.

Whilst it was damp and breezy in the valley, it was full winter condi-

tions on top, with mandatory navigation, blowing snow and freezing fog. Everyone enjoyed the challenge, made even better by the provision of cake and tea at the Ogwen Café. Back at the Hostel, after dinner, the staff embarked on an orgy of cheating in an attempt to win the Monopoly tournament, even 'outing' another clique of cheats in the process! Next day, the weather was still grey, damp and breezy so everyone headed for the woods above Betws-y-Coed where the orienteering courses around Llyn Elsi provided plenty of entertainment.

There was one more trip that term, after half term, to Eyam Youth Hostel whence the group headed for the Derwent valley and the Dambuster dams. Again, it was wintry, but the party successfully traversed the Derwent Edges from Lost Lad and Back Tor to the end of Ladybower reservoir, by which time the sun was shining brightly. It was a weary party that returned to the café and the minibus, but it didn't dampen enthusiasm for games in the Hostel later on. The next day, those who wished to did a longish trip into Carl's Wark cavern in Stoney Middleton, involving flat-out crawling, a wet duck and climbing down to the sump. It was snowing gently on exit and the group experienced the acerbic signs at Grindelford Café by way of a wind-down before going home.

Lots of D of E expeditions prevented much further activity that term and the packed summer term made it very difficult to organise much outside those formal expeditions. Nevertheless, there is always next year to look forward to!

PME

Scottish Winter Mountaineering Trip

There is a committed group of outdoor enthusiasts in the school who come from diverse directions to converge upon this annual trip to the highlands of Scotland. This year, the snow cover was excellent, the best for five years, but it lay mainly in the East; so why was Glen Nevis the destination, as far West as one can go?

The answer lies in having to book ahead and weather being fickle. The group arrived with the sun beating down and the promise of high pressure ahead. After settling in, the team was briefed on what lay ahead and how each day might progress. The first day saw everyone unloading for a day in the Mamores, carrying day-packs with crampons and ice axes. It was very mild, so the snow was soft, even high up; nevertheless, some interesting ridge traverses were made in heavy snow showers, with ice-axe arrest practice in a soft snow trench that got faster as it got packed down! It was a very long day for the first, so it was decided to visit Glencoe the next day, for a shorter, but perhaps more dramatic outing.

It proved to be so: leaving the valley in showery, colder conditions, the climb up into Stob Coire Nam Beith proved as tiring as ever, but soon led onto firm snow below the imposing buttresses of Bidean Nam Bian. The cloud showed a hint of lighter sky above, at which PME suggested that the day might yet get better. The climb up to the saddle of the ridge was done on crampons using ice axes and a strong wind awaited the group at the top,

However, also waiting was a large wash of blue sky and, bit-by-bit, the cloud vanished, leaving a stunning backdrop of white peaks all around. The ridge to Stob Coire Nan Lochan was traversed with care and then descent was made to the minibus a long way below, requiring much bum sliding to save time! The evergreen Mr Doughty was waiting with the minibus to whisk the group back to the Hostel.

It was time for the expedition, an overnight trip into the mountains. Because of the improved snow cover in the East it was felt better to carry this out in the Cairngorms and so, the next day, the group travelled over in brilliant sunshine to a much colder and snowier Aviemore. Leaving behind the paraphernalia of skiing, the pla-



teau was soon reached and, although it was windy, the trek across to the snow hole sites in Coire Domhain was straightforward.

As forecast, the sun came out and a merry band spent a good hour 'nesting' in the existing snow holes, trimming them to size and getting established, before continuing on with much lighter packs across the white wastes to Ben Macdui. At the summit, it was very cold and deep in snow. Regular readers may remember a picture taken a year ago with a group in T-shirts; no one was wearing them on this occasion and it had to be a smart return to avoid the approaching whiteout and snowstorm. The last half mile was in poor visibility and it

was pleasing to pick out the marker wand on cresting the last rise.

A very cosy evening was spent in the various locations used, occasionally visiting 'neighbours'. The next morning dawned grey and threatening. Although it did improve, it remained very windy: a frontal system was approaching but not due to arrive in the East until afternoon. The group headed for Cairngorm summit and then a fine high-level ridge walk around into Coire Cas the long way, with great visibility all-round.

At 1 pm in the car park, clouds were gathering as the group left and journeyed to Aviemore, to the accompaniment of Mr Doughty's Lancashire Folk Songs, for hot chocolate and food, passing into the rain within ten miles of Aviemore and the weather remained unsettled all the way home the next day.

PME

Expedition to Ecuador

The school's biennial one-month expedition took place during July and August this year and visited Ecuador. Seventeen students had spent two years raising money for the trip from activities as diverse as running half marathons and raising and selling cattle.

The first week of the trip was spent helping a small school in the village of Apuella in the north of Ecuador. Students painted murals, built

terraced gardens, cleaned roofs and helped teach the students English, as well as spending leisure time playing football, swimming in the local river, and learning to dance salsa at the village fiesta.

The group then headed out into the Andes to trek through cloud forests and volcanoes as acclimatisation for their attempt to climb the 15,500 feet Ruminahui volcano. After briefly returning through the capital city, Quito, the group headed into Cotapaxi national park where they spent three days hacking through forests and avoiding giant cactus plants before finally setting off for the volcano.

The weather was kind and the entire trek was spent under blue skies, with fantastic views of Cotapaxi, the world's highest active volcano, along with eight more of Ecuador's snow capped peaks. The entire group successfully reached the summit and then headed east into the Amazon basin for four days' trekking in the rain forest. Although not at altitude, this section had other dangers that included tarantulas wandering through the camp and the guide's letting the party eat lemon ants before explaining what they were.

After a day of white water rafting, the group headed back to finish the trip with a visit to the equator and two days' shopping in South America's biggest market.

JSS





Morocco

This year, King's students made their fourth visit to Morocco and pupils spent two weeks trekking in the Atlas Mountains, riding camels across the desert and bartering in the souqs of Marrakech.

The trip started with the group making an attempt to climb Mount Toubkal, North Africa's highest peak. Having made it as far as the final camp, the climbers had to admit defeat because it was snowing, hailing and raining all at the same time. Instead, a few days were spent walking in the lower Atlas Mountains and swimming in rivers.

After this, the party headed down to the edge of the Sahara Desert and spent two days on camels, riding through the villages and sand dunes of the Jebel Sahro. A highlight was riding through the middle of a sand storm for an hour before baking bread on an open fire with some local Berber tribesman.

The students returned to Marrakech for an unforgettable visit to the tanneries, where they saw leather being dyed just as it has been for the last two thousand years and for a day bartering for bargains in the vast souqs.

JSS

Year 9 Edale Camps

The Year 9 pupils set off in their form groups for the annual expedition and camp at Upper Booth, Edale. A practice tent pitch and expedition kit check was carried out at school, then teams were dropped off at various points around the Edale Valley, to navigate their way, as independent groups, to a rendezvous at Upper Booth campsite. Pitching their own tents and cooking their own meals

proved to be a valuable and sometimes rather entertaining experience. The pupils then settled down for the night to build up their energies for the challenges of the next day.

Breakfasting on a variety of food-stuffs from the 'continental' i.e. cereal and bread, to the 'full English', or rather, incinerated bacon butties, the teams readied themselves for the trek along the heights of Rushop Edge, Hollins Cross and Lose Hill to their goal - the café in Hope village.

Enjoying the adventure of being out in the wilds, of taking charge of their own welfare and of helping out their team members proved a valuable learning experience for all.

JAF

Year 7 Thorpe Farm trips

It was an early start to the outdoor education of the Year 7 pupils, with their first taste of the King's Outdoor Pursuits programme occurring in the first few weeks of the Autumn term. Each Year 7 form, accompanied by form tutors and other members of staff, headed into the depths of the Peak District for a series of wild adventures.

Base camp was set up in the bunkhouse at Thorpe Farm, Hathersage. The intrepid explorers began their expedition with an evening scramble up to High Neb on Stanage Edge. Members of staff were, inevitably, ambushed from the cover of ferns, but all survived the experience. 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.

Day two of the expeditions comprised a more challenging trek

through Bole Hill Woods up past Millstone Edge to Over Owl Tor, Higgin Tor and culminated in the storming of the ancient fort on Carl's Walk. Many chip butties were consumed at the station café before returning to Grindleford via Padley Gorge and thence to school.

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

JAF

Year 6 PGL adventure holiday

This year, Year 6 visited a new centre at Tregoyd House in South Wales. Following a four-hour coach journey, the party of thirty-two children and four staff quickly disgorge into the welcome surroundings of the dining room.

Having eventually settled on room allocations, the children entered enthusiastically into their first evening entertainment, which involved team games on the front lawn, in competition with our co-inhabitants from Cardiff. Thereafter, the days were fully occupied with a variety of activities encompassing archery, orienteering, abseiling, climbing, fencing, initiative exercises, kayak canoeing and canoeing down the River Wye, the favourite activity of many.

The evenings were occupied with a *Robot Wars* challenge involving lots of eggs, flour and water, and there was a disco on the final night, when the World Cup Final provided a quieter option for some. There was not a moment to spare and this proved to be a great way to end Year 6.

GJS

Year 5 PGL: Caythorpe Court, Lincolnshire

After an eventful journey, the party arrived safely at PGL Caythorpe to be greeted by the staff and shown into deluxe accommodation! Refuelled by an evening meal, the group was ready to get to know Group Leader, Kayleigh, and have some fun.

Saturday morning began bright and breezy with everyone looking forward to an exciting day ahead with groups taking part in orienteering, rifle shooting, initiative exercises and the fabulous 'zip wire'! Little did anyone know that Edward Nathan was to prove to be a real crack-shot during rifle shooting, with many other children also scoring impressively.

Orienteering proved to be a challenging exercise in teamwork that almost proved too much for some groups. However, most succeeded in the end, and Lisa Bianco was outstanding as a team leader. In the afternoon, as always, the zip wire was eagerly looked forward to by all and, as usual, it didn't disappoint, and Jack Brierley's demonstration of the back and front crawl as he zipped along it was a sight not to be missed. It had been an exhausting day and a good night's sleep was had by all.

Sunday morning brought more sunshine but with a really strong wind – and the high ropes loomed. This is a daring challenge and for some, real fear was faced and tackled. Tilly, Kate and Andrew were at least three people who had a go in spite of their fears – bravery indeed. The abseiling session passed off with aplomb... all the staff entering into the spirit and joining in . . . but no one could beat Caitlin's 'Spiderman' descent from the tower.

Sunday afternoon was greeted with both trepidation and excitement: it was kayaking. After all the fun and games of getting equipped, having safety instructions given, as well as being the butt of endless jokes from our instructors, all finally got into kayaks and practised paddle skills – even Mrs Johnston and Miss Partington. Alas, it wasn't long before Ellamae was in the water and not her canoe. Indeed, it was not long before the entire lake seemed awash with drenched, muddy children. All persevered and had a wonderful afternoon.

Sunday evening proved to be an unexpected treat . . . it was the campfire session. With the assistance of no fewer than three extra instructors we

had the most fantastic time, singing songs, roasting marshmallows and listening to endless jokes. The atmosphere was wonderful, very happy and relaxed. Twenty-four happy and contented children slept like logs that night, so much so that Mrs Turner had to wake up all the boys next morning.

The final day was both fun and challenging with sessions on quad bikes and Jacob's Ladder. It was Katie's tenth birthday, so she had the privilege of starting her activities first. It wasn't quite 'Formula One', but she steered around the course impressively. Jacob's Ladder was all about teamwork and, with the help and support of their friends, all groups worked their way up the ladder with Alix, Robert and Hattie getting the furthest!

All in all, PGL at Caythorpe went smoothly and happily, with everyone gaining so much from the experience – teachers too!

LT

Junior Division Walk

On Friday, 30th June a 300-strong contingent of pupils, teachers and parents set off on the annual walk through six miles of Cheshire countryside. With Mr Walton and the Year 6 pupils setting a brisk pace, each checkpoint in the first half of the walk was passed through quickly, including the dreaded Buxton Road crossing, ably marshalled by Mrs Lea and Mrs Soutter. Upon the group's arrival at the halfway point, at Tegg's Nose, refreshments and a rest were gratefully received!

The second half of the walk provided an even more pleasant walking experience as the group headed down past Tegg's Nose Reservoir, the village of Lingley, Macclesfield Golf Course and along Macclesfield Canal towards the finish. It was an extremely enjoyable morning, with the children (and adults!) showing great determination in completing the course. Many thanks are extended to all of the marshals and to the parent helpers who accompanied the walk.

MKW

Jewish Museum

The Year 6 children spent a morning at the Jewish Museum in Manchester. The museum is very interesting as it is housed in a former synagogue and the children enjoyed standing on the bimah, reading a scroll using a yad,

and looking in the Ark. The guide, Mr Michelson, explained the different parts of the building and also showed them the clothes that the men wear when at worship. The children had time to wander around the synagogue and look at an exhibition of photography of scenes from modern Jewish life, including Festival days and symbols.

The morning came to a close as Mr Michelson explained the ceremony that begins and ends Shabbat. Children read the special prayers, pretended to light the havdalah candle and smelt the sweet spices that remind Jewish people of the pleasant times that they have experienced during their weekend.

Reception Visit to Manchester Airport

In June, both Reception classes went to Manchester Airport. Miss Smith's class had been learning about America and Mrs Cookson's class had learnt about Australia. Firstly, they went to the Aviation Viewing Point where they saw lots of different planes. They saw Concorde and learnt lots of interesting facts.

In the afternoon, the children went to Terminal 3 where they were shown around Departures. All of the children had a chance to dress up as a person who works at Manchester Airport. Some became bird-scarers; others were cabin crew.

The visit resulted in some wonderful written pieces when the children returned to school.

Nursery Summer Trip

The nursery summer trip was inspired by the topic *On the Farm*. The group was very fortunate to be able to visit Home Farm at Tatton Park.

Although the day turned out extremely wet, by the time the coach had reached the farm, the sun had come out. 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 learnt much.

The trip was made complete by a session in the adventure playground where the children were able to run off any excess energy.

My Future

Other people live in fear
of gun massacres, heart attacks,
car smashes, plane crashes,
horrific back street slaughters.
But me? I can tell you my future:
all two hours and twenty-six minutes of it.

I can tell you how
I will be swaddled in wires
like a new-born in a blanket;
how plastic and metal will nestle
in my flesh like vital organs.
How the firm push
in the small of my back
will feel like a mother
sending her son into the playground
on his first day of school.

I can tell you how
I will step down the path
of the grey terraced house.
How I will walk
along the pavement
clutching my belly, nursing
my newly acquired child.

I can tell you how my sweat
will mingle with dormant electrons;
how I will whisper my instructions
like a mantra as I clutch the slippery surface
of the handrail on the number 47.

I can tell you how I will
disembark deftly despite
my bulk, slip
into the crowd
as an otter
enters the water.

I can tell you how I will
murmur my final prayers,
cradling my phantom foetus;
clinging to the image
of Heaven's open gates
like a daughter to her father's hand.
How my finger will flick
the switch as the clock
tolls twelve.

Emily Middleton

Emily Middleton was again one of the fifteen overall winners of the Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award 2006, organised by the Poetry Society. Jonathan Burman, of Year 11, was highly commended in the same competition. Emily's poem re-creates the thoughts that might run through the mind of a terrorist:



Hannah Bellamy Year 11



David Mobbs Year 11

Magic that works in silences, fitted into thought of loneliness and love.
 Quiet phrases, repeated in stanzas, a poet, shy and alone,
 in his room,
 again.
 Wondered if you'll ever remember him here, you - changed and grown - me - here
 and small -
 waiting for gravity to pull, and willingly divide to your realistic expectations.
 Completely right with hours to kill, silences, and cities that sleep.
 Still, I'm ready for what this life has to throw:
 loving to exist, to feel my life inside, and to question my spark.
 But to question our love?
 Denying that, appalled your heart.

Felt the wind on your face and spoke gently of music,
 that great medium that brought us together,
 so many times, songs to fall in to.
 So perfect, the nights we sat, tearing at our chests,
 remember me, I'm still here.
 Singing, again, an easier rite of passage.

Striking poses in photographs, fear of judgement (and heaven)

Hair curled and cynicism of great things, quiet conversation outside a show.
 She, protesting at 'pessimism', insisted she was a realist.
 I protested, arguing equality in the capabilities.
 She left swiftly.

Connections with heaven, to inspire us as angels,
 bringing mighty judgement on their shoulders -
 the guilt and responsibility of my parents.
 The world ignores their self-conscious depression and guilt,
 and adolescence - bearing no grudges -
 and no more awkward kisses, misplaced at 12:
 Confused sexuality and forced desire.

Kindness by strangers, the resentment of help,
 We struggle, and maintain our devils.
 And fear. And fear. because everywhere,
 two-thirds, three quarters and a half of your fears were written on that wall,
 You were there today, depressed , and alone (I wasn't good company).

Met for the second time, a desired love.
 Forced over a week, and crammed feelings into writing.
 Culminating in one night's hours. Together and kissing,
 Deeply and passionately, whispers and lips,
 Breath on ears and bites on neck.
 Cards we remembered to forget and awkward situations,
 Formed out of forced feelings and emotion.

You claimed they were separable; I laughed and you smiled.
 We defined our love in those terms,
 with loneliness as our catalyst we made quick with our passion,
 And spited our youth to show the world,
 we were ready.
 We are ready, all of us.
 (all we need is love)

Jon Burman

Creative Work

A much younger pupil produced the next piece, attempting what was set as her older brother's homework!

Cure for Suffering

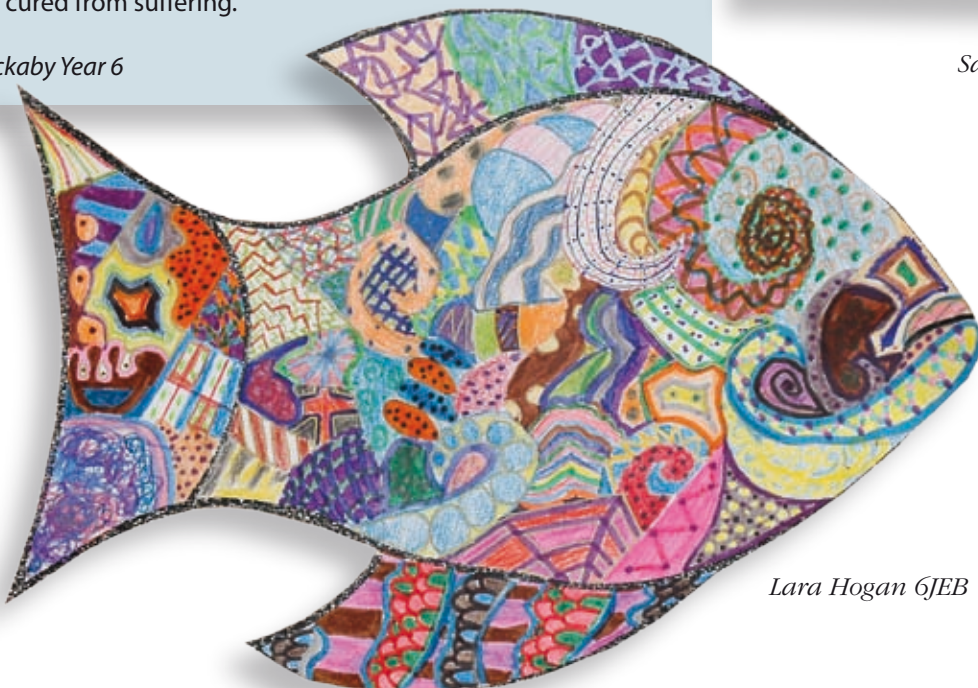
Ingredients:

A feather from the bird of paradise.
A gold coin from the pot at the end of the rainbow.
A few drops of calmness.
A tablespoon full of sunshine.
A small bottle of love.
A hair from the head of the Goddess of Peace.
The seeds from the Moonbeam flower which only grows once a year.
The shadow of a pixie
Eight tear drops from a young girl's cheeks.
A shooting star that lights up the night.

Recipe:

Take a big pot and heat the eight teardrops inside it.
Then, take the feather and coat it in sugar before stirring the tears with it until the mixture is purple.
Add the seeds and then mix in the drops of calmness, stirring it fifteen times after each drop.
Take the bottle of love and quickly pour it in to stop it escaping.
Next, add the sunshine and there should be an instant glow of red and gold.
The coin should be melted.
Pour the melted gold into the mixture and it should smell like lavender blossoms.
The shadow might try to run away, but tying the hair from the Goddess of Peace around its legs will make it do whatever you say.
Take the shooting star and split it open. Inside should be a golden powder that might blind you, but by looking through the pixie's shadow, you will keep your eyes safe.
Add the powder to the mixture and stir one hundred and thirteen times, leaving it then for twenty nine days, before adding a little to the patient's forehead and saying these words: 'Histo mani coco lamna sadi yana coz'
and then washing the patient's head with warm water mixed with coconut milk.
They will be cured from suffering.

Ellamae Blackaby Year 6

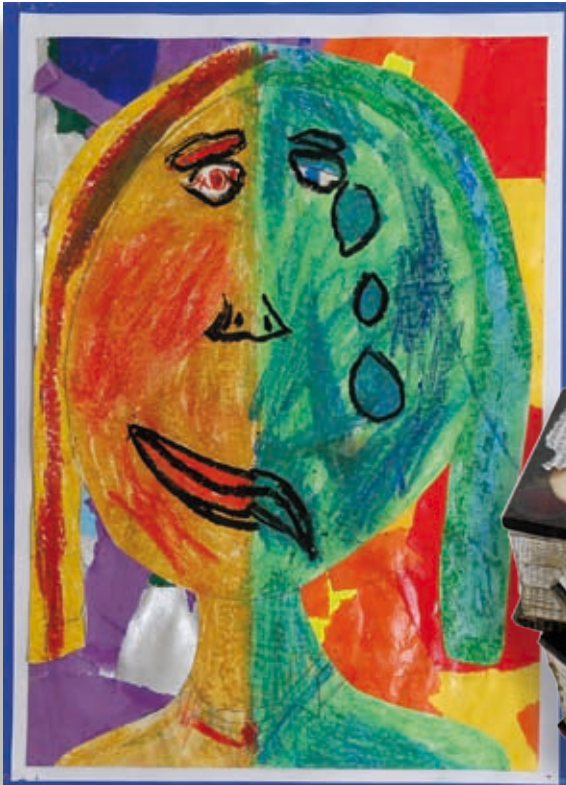


*Raife Copp-Barton &
Harry Jackson 5AGE*



Sacha Allen 5AGE

Lara Hogan 6JEB



Ellie Hopewell 3LC



Here is another piece from Emily Middleton, this time informative and persuasive writing, in an article she wrote for the Amnesty Youth magazine:

Membership Age Lowered

When you're 14 and 15 there are tons of things you can't do: you can't drive, vote in a general election, work full-time, join the army, leave school, and until Amnesty International UK's Annual General Meeting earlier this year, you couldn't join AIUK, either. But on a warm April day in a crowded hall at the heart of Warwick University, Amnesty members voted overwhelmingly to allow people aged 14 and up to join AIUK as individual members.

To say it was a momentous moment in AIUK's history is not an overstatement. The motion, proposed by AIUK's Board, was treated very seriously: some members (adults, of course) voiced the concern that 14 and 15 year olds are too young and inexperienced to cope with some of Amnesty's campaigns, and to vote in AGMs, which membership of Amnesty allows people to do. Well, we youth group members blasted that myth into oblivion. We argued that 14 and 15 year olds are mature enough to deal with the issues that Amnesty tackles, and that opening up membership of Amnesty to 14 and 15 year olds would inspire more young people under 16 to get involved in the organisation.

The small amount of opposition to the motion seemed to crumble and fall within minutes. Very few people voted

against the motion, and those who did were given serious evils by the youth group members.

But what makes the whole thing such a big deal? Well, very few campaigning organisations offer individual membership to young people under 16. This change in the rules is a sign that the members of Amnesty appreciate and recognise all the fantastic work that youth groups are doing – and that much of this work is carried out by people younger than 16. It also shows that AIUK really values young people's opinions – and that they aren't afraid to put this belief into practice.

One of the best bits about membership is that you can vote at Amnesty's Annual General Meeting (when things like lowering the membership age are debated and voted upon). You can help to decide what issues or countries Amnesty focuses on, amongst a whole host of other topics. You can even propose a motion of your own to the AGM, as long as another Amnesty member supports you.

This is youth participation taken to a whole new level. So if you're 14 or 15, why not take the plunge and join Amnesty? For £7.50, less than the price of a hardback book, a hoodie, two cinema tickets or a couple of Big Macs, you can join Amnesty for a whole year.

Emily Middleton

Creative Work

A very different piece of creative writing is the diary kept by one of the Duke of Edinburgh group during the Gold Award expedition. It brings alive the 'flavour' of the outing and the high spirits and enjoyment of the group:

Saturday 01-07-06

Took 2.5 hours to get there (passed Sedbergh again!) There are only so many times you can go to/through Yorkshire in one week! Stopped at 'Travellers Arms/Rest' (not really sure; don't really care). Spent approx 2.5 hours (which is the time taken to travel from Macc to Grasmere) talking to Nev, the assessor. Not killed Dom yet! There are 5 days, so plenty of time!

It is 10:50 and I still have not eaten, am a very hungry man. Tiger Ted's map work less than impressed big Nev. (For the record, Nev is not big; in fact, he is a very small man). Nev has been assessing since 1977. My calculations suggest that should have made him dead 10 years ago. Turns out Ted got concussion in a recent rugby game; he started having blackouts and dreams on the pitch; he failed to seek medical attention: this I feel may have been the first flaw by any team member; having a 'squad' member with brain damage can make things difficult, and perhaps this is why Ted finds map reading hard.

Cookie spent 10-15 minutes trying to work out how to use YHA sleeping bag sheets; having failed to work these out, he then read the posters on the wall - which show you how to make beds, not how to get in bed Cookie! (Cookie's chances of survival over 4 days = nil)

Sunday 02-07-06

Had a full English at Youth Hostel and we set off for Colwith at 8:45 and started walking at 9:20. Was about 28 degrees today and not best conditions for walking. However, the views and bronzing cancelled out the heat.

Midge Casualties Ranking Table!

1. Greeny
2. Hall
3. Cawson
4. Jen, Smarsden, Jez
5. Cotterill*

*Difficult to rank, never expresses feelings or pain. (A real soldier!)

Dom took us left when we should have gone right. Result of disobeying the man of the mountains = extra miles and a lot of stick! (He will learn!) Colwith to Grasmere to Eastdale to Great Langdale. General gist of today was up, down, up, up, down, down, down.

Monday 03-07-06

Up at 7:45 and had cereal bars (video killed the cereal bar). Started walking at 9:39, thirty-nine minutes late, mainly due to the extra time Ted needs to get ready. Neville greeted us at 0800; the last person you want to see at that hour is Big Nev.

First ascent was pretty tough and I worried that the girls would really struggle; however, Greeny was the one who struggled and he was sick after less than half an hour's walking. He was not the Greeny we all know and love and something was deffoes wrong. However, he struggled on until we met Mr B

(who was asleep under a rock) After a long stop, Greeny felt much better and the last 10kms went really well, (little bit of rain near the end but no need to pull out the waterproofs.

Tuesday 04-07-06

Jen cried when she saw cows; however, this was justified, because they were very scary! I played the male role and acted hard. Morale is at an all time high tonight: only one day of walking left. The 'Jeremy of the Day' award (the highest accolade available) goes to . . . Jeremy!

Dom was not up for the 'see who can fall off the cliff the fastest' game, where we do time trials and he goes first. Funny that he didn't want to partake!! I am wearing white socks and sandals, which I feel is a good note to end on today. Jeremy Done signing out.

Wednesday 05-07-06

Turner Hall to Ravenglass. When there were conflicting views on our precise location, Dom almost received a blow to the face. He would have 'fallen' off a hill today had it not been for the fact that we had an extremely flat day; he does not know how closely seven almost became six.

Last 5kms were the hardest of the eight-five we have done over the past four days. The end was close and the burn started to kick in. Never thought I could be so happy to see Nev. Ordered some chips to eat during our debrief, which obviously irritated him a lot. Am quite sad that we are at the end, but let the party begin tonight!

Navigating across some forest was actually quite difficult but we shone through. Am currently outside the 'Ratty Arms': despite its unfortunate name it is actually a very nice pub!

Thursday 06-07-06

Smarsden's feet are still terrible, but watching her struggle and hobble about has kept us all entertained over the last couple of days. The V-Reg got a puncture and we had to sit on the hard shoulder for a while, but Eric (author of Mountain Leader book) kept us amused. A quick and efficient tyre change by the jock squad was observed by all. I was most impressed.

Well, we have gone past Bolton now, so it is clear that our extraordinary six days are over, which is so very sad. It has been an amazing few days and, if I could, I would do it all again. The mountains are my friends; the mountains are my home.

Jeremy Done Year 12



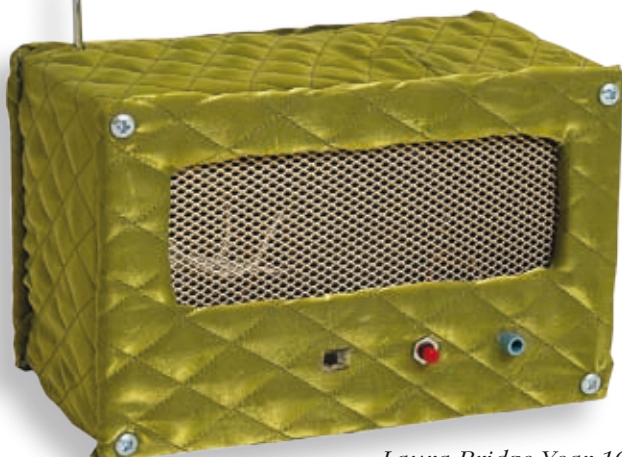
Jack Brierley 6PA



Isaac Brough 4CW



Robyn Hinchcliffe Year 10



Laura Bridge Year 10

The Young Writer of the Term competitions in the Boys' Division again produced some super pieces. Here are some of the entries and winners. The first task demanded a poem based on a favourite month or time of year:

December is the month for me,
Christmas joy and yuletide glee.
Happy families gathered round
Whilst fluffy snow hits the winter ground.
Granddad snoozing by the warm log fire,
The children's hopes just couldn't be higher.
Hot mulled wine and warm mince pies,
Bags hidden away from prying eyes.
Mum sneaks a kiss by the mistletoe,
Kids are praying for a fall of snow.
Twinkling lights on the festive tree,
Toddlers perched on Santa's knee.
Crackers, turkey, yuletide log,
Even a stocking for the dog.
A selection box, a tangerine,
Please, never wake me from this dream!
Excited children peep round the door,
Look! There's presents on the floor!

Ross Elliott Year 8

Spring

As the cold air fades away,
The sun will be out by the next day.
Winter is over; spring is near,
No more darkness: the sky is clear.
Our last spring went so fast.
This year, I hope, it will last.
Days are longer and certainly brighter,
The sky is becoming lighter and lighter.
The bleat of the lambs, the humming of bees,
The wind but a silent whisper through trees.
Flowers are blossoming; buds are growing.
I'm not used to this: it's usually snowing!
Daffodils, tulips, crocus and more
Grow in abundance and carpet the floor.
This is why people go mad about spring,
Flowers and sun - what a beautiful thing.
The awareness of Easter, what a thought,
Just wonder how many eggs have been bought.
There are so many things to do in the spring,
I wonder what next month will bring?

Ciaran Hanrahan Year 9

Creative Work

Another English Department competition in the Boys' Division demanded a story that had to include some pre-determined sentences and phrases: he looked up, sweet music filled the room, azure sky, and inside the box. Many very different plots and interpretations were submitted. Here are some of them:

The Swan

The neon sign flashed its name into the empty alleyway. The 'Pink Flamingo' was well known for its rowdy music and its crowd of outrageous people. A lone young man, sad and unwanted, wandered into the alley and gazed at the sign, mesmerised by the pink glow it washed over the path. He was drawn to its warmth and offer of company. Should he go in? He was cold and tired, for he had been walking all night, but he was aware that he was now in a part of the city that he did not know.

He suddenly felt a sharp pain at the side of his head. He reeled sideways only to be hit again, full in the face. Before the next fist collided with his stomach, he was able to see that his assailants were two sailors, who must have come out of the 'Pink Flamingo'. He was powerless, taken by surprise, and was beaten until they were scared away by the sound of laughter suddenly emanating from the club. He lay beside the wall and wept, hurt and discarded. People coming out of the club laughed at him. He felt even more alone as he struggled to stand up. He staggered to a park area where he collapsed onto a bench and huddled up to keep warm. An old lady was throwing bread and he heard a distant flurry, and what might have been the sound of wings in flight. It caused him to listen, to take more interest in his surroundings.

Looking up, he saw a cloud in the shape of a swan, coming closer and closer, then moving away. As it slowly disappeared from sight, the young man rose from the bench and ran towards the nearby lake, looking for the swan. He was captivated by the sight of it and it made him feel warm inside for the first time. He was strangely filled with hope and he wanted to find the swan and fly away from his troubles. The young man felt strong enough to make his way home. He got in without waking anyone. The room was quiet and filled with the soft light of early morning. He collapsed onto the bed and then saw a music box on the table. He was surprised to see it, for he did not remember its being there. He reached towards the box and peered at it. How did it get there? Why was it there? Who owned it?

The lid of the box had a carving of a swan on it. It was made of wood and quite small. He examined the box and moved it around in his hands. He carefully lifted the lid. Inside the box was the figure of a swan. It rose up as the lid lifted and, as it did so, sweet music filled the room. The young man was again filled with hope. The music was what now captivated him: it was sorrowful and beautiful at the same time. He listened and became aware of another sound. It was the wings again, but this time they were louder and more powerful.

He turned to face the window and saw the beating wings of a magnificent swan hitting the glass. He went over to the window and opened it. The swan burst through the opening and flew around the room.

The young man was afraid the noise would wake people in the house, so he jumped up, trying to calm the bird. The swan landed on his bed and became limp and motionless. He walked over to it and stretched out his hand to comfort the creature. The swan rested its head in his outstretched hand. The young man felt like the swan cared about him and he wanted it to stay with him forever. This thought

comforted and relaxed him, and he rested.

He was not sure when he eventually fell to sleep, but he was woken by angry banging on the window. He looked up and was alarmed to see that the azure sky was filled with the vigorous flapping of many wings. As he watched in horror and disbelief, the window smashed and swans pushed through the shattered panes. They landed and attacked his swan.

He ran towards them, trying to break it up, but the swans forced him back. He tried to break free, but he could not escape the many slashing beaks that tore at his skin. He was horrified at the sight he saw. All the swans were attacking his swan and it was mortally wounded. The birds turned to him and he realised that he was next.

And that was the last thought he had. But in his death, he was reunited with his swan in the spirit world - forever.

Oliver Hope Year 8

Before He Had Warts

Oliver staggered through the silent streets of London, drunk. He had had a most marvellous night and was going back to the house of his friend, Michael, where they could rest until the lecture tomorrow. Law was terribly boring, but if he stopped attending the lectures, his allowance would stop.

Oliver was having a wonderful time in London: the narrow streets were as delightful to him as the expensive drink and the games of cards. Compared with the oppressive old college in Cambridge, London's delights offered far more to both the senses and the body.

Oliver stepped over the doorstep of Michael's home above the bookseller's. The walk had sobered him a little. He looked up and saw Michael's shape through the trapdoor; he could hear the sound of a woman's voice, too. He coughed so that Michael would know he was there, and climbed the ladder.

When Oliver thought of Huntingdon and his father, the puritan, who had sent him into Sidney Sussex College, he felt a little guilty. He knew this would not be the life his father wanted him to lead. His father was a godly man and he delighted in informing others of this. Oliver knew that he would one day have to return to a pure life, but not just yet. Immediately, Oliver recognised the girl as Elizabeth Bouchier, the daughter of a Huntingdon landowner. He did not know how she had found him, but it was obvious why she had been sent. Meddling old fools! He was twenty years old, for goodness' sake! The girl was very beautiful, certainly, but somehow cold and sexless. No, he would not have her.

Over the next few weeks, Elizabeth would sporadically call in on Oliver at the Star Inn where he was living. She was determined, he admitted, but she lacked the brains necessary to ensnare him. She had no fire in her, Oliver thought; she was like a soulless statue.

One hot night, some musicians played at the inn. Oliver could not sleep, not because sweet music filled the room, but because there was a god-awful fiddler downstairs playing the most dreadful little tune. Oliver was lying awake, sweating like an animal, when he heard a voice outside the door say. "Mr Cromwell's room? I can't tell you, miss. He'd be cross."

"I'm in here," he said, loudly. The door opened and Elizabeth entered. Oliver saw that something was not right - her clothes had been ripped and she was sobbing. He asked her what the matter was, but she would not answer at first. Then Oliver demanded she answer and she sat and told him

slowly what had happened.

She had been to Michael's house to try to find Oliver, but had only found Michael, alone. He had seized her and tried to rip her dress from her and have his way with her. Cromwell looked upon her, so helpless and frightened and felt he had to take charge. He told her to wait in the room and left, locking the door.

After Oliver had left the room, Elizabeth spent a couple of minutes arranging her hair in the mirror. It would take some time for him to get back. Elizabeth had seen before the look that Oliver had given her and she knew what it meant. She had never liked his friend, Michael - he was a decadent man, not the sort for her future husband to be around.

They would have to move back to Huntingdon, otherwise she would miss not only her family, but also the fragrant fields, the twinkling brooks and the azure sky. Her Oliver would be a great man: she would make sure of that. She smiled as she took a small box from her pocket. Inside the box was a small sewing kit. Elizabeth took the needle and threaded it with practised ease. Then, she started to sew up the holes that she had torn in her second-best dress.

Joe Banks Year 11

Ashley Hinchcliffe Year 11



Imogen Hanson

Imogen Hanson 4CW

Creative Work



Jack Rathbone Year 11



Rachelle Eiselt Year 9



Rachelle Eiselt Year 9

Lost Days

I sit in my chair, rocking, rocking
Thinking of days I've wasted and lost.
All those days I walked alone
All those nights spent on my own.
I could've been a social guy
But I'd rather stay hidden inside.
All those kisses, never blown
The family photos that just weren't shown.
I just took everything for granted
I've been so selfish
If I'd stopped for a second or two
I could have given time to people like you.

I sit in my chair, rocking, rocking
Thinking of all the days I've wasted and lost.
All those letters I never wrote
All those times that I never spoke.
I could have used my talents before too late
But instead I chose to sit and wait.
The childhood dreams that never came
I've only got myself to blame.
Now as the years have passed me by
I feel nothing but regret.
Regret and sorrow, remorse and pain -
If only I could live my life again.

Chris Smith Year 8

Lost Days

The day of my child's first birthday,
The day my child first walked,
The day my child first spoke -
- these are all lost days.

The day of my child's first Christmas,
The day my child started school,
The day of my child's first sports match -
- these are all lost days.

The day my child started High School,
The day my child bought his first car,
The day my child graduated -
- these are all lost days.

The longer I spend away,
The more I regret these lost days.

Rory Burke Year 9

All the King's Houses

The House system underwent a renaissance in the Boys' Division this year, and proved both popular and successful. There were different team sports competitions for every year group each half term, along with a range of 'funintellectualistic' competitions that could be described as either academic and challenging, or as pure larking about!

The potential House officials publicised themselves and were duly elected, by secret ballot, at the end of the summer term, so that they hit the ground running when the new school year began in September. They worked hard, taking part in competitions, exhorting others, training teams, demonstrating skills. Any boy who took part in any event scored a House point, and even more could be earned by any hard-working or worthy boy, since merit marks were also added to the totals.

The leader boards, known as the 'scores on the doors', changed each fortnight as GT and PJP calculated and computed the results of the competitions, and the divisional prefects updated the points that boys had

collected in the classroom. To prove how much, and how hard, the boys worked and played, one need only look at the staggering total of 11, 897 points that they collected in just two terms!

Some popular events in the competition year included the water-bomb bungees, extreme dodgeball, 'Universally Challenged', softball, football and rugby league. The Spring term ended when the boys sported Easter bonnets and house colours to spend an enjoyable afternoon in the Main Hall for the House Bonanza, taking part in 'Naming of Parts', 'Battle of the Bands' and the magnificently funny House Hakas.

In the end, Adlington, with the formidable leadership and example of James Fox, won the House Cup. The Percy Taylor Trophy, for the boy with the highest individual score, was won with a magnificent 172 points by Jake Knowles of Tatton.

PJP/GT

Charity Fundraising

Cumberland Street

The breadth of the pupils' efforts and the sheer sums of money they raise have been most impressive this year. Every division of the School made a significant contribution.

Some charity events are fixtures in the School's year: *Jeans for Genes* and *Comic Relief* were non-uniform days that raised large sums for these two national appeals. Virtually all students took part and the causes being supported were well understood. Contributions were also made to other national charities, usually at the specific request of the students and staff who raised the money. A group of Sixth Form students continued to meet regularly to write letters as part of Amnesty's work, and the School was happy to make a donation to Amnesty to support our own students' work. Similarly, the School sent money to Shelter North-West after students made a collection.

Each year is allocated a week in which it can focus its fund-raising efforts. A refreshing result is that students are willing to expend considerable effort for causes they feel are worthwhile. Thus, this year money was sent to support such causes as the YHA Boscastle appeal and the Camp Hill Community. Money has gone abroad, to Christian relief Ugan-

da as well as medical charities like Breast Cancer Care and the Macmillan Appeal.

The annual *Readathon* again raised truly amazing sums – as well as encouraging our younger students to read voraciously – and the money was sent to Action Aid in support of the two children that are sponsored by the School. A new venture was added this year: the Chernobyl Children's appeal approached the School and our parents in the Boys' and Girls' Division donated huge quantities of clothing. Over 300 shoeboxes were presented to *Samaritans' Purse*, with most of the physical work being done by the Sixth Form, whose Autumn Fashion Show, reported elsewhere, also contributed several thousand pounds to the Christies Appeal.

The King's School truly is a community: all staff and students give generously of their time when appeals are launched. Not only do the students raise money, but so do teachers and support staff. Without this team effort, King's could not be as successful as it so obviously is.

AH

In the Autumn Term, Sixth Form students again supported two of our regular charities. They made individual collections for Macclesfield Borough Flag Day to raise money for Barnardo's and collected toiletries that were sent to the Manchester *Lifeshare* project for homeless people.

In the Spring Term they organised the sale of Valentine's Day silk roses which again proved to be very popular, raising £390 which was divided equally between three charities: *The Children's Heart Federation* (supporting children with heart disorders and their families), *Hands For Life* (working in India to correct surgically hand deformities caused by congenital defects or disease) and *Hospice Africa Uganda* (providing palliative care for patients and their families).

JOW

Fashion Show

With the 2004 Fashion Show having been such a spectacular event, the audience were understandably excited about 2005, and the tickets flew from the shelves. Once everyone was packed into the hall, the tone of the show was set with a high tempo dance routine choreographed by Emma French and Natalie Robinson of the Sixth Form, which was followed by



the first appearance from the models for the evening, with the Sixth Form boys dancing to the tune of Michael Jackson's *The Way You Make Me Feel*.

This format of dancing and strutting to high-power tunes continued throughout the evening, with the boys being joined by the girls, all of them showing off clothes from fashion shops in Macclesfield, and looking even more stunning as their hair had been styled by Wilson's in Macclesfield.

However, the pupils weren't the only ones to enjoy time under the spotlight: their teachers also revelled in their five minutes of fame. Mr Parkes again managed to draw comment with an outrageous straw Stetson, and the Australian Gap Year students, Ben and James, who took part in the teachers' routines, were well received, especially by the female members of the audience!

The show was compered by the charismatic Robin McArthur (his own

description), with Katy Massey and Ellie Herald as his equally confident and even more elegant foils. Mrs Taylor was on hand both to introduce the teachers' routines and to handle the raffle and extract even more money from a very willing audience.

Special thanks were earned by Jenny Bradbury and Katie Usher for organising the models and by Emma French and Natalie Robinson for doing the same with the dancers. The show was a fantastic night for everyone involved in it, and, more importantly, £2,400 was raised for *Christies Against Cancer*.

Robin McArthur

Fence Avenue

A variety of events took place to support a variety of charities. In July, the Division marked the end of the academic year with a party to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of VE Day. Girls watched news footage of the events sixty years ago, ate cake

and learnt a wartime dance. Girls and staff alike entered into the spirit of the time and wore dress of the era. Nearly £300 was raised for the Royal British Legion.

Year 10 girls gave up their Sunday afternoons to pack shoppers' bags in Sainsbury's. After two sessions, they were able to send over £645 to the East Cheshire Hospice.

Charities weeks are as hectic and imaginative as ever. 7GG organised a teachers' *X-Factor* event in the hall. Mr Randell's rendition of Robbie Williams' *Angels* was a massive hit and the event raised over £200 for Cancer Research.

As usual, the girls marked *Children in Need* day and *Jeans for Genes* day with non-uniform events, raising £700 in total.

In October, each girl was urged to raise £5 in five days to help the victims of the southern Asia earthquake, and the Division rose to the challenge by raising over £1,005.

The end of the Summer Term was hectic, too, with two major fundraisers. Firstly, girls watched, in school, England's World Cup match against Trinidad and Tobago in return for a donation to *Visyon*, a local charity that provides counselling and support for young people. On the last day of term, pupils were invited to an African themed party to raise funds for the *Born Free* Foundation.

LFA



Junior Division

Visit to the Winlow Flats

The Junior Division celebrated the festival of Harvest with a special assembly. They then visited the Winlow Retirement Flats to distribute gifts of produce to the residents. This is an opportunity for the children to chat with the elderly folk, which they all enjoy.

At Christmas, 6AER again visited the flats and presented a short Christmas presentation, including items from the Christmas concert and Carol Service. The residents also enjoyed joining with the children to sing some well-known carols.

King's Infants Charity Week

King's Infants held a Charity Week to raise money for Oxfam. Each class took part in a sponsored water trek to simulate the daily struggle that some children face in those poor communities around the world that have no running water. The children worked

in teams of five to collect eight gallons of water. The event raised an amazing £2600. The money means that Oxfam will be able to build a classroom and pay for a teacher for a year. It will also pay for two packs of classroom resources, thirty school bags full of equipment and eight hundred school dinners.

Coffee Morning

A national event, *The World's Biggest Coffee Morning*, took place in October, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief. Infant parents, grandparents and friends paid a £1.50 entrance fee to obtain their coffee and biscuits. Each Infant class baked their own cakes, which were sold on the cake stall (below), and Mrs Sykes' class made a Christmas fruit cake that was raffled on the day. The event raised £368 for the charity.

Harvest Festival

Children, staff and parents celebrated Harvest with seasonal songs and prayers. The Reverend Noden gave a harvest address and entertained the children with a chameleon story to remind the children of the colours of the world that God has made. The parents donated wonderful gifts and hampers of produce that were donated to the local Salvation Army.

Chess Club

The long established pattern of meetings on Wednesday lunchtimes from September to Easter was continued once again. GL faced more challenges than ever before and often had to play several games simultaneously! In addition, there was a focus on Inter-House matches in the first term, Gawsworth winning the Year 7 event and Tatton the Year 8.

In the second term, the Blake Trophy knockout competition took place. The winning semi-finalists were Siddh Bhatnagar from Year 7 and Charles Gilman from Year 8. Siddh put up a good fight, but it was always going to be difficult to beat Charles, who has played representative chess and is also now honing his skills with the Macclesfield club.

GL

Community Radio

Canalside Community Radio is based in Clarence Mill in Bollington and King's Sixth Form students were invited to take part in their Christmas broadcast. The radio station's presenters trained Ed Beesley, Aaron Ayling, Rob Winstanley and Sophie Cochrane to use the broadcasting equipment and gave them advice on preparing and presenting shows, giving interviews and reading the news. The students were then allowed to produce and present their own shows with a minimum of supervision from the radio's staff.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the students and thanks go to Canalside Community Radio for giving our students the chance to experience broadcasting.

JOW

Chinese Banquet

As part of their work on China, the children in Year 1 enjoyed a Chinese banquet. They sampled a variety of Chinese foods, trying hard to manipulate the chopsticks. They also made their own Chinese bowls, learnt many facts about China and are now able to greet each other in Chinese: 'sow shang how'.

Theatre Company Visit

During the Autumn Term, the European Theatre Company visited King's Junior Division to perform a new French play called *Imaginez-vous!*

The show was a fantastic romp through the world of art, through the eyes of Rodin's famous sculpture *Le Penseur*, brought to life when a very special art teacher gave an equally unusual lesson. The pupils were taken on a journey of discovery that fed



their imagination and fuelled their love of French. Mixing participation and laughter in a palette of core topic areas, this interactive show introduced pupils to some famous French artists and might change some of the ways in which they perceive the world.

AJ

French Clubs

Catch-up-Club and Boules Club

A weekly French Club ran through the Autumn and Spring terms, for new pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 who had not previously studied French. Sessions covered core topics, to enable these pupils to participate more actively in their timetabled lessons, and with greater confidence.

By the end of the Spring Term, all members had completed the course, and the Monday lunchtime club transferred to the tennis courts, for pupils to try their hand at the traditional French game of boules. The courts provided a fine pitch for many budding enthusiasts. Instruction was given in French and key words were quickly picked up and used during the games that ensued.

It was uplifting to see so many pupils discover a previously unknown talent in such an enjoyable setting.

AJ

Gifted and Talented

At present, King's has over one hundred and fifty students on the school's Gifted and Talented list, nearly one hundred of whom are registered as members of the *National Academy of Gifted and Talented Youth* at Warwick University. In addition to the many activities run by individual departments, this year has seen the development of a further series of events specifically targeted at the school's more able students. These have included taking students to conferences at Manchester University, a journalism workshop, and competing in a science competition with twelve local schools.

Over fifty students visited the *Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre* near Nottingham. This involved meeting two survivors from WWII concentration camps as well as listening to a talk given by a refugee from the Darfur conflict. As a result of the visit, a number of fund raising events took place at school in order to raise money for the survivors of the events in Darfur.

The school also hosted an engineering-based competition involving over sixty pupils from local schools. This involved students being placed randomly in groups and their having to solve problems like how to make a self-righting buoy or how to build a robot that would follow a marked course. The day was a great success and Macclesfield's new mayor presented prizes to the winning teams.

The year finished, for eighteen students, with a residential course to examine the psychology and ethics of advertising. This involved the students' designing and making of advertisements, as well as their learning how subliminal advertising works and how magazine advertisements are designed to attract attention.

JSS

Horse and Pony Club

Horse and pony enthusiasts from Years 5 and 6 meet every Monday lunchtime for a half hour session of *Horse Talk*. The subjects discussed have varied from the evolution of the horse and native ponies of the British Isles, to how to put a bridle together, or identifying colours and markings and learning the names for the various parts of a horse.

In October, club members organised a very successful *Hobby Horse Gymkhana* to raise funds for the Brooke Hospital, a charity that supports horses, donkeys and their owners in third world countries, where life is hard both for the people and for the animals they depend on to make their living.

This event was enjoyed by everyone in the Junior Division and it is hoped that it will become an annual affair.

AGE

ICT Club

The Junior Division ICT suite played host to two clubs to cater for the different aged pupils in the division. Year 3 and Year 4 children had the chance to attend an ICT club where they could participate in structured activities, such as building a virtual aquarium, animating it using PowerPoint. Older children in Years 5 and 6 were able to come to a weekly Internet drop-in session, and could use the network to research projects for other subjects.

JHP

Nursery Visitors

The topic for the children in the first half of the spring term was 'People Who Help Us'.

On a wet Tuesday in January, the Nursery Class had a visit from PC Lewis. He came to talk to the children about a day in the life of a police officer. The highlight of his visit for the children was their trying on helmets and holding the handcuffs, truncheons and shields. Most of all, they enjoyed sitting in the cell incorporated in the police van and switching the siren on.

Then the fire brigade visited the nursery and told the children about the work that they did. The pupils looked at how fire fighters are protected against fires by wearing specially protected uniforms and they tried on helmets, looked at the fire engine and all its equipment and even had a go at putting out a pretend fire with the hoses! After all of the class had a quick sit in the engine, the fire-fighters waved goodbye, put on their blue flashing light, sounded their siren and sped off back to the fire station.

JH

Russian Club

Russian Club began at the Junior Division in the summer term, when a group of interested Year 3 students started to learn the basics of conversational Russian. They sang songs, danced, acted out situations and learned a little of the Russian alphabet. They are looking forward to continuing their learning next year.

JHP

Junior Talent Show

After weeks of rehearsals, the Talent Show took place on the afternoon of Friday, 30th June, after the school walk. Almost thirty acts were on display, with the audience being treated to talent from all four year groups.

Highlights from the lower juniors' acts included Mimi Stevens with a fantastic display of tap dancing and the performances of Finlay McCance and Jack Brindle whose rousing rendition of the National Anthem brought the crowd to their feet!

Among the many acts with which the upper juniors treated the audience was a highly exciting magic

show led by William Machin, with a fellow pupil being sawn in half! Other favourites included Amelia Woodruff, with her fish impression, and a group of Year 6 boys with their version of *We Will Rock You*. It was an extremely well received show, which brought an end to a superb day.

MKW

Tudor Music Workshop

In May, Junior Division children were visited by the duo, *Tapestry of Music*, who demonstrated instruments from the Tudor period, dressed in Tudor costume and interspersed their music with tales of Tudor life. The children heard a variety of early instruments including crumhorns, bagpipes, lutes and a hurdy-gurdy. Their favourite was the bladder pipe. The air reservoir for this instrument is a pig's bladder and the children found this both amusing and disgusting!

Several children were given the chance to play an instrument. Some of the Division's young brass players blew the unusual wooden cornet, and cellists attempted to play a viol, the ancestor of their own instrument. It proved to be an informative and thoroughly entertaining morning.

AJL

Viking Day

Bjarni the Viking came to visit Year 4 in the Spring. He had a bushy beard, a loud voice and certainly looked as if he had done his fair share of Viking feasting and ale drinking! Year 4 dressed in Viking costumes for the day – Mrs Webb, Mr Walton and Mrs Cole even wore 'Viking' wigs to enhance their costumes.

Bjarni described the Viking way of life: their clothes, jewellery, weapons and armour, farming and trading and the Viking gods. Bjarni called up children to act out the story of how the Viking gods were born and the world created. Others tried out a mallet and press for making coins. Everyone had a chance to blow on a Viking horn and touch Viking artefacts and a variety of weapons – swords, axes spears and knives.

Those girls who were in short-sleeved dresses were told that they would have been beaten in Viking times for not being properly clothed. Even worse, those who had their hair covered by a scarf were surprised to learn that they were mar-

ried. That men and boys could not show a bare chest, but in hot weather would take off their trousers made the boys pleased that expectations had changed.

Another memorable fact that the children learned was that Viking women never went to court, as they were not considered clever enough. If they committed a crime, their father, brother or uncle had to be tried and punished in their stead. *Who* were the clever ones?

JC

Young Enterprise

At the start of the academic year, eighteen students embarked on the Young Enterprise programme, a national competition where students form their own company and trade for the duration of one year. The aim is not only to make a handsome profit but, more importantly, to gain essen-

tial business skills such as working effectively in a team, learning about leadership and how to give an entertaining and informative presentation.

The students called their company *18Kings* and they began trading in earnest making seasonal gifts at Christmas and selling jewellery that they had imported from America. In order to improve their cash flow they also embarked on a car washing service for staff that was very much appreciated by their customer base.

At the end of the year, they had made a modest profit and they had certainly learnt a lot of business knowledge along the way. The department is very grateful to Mr. Steve Watt, Managing Director of Gradus Ltd, for his support throughout the whole of the year as the group's advisor.

APR



1st XV

This season was remarkable for a number of reasons: not only did the team go through the season unbeaten, but also it had a number of players involved in the county, North of England and, in David Williams (below), the England squads. Furthermore, success was ensured by the team's ability to adjust tactics as required, and to cope with many serious injuries to senior and key players throughout the season. Injury problems, coupled with the inevitable unavailability caused by representative call-ups, meant that many younger players were selected, and they performed magnificently.

The season started with sound performances in the pre-season festival. The unfortunate shortage of front row meant an unexpected call up for a Year 11 student, Jack Stott-Sugden, who cemented his place in the front row for the season, as did fellow Year 11 student, Bruce Lacey, in the second row. The season started with good wins against Bishop Vesey's at home, and away at QEGS Wakefield and Manchester Grammar School. Over the course of these games, the back division solidified with David Jones at full back and Tom Bamford at fly half. This gave the side real balance and allowed the pace and attacking instinct of Jones a freer rein. A tough draw was fought out with Stoneyhurst when, possibly, option choices and decision making let the team down. To their credit, the team learnt and took to heart the need for a rather more hard-nosed approach in clos-

ing out tight games. The away game at Lancaster was won with the team showing real character; however, this match was not without controversy, as the school's being unable to field a front row from the start, because of injury and the shortage of sufficiently skilled and experienced players, meant that the game had to be played with uncontested scrums. The same situation occurred later in the season, but Arnold declined to play rather than have uncontested scrums.

As the term progressed, good wins were recorded away at Wirral GS and, under difficult circumstances, Adams GS. A combative Trent College side was defeated at home in one of the few under par performances of the season. In a tense local derby, an ultimately comfortable win was recorded against Wilmslow High School in a game where good tactical kicking and driving mauls subdued a very useful opposition. However, the turning point in this game may well have been the 80 metre solo try by David Jones, which somewhat deflated the opposition. Similarly, Lymm were defeated by good tactical kicking and an effective although limited game plan: in this game, the back row, with Year 11 student Morrissey to the fore, was particularly dominant.

After Christmas, injury problems continued to force younger players into the side: Lowndes, Mobbs and Laing all featured and played well. In this period, the team played some of its best rugby, with good wins being recorded against KES Lytham, against St Edward's Liverpool, where winger Ian Hart scored three tries, and against Merchant Taylors' Crosby, where some top quality rugby was played, and full back Jones scored four tries. Bradford were also defeated in a remarkable game where, with limited possession, we produced some excellent running rugby that led to tries. In the second half, King's young pack just about contained the very useful Bradford 8, to record a memorable victory. The fifteen a-side season finished with a, not surprisingly, tense, yet workmanlike win, in which six Year 11 students featured, against local rivals Stockport GS.

The strength of the team was, undoubtedly, the quality and leadership of the Year 13 students. As has been said, Williams entered the England squad and, together with Jones and Cowan, played for the North. McArthur, Waddingham and Laing

played for the county. With hindsight, Rhodes and Hart could also have contributed at this level, as could Year 12 student, Bamford. Furthermore, all these players were hardworking and positive, setting a standard that less experienced players could follow. Particularly outstanding in this respect was the captain, Francis Barker, who, despite long-term injury, continued to be involved and to present a tremendous example for others. The same was true of the vice-captain, David Jones, who stepped forward to replace the injured Barker as captain and performed all his duties with great ability and maturity.

In playing terms, the strength of the side came from its pace and commitment. The backs had guile and speed, while the forwards were competent in securing their own ball and competitive and determined in defence. As the season progressed, the key decision makers in the team learned effectively to adapt the game plan to the conditions and this both protected less experienced players and resulted in some satisfying wins.

In the forwards, the front row of Cowan, Rhodes and Stott-Sugden could dominate scrums and was outstanding at lineout and in the loose. In the second row, McArthur and Lacey complemented each other well. Both were outstanding, at lineout and mobile, but McArthur excelled in support and Lacey provided the close-quarters graft. The back row also had an outstanding year: Smith at number 8 was a dominant figure; Waddingham improved throughout the season; Wallace, on the open side, was competitive and determined throughout. Captain Barker dominated games from various positions until injury intervened.

Among the backs, Williams and Jones had the flair and ability to control games and were two of the most talented backs to represent the school for a number of years. Similarly, Hart on the wing often had too much pace for the opposition. On the other wing, Dempsey and, latterly, Parfett-Manning contributed significantly to all facets of the game. Bamford improved throughout the season and, towards the end, was dominating games with his distribution and kicking. In the centre, Laing and Partington were physical in defence and dynamic in attack.

The season was a memorable one. The number of serious injuries cast a



cloud that shadowed the whole season, but the results were, obviously, very pleasing, as was the manner in which many of the victories were achieved. Similarly, the attitude and approach of the squad, often in difficult circumstances, reflected a strong and resilient nature which, it is hoped, they will take into their life outside King's.

PJP/DMH

2nd XV

This season was another positive one for the 2nd XV without perhaps ever reaching the heights of the previous year. The side performed well on a number of occasions, notably at Wakefield, Wirral and Merchant Taylors', whilst the home victory against Manchester was particularly satisfying. We were, however, well beaten by strong opponents from Stoneyhurst, Trent and Bradford, and performed disappointingly at Arnold and St Edwards, games that were there for the taking.

On its day, the team displayed good teamwork and ability to retain the ball, although the finishing was not always as cutting as it could have been. Indeed, the difference between the stronger sides and the school was their ability to make the most of their chances, especially out wide, and to put scoring opportunities away.

The side was well captained by Richard Foster who invariably led from the front, in spite of his again being required to play out of his preferred position for a season. A number of players made real progress and can look forward to the possibility of a 1st XV place next season, whilst those who remain at this level will have reaped the benefit of a year's experience.

The side always looked to improve and, as such, was generally positive in training. Games were always contested to the full and the squad can look back on some fine achievements with a great sense of satisfaction.

Finally, this report would be incomplete without the acknowledgement of the sterling work of Mr MG Hart in helping to coach and organise the side. This was his final year of rugby coaching at the school and his help, enthusiasm, commitment and company over the years have been much appreciated and will be greatly missed, and the squad touchingly recognised his contribution at the final

game of the season. It is strongly to be hoped that he will enjoy a well deserved retirement and have some pity for those who remain on wet and windy November Saturdays!

RGD/MGH

Sixth Form Girls' Rugby

The season was a very successful one in many respects, with the fixtures against Cheadle Hulme School, Calday Grange Grammar School and John Cleveland College all being won and four sevens' tournaments, King's, John Cleveland College, Berkhamsted School and the National Schools' Tournament being entered.

In the first two tournaments before Christmas, at King's and John Cleveland College, the team was triumphant with all matches being won convincingly. The matches at Berkhamsted and the National Sevens were sterner tests, with King's losing to the eventual winners, Colstons, on both occasions. In all the games played, the team showed a great determination in defence and, as this was allied to speed and good handling, it was a very difficult team to beat.

A large squad trained regularly and enthusiastically throughout the year and showed a very considerable improvement in both individual and team skills. The ability to field three teams is a testament to the enthusiasm and dedication of the girls involved. Many of the girls unable to make the A team would have done so in previous seasons, but such is the progress made over the past years. A good number of these girls will form the backbone of next year's team and, hopefully, will take the step to success at the National Sevens.

PFH

Under 16

In terms of results this would appear to be a disappointing season. All but one of the defeats was by but one score and there were some outstanding wins.

The statistics do not reflect the enthusiasm and dedication from the squad. They were committed and skilful, improved throughout the season and showed great promise for the future. Indeed, seven of the squad represented the 1st XV at some stage of the season. With pace in the backs and a hardworking pack, matches

were played at a high tempo and produced many exciting encounters.

The poor March weather put paid to the sevens season with only the National Sevens being contested. The team won the group but lost at the first knockout stage.

PFH

Under 15

We started our under 15 rugby season with new hope and initiative, as we could all agree that our previous year's performances were nothing to shout about!

In true King's School style, we got stuck in straight away with one of our hardest matches of the year, against QUEGS. These giants of rugby had given us quite a beating the year before and so the whole team was quite nervous. As we arrived, ready for our match, early that Saturday morning, we noticed that there was a group of average-sized boys getting off a coach. They were no longer the colossal opposition we remembered from earlier years, but a team to which we could actually compare ourselves. This is exactly how our season of rugby continued: we had grown mentally and physically and a rabble of boys had suddenly developed into a team.

For the first time we were put in to the *Daily Mail Cup* competition which involves many schools from around England, so it gave us a chance to go up against new teams we had not played before. We managed to fight our way through to the third round, but then, much to our disappointment because of the hard effort we had put in to all the matches, we were knocked out in a close game. We got back into our usual matches eager to prove ourselves.

Let's start off with our forwards who had come a long way moving from being reluctant to give a good tackle to becoming ready to give as good as they got. One of the most obvious improvements was made by the tight head prop, Johnty Marshall, who had learnt the miraculous skill of catching the ball and was now a good catch carrier and hard runner. The same had happened to our flanker, Toby Jennings, whose 'butter-fingers' had become well known to the players and coaches: they would literally pray every time the ball came his way. This, however, was now a thing of the past, as Toby became a

fine ball carrier and a top scorer for the team.

The forwards had also noticed that there was far less difference in size between them and their opponents. To mention but a few, Danny Knowles, Danny Lawrence, Joe Barson and Dave Harding had all become big hitters that opposing teams soon learnt would not be taken down easily. Our new hooker, Max Bielby, had a huge job to take on. We lost our original hooker to injury and Max bravely stepped in. Moving from a prop position, he was not worried about the scrums but, as you can imagine, the line-outs were a totally different story. Yet, with help and support from his team mates and the coaches, 'straight' became a word he could comprehend.

Line-outs did not come easily to the pack, as we had been dropped in the deep end with a maze of calls and positions that we now had to remember and somehow use! At the start, the props had a hard time blocking off the hard hits on the ball catcher. Toby Bryant, who had in the past not loved the hard contact, now carried an important role in the team and gave one hundred percent every match.

The backs were faced with the same problems - new moves and new skills needed for the faster-moving game of rugby that was upon us. New bursts of speed from our wingers Steve Hopping, Joe Diamond and Alex Green allowed us to keep up. The scrum half, Greg Dunne, had the tiresome and often annoying job of getting the forwards in the right place at the right time; some say it is easier trying to organise a group of donkeys. He somehow managed to serve up great ball for the backs to work off and got in many good tackles on the opposing scrum half, saving us a lot of points.

Moving down the line, we come to our fly half and Captain, Olly Wilkinson, whose powerful tackling and attack won us a lot of tries. The centres, Howard Mayers and Peter Board, had to learn that they could no longer hide by passing the ball away and now had to start taking it forward. They soon became good runners and hard hitters taking the ball in to the other team and moving it well along the line, passing off well timed moves and ball.

Finally, we get to the team's full back, Mike Bloom, whose incredible tackles saved us on countless occasions

and whose great catches and follow up gained us vital ground that would, more often than not, turn in to a try.

Overall, this was a good year for rugby and put us in good stead for the coming season, where, it is hoped, we will carry on with the great improvements we all made.

Toby Bryant Year 10

Under 14

The Under 14s had a good season, only losing three games. In those defeats, to Bradford Grammar School, Merchant Taylors' and Stoneyhurst College, valuable lessons should have been learnt that will, hopefully, serve the side well as they embark on a *Daily Mail Cup* campaign as Under 15s and beyond.

Several of the forward pack had outstanding seasons, most notably captain Tom Taylor, who shared the 'Player of the Season' award with Nicolas Bianco. Jonathan Gradon and Matthew King also made noteworthy contributions. When four of the regular starting XV played for the Under 15s against Lancaster RGS, not only were the Under 14s still able to secure a narrow victory, but also the Under 15s, who had once lost by 40 points as Under 14s, beat the side that was to progress to the quarter finals of the *Daily Mail Cup*.

The test for this XV will undoubtedly come in the big games next year, by which time it is hoped the benefits of a pre-season trip to the South of France might make the difference. Whilst they make up a good side, with a very competent forward pack, the boys must realize that against equally competent opponents they will inevitably create fewer opportunities and if these opportunities are not converted, they will lose - a sobering thought.

Regular team members included Ciaran Hanrahan, Tom Taylor (Capt.), Stephen Cross, James Holt, James Fox, Jonathan Gradon, Matt King, Ben Monsey, Alex Hill, Fred Thorneycroft, Sam Townley, Tim Rood, Seb Sheratte, Tom Waters, Lloyd Kennedy, Harry Stott, Alex Chadwick, Tom Coleman and Randal Stewart.

AR

Under 13A

Losing three of the first five matches was an inauspicious start to the

season, but a tremendous run of success followed, with thirteen out of the next fourteen games ending in victory.

Changes in the team make-up, with a new pair of half-backs in Drury and Hanson, eventually bore fruit and they were to become the inspirational hub of the team, organising and influencing the patterns of play, as well as their team-mates.

Wakefield, Lancaster and Manchester GS inflicted those early defeats and they were strong, well-organised teams, but the run of victories included close matches against St Ambrose, Wirral and an excellent win over Bradford GS. The confidence in the team began to flourish. Tries were scored in abundance against all other opposition, except against Lymm, where the team managed not to ground the ball properly on two occasions and lost 7-5, and also in a disappointing last match against Stockport GS, where the score was 29-15.

The seven-a-side season was decimated by the weather, but a quarter-final place at Stonyhurst, and a creditable performance in London, beating Churchers 50-0, Berkhamstead 15-0, and narrowly losing 22-24 to Colstons, meant that, while the team failed to win the group, the potential of the squad was shown.

The MELSON trophy has been jointly awarded to George Drury and Will Hanson.

AMcI/DTB

Under 13B

The Under 13 B squad had a mixed season, winning most of their games, but lacking a real finishing touch against the better teams, particularly when A team injuries caused the better players to be promoted.

Attitude to training was excellent and the team were well led by Board (Capt.) and Barratt, who organised the team from the half-back positions.

Outstanding, during the season, were victories against Manchester GS (39-5), Wilmslow (48-5), Wirral (46-10) and Stockport (38-5), with the most exciting game being a well deserved draw against Merchant Taylors' (10-10).

Many of the squad will vie for A team places in the future and, if the fitness levels of some of the larger boys can be improved upon, they could be a very difficult side to beat in later years.

AMcI/DTB

1st XI

In so many ways, 2006 was a remarkable season. Twelve wins in a season was a very good return, as the school record is fourteen. There were extremely successful individual performances, with Khalid Sawas (below) becoming only the second King's batsman ever to reach 1,000 runs and Tom Parfett-Manning with one of the best ever returns as an all-rounder with 33 wickets and 674 runs. The team scored ten centuries in total; five from Sawas, three from Parfett-Manning, and fine centuries, too, from Elliott Purdom and Lloyd Kennedy, who became the first fourteen year old to score 100 for the school 1st XI. Jonathan Barratt had an excellent cricket fortnight taking twenty wickets in the last eight games of the season. We also scored 375 for 3 against Edinburgh in the festival (a school record,) with Khalid Sawas scoring 175, the second highest ever individual score.

In spite of all the runs and records and an excellent start, however, the season would ultimately be a frustrating one. A strong squad of players,



with the benefit of a successful winter tour to Barbados behind them, won the first six games before half term. If the start of the season could not have been any better, however, then the middle of the season could not have been much worse: King's lost to Lancaster in a close game and to Manchester Grammar where the team almost clung on to draw but was, in truth, well beaten. By the end of the season King's had lost seven games, including five against 'premiership' schoolboy sides, and, for the first season ever, did not draw a single match!

The season started with comfortable wins against Bishop Vesey's, Denstone, Stockport GS and Cheadle Hulme and, after three successive wash-outs, two further victories against Newcastle and Cheadle Hulme in a 20/20 match.

It was game ten against Lancaster that marked the changing point of the season. King's conceded eighty runs in the first eight overs in an all day game! It was the first time that anyone had really gone after the bowling, but an inspired spell by Tom Parfett-Manning (6 for 39 in 24 overs) brought the team back into the game. King's should then have won, chasing 206, but that the batsmen had a rare bad day. The Lancaster game was also the first match in which King's had had to bowl first, and the team certainly looked a better side when posting totals for the opposition to chase. Of the seven games lost, six were when batting second.

Losses to MGS and Birkenhead were followed by a huge win against a poor Lytham side. King's then lost against a very strong MCC side, though with the strongest bowling performance of the season the school bowled the MCC out for 138, with Tom Fisher taking key early wickets and Jonathan Barratt finishing with 4 for 41. The next game was lost to Sedburgh, the team managing, after a good recovery from 0 for 2, with both openers out, to post a very competitive 173, only to lose by 6 wickets.

In many ways, the defeats against MCC and Sedburgh, where performances had been much stronger, marked a second turning point in the season.

In the next seven games, the school scored an astonishing 1,635 runs in just 230 overs for the loss of 25 wickets in total: a score of 193 to win against Bangor in 26 overs for the

loss of just one wicket, and 149 for 1 to win against Rossall in sixteen overs. Then came 228 for 3 against Bolton in a 25 over game and 372 for 3 against Edinburgh in 50 overs to win all three batting first, and 246 for 2 in 32 overs against Ipswich to win, chasing. Finally, the team amassed 232 for 9 in 40 overs against Brighton and 215 for 6 in 35 against the Old Boys, only to lose both games.

In truth, at the start of the season, games were being won because King's were batting well and the opposition often batted badly. Key bowling performances were hard to come by and in one day cricket, it is bowlers who bring the real control. There was very little to choose between a number of seamers. Tom Fisher, who had had an excellent tour to Barbados, was injured at the start of the season and only showed glimpses of the bowler he can be. Elliot Purdom and Rick Butterworth both bowled well on occasions but did not give the team the consistency it needed. Leg-spinner Jonathan Barratt struggled with a back injury and only really found form at the end of the season. James Barratt, who had struggled at the end of 2005, started the season well and was comfortably leading wicket taker at half term, only to be unavailable for most of the second half. The emergence of Tom Parfett-Manning as a genuine, quality off-spinner was a huge bonus and Shamas Bedi was the pick of the seamers, getting better and better as the season progressed, finishing with fifteen wickets but deserving more.

The batting was dominated by Khalid Sawas. He scored five centuries this season taking his total centuries for the 1st XI to eleven, a school record, and, with 1192 runs, became only the second King's School batter ever to score 1,000 runs in a season. In all, he scored over 3,000 runs for the 1st XI in sixty-nine games. Tom Parfett-Manning captained the side excellently for the second successive season. Tom also had an outstanding year with the bat, scoring 674, including three centuries, as well as being the team's leading wicket taker with 33 wickets at 17.39 and its leading catcher with fourteen catches in the outfield. Tom McIlvenny scored 414 runs at an average of 41 and kept wicket well throughout the year; he was also an excellent 'team' man both on and off the field.

With the two Toms and Khalid, David Jones, Jeremy Done and James

Barratt also left the school in 2006, having played regular 1st XI cricket over the last few years. James Barratt played for the 1st XI on 88 occasions taking 133 wickets in total. Jeremy Done played as wicket keeper, fielder and batter over the last two seasons but, as a batter, his chances were restricted largely because of the performances of players ahead of him in the order. David Jones was the same: he played a full season, always battling down the order and very often not getting to the wicket; in other years, his chances for personal success would have been much higher, but he did make a big contribution to the success of the team.

Of the players that remain, Elliot Purdom had another good season with 617 runs including a fine century against Brighton. Elliot's bowling whilst at times aggressive still lacks the consistency he would like. Jonathan Barratt scored 256 runs and took twenty-eight wickets; he struggled with a back injury in the first half of the season, but bowled with increasing confidence in the second half. He will be relied upon not only as a bowler next season, but also as a batter. Lloyd Kennedy scored 212 runs in seven innings with 123 in one game. Lloyd has clearly got the talent to perform at this level and with, potentially, four more seasons in the 1st XI, much is expected of him.

In all, twenty-four players represented the firsts this season, many more than in most years. Exams, county matches, Duke of Edinburgh and other school trips all affected availability.

Jonathan Barratt will captain a 'new look' 1st XI next year. The team will be younger and less experienced; the bowling should be stronger and there is still plenty of talent left in the batting. With the challenges and opportunities falling to different players, it promises to be an exciting season.

1st XI Barbados tour

Overseas cricket tours are about shared experiences in a different culture as well as about the development of cricketers and a cricket side, and this was as true of the December 2005 King's 1st XI tour to Barbados as it has been of the previous five major tours the school has made since 1989. The party of fourteen boys and three members of staff enjoyed a range of on- and off-field incidents and occurrences that will remain in the memo-

ry long after the exact scorecards are buried in old scorebooks - and all will no doubt have much about which to reminisce when they meet up on tour reunions in years to come!

One of the notable features of Barbados as a place to tour is the amazing variety of potential opponents and venues that materialises from such a small population, and in such a small area. Thus, King's played eight games in total, though admittedly one was only a [victorious] 10-over-a-side thrash after the school had played badly and lost heavily in the 'proper' game against a good side at Lester Vaughan school, and another game was rain-ruined.

In the other five matches, although only the final one, against Wanderers club youth side, was won, King's actually played some really good cricket at times, and certainly had the opportunity to learn invaluable lessons. The final win was based on a superb, fighting innings on a wet wicket by Jonathan Barratt, with good support by captain Tom Parfett-Manning, Andy Kimber and Elliot Purdom, and then excellent, accurate bowling by both seamers and spinners, which dismissed the opposition for only 88, thoroughly deserving the convincing 70-run victory.

The first four matches, however, none of which was won, were the ones that provided the real learning experiences, and from which so many lessons were available to put into practice during the side's following domestic seasons. All four could have been victories - the results were a tie, a 10 run loss, a last-over loss and a 1 run defeat - and all four were superb cricket games that had the spectators on the edge of their seats to the end. Khalid Sawas' incredible 160 in the third game against the high quality Coleridge and Parry school was probably the individual highlight of the tour, though he scored well in other innings too, and Purdom was so nearly instrumental in leading us to victory with an unbeaten 115 against Holders Hill.

There were other highlights too, however: watching part of the three-day test match between the Under 13 sides representing Barbados and Trinidad; night-time chicken and chips at Nancy's; apple pie at the cricketana-festooned Marshall's Cafe; rides on the super-value-for-money Barbados public transport buses -and pre-match pep-talks from the party's

regular driver, Erskine, who turned out to be a local church pastor as well. Memorable, indeed!

I.A.W.

2nd XI

The 2nd XI enjoyed a successful season, with no fewer than thirty-one players representing the team in eleven games. The first six games played were won, and with the exception of Bishop Veseys, won easily. The game at Lancaster was probably the low point of the season as the team capitulated tamely, possibly reflecting the relative ease of earlier victories. MGS provided a stern test the following week and, although giving a much improved performance, the team were unable to match their hosts' substantial total. A low scoring match at Sedbergh proved to be the only other defeat in the season. It is symptomatic of the team spirit that a side ravaged by injury and unavailability bounced back from this defeat with a comfortable victory at Bolton to conclude the season.

Nick Petty captained the side with calm assurance, supported ably by his astute lieutenant, George Maudsley. These two, together with Lyam Hollis and Andrew Gales, played in ten of the eleven games and provided the backbone of the team. Of the many others who appeared during the season, two bowlers, Andrew McCormick and Stuart Parks, and two batsmen, Nick Lee and Ben Parton appeared in most of the games.

George Maudsley produced, arguably, the most impressive overall individual performance of the season with his skilfully flighted left arm bowling, accounting for no fewer than twenty-six opponents at a strike rate of 14.6. Whilst many others chipped in, the majority of the remaining overs bowled and wickets taken were by Hollis, Parks and McCormick.

No single figure stood out in the batting, but Nick Lee topped the averages with 187 runs at an average of thirty-one. James Nicholson and Ben Parton were the only other two regular batsmen to manage averages over twenty.

In a reflection of the current trend for 'overs' cricket, the 'Drawn' game seems to be a thing of the past. Only one of the games played this year was a time game (MGS) and it appears that the 'overs' style satisfies the demand for a result, even if it means that a

game may become dead at a relatively early stage. This seems disappointing since it precludes the opportunity for a late order batsman to 'save the game' or for an inventive captain to devise ways of winking out stubborn opposition to gain a victory.

Nonetheless, it is still encouraging to see so many boys participating and enjoying the sport at this level, and it is surely important to maintain standards, not only to provide support for the First XI, but also to encourage other schools, where cricket is perhaps not so well supported, to keep their second teams alive and playing.

PRMM

Under 15

This season proved to be just as enjoyable for the coaching staff as last year's had been - and equally frustrating. The team has a huge amount of natural talent, with every member of the squad a proper cricketer, not just an enthusiast. They have not yet realised, however, how to bring their talent to bear on the opposition in full measure. Nonetheless, they enjoy their cricket and play it in the right spirit.

The season was a pleasing one, with a high percentage of victories involving some excellent performances. In cup competitions, the team tried hard and, in the County Cup, was very unlucky to lose off the last ball, when the scores were tied but King's had lost one more wicket. In such matches, King's usually had the better side in terms of depth, but were unable to make it tell. The non-cup matches were mainly successful, with losses only to Stockport and MGS.

New boy, Ben Foreman, took over the captaincy part-way through the season and showed himself to be a good choice for the future. He listens to advice, learned to adopt a number of useful strategies, and was able both to captain the side well and to perform successfully with bat and ball. Frankie Bryant performed better when rotated away from captaincy and was able to display his excellent batting potential. He is a true stylist and a joy to watch. Matthew Wynne had a very good season with the bat, mixing patience with aggression at the top of the order. Matthew Murray missed most of the season because of injury, but looks set for senior honours. The same can be said for many of the players: Greg Dunne

played for the first team three times this year, as did Jimmy Lomas. Next year, Joe Stanley and Sam Stockwin will also figure in first team selection. Anshul Jairath took seventeen wickets and he, too, will be a contender. Peter Board continued to progress as a swing bowler and his excellent fielding was an inspiration to others. Josh Williams bowled very well when asked, as did Nathan Rhodes who has made great progress. James Roberts, Tom Gradwell and Kunal Mandalia also played very well.

It is not possible for all these players to be selected for the senior teams next year, but it is essential that they continue to play as much cricket as possible. Many are already members of cricket clubs and this will aid continuity.

CJM

Under 14

The Under 14's had a mixed season that finished in disappointment in a narrow defeat in the Cheshire Cup Lords Taverners final to Sandbach in September.

Individually, there is some talent in this side, but the batting was always light, particularly after Lloyd Kennedy was selected for the 1st XI and James Holt broke his ankle at half term.

The season started brilliantly after King's chased 160 to win at Stockport GS thanks to a great partnership between Tom Waters and James Plowright for the eighth wicket. Although Tom scored 68, James' 14 not out in a 70-run partnership was not to be underestimated.

The bowling throughout the season (until the final) was always good, with all bowlers having their good days and collectively bowling well against a Johannesburg Schools touring U13XI. James Thomson was, in this respect, the surprise find of the season.

Tom Coleman consistently bowled good left arm spin with excellent flight whilst Dominic Ferdani and Andrew Barratt were regular seamers and James Plowright a reliable change bowler. Stand-in captain, Sam Townley, is also a capable off spinner but needs to score more - or indeed, some - runs as a top six batsman. He was not alone in this need, although Tom Taylor's 67 against Manchester GS and James Plowright's cameo knock in defeat at Lancaster RGS were exceptions.

The final of the cup, which had to be played in September because of two weeks' bad weather prior to half term, did mean that it was possible to field a side spanning three year groups. Thus, Alex Thomson who had scored a convincing 100 for the Under 12's in their final and Tim Saxon who had successfully captained the Under 13's where Johnny Marsden had scored runs and taken wickets were all three selected.

After Taylor was run out and Thomson was dismissed, King's were soon in dire trouble, as captain Kennedy was out, leaving the score at 51-5 after 22 overs. However, a fantastic partnership between all-rounders Tom Waters and Johnny Marsden meant King's reached 134-7 in their 35 overs, which should have been enough. Unfortunately, the bowlers did not deliver, with the notable exceptions of Tom Waters who bowled seven overs for eleven and Tom Coleman, whose first five overs in particular helped get King's back in the game. Sandbach, in their innings, had given away a huge number of extras, whilst King's managed to exceed their opponents' total! The game ended with Sandbach reaching the King's total with six wickets down and seven balls to spare as King's took wickets in a very tight last ten over spell. Four more runs might have been enough. This was a harsh lesson to finish the season, and a great game.

Several of these boys will go on to play 1st XI cricket in the not-too-distant future whilst some will need to develop either their batting or fielding to make them more all-round players as they contest for senior places. The Ashes in Australia should, I hope, again provide more classic games to inspire schoolboys to play what can be an enthralling team game whether you succeed or fail as an individual on a particular day.

AR

Under 13

The season got underway in April with a warm-up game against a Macclesfield team and then a good winning draw away to Bishop Vesey School. King's rattled up 197-7 in their 35 overs (Hudson 60, Drury 45 not out) and restricted the home side to 165-6.

The good start continued against Stockport Grammar, with King's making 175-5 in 30 overs (Rodman 39) and

bowling Stockport out for 95 (Southan 3-15). Bad weather then curtailed fixtures until half term, when King's posted 140-9 against Newcastle (Gillman 45, Hudson 31), only to tie the game, despite excellent bowling by Hughan (3-7).

Disappointment at losing the Cheshire Cup game on the toss of a coin was accompanied by defeat against Lancaster who posted 137-9 (Marsden 3-12, Rodman 3-29), and restricted the King's team to a meagre 95 all out (Saxon 33). Manchester Grammar managed the highest opponents' total of the season, 227, (Rodman 4-39) but King's easily held on to the draw with 163-6 (Armitage 35 not out, Knowles 32). This game also saw a couple of fantastic catches by Carl Southan.

Winning ways returned when Eaton Bank, 89-8, (Armitage 4-13), were defeated by 8 wickets and Birkenhead made only 69 (Marsden 4-9) in reply to the school's 167-5 (Rodman 31, Hudson 31, Livesley 45 not out, Knowles 35). Wilmslow's 96-5 was insufficient as King's reached 100-4 (Saxon 47) to reach the final of the Macclesfield and District Cup.

A 35-over match, against a Far North representative team, saw King's reach an impressive 196-5 (Livesley 30, Knowles 46 not out, Marsden 34 not out), and restrict the visitors to just 132-9. Although King's made only 115 against Bury, they bowled the opposition out for 63 (Armitage 3-6, Hughan 3-0). Bolton, however, were stronger scoring 206-3 and restricting King's to 128-8 (Saxon 32). A comfortable 9 wicket win over Lytham (Saxon 40 not out) completed the term. The final of the Macclesfield Cup took place over the summer break, King's losing a thrilling match on the very last ball despite a fine innings, from Saxon, of 59. The bowling of Armitage was sorely missed.

Over the season, the side was very well skippered by Tim Saxon who also topped the batting averages with 308 runs at 30.8. With seven batsmen averaging over 18 runs per innings there is plenty of depth to the batting. Leading wicket taker, John Armitage, with 21 at 13.62 and Alex Hughan, with 11 at 10.91, topped the averages. Jonny Marsden and Carl Southan regularly opened the bowling with great menace. Jake Knowles was the wicket-keeper throughout the season and displayed great potential in the position.

B Team cricket was limited to just 4 matches and one of those had to be abandoned as a draw. There were wins against Prestbury and Birkenhead and a solitary loss to Wilmslow.

GL/AMcI

Under 12

This was a season of high achievement: King's were winners of the county cup; there was an excellent playing record for the A XI, who were awarded the Team of the Year and over fifty boys played a school match during the term.

After three comfortable victories, the season was interrupted as usual by the weather, with not a game being played for a month. Already Tom Foreman had shown what a good all round cricketer he was, scoring runs, taking wickets and captaining the team, a task he did successfully throughout the summer. His 44 against Stockport was impressive. In this match also, Kamlesh Sodha took six wickets with accurate leg spin.

The season restarted with a victory in the cup over Wilmslow, Alex Thompson scoring 69 not out. The following day, the team faced Birkenhead and, in an exciting game, they were defeated in the last over. Foreman and Hannah Gradwell both batted well and Gradwell had also bowled a good spell. Hannah is the first girl to represent King's, displaying talent with bat, ball and when keeping wicket.

This was one of only two defeats experienced by the A XI throughout the season. The other was in another exciting game against a strong Manchester Grammar side. The visitors had amassed 180 in their thirty overs with Philip Gibson proving the pick of our bowlers. Foreman and Thompson showed they were undaunted by the large total, both scoring half centuries as King's finished only seven runs short after their allotted overs.

King's continued their progress in the cup competition with a victory over Sandbach, with Andrew Hodgson displaying his all round ability with 31 not out and 3 for 12. The team was blessed with a number of good performers with both bat and ball. The depth of talent in the side was demonstrated in the next match against Wilmslow when Matthew Rogerson, the Paul Collingwood of the team, and Oliver Stockwin, opened the innings and put on 35 for the first

wicket. This was a period of great success with the team winning their last eight matches. The fifty scored by Andrew Hodgson against King's Chester was especially notable as the team was struggling at 69 for 8 when Hodgson and Sam Leech put on 45 for the ninth wicket and allowed King's to win comfortably, Sodha taking four wickets.

Progress continued in the cup with Wirrall Grammar School being despatched in the semi final. Jim Lock 21 n.o. and Callum Jones 18 n.o. both batted positively, as King's scored 130 in their twenty overs. Wirrall never threatened that total, with Greg Eyre, who bowled steadily throughout the season, taking 4 for 12.

The final match of the season was the county cup final played on the Monday following the end of term, against King's Chester. This was to prove Alex Thompson's match. Chester batted first and King's, without three of their regular team, failed to bowl or field to their normal high standard, Chester scoring a daunting 145 in their thirty overs. After an early wicket, Foreman and Thompson provided a solid platform with a 50 partnership. Once Foreman was out, Thompson continued to a magnificent century, to allow King's to win the cup for the first time. This was the culmination of an excellent season for Thompson: he scored over 400 runs for the team including 82 in the match before the final, against Lytham.

The B XI also had a successful season in terms of the number of matches that they played. Their total of eight games was the highest for some years. This allowed over forty boys to take part in competitive matches. With the team regularly changing, the results were obviously not outstanding, but there were notable individual performances with a number of these boys also playing matches for the A team.

AMcI/DTB

Boys

1st XI

The start of the 2005-2006 season was eagerly awaited. The Upper Sixth players had been a highly committed and talented group during the previous season and the Lower Sixth, having reached the national final during their U16 year, were bound to complement the team with their ball skills. The pre-season target was set at losing no more than two fixtures all season!

An expectant team took to the field for their first game at Sandbach School. The unthinkable happened, a defeat! It hurt all the players deeply and a resolution was made not to experience that feeling again. What followed was, perhaps, the best ever run of results for the 1st XI: ten straight victories including the scalps of Merchant Taylors', Birkenhead, Newcastle, Warwick and Millfield. More important than the victories were the teamwork and team spirit that had produced those victories. Indeed, the team spirit developed over the season to the highest level possible.

The winning run was brought to an abrupt halt when an under strength team was heavily defeated by Solihull School at Cannock HC. This bitter taste had to be endured over the Christmas break.

The first game back after Christmas saw the team entertain a touring team from Australia. The Wanderers had great ball skills and played the game at a tremendous pace, but King's defence was outstanding; the midfield worked tirelessly and any attack was able to catch them on the break. The school was 2-0 ahead when a power failure curtailed the match. The Cheshire Cup final followed, with the team being unusually hesitant. A second half wonder goal was defended (too deeply) and King's just held on to be crowned Cheshire champions. Merchant Taylors' were the opponents in the North West semi-final. Some excellent play was offset by bad luck and bizarre umpiring to leave Merchant Taylor's as victors by the odd goal in seven. This was the third defeat of the season and left the players distraught and almost inconsolable. February then became a Jekyll and Hyde month. A compre-

hensive defeat at Birkenhead, where one team wanted to win while the other expected to win, was balanced by excellent performances against Repton, when a goal ten seconds from full time gave victory to Repton, and against the North West champions, Neston, where honours were shared. The regular season was rounded off with a more than satisfying 7-2 defeat of Merchant Taylors', where revenge became the icing on the cake.

The festival at King Edward's School Bath is always a pleasant way to end the season. For the first time ever, the King's team was undefeated and able to exhibit both skills and passion against teams from the South.

Therefore, to the players who made the team: Ben Illingworth developed his goalkeeping over the season to a very good level. He is brave and made some excellent reflex saves, particularly on tour. Joe Bryant was a rock at the centre of defence. He is an excellent reader of the game, an effective tackler and complements the rest of the defence superbly. Chris Yeates became a most effective right defender with great marking, tackling and distribution skills. Lyam Hollis was the



rock on the left of defence. He was extremely cool under pressure with his excellent ball skills, tackling and reading of the game thwarting opponents' potential match winners.

Jeremy (Jez) Done was the team's sweeper. This position is vital to the team and Jez became as effective a sweeper as has been seen at 1st XI level. His reading, understanding, tackling, distribution and commitment were without equal. He will be sorely missed next season, as will the centre midfield pairing of Khalid Sawas and captain Nick Petty. Khalid and Nick complemented each other superbly. They won the ball with ease, ran with the ball strongly and distributed the ball with great effect. Nick led the team by example and was charismatic on the pitch.

Scott Mason played at right midfield. He was skilful, energetic and extremely dependable at winning the ball and using it effectively. At left midfield was George Maudsley. George had great deception in his play. His positional play was extremely good and he supported and complemented his teammates in both defence and attack. The strike force of Tom Parfett-Manning, Matthew Dunne and Alex Hall had everything: pace, power, strong running, deadly finishing and the sheer will to score goals! Ben Parton's goalkeeping developed significantly over the season from novice to 1st XI standard.

Andrew Gales was able to play an effective role at right defence when called on to do so. Matthew Shribman was able to play in a variety of positions and developed his team skills as the season progressed. Saad Ghauri was able to use his pace and excellent stick skills on the right of attack to complement other forwards. Jamie Crawley developed his midfield play to support and enhance the team.

And the high moments of the season? Three came during the Wanderer's game: Tom's second breakaway goal, Nick's pass to Tom (which was simply the pass of the season), and Joe's tackling. Matt's hat trick against Merchant Taylor's was a joy to behold. Scott's goal against Wirral left everyone open mouthed. Jez's late tackle against Birkenhead showed his passion. Lyam's goal line saves against Birkenhead in the cup final kept the team in it and Khalid's wonder goal won the game.

There cannot be a prouder coach of any team this season. The team

were outstanding both on and off the pitch. Attitude, commitment, skill, determination and sheer love of the game were in abundance. They will be sorely missed.

1st XI tour

King's 1st XI hockey went on tour to the Western Cape of South Africa over the Easter holidays (picture previous page).

The players stayed in the seaside town of Fish Hoek and visited many places of interest, including the Victoria and Albert Waterfront, Robben Island, Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope, Table Mountain and Boulder's Beach. Everyone also practised his haggling skills when buying gifts and mementos from native African traders.

The hockey played was of a very high standard, particularly against Wynberg College who were last season's South African champions. King's were undefeated on the tour.

JAD

Under 16

After a struggle to achieve positive results last year, and with the loss of three regular first choice players, it looked like 2005 - 06 could be a really difficult season. As it turned out, it was very successful. Although the team lost more games than it won, the boys improved on almost all results from the previous season.

There was a marked improvement in technical skills and tactical awareness from all players. This, together with the fact that the team has never given less than a hundred per cent, meant the season was extremely enjoyable and a genuine 'team' effort.

Robert Wreglesworth again captained the side well. An extremely hard working midfielder, Robert was well supported in midfield by Matt Stringer, who improved in all areas over the year. Ben Allsopp was a crucial player as Vice-Captain: always hard working and always vocal, he made sure that all the players kept going in sometimes difficult conditions. Robbie Smith was never 'out of the game' for long as goalkeeper. He valiantly kept oppositions at bay and made some spectacular stops.

James Fitzgerald marshalled the defence. James has always been a strong tackler, but there was a marked improvement in his dribbling and passing skills throughout the season.

James was ably supported at the back by Oli Cowan, Chris Bridge, Joe Worral, Matt Murray and the ever-present Joe Ollier.

Adam Allmand-Smith was probably the most improved player of all; he was full of running (although not always in the right direction) for the full game, and scored some fine goals. Adam formed a good forward partnership with Rick Birtles who had another fine year as a skilful forward.

Oli Kirkham and Jack Edwards worked hard in midfield. Jack played every game and proved a key link between defence and attack; his hat trick against Merchant Taylors' in a 4-1 victory was one of the highlights of the season. The second highlight was a hard fought 2-0 victory over KES Birmingham when King's were down to ten men.

SM

Under 15

The season of 2005-06 was a mixed one for King's U15s. A pulsating 3-3 draw with Elizabeth College, Guernsey, a game played with pace, intensity and skill, represented the high spot of the season. This game, against opponents who, as Guernsey HC, reached the National Club finals, showed what King's are capable of. At the other extreme, however, were games such as the 1-4 defeat to an ordinary King Edward's, Edgbaston team whom King's should have defeated comfortably.

Throughout the season, Alex Reeves captained and led the side by example and, together with Matthew Murray and James Gibson, formed the spine of the team in which Murray provided distribution from midfield with Gibson playing a free role in attack. Not far behind in ability were Francis Bryant and Howard Shribman, while Emile Broome and Chris Gibson improved noticeably as the season progressed and James Hay proved a brave and capable goalkeeper. Particular mention should be made of Joe Stanley who began the season as a goalkeeper, converted to outfield and finished as leading goal scorer with twelve goals.

At the start of the season, the squad comprised only twelve players, of whom two were goalkeepers and, to some extent, this lack of depth contributed to the inconsistent performances. When key players were unavailable, or played below par, the

overall performance of the team suffered.

To augment the squad, and particularly to fill positions in deep defence, six U14s were invited to train with the U15s and all did well when given the opportunity to play for the team. This enlarged squad will be important next season when we compete for the National Schools' Cup. To what extent we make progress in this prestigious competition will depend upon how well the team improves its consistency, how hard the players work at fitness and skills, and the progress made by the younger members of the squad.

GRC

Under 14

The U14 hockey team had an encouraging season, with many highlights, including taking part in the Cheshire U14 Cup final and convincing wins against Cheadle Hulme and Hall Cross.

The standard of hockey improved throughout the season, as did the fitness levels and attitude of the squad. Although they lost in the final to an impressive Altrincham Grammar School, the experience of playing in the Cheshire Cup was extremely valuable and became a turning point for the team. Important lessons were learnt that day, such as recognising the value of warming up seriously, of playing as a team, encouraging and supporting team mates and most of all, not giving up.

All members of the team have improved their hockey skills this season. Andrew Parton has been fearless in net and his quick reactions have prevented many goals. The defence of Daniel Cotterill, James Boardman, Al-lie Potter and Ben James has been the backbone of the team. All four have shown commitment and intelligence in their distribution. Tom Gil-senan has also impressed with his confident tackling.

Dan Alderley, Alex Eyre, Ben Mon-ro and Matthew Wreglesworth have combined together effectively in mid-field. Matthew's probing runs have set up many excellent attacking opportunities and he has been a regular scorer. Dan's technique has improved and his ability to see the quick pass has enabled good link-up play between attack and defence.

On the forward line, James Burke, Mike Dodd and James Flood scored some impressive goals. James Burke

has been particularly versatile this season. On the wing or in the centre of midfield, he has always given his best and has never given up.

Other squad players, Joschka Roffe, Richard Marlow and Ben French, have supported the team and played valuable roles in contributing to the overall performances.

This squad is extremely talented and has the potential to shine even more next season.

LCD

Indoor Team

Indoor hockey sharpens stick skills for the outdoor game. A committed group wishing to improve their hockey attended the Friday afternoon practices at the Leisure Centre. This group showed much promise in their preparation for the indoor tournament in Hull. Their skill level was high and their passion for the game without equal.

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 big a task to compete against seven Yorkshire players per game.

JAD

Girls

1st XI

Meredith Bloom (captain) and Kay Doncom (vice captain) led the Girls' 1st XI Hockey squad with determination and dedication this year. The squad, made up of a large number of players, benefited from having some players who were strong in a particular position and others who were versatile and able to play in several different positions. Many times this season the squad showed excellent defensive and attacking skills, but did not manage to convert their scoring opportunities, which, unfortunately, meant a disappointing set of results. However, the girls are to be commended for maintaining their team spirit and enthusiasm throughout the season. Special thanks go to Meredith Bloom for her excellent weekly match reports.

Squad: Helen Alston, Meredith Bloom, Harriet Burgess, Hannah Burns, Charlotte Cooper, Amy Cot-

terill, Kay Doncom, Sarah Evans, Charlotte Grimes, Heidi Hughes, Stephanie Lowndes, Alison Madley, Katy Massey, Charlotte Murray, Ramya Ravikumar, Rose Richardson, Heather Shribman, Katy Ward.

Under 16

Despite several players from last year's team having decided to give up hockey, the start of the season looked encouraging. There was an atmosphere of desire and determination with regular commitment from the remaining members. With assistance from the Under 15 players they made quite a formidable side.

There were some gripping and exciting games of hockey over the first part of the term. However, it was unfortunate that, as time elapsed, and despite the success of the team, some individuals broke the cohesion of the unit and it rapidly became an Under 15 side with a few Under 16 players. This obviously put a great deal of strain on those players who had to play two back-to-back matches and, in the end, this was very much to the detriment of the Under 15 team performances. After much deliberation it was decided to cancel the remaining matches. This proved a most disappointing end to what had been a potentially successful season.

However, congratulations must go to the three stalwarts of the team, to Rachel Burgess and Emma Wood on their selection for the county and to Charlotte Henshaw, who sadly missed out on county selection, for her undying support of the team. Charlotte won the Player of the Year award.

Squad – Captain Sophie Fowler, Vice Captain Charlotte Henshaw, Emma Wood, Rachel Burgess, Laura Johnson, Emily Purdham, April Greaves, Lizzie Rossetti, Scarlet Collins, supported occasionally by Netballers Robyn Ashurst, Hannah Yorke, Nicola Keys and Under 15 players Katherine Baker, Lucy Askey, Rebecca Bamford, Hannah Woodley, Sarah Broadbent, Sarah Pickering, Eleanor Rousseau and Tiah Jones.

DMB

Under 15

If ever there was a team that deserved success it was this one! An encouraging group of keen and enthusiastic players would turn up religiously for practice whatever the conditions. They displayed great team unity and empathy for each other. They were

always keen to try new ideas and to give support where required. Matches were exciting, tense and often highly passionate. If they learned one thing this year it was that it is important to remain focused and in control at all times. The odd lapse in concentration proved frustrating. Of the nine matches played, six were convincing wins, two were drawn and only one lost.

Player of the Year was Rebecca Bamford and Most Improved Player was Rebecca Saxon. Katherine Baker, Sarah Broadbent and Lucy Askey are to be congratulated on their selection for the county teams.

Squad - Katherine Baker (Captain), Lucy Askey, Rebecca Bamford, Amy Beard, Liz Brierley, Sarah Broadbent, Sarah Gales, Tiah Jones, Tara Kidd, Sarah Pickering, Eleanor Rousseau, Rebecca Saxon, Alison Smith, Hannah Woodley.

DMB

Under 14

The season began well with wins over Lady Manners and Birkenhead Schools. Sarah Stewart captained the side well from centre midfield. As the season progressed the team lost more matches than it won, but not through lack of commitment. Rather it was because it had four players who could dominate a game and no single person who was scoring lots of goals!

However, the excellent spirit and teamwork of the side was shown particularly well in the last match against Withington which, although they lost 3-2, gave good reason for optimism next season.

Squad: Sarah Stewart, Sarah Branley, Virginia Coates, Grace Duckworth, Emily Gilmour, Caroline Shorland, Alex Smith, Hannah Smith, Sophie Woodley, Victoria French, Sophie Fox, Yasmin Lavassani, Holly Parrish, Hatty Ravenscroft, Eilidh Cornish, Alexandra King, Jessica Quinlan and Sohie McFadyen.

TGN

Under 13

This proved to be an unforgettable season and one which produced a vast amount of valuable learning and experience in motivational skill development.

Life is full of disappointments and it is important to know how to deal with them, in order to learn from them and go forward with a positive attitude. Unfortunately, this season provided many of these occasions but,

to their credit, the girls persevered, although at times that was quite difficult. Sometimes the opposition was just too strong and King's were far outclassed.

The players were keen and eager to improve, accepting the need for experience of the various positions. This paid dividends, particularly in the final game which proved the best game of the season when the team was unlucky to lose 1 - 0.

With greater understanding of positional roles and plenty of practice, they will gain in strength and, hopefully, self belief!

Player of the Year was Katie Pickering. The most improved player was Sophie Worrall

Squad: Felicity Kimber, Katie Pickering, Sophie Worrall, Hannah Sugden, Kim Lawrence, Rebecca Cann, Isabel Wilkinson, Tilly Thorneycroft, Grace Hennell, Hannah Higham, Kanza Khan, Marrissa Sutton, Amelia Forman, Poppy Holland, Katie Holt, Stephanie Main and Nicola Armour-Smith.

DMB

Under 12

Congratulations are extended to all those who committed themselves to the squad this season. There were some promising performances and the results reflected an ever-improving team performance. Players worked hard to develop their skills and their understanding of their role and improve their positional play. Most soon became aware of their strengths in defensive, mid-field or attacking roles. Hopefully, the interest and enthusiasm of this large squad will remain next year as they progress to eleven a-side matches in Year 8, and further successes will follow!

The 'B' team was very lucky to have the services of Maggie Auslander who had an excellent season as a very effective goalkeeper. King's appears to have a very good record of covering this position in fine style. Notable 'A' team performances came from Hannah Gradwell and Hannah Marlow both of whom have excellent ability to anticipate trouble and distribute effectively from defence. Jae Bowers has a great ability to move off the ball and create space and options. Their collective energy from the football field clearly helps their performances.

Goal scoring opportunities were well taken by Victoria Lomas, Mol-

lie Heywood, Lizzie Marshall, Laura King-Smith and Rebecca Wynne. Emily Pasquale and Jessica Hughes worked tirelessly in mid-field and all should make a major contribution to the team next season.

The Most Improved Player award was won by Emily Pasquale; Hannah Gradwell was voted Player of the Season and congratulations are extended to Jae Bowers on her selection to the Macclesfield and District Youth Games' Team

Squad: H Gradwell M Ralston V Lomas L King-Smith E Bell E Pasquale S Winstanley E Marshall J Hughes A Wilson L Bray P Fox J Bowers M Heywood R Wynne B Preston B Grimes L Ferdani H Marlow M Auslander

Aiken Cup

The Aiken Cup girls' hockey tournament was held on Open Morning in October and was very enthusiastically supported, with eight 7-a-side teams taking part. There was great team spirit, with splendid support and encouragement from the older players. They ensured that the Year 7 and Year 8 newcomers to the school were fully integrated and motivated by their constructive advice and praise, together with their very thoughtful ball management. Winners of the cup were the yellow team which comprised Rebecca Saxon, Caroline Shorland, Grace Hennel, Kanza Khan, Hannah Marlow, Laura King-Smith and Sarah Broadbent, the captain of the team.

DMB

Inter-House

The Girls' Division Inter-House hockey tournament was won by Adlington, who won both the Year 10 and Year 11 competitions, and took the overall title despite being beaten by Gawsworth in the Year 7 event, by Tatton who won in Year 8 and by Capesthorpe in Year 9.

The final scores were: Adlington 47 points, Capesthorpe 40 points, Tatton 34 points and Gawsworth 28 points.

DMB

Biathlon

It is unfortunate that most Schools Biathlon events are staged during the school half term holidays. Because of this, numbers of entries are generally depleted.

Hannah Hills (Year 10) and Alice Bailey (Year 7) opted for the North West regionals in Blackpool. Hannah again showed her athletic potential with third in the swim matched by her third in the run giving her overall Bronze Medal position and a place at the National Finals.

Alice, too, in only her second biathlon, showed that she has strength particularly in the swimming discipline. Her overall fifth place is encouraging.

Amy Cotterill and brother Daniel, together with Lydia Royston, opted to compete at the West Midlands Regional event which was held at Cheslyn Hay in October. Lydia, of Year 7, despite having shown potential in cross country running, found the whole experience quite challenging and probably will find her equestrian skills more akin to the pentathlon in the future.

Amy, Year 12, was just pipped out of National Qualification when she achieved overall fourth place but Daniel, of Year 9, achieved Bronze Medal position and a place in the Nationals for the second year running.

Unfortunately, Daniel was the only King's competitor to experience the national venue at Sportspark at the University of East Anglia Norwich in February. Although tenth position is a creditable achievement, his swim time was not a personal best and, therefore, perhaps a little disappointing, particularly as he is a regular competitive swimmer. The 1000m run, on the other hand was pleasing, and he maintained second place all the way round the course. Unfortunately, this was only one of four heats and others were faster. Therefore, seventeenth place overall was a very commendable achievement.

DCB

Netball

1st VII

This has been a fantastic year for this talented, cohesive team. The squad consists of mainly Year 13 students who have played together for many years. This familiarity and awareness of each other is evident in their play

and has enabled them to display a very strategic, tactically sound and mature game.

As winners of the Macclesfield and District League, they were unbeaten; they narrowly missed out on making the semi-final stages of the Under 18 County Tournament at Crewe and Alsager College, and they also put on an excellent performance at The National Schools Tournament at Whitby High School.

Captain, Tess Olsen-Rong, and Vice Captain, Alison Williams, have been invaluable in their co-ordination and organisation of the team throughout the year.

At the King's Annual Sportswomen's Dinner, much deserved awards went to Jenni Livesley as Most Improved Player of the Year and to Anika Bullcock as Player of the Year for outstanding, solid, consistent performance throughout the season. Finally, with the achievement and accolade outlined above, they were awarded the trophy for Team of the Year 2005/06.

CLB

Under 16

This team has enjoyed another successful season winning almost all of their Saturday fixtures and winning the Under 16 Macclesfield and District Tournament at All Hallows School. They have gone from strength to strength with some excellent performances at the Under 16 County Tournament and The National Schools Tournament.

There have been some very impressive individual performances from Robyn Ashurst (Captain) and Hannah Lock (Vice Captain) in the centre of the court, and displays of incredible strength and determination from Emily Middleton in defence, all provoking a tough decision for the King's Annual Sportswomen's Dinner Awards, where Jess Tweedie received the trophy for Most Improved Player of the Year and Nicola Keys was awarded the Player of the Year Award for her mature, consistent performance in attack. Overall, the 2005/06 season was an excellent one.

CLB

Under 14

This year group holds an abundance of strength, depth and commitment which has made team selection a difficult though pleasurable task. The members of the squad have made

huge improvements in their tactical awareness, with individuals embracing their roles within the team to produce some excellent netball.

They were unbeaten winners of the Macclesfield and District Netball League, in the Under 14 County Tournament at Fallibroome High School. They were unfortunate to be placed in a tough section, where they narrowly missed making it into the top section; however, they remained focused in the afternoon to go on and become winners of Section 2.

With so much talent in the squad, it was a difficult choice when making the awards for Most Improved Player 2005/06 and Player of the Year 2005/06 at the King's Annual Sportswomen's Dinner; however, Anna Beesley received the trophy for Most Improved Player of the Year, for her persistence and improved confidence in her own superb ability and the trophy for player of the Year went to Yasmin Lavassani for excellence and for consistency both as a player and as a Captain both on and off the court.

CLB

Under 13

This was a season which saw some successes as well as a few failures. The team changed frequently from match to match, but the girls tried their very hardest to work together and were excellent opponents to some very strong teams. Many squad members made great improvements in their technique by attending regular practices and demonstrated these confidently in matches despite some dreadful weather at times.

The midfield players performed with a consistent level of expertise and swiftly passed the ball to the shooting circle. Many girls filled the role of shooter throughout the year and it is hoped that the experiences they have had will benefit them next year. There was some outstanding defence at the goal and many girls learnt new techniques to baffle the increasingly strong opposition.

With a renewed and lasting enthusiasm for the team and their fellow players as well as for the sport, this squad has the potential to achieve excellent results next year. Hannah Murphy received Most Improved Player for her admirable defensive play, with Player of the Year going to Jenny Wilson both for her commitment to the team and her general skill.

Orienteering

The highlight of the orienteering calendar is the British School Championships, held this year in Temple Newsham Park, Leeds. Even though the highest individual placing was tenth, the strength in depth of the school team meant that the team achieved seventh place in the Secondary Schools category. This was the best result for six years.

More notable was the silver medal won by the girls' Year 11 team (pictured below). This was only the second time the school has been able to enter a girls' team, and Sarah Bailey, Natalie Gildert, Jenny Campbell and Hannah Hills should feel very proud of their performance.



Other excellent results at the schools' championships were those of Anika Bulcock who came tenth in the Year 13 girls' race, Sean Malkin who was tenth in the boys' Year 8 race, and Elliot Malkin who was placed thirteenth in the Year 10 boys' race.

Elliot should also be congratulated firstly on his selection to the North West Junior Squad and then for his subsequent selection to represent the North West against all the other regions at Borden Heath, Hampshire in June. Elliot also competed in the British Championships in April and recorded an excellent twentieth position. It has been particularly pleasing to take full minibuses to events throughout the Autumn and Spring terms; this was made possible by the

many enthusiastic Year 7 boys who competed throughout the year.

COD

Rounders

Under 15

There is an overwhelming passion for the game of rounders within this year group, with excellent turn out at practice and each individual desperate to play.

The squad enjoyed an excellent season of regular fixtures, during which they remained unbeaten. With their slick fielding and excellent batting ability they were very formidable opponents to all they faced. Particular mention must go to Katherine Baker for skilful consistent bowling, to Sarah Pickering for her excellent catches and all round fielding ability and to Robyn Hinchcliffe who gave some faultless displays with the bat when available.

At the Annual Sportswomen's Dinner, the Player of the Year Award went to Rebecca Bamford for her flexibility in the squad, her all round ability and consistency during matches.

CLB

Under 14

As with all activities, the Year 9 turned out en masse for practice, once again making team selection an unenviable but pleasurable task; however, with a busy programme of fixtures during the season, it was possible to ensure almost everyone was offered the opportunity to play at least once.

It might be said that the inconsistency in the squad did not produce complete unity and that at times this may have cost the team matches. However, there were incredible individual performances both with the bat and out in the field and, no matter which players were on the pitch, the encouragement and support they displayed for each other was faultless.

Awarding the trophy for Player of the Year at the Annual King's Sportswomen's Dinner was a tough call, with so much strength and depth. However, it was finally awarded to Tor French for her ability and flexibility around the pitch, consistency with the bat and intelligent tactical approach and attitude towards the game.

CLB

Sailing

Sailing has flourished this year, not only in Games lessons for senior years on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, but also with many new members joining the fold of the King's Saturday Sailing Club. Every Saturday, rain, wind or shine - hopefully, the latter two - King's pupils of all ages descend upon Redesmere Sailing Club. A morning's sailing, punctuated by a chocolate or coffee break for pupils and staff, is enjoyed by all.

The benefits of this experience are particularly represented by the outstanding achievements of Joe and Elliot Hanson, both of whom have qualified to join the Royal Yachting Association's North Zone squad. Elliot topped this achievement by winning the RYA North West Travellers' Trophy at Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club in May.

Barry Edwards, who retired last year from full-time teaching at the school, agreed to keep on running the Sailing Club and helped many more young pupils enter the world of sailing this year.

The school has recently purchased some new boats that will allow both new members and the more knowledgeable sailors to learn different skills and techniques. With such experienced hands on the tiller, the Sailing Club can look forward to a bright future.

James Fox Year 11

Cumbrae Sailing Course

Twenty two pupils, accompanied by BE, SAC and DCB enjoyed an exciting and active week at the Scottish National Sailing Centre on Cumbrae Island in the Firth of Clyde and met a stretch of water that is a complete change from the enclosed and sheltered waters of Redesmere. The sound is tidal, open at both ends, and submarines, steam paddle steamers and yachts all compete for water.

The group experienced a full programme of skills development on high performance dinghies and catamarans, and also a day on a Jeanneau Sunfast 37 with trips to Rothesay and Millport.

A highlight of the week came with the sight of all the sailors competing in their own regatta: twenty-plus Laser Picos racing to a high standard is quite an awesome sight. Elliot and Joe Hanson battled it out at the front of the fleet. Becci Porter, however,



showed the boys that if she were to take her sailing more seriously, they would need to look to their laurels! The next generation of Topper sailors at Redesmere will include Dan Holroyd, Alasdair Bremner, Jon Sampson and Jem Greenway and the Hansons will have more challengers to face!

BE

Swimming

Just two major galas were contested this year: the one in Newcastle-under-Lyme and the Bromsgrove Relays.

The mixed nature of the NULS gala is always popular and never fails to draw top competition. There being no available Year 10 or Year 11 boys from which to draw a team, King's was already at a disadvantage in the U16 event. The team of four girls produced some good times but found it difficult to make any impression against the mixed teams.

However, our up and coming youngsters from the lower age groups certainly made a name for themselves in the U14 section. The team of Tom Gilsenan, Daniel Cotterill, Katherine Edgar and newcomer to the team, Alice Bailey, of Year 7, swam magnificently to achieve second place in the 4x50yd medley relay, being just beaten by Nottingham High School. They gained revenge in the Freestyle relay when they came through as

gold medal winners and claimed the winners' trophy for King's for the first time.

Alex Eyre, Johnny Ratcliffe, Jennie Wilson and Victoria French joined the teams for the Bromsgrove Relays and their final positions of one fourth, two sixths and an eighth place, with eighteen schools in the competition, must indicate great potential and ability within the lower school swimmers. All bodes well for the future.

Katherine is to be congratulated on her success at County level taking Gold in the 100m backstroke and five bronze medals making her, overall, the fourth best swimmer in Cheshire.

DCB

Junior Divisions

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 were an opportunity to rehearse for the larger AJIS and Macclesfield Primary Schools Championships. Ben Marsden had outstanding runs in the 150m and won gold at the Macclesfield Primary Schools Championships.

He also helped the relay team to both championship finals and they should be very proud of their teamwork and the success of their changeovers. Congratulations go also to Jack Mantel, Alex Quinlan, Ben Hope and Matthew Chandler.

Field event performances were also strong, and Holly Smith won gold in the long jump. Throwing successes came from Matthew Chandler and Maddie Coutts this season, with Jack Mantel enjoying a high jump silver medal. Many of the division's athletes have shown great versatility and commitment: their enthusiastic support and encouragement of our younger athletes has helped to create a positive team spirit with lots of promise for the future.

DCB

Sports Days

This year's Junior Division Sports Day took place in glorious sunshine with a busy programme in place. Each pupil took part in three field events in the morning, with the choices being the high jump, long jump, the wellington boot throw and the cricket ball or rounders ball throw. In the afternoon, each pupil had to choose three track events, with different choices available according to the age of the competitors. These events included the 600 metres for the endurance athletes, the 60, 80 or 150 metre sprints, and fun events such as the sack race or the three-legged race. Altogether, almost a hundred events took place over the course of the day.

After many changes of lead during the afternoon, the eventual winners were Capesthorpe.

MKW

The Infant Sports Day was, yet again, a very 'hot' event. The sun shone and the parents and children enjoyed their summer family picnic on the field. The catering staff provided soft drinks and refreshing strawberries and a few champagne corks were heard to pop on the parents' side of the field! The children enjoyed the variety of races and they were cheered on by a supportive crowd.

Cross Country

This has been a very successful season and runners have shown great commitment and enthusiasm for the sport throughout the season. There have been some outstanding performances, but also consistent team suc-

cesses that demonstrate both strength in depth and the excellent spirit that encourages such team effort.

The Macclesfield and District races culminated in the championship in March 2006. King's runners secured first place in three of the four age group categories and needed three well placed runners to count in each team. Our Year 3 and Year 4 boys' team finished second, but had an individual gold to celebrate with Sam Stockman winning this event in fine style. Others in the team should recognize their role in finishing well and displacing potential rival scorers from opposing schools.

The AJIS Championship was held in Fleetwood and involved over twenty-five schools from the north-west. This is the biggest event of the season in terms of competitors and running distance and provides an extremely challenging event for our teams. David Moores should be congratulated on his individual silver medal, whilst Lara Knowles achieved bronze medal position, thus helping the Year 6 girls' team to Team Gold! Their top five finishers amassed only seventy-one points and all should be very proud of completing this long and challenging course.

The winning team was made up of Lara Knowles, Holly Smith, Katie Powell, Megan Bailey, Maddie Coutts, Bethany Tallents and Anneke Rood.

Finally, the House Cross Country event enabled every child in the Junior Division to compete to try to help their house team to overall success in the competition. All showed great determination to do their best and there were some very closely contested races. The individual winners were Matthew Baker and Rowena Moores in Year 3, Sam Stockman and Katherine Fray in Year 4, Charles Cockburn and Alix Davies in Year 5 and David Moores and Lara Knowles in Year 6. This year's winning house, overall, was Gawsworth.

DCB

Football

Under 11

This year's Under 11 squad worked extremely hard in training, with a consistently high turn-out on Monday afternoons. This paid dividends with a number of excellent performances throughout the season. In matches against fellow independent schools, closely fought encounters were played out against Stockport Gram-

mar and Arnold School, whilst the highlight was undoubtedly the 5-0 victory against Altrincham Prep, who always provide a stern test.

In the Macclesfield Primary Schools 7 a-side league, two teams were fielded, with both performing well and improving steadily as the season progressed. Excellent wins were recorded in the second half of the season against Marlborough (1-0 for both teams) and, in the final match of the season, the A team fought extremely hard to grind out a 2-1 victory against Upton Priory. This final victory for the A team gained the boys a second place finish in the league. Unfortunately, in this final fixture, the B team, despite being 2-0 ahead at half-time, went on to lose the match 3-2, which meant that the Upton Priory B team won the league title instead of King's B. Nevertheless, both teams should feel proud of their efforts.

MKW

Infant Football Academy

The Infant school children were visited by Steve from the Football Academy and were treated to a day of football activities. Every class was able to enjoy an hour of fun where they had the chance to hone their dribbling, passing and shooting skills. Steve has run a number of holiday football clubs during the course of the year and he provided a Year 2 after-school club during the summer term.

Rounders

The Year 6 girls were a very enthusiastic and committed group, so it was a shame that the weather before half term sabotaged most of the rounders' fixtures that they had! Year 5 and 6 girls practised in the rain and even played in the rain in an attempt to complete some matches.

Even when the weather brightened up, they had to compete with the attractions of the Football World Cup. Both the A and B teams eventually managed to play several matches before the rearranged AJIS tournament was played in June. The A team won or drew all these matches.

At the AJIS tournament both teams enjoyed playing a total of six matches at the Grange School in Northwich. The A team were in a very close group for the first stage of the tournament, and they won one match, drew one and lost one by half a rounder. This meant that, like the B team, they went through to the Plate tournament

which they won, bringing home medals and a trophy.

The B team did very well, playing against several A teams, and they gave each of the opposition teams a good game. Congratulations go to the A team players, especially the very consistent bowler, Sophie Branley, but also to the safe hands on all bases, the accurate and lively deep fielders and the busy back stop.

JC

Swimming

Swimmers have taken part in a number of galas this season and have had quite a few opportunities to show off their talents.

The girls competed in the AJIS swimming gala and were pleased to see Chloe Baker make it through to her final of the 50m freestyle although she finished just out of the medals in fourth place. All enjoyed the occasion and Eve Worthington, Lara Knowles and Maddie Coutts contributed to strong Year 6 medley and freestyle relay performances that just missed out on the finals. Ellen Barratt from Year 5 had a very promising swim in the 25m backstroke and won her heat in fine style.

Certainly a highlight was the regaining of the Macclesfield and District Primary Schools' title after a very tense and closely fought gala. David Moores should be congratulated for winning his event by a fingertip, as should Jonny Kenny, for a very powerful swim suggesting great potential in the pool. All who took part contributed to the school's winning points total and should be congratulated on their ability to swim and entertain the spectators.

The Inter-House swimming gala is always enjoyable and it was quite a spectacle to see all the junior children gathered together on poolside. It was, as ever, a very exciting and colourful occasion, with every pupil competing to help achieve the best points total for his or her House.

The competition was close, but ended with Gawsworth's winning both the Upper Junior and the Lower Junior trophies.

Eddie Auslander and Eve Worthington were helpful and encouraging swimming captains this year and all Year 6 swimmers will, hopefully, continue to do well as they progress into the Senior School.

DCB

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Mrs J Quoroll, Catering Manager, Fence Avenue

Mrs S E Raw-Rees, Estates Office

Mrs J Rodgers, General Science Technician

Mrs S Searle, Teaching Assistant

C S Shingles, Teaching Certificate, Loughborough, BEd, Nottingham, Cricket and Rugby Coach

Mrs M E Smith, School Shop Manageress

Mrs L Snook, BA, Library Assistant

J M Spencer Pickup, BSc, ACA Director of Finance and Clerk to the Governors

Mrs C A Walker, ONC, HNC, BA (Open); PGCE, Biology Technician

Mrs E Welsh, Teaching Assistant

Mrs J M Wheeler, Boys' Division Secretary

Miss H Whitworth, Teaching Assistant (Note Taker)

Mrs J Williams, Teaching Assistant

Mrs L Wilson, Library Assistant

Mrs A Woods, BSc Hons, Technician, Girls' Division

Appendix 2 Examination Results

A2/AS Results 2006

Key: A&D: Art & Design; B: Biology; BStd: Business Studies; C: Chemistry; CC: Classical Civilisation; Comp: Computing; CT: Critical Thinking; 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: Sport and PE.

Barker F O B, C, M, F (AS), GStd (AS)
 Barratt J D BStd, H, RStd, GStd (AS), Phil (AS)
 Beardmore C E B, C, G, CT (AS), Ps (AS)
 Beeby T P B, C, Ps, Geog (AS), GStd (AS)
 Begg D R ELang, E, Ps, F (AS)
 Bellamy F J L BStd, D, RStd, CT (AS), Phil (AS)
 Bhatnagar K BStd, Ec, IT, M
 Billington A J Phil, Ps, RStd, BStd (AS), CT (AS)
 Bingham F B, Geol, Ps, E (AS), GStd (AS)
 Bloom M A&D, H, L, CT (AS), Ec (AS)
 Bradbury J BStd, ELang, Ps, CT (AS), Phil (AS)
 Bradbury V C E, Phil, RStd, CT (AS)
 Bradley W B, CC, Geol (AS), Ps (AS)
 Bridge N K C, M, FM, P, H (AS)
 Brocklehurst R D, ELang, E, Phil (AS)
 Bulcock A G, H, M, CT (AS), F (AS)
 Burgess A R Ec, Ger, M, CT (AS), P (AS)
 Campbell R E J E, M, FM, P
 Conway E A B, C, M, P
 Cooper C M B, C, G, CT (AS), Ec (AS)
 Cowan C A B, C, M, GStd (AS)
 Cox E R B, C, H, E (AS), GStd (AS)
 Crawley J F D, E, H, CT (AS), F (AS)
 Doncom K E B B, C, M, Ger (AS), GStd (AS)
 Done J C B, P, SpStd, CT (AS),
 Dunlop L V A&D, CC, H, E (AS), GStd (AS)
 Dunne M S C, M, P, B (AS), G (AS)
 Eardley N H B, ELang, Ps, Ger (AS), GStd (AS)
 Edwards P L E, H, Phil, B (AS), CT (AS)
 Evans S L D&T, Ger, M, GStd (AS), P (AS)
 Fleming A L CC, L, M, P
 Foster R W G, H, Ps, Ec (AS), GStd (AS)
 French E J C, M, P, GStd (AS), Ps (AS)
 Friday C S CC, ELang, Phil, D (AS), GStd (AS)
 Gaffney J ELang, G, H, Geol (AS), GStd (AS)
 Goldstone P J BStd, G, Ps, E (AS), GStd (AS)
 Greaves M D BStd, ELang, Ps, C (AS), GStd (AS)
 Grimes C A B, Ps, SpStd, C (AS), GStd (AS)
 Hardy J M BStd, Comp, IT, GStd (AS), P (AS)
 Harrison E K B, C, F, M
 Hart I A B, C, M, SpStd (AS)
 Herald E B, C, Ps, CT (AS), M (AS)
 Hill T C C, M, FM, P

Howick A D, E, Ps, CT (AS), H (AS)
 Howsley D J E E, Phil, Ps, B (AS), CC (AS)
 Illingworth B J BStd, H, Mu, CT (AS), ELang (AS)
 Jairath A C, Ec, Ps, F (AS), GStd (AS)
 Jeans T P A&D, BStd, D&T, Ger (AS)
 Jervis D S B, Mu, Ps, ELang (AS)
 Jones D R C, Ps, SpStd, A&D (AS), B (AS)
 Kennerley D T E, F, H, Mu
 Kenyon A K Comp, G, IT, BStd (AS), GStd (AS)
 Kirkham V ELang, Phil, PS, D (AS), GStd (AS)
 Kirkham S M B, C, P, CT (AS), Ger (AS)
 Knowles E A&D, ELang, Ps, E (AS), GStd (AS)
 Lamb C H R CC, H, Phil, Ps, CT (AS)
 Lau K L G, H, M, C (AS), F (AS)
 Lawton D A BStd, E, H, GStd (AS), Phil (AS)
 Ledger G C, M, P, Phil
 Littler G H BStd, Ec, F, Phil, GStd (AS)
 Livesley J A E, Ps, RStd, B (AS), CT (AS)
 Long A J B, C, Ec, GStd (AS), M (AS)
 Loughran M B, C, Ps, CT (AS), H (AS)
 Macleod L A K A&D, CC, RStd
 Maltby C F B, Geol, Ps, IT (AS)
 Marsden S C B, C, SpStd, Geol (AS), GStd (AS)
 Marten L S F, H, Ps, CT (AS), Phil (AS)
 Massey K E E, Ger, Ps, CT (AS), H (AS)
 Maudsley G D C, CC, H, Ec (AS), GStd (AS)
 McArthur R J L E, F, M, B (AS), CT (AS)
 McCormick A J B, IT, Ps, C (AS)
 McCormick C T BStd, Comp, Ec, CT (AS), M (AS)
 McIlvenny T R A&D, BStd, Ps, GStd (AS), SpStd (AS)
 Mellor C J B, C, M, Ps
 Murphy S C E, F, IT, M
 North D T B, C, Comp, M
 Olsen Rong T S Ec, H, M, C (AS), GStd (AS)
 Oza N B Ec, G, IT, Ger (AS), GStd (AS)
 Parfett-Manning T J B, F, Ps, GStd (AS), H (AS)
 Parrish C K L BStd, B, Phil, GStd (AS), M (AS)
 Petty N E P C, Ec, M, GStd (AS), H (AS), P (AS)
 Raine A J B, C, H, CT (AS), M (AS)
 Ravikumar R B, Ec, M, C (AS), GStd (AS)
 Read E A&D, BStd, CC, GStd (AS), H (AS)
 Rhodes J G B, C, M, F (AS), P (AS)
 Richards H L E, F, Ps, CT (AS), Ger (AS)
 Richardson R E B, C, F, M
 Roast A G B, C, M, P
 Robinson N K BStd, E, Ps, CT (AS), ELang (AS)
 Rosson A J BStd, H, IT, ELang (AS), GStd (AS)
 Roxborough C P D, E, H, ELang (AS)
 Sawas K B, Ps, SpStd, C (AS), GStd (AS)
 Sependa G H A B, C, M, P
 Sherratt J BStd, B, M, GStd (AS), P (AS)
 Smith A J Ec, F, H, GStd (AS), SpStd (AS)
 Smith C S L B, C, Phil, GStd (AS)
 Smith R L BStd, E, Ps, GStd (AS), H (AS)

Soutter W J J	C, M, P, B (AS), Ger (AS)
Srivistava A	B, C, P, CT (AS), M (AS)
Stanford R J	B, C, M, Ps
Sutton S C	F, Ger, H, Ps
Swetman J E	G, M, P, Geol (AS), GStd (AS)
Tenwolde A A R	D&T, Ec, M, GStd (AS), P (AS)
Thornley R L	A&D, D&T, Ps, GStd (AS)
Topalian R S	BStd, E, H, CT (AS), L (AS)
Turner E L F	CC, E, Phil, CT (AS), Ger (AS)
Usher K C	B, M, Ps, C (AS), CT (AS)
Varney S R	C, F, H, CT (AS)
Vere-Hoose T D	BStd, B, H, GStd (AS)
Vohra C E	B, C, F, M
Wallace J K	B, C, Ps, GStd (AS), H (AS)
Wallis A C	CC, ELang, H, CT (AS), Ps (AS)
Walsh H M A	B, C, L, Phil
Weston M J	G, IT, M, Ec (AS)
Whittaker A A	ELang, E, Ps, GStd (AS), Phil (AS)
Williams A J	B, SpStd, C (AS), G (AS), GStd (AS), Ps (AS)
Williams D R	B, C, M, G (AS), GStd (AS)
Williamson C A	A&D, ELang, Ps, B (AS), GStd (AS)
Wilson S J	G, H, RStd, Ec (AS), GStd (AS)
Yeates C T	Ec, ELang, M, GStd (AS), P (AS)

GCSE Results 2006

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; L: Latin; M: Mathematics; Mu: Music; P: Physics; RE: Religious Education; Sc: Science Dual Award; Sp: Spanish; St: Statistics.

The following candidates gained grades A*-C.

Girls' Division

Ashurst R A	E, EL, M, D&T, D, Ger, RE, Sc,
Auslander A C	E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, F, P, Sp
Bailey S L	E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, F, H, Sc
Bell N	E, EL, M, F, H, L, Sc, Sp
Bellamy H	E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, F, P, RE
Burgess R S	E, EL, M, D&T, Ger, H, RE, Sc
Campbell J F E	E, EL, M, F, G, L, Mu, RE, Sc
Clayton E M	E, EL, M, A&D, F, H, RE, Sc
Collins K S G	E, EL, M, A&D, F, L, RE, Sc
Cook S J	E, EL, M, A&D, F, L, Sc, Sp
Cottingham J A	E, EL, M, D, F, Ger, RE, Sc
Cottis S L	E, EL, M, B, C, F, H, P, Sp
Cox C L	E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, F, H, P
Cross V J	E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, Ger, L, P
Falder S L	E, EL, M, A&D, F, H, Sc, Sp
Ferdani K L	E, EL, M, B, C, F, H, P, RE
Ford J E	E, M, A&D, D&T, Ger

Fowler S L	E, EL, M, D&T, Ger, H, RE, Sc
Garner I F	E, EL, M, A&D, G, Ger, H, Sc
Gildert N P E	E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, F, Ger, P
Greaves A D	E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, H, P, RE
Harmsworth G E	E, EL, M, A&D, Ger, H, L, Sc
Hartshorn A H	E, EL, M, B, C, F, H, L, P
Hayes N R	E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, F, H, P
Henshaw C L	E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, F, P, RE
Hinchcliffe A N	E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, F, Ger, Sc
Hodgson J R	E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, Ger, H, P
Howsley P S F	E, EL, M, D&T, B, C, Ger, H, P
Johnson L J	E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, Ger, H, Sc
Kershaw H	E, EL, M, B, C, D, F, Ger, P
Keys N L	E, EL, M, B, C, F, Mu, P, Sp
Lock H E	E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, Ger, H, P
Mallinson R G	E, EL, M, Ger, H, L, RE, Sc
Marlow K	E, EL, M, F, Ger, Mu, RE, Sc
Maudsley S K	E, EL, M, A&D, Ger, H, RE, Sc
Meakin N J	E, EL, M, F, G, H, L, Sc
Middleton E K	E, EL, M, A&D, F, H, RE, Sc
Moxon H L	E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, F, G, Sc
Mycock E F	E, EL, M, F, G, H, Mu, Sc
Nesbitt E K E	E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, H, Mu, P
Nouri M R	E, EL, M, A&D, F, L, RE, Sc
Pakenham-Walsh A J ..	E, EL, M, D, G, Ger, RE, Sc
Phillips J M	E, EL, M, A&D, Ger, H, L, Sc
Purdham E B	E, EL, M, A&D, D, G, Ger, Sc
Quinn A C	E, EL, M, D, F, G, Ger, Sc
Rafferty E L	E, EL, M, D, G, Ger, RE, Sc
Reucroft C A	E, EL, M, D, Ger, L, RE, Sc
Rex M K	E, EL, M, D, F, H, Sc, Sp
Ribbeck B C	E, EL, M, B, C, D, D&T, F, P
Rossetti E	E, EL, M, D, Ger, H, RE, Sc
Roxborough B M	E, EL, M, A&D, D, H, Sc, Sp
Rushton G A	E, EL, M, A&D, Ger, H, Sc, Sp
Shone H M	E, EL, M, D, F, H, L, Sc
Sneddon F J	E, EL, M, B, C, D, Ger, P, RE
Sodha P F	E, EL, M, D, F, Ger, Mu, Sc
Spencer E S J	E, EL, M, A&D, D, F, G, Sc
Sproats F M	E, EL, M, B, C, D, F, P, RE
Stanton N J	E, EL, M, A&D, F, G, Ger, Sc
Turner C J	E, EL, M, F, H, Mu, Sc, Sp
Turton J	E, EL, M, D, F, H, RE, Sc
Tweedie J E L	E, EL, M, B, C, F, H, P, RE
Walker R K	E, EL, M, B, C, F, G, Ger, P
Whittaker F A	E, EL, M, D, F, Ger, RE, Sc
Wilkinson E L	E, EL, M, B, C, F, G, H, P
Wood E L A	E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, F, G, P
Yorke H L	E, EL, M, D&T, F, Ger, H, Sc
Yuen S	E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, Ger

Appendix 2 Examination Results

Boys' Division

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; L: Latin; M: Mathematics; Mu: Music; P: Physics; RE: Religious Education; Sc: Science Dual Award; Sp: Spanish; St: Statistics.

The following candidates gained grades A*-C.

Allmand-Smith A M E, EL, M, B, C, F, H, P, RE
 Allsopp B L E, EL, M, A&D, G, H, Sc
 Anderson S M E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, Ger, P
 Arnold B H E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, G, Ger, P, St
 Banks E J C E, EL, M, B, C, L, Mu, P, Sp, St
 Banks J E, EL, M, D, F, H, L, Sc, St
 Barratt J P E, EL, M, F, H, L, RE, Sc
 Bell C J E, M, B, C, D&T, P
 Birtles R S C E, EL, M, D, D&T, H, Sc
 Bloom J E, EL, M, A&D, F, H, RE, Sc
 Brett J E E, EL, M, D&T, G, Ger, H, Sc
 Bridge C G E, EL, M, B, C, F, Ger, H, P, St
 Burness C E, EL, M, D, D&T, G, Ger, Sc
 Butterworth R P E, EL, M, A&D, G, Ger, H, Sc
 Clegg A J R E, EL, M, H, RE, Sc
 Cowan O J E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, G, P
 Dean B R E, EL, M, D, Ger, H, L, Sc
 Edwards J B E, EL, M, D, Ger, H, L, Sc, St
 Fidler D M EL, A&D, H
 Fisher T W E, EL, M, D, Ger, H, L, Sc
 Fitzgerald J C E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, F, L, P, St
 Fowler J R E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, Ger, H, P
 Fox R J H E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, H, L, P, St
 George A M S E, EL, M, F, G, H, L, Sc
 Gillespie A J E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, L, P, Sp
 Gilman O P E, EL, M, B, C, D, Ger, H, P
 Greasley N J E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, F, H, P
 Harrison P J A E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, H, L, P, St
 Healey M J E, EL, M, A&D, F, H, L, Sc
 Hearn B E, EL, M, B, C, G, Ger, H, P, St
 Holland J R E, EL, M, D, Ger, H, L, Sc
 How L C E, EL, M, D&T, F, G, H, Sc
 Hurst T E G E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, D&T, F, P
 Illingworth J R E, EL, M, B, C, D, F, H, P
 Jones J E E, EL, M, A&D, Ger, H, Sc
 Keelagher D J E, EL, M, A&D, F, H, RE, Sc
 Kennedy N EL, M, B, C, D&T, F, G, P
 Kennerley C J E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, H, L, P
 Kerr W P E, EL, M, B, C, D, G, Ger, P
 King-Smith M S E, EL, M, F, G, H, RE, Sc
 Kirkham O A E, EL
 Lacey B J E, EL, M, B, C, F, G, Ger, P
 Laing P M E, EL, M, B, C, D, F, L, P
 Lowndes R C E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, G, Ger, P
 Lowry F J E, EL, M, D, G, H, Sc
 Main S A E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, H, L, P, St

Marchlewski A J E, EL, M, B, H, RE
 Marsden J P E, EL, M, Ger, D&T, H, Sc, Sp
 McGhee C T E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, G, Ger, Sc
 Mellor L R E, EL, M, D&T, H, Sc
 Midwinter B E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, F, Ger, P
 Minshull T C E, EL, M, B, C, D, Ger, L, P, St
 Mobbs D J E, EL, M, A&D, F, G, H, Sc
 Morrissey G J E, EL, M, F, H, L, RE, Sc, St
 Murray D L E, EL, M, A&D, G, H, Sc
 Nicholson J R A E, EL, M, F, G, H, Sc
 Ollier J E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, D, Ger, P
 Parr J W E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, F, RE, Sc
 Peel S D E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, D&T, Ger, P
 Pinnington A J E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, Ger, H, P
 Platt A H E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, Ger, P
 Rathbone J B E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, Ger, L, P
 Richardson J A L E, EL, M, B, C, F, G, H, P, St
 Roberts C O E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, H, L, P, St
 Robinson O W E, EL, M, F, G, H, RE, Sc
 Rowbotham T J E, EL, M, D, F, L, Sc, Sp
 Roworth D W E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, F, H, P
 Siddall J R P E, EL, M, D, Ger, H, L, Sc, St
 Sizeland J R E, EL, M, A&D, F, Ger, H, Sc
 Slater M R K E, EL, M, A&D, B, C, F, H, P
 Smith R G S E, EL, M, B, C, F, H, L, P, St
 Stott-Sugden J E, EL, M, D&T, F, G, H, Sc
 Stringer M J E, EL, M, D&T, G, Ger, H, Sc
 Sumpter M D E, EL, M, Ger, H, L, RE, Sc
 Sweetman D R E, EL, M, B, C, F, G, H, P, St
 Taylor J A C E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, H, P, RE
 Thorneycroft B H L E, EL, M, D&T, G, H, Sc
 Townley J E, EL, M, D, F, G, Mu, Sc
 Wales N J E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, H, Sc
 West C V M, B, C, D, D&T, F, P
 Whitehurst J A E, EL, M, D&T, F, H, L, Sc
 Whiteley G E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, F, G, P
 Wilmot S N E, EL, M, D, F, H, Sc, Sp
 Wood J M E, EL, M, D, F, H, RE, Sc
 Woolliscroft T E E, EL, M, B, C, D&T, H, P
 Worrall J R E, EL, M, A&D, D&T, F, Ger, Sc, St
 Wreglesworth R G E, EL, M, B, C, G, Ger, H, P
 Yates M T E, EL, M, A&D, F, H, RE, Sc

Pupils Admitted to Higher Education 2006

Name	Destination	Subject
Barker F O	Gap Year	
Barratt J D	Gap Year (Australia)	
Beardmore C E	University of Bristol.....	Physiological Science
Beeby T P	University of Leeds	Psychology
Begg D R	University of Dundee	English
Bellamy F J L	Leeds Metropolitan University	Contemporary Performance
Bhatnagar K	University of Nottingham	Economics
Billington A J	University of Chester	Criminology
Bingham F	University of Durham.....	Zoology
Bloom M	St Martins, London.....	Deferred Art Foundation Application
Bradbury J E	Leeds Metropolitan University	Marketing
Bradbury V C	University of Warwick	Philosophy
Bradley W	University of Lincoln	Animal Management & Welfare
Bridge N K	St Edmund Hall, Oxford.....	Material Sciences
Brocklehurst R	Manchester University	History of Art
Bulcock A	Sheffield University.....	Geography
Burgess A R	Lancaster University	Economics/German Joint
Campbell R E J	University of Birmingham	Mathematical Sciences
Conway E A	Emmanuel College, Cambridge	Veterinary Science
Cooper C M	Re-applying 06/07	
Cowan C A	Re-applying 06/07	
Cox E R	Re-applying 06/07	
Crawley J F	University of Nottingham	History
Doncom K E B	University of Leeds	Chemistry
Done J C	University of Leeds	Sports Science
Dunlop L V	University of Manchester	Art Foundation Course
Dunne M S	University of Birmingham	Medicine
Eardley N H	University of Sheffield	Speech Science
Edwards P L	University of Warwick	History
Evans S L	Sheffield Hallam University.....	Architecture & Environmental Design
Fleming A L	University of Reading.....	Classical Studies
Foster R W	Oxford Brookes University	Geography/Physical Geography
French E J	University of Leeds	Chemistry
Friday C S	University of Liverpool.....	Classical Studies
Gaffney J	University of Leeds	History
Goldstone P J	University of Manchester.....	Criminology and Social Policy
Greaves M D	University of Bath.....	Business Administration
Grimes C A	Re-applying 06/07	
Hardy J M	Lancaster University.....	Computer Science Innovation
Harrison E K	Magdalene College, Cambridge	Medicine
Hart I A	Employment	
Herald E A	University of Manchester.....	Cognitive Neuroscience
Hill T C	Mansfield College, Oxford	Material Sciences
Howick A	University of Birmingham	English
Howsley D J E	University College, London.....	Archaeology
Illingworth B J	University of Birmingham	Business Management
Jairath A	University of Leeds	Chemistry
Jeans T P	Loughborough University.....	Art Foundation Course
Jervis D S	Glasgow Conservatoire	Music
Jones D R	Re-applying 06/07	
Kennerley D T	Worcester College, Oxford.....	Modern History
Kenyon A K	Manchester Metropolitan University	Computing
Kirkham V	Re-applying 06/07	
Kirkham S M	Re-applying 06/07	
Knowles E	Macclesfield College.....	Art Foundation Course
Lamb C H R	University of Birmingham	Classical Literature and Civilisation
Lau K L	Manchester Metropolitan University.....	Psychology
Lawton D A	Re-applying 06/07	

Appendix 3 Higher Education

Ledger G	University of Bath	Mathematics
Littler G H	Exeter University	Philosophy & Political Economy with European Study
Livesley J A	Leicester University	Psychology with Sociology
Long A J	University of Leicester	Economics
Loughran M	University of Liverpool	Medicine
MacLeod L A K	Art Foundation Course	
Maltby C F	Durham University	Environmental Geoscience
Marsden S C	University of Bath	Pharmacy
Marten L S	Gap Year – UCL 2007	
Massey K E	University of Birmingham	Modern Languages
Maudsley G D	University of Nottingham	Ancient History
McArthur R J L	University of Sheffield	Modern Languages
McCormick C T	University of York	Management
McCormick A J	Electrical Engineering	
McIlvenny T R	Employment	
Mellor C J	University of Leeds	Dentistry
Murphy S C	University of Liverpool	Information Systems
North D T	Magdalene College, Oxford	Computer Science
Olsen Rong T S	University of York	Economics/Economic History
Oza N B	University of Sheffield	Accounting & Financial Management & Information Management
Parfett-Manning T J	University of Bath	
Parrish C K L	Sheffield Hallam University	Business and Marketing
Petty N E P	Jesus College, Cambridge	Chemical Engineering
Raine A J	University of Nottingham	History
Ravikumar R	London School of Economics	Accounting and Finance
Read E	University of Leeds	Art Foundation Course
Rhodes J G	University of Bristol	Biochemical Engineering
Richards H L	Sheffield Hallam University	International Business Studies with Language
Richardson R E	University of Sheffield	Biomedical Sciences
Roast A G	Imperial College, London	Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry
Robinson N K	University of Manchester	Psychology
Rosson A J	Leeds Metropolitan University	Primary Education
Roxborough C P	University of Glasgow	Archaeology and Theatre Studies
Sawas K	University of Leeds	Sports Science & Physiology
Sependa G H A	University of Nottingham	Civil Engineering
Sherratt J	Sheffield Hallam University	Human Biology
Smith A J	Employment	
Smith C S L	Re-applying 06/07	
Smith R L	Re-applying 06/07	
Soutter W J J	University of Durham	Chemistry (International)
Srivistava A	Re-applying 06/07	
Stanford R J	Cardiff University	Medicine
Sutton S C	St Hilda's College, Oxford	History
Swetman J E	Cardiff University	Civil and Environmental Engineering
Tenwolde A A R	Re-applying 06/07	
Thornley R L	Loughborough University	Art Foundation
Topalian R S	Re-applying 06/07	
Turner E L F	University of Nottingham	Archaeology and Classical Civilisation
Usher K C	University of Nottingham	Psychology
Varney S R	University of Bristol	Law and French
Vere-Hoose T D	Re-applying 06/07	
Vohra C E	University of Birmingham	Medicine
Wallace J K	University of Bangor	Zoology with Marine Zoology
Wallis A C	University of Nottingham	Classical Civilisation
Walsh H M A	University of Durham	Cell Biology
Weston M J	University of Leeds	Aviation Technology and Pilot Studies
Whittaker A A	University of Manchester	Psychology
Williams A J	Gap Year	
Williams D R	Re-applying 06/07	
Williamson C A	Loughborough University	Art Foundation Course
Wilson S J	University of Sheffield	Geography
Yeates C T	Keele University	Business Studies and Economics

Distinctions in Public Examinations

A & AS Level

Pupils with six A grades

Nick Petty

Pupils with five A grades

Matthew Dunne

William Soutter

Pupils with four A grades

Nicola Bridge

Rosie Campbell

Elizabeth Conway

Kay Doncom

Katherine Harrison

Alexander Howick

Ben Illingworth

David Jones

David Kennerley

Gareth Littler

David North

Carly Mellor

Becky Stanford

Andy Roast

Austin Senda

Pupils with three A grades

Kartikeya Bhatnagar

Charlotte Cooper

Michelle Greaves

Thomas Hill

Duncan Howsley

Gary Ledger

Alexandra Long

George Maudsley

Theresa Olsen Rong

Sophie Sutton

Katie Usher

Charlotte Vohra

Ashley Whittaker

GCSE

Pupils with at least 8 A*/As

Ben Arnold

Sarah Bailey

Elliot Banks

Joseph Banks

Natasha Bell

Christian Bridge

Estelle Clayton

Scarlett Collins

Charlotte Cox

Verity Cross

Jack Edwards

Sarah Falder

Kathryn Ferdani

James Fox

Natalie Gildert

Georgina Harmsworth

Peter Harrison

Michael Healey

Charlotte Henshaw

Ben Hearn

Ashley Hinchcliffe

Jamie Holland

Hannah Lock

Simon Main

Katherine Marlow

Sophy Maudsley

Nicky Meakin

Emily Middleton

George Morrissey

Emma Mycock

Emily Nesbitt

Julia Phillips

Alex Quinn

Beth Ribbeck

Jay Richardson

Carl Roberts

Robbie Smith

Fiona Sneddon

Priya Sodha

Matthew Sumpter

David Swetman

Charlotte Turner

Sam Wilmot

Joe Worrall

Robert Wreglesworth

Grace Mallinson

Special Prizes

Head of Foundation's Prize,
Upper School Prizes: English Literature,
History (C A Bradley) & Music,
and the Development Trust
Scholarship Major Award

David Kennerley

School Prizes (all age groups)

Sainter (for scientific research)

Matthew Green

Maimi Wright for Computing Joint Prize,
Upper School Prize:

Mathematics: Mechanics

& Development Trust Scholarship Award

David North

Maimi Wright for Computing Joint Prize

& Development Trust Scholarship

Major Award

John Hardy

Ben Davies (Poetry) & Middle
School Prizes: Religious Studies
(Thorneycroft), English & History

Dr Norman Maurice "Arclex"

Selwyn Russell Jones Sports Prize

Thornber Chemistry

Development Prize

Ros Marcall Prize for Endeavour

Ken Brookfield Elizabethan Prize

I A Wilson Economics Scholarship

Sue Bream Crystal Star

Emily Middleton

Charlotte Attenborough

Tom Parfett-Manning

Matthew Falder

Heidi Hughes

Charlotte Tighe

Stephanie Lownes

Amy Tudge

Upper School Prizes

Art (Selwyn Russell Jones)

Biology, Chemistry &

Mathematics: Statistics &

Development Trust Scholarship

Major Award

Business Studies

Design & Technology

Classics (Wilmot)

Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)

Economics (Canon F W Paul) Joint

& Development Trust Scholarship

Major Award

Economics (Canon F W Paul) Joint

& Simon Schuler Computing Prize

English Language

French (William Brooster)

German (J O Nicholson) &

Development Trust Scholarship

Major Award

General Studies (T B Cartwright)

& Theatre Arts Joint Prize

Geography

Geology

History (F H Bradley)

Mathematics Double

Philosophy

Physics

Psychology

Senior Choral

Senior Orchestral

Senior Reading

Sports Studies

Theatre Arts Joint Prize

Ron Darlington Jazz Joint Prize

Ron Darlington Jazz Joint Prize

& Year 10 Research Project Major Award

Development Trust Scholarship

Tom Jeans

Elizabeth Conway

Ben Illingworth

Sarah Evans

Meredith Bloom

Victoria Bradbury

Alex Long

Kartikeya Bhatnagar

David Begg

Katherine Harrison

Sophie Sutton

Emma French

Charlotte Cooper

Caroline Maltby

Polly Edwards

Rosie Campbell

Gareth Littler

Tom Hill

Carly Mellor

Tim James

Austin Senda

Rebecca Stanford

David Jones

James Crawley

William Soutter

Sophie Vohra

Eleanor Herald

Middle School Prizes (Boy's Division)

Deryck Siddall Cup,

Middle School Prize: Biology

Art & Design

Chemistry & Geography

Design & Technology (Graphic Products)

Design & Technology (Resistant Materials)

English

James Fox

Oliver Cowan

Ben Hearn

Chris McGhee

James Brett

Jack Edwards

Appendix 4 Awards & Prizes

French, History & Best All Rounder Cup	George Morrissey
German	Simon Main
Latin & Music Joint Prize & Macclesfield Grammar School Challenge Cup	Elliot Banks
Mathematics	Carl Roberts
Music Joint Prize	Jack Townley
Physics	Christian Bridge
Religious Studies (Thornecroft)	Jonathan Barratt
Spanish	Sam Wilmot
Dual Science	Joe Banks
Year 7 Achiever's Cup & Robert Batchelor Prize	James Occleston
Year 9 Achiever's Cup	Michael Dodd

Lower School Prizes (Boy's Division)

Junior Choral	Chris Ward
Junior Orchestral	Michael Jacot

Form Prizes (Boy's Division)

10KDA	Ben Foreman
10DMH	Anthony Floyd
10JAD	Callum Pattrick
10CJM	Matthew Murray
9GT	Tom Taylor
9RHR	Charlie Seale
9CJR	Jonathan Ratcliffe
9JRP	Sam Coutts
9LCD	Hikmat Hasan
Religious Studies (Thornecroft)	Benedict James
8MTRS	Peter Nixon
8HLC	Tim Saxon
8PJP	Will Hanson
8MMA	Dale Kidd
Religious Studies (Thornecroft)	Kester Banks
7CAM	Andrew Hodgson
7PAUT	David Ormrod-Morley
7KEE	Siddh Bhatnagar
7DG	Nick Emery
Religious Studies (Thornecroft)	Timi Dina

Year 10 Research Projects (Boy's Division)

<i>Major Awards</i>	James Kay Jonathan Burman Howard Mayers
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Awards

James Hay
Harry Moors

Middle School Prizes (Girl's Division)

Macclesfield High School	
'Best All-Rounder' Cup	Alex Quinn
Art & Design (Joint)	Ashley Hinchcliffe
Art & Design (Joint)	Jessica Hodgson
Biology	Jessica Tweedie
Design & Technology	Sophie Fowler
Dual Award Science	Sarah Falder
French & Music	Katherine Marlow
Geography	Jenny Campbell

German & Year 10/11 History Essay Prize	Julia Phillips
Latin	Verity Cross
Mathematics	Beth Ribbeck
Physics	Emily Nesbitt
Spanish	Nicola Keys
Theatre Arts	Priya Sodha
Middle School Reading	Katie Reid
Anne Craig Joint French Prize & Year 10 Research Project Major Award	Rebecca Sugden
Anne Craig Joint French Prize	Sarah Gales
Year 7 Endeavour Cup	Elizabeth Bell
Year 9 Achiever's Cup & Lower School Prize: Junior Choral	Alex Smith
Victrix Ludorum Cup (Sports) Joint	Rebecca Bamford
Victrix Ludorum Cup (Sports) Joint	Hannah Hills
Jenny Lee Mathematics Prize & Year 10 Research Project Award	Katherine North
Macclesfield High School	
Somerville Challenge Cup	Charlotte Cox
Religious Studies (Thornecroft)	Jessica Quinlan
Macclesfield High School	
Isobel Day Cup for French	Anna Beesley
Principal's Prize & Year 10 Research Project Major Award	Alison Smith

Lower School Prizes (Girl's Division)

Junior Orchestral	Sophie Worrall
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Form Prizes (Girl's Division)

10RAA	Becky Mellor
10GNB	Gemma Lord
10SAC	Natalie Burns
10MPF	Amy Matthewson
9LB	Lydia Rex
9JSS	Laura Garratt
9DRM	Emily Gosling
8TGN	Kanza Khan
8REP	Grace Hennell
8LFA	Freya Bradley
Religious Studies (Thornecroft)	Isabel Wilkinson
7GG	Elizabeth Marshall
7RAR	Becky Hughes
7LCP	Peggy Garratt
Religious Studies (Thornecroft)	Bridie Thompson

Year 10 Research Projects (Girl's Division)

<i>Major Awards</i>	Katie Lob Sarah Pickering Katie Mycock Georgina Rae Natasha Perry Koryann Steven Sophie Usher
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Charlotte Bailey
Victoria Berry
Holly Fraser
Sarah Pickering
Georgina Rae

Other Prizes

Robert Batchelor Prizes	Jonathan Emery
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Appendix 4 Awards & Prizes

Retiring Prizes

Bill Beatson Prize
Chris Buckland Prize
Anne Cohen Joint Prize
Anne Cohen Joint Prize &
Middle School Prize: Chemistry
Mike Hart Prize
Keith Perriss Prize

Chris Cowan
Charlotte Sampson
Natalie Robinson
Kate Williamson

Chris Cowan
Natalie Robinson
Charlotte Turner

Fiona Sneddon
Susan Wilson
Matthew King

Endeavour Prize

6AER
6JEB
6PA
5AGE
5NS/AS
5SEO
4CW/VA
4JC
4MW
3JP
3LT

Jamie Irving
Holly Smith
Lydia Norman
Oliver Krajewski
Thom Murray
Alex Richardson
Nicholas Morris
Jamie Edgerton
Joshua Stevenson
Rebecca Calder
Oliver Macfadyen

Junior Division Prizes

Subject Prizes (Year 6 only)

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

Bethany Tallents
Christopher Hanak
Charlie Parkes
Tim Brown
Sarah Mycock
Chloe Bullock
William Strutt
Sophie Branley
Jamie Hammill
Clare MacKinnon
Elliot Sime
Olivia Clark
Jack Mantel
Eve Worthington
Ben Marsden
Maddie Coutts

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

Lara Knowles
David Moores

Robert Batchelor Prize

Jonathan Emery
Charlotte Sampson

Year 4 Young Artist Award
(Mrs P J Aspinwall Trophy)
Mrs C J Hulme Y6
Musical Production Prize

Tony Maximous
Matthew King
Peter Jackson

Form Prizes

First Form Prize

6AER
6JEB
6PA
5AGE
5NS/AS
5SEO
4CW/VA
4JC
4MW
3JP
3LT

Charlie Parkes
David Moores
Elliot Sime
Kate Garnett
Ellamae Blackaby
Hattie McCance
Raife Copp-Barton
Jenna Self
Declan McLaughlin
Sarah Laughton
Holly Brierley

Second Form Prize

5AGE
5NS/AS
5SEO
4CW/VA
4JC
4MW
3JP
3LT

Alistair Hanak
Emily Johnston
Thomas Mort
Katharine Fray
Ben Winrow
Poppy Nathan
Henry Reavey
Emily Robinson

Appendix 5

Music Examinations

Autumn Term 2005

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form and Boys' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Philip Gibson	Piano	2	103 Pass
Joshua Berry	Piano	3	110 Pass
Christopher Gibson	Piano	2	110 Pass
Michael Buckley	Piano	4	108 Pass
Philip Gibson	Guitar	1	124 Merit
Jonathan Downs	Oboe	2	117 Pass
Richard Barratt	Trumpet	4	131 Dist
Sam Lea	Oboe	8	136 Dist

Girls' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Stephanie Main	Saxophone	2	127 Merit
Alison Smith	Singing	5	130 Dist
Nicola Armour-Smith	Piano	1	115 Pass
Koryann Stevens	Flute	5	131 Dist
Sumaiya Salehin	Piano	4	111 Pass
Eleanor Bowman	Piano	1	114 Pass
Sarah Gales	Oboe	2	133 Dist
Flora Woodruff	Piano	2	114 Pass
Sophie Hawker	Flute	3	112 Pass
Alex Smith	Piano	2	120 Merit
Nicola Armour-Smith	Flute	3	115 Pass
Anna Beesley	Violin	7	130 Dist
Alison Smith	Guitar	4	126 Merit
Koryann Stevens	Piano	4	124 Merit
Sophie Woodley	Flute	3	104 Pass
Elizabeth Bell	Flute	4	118 Pass
Chloe Jackson	Flute	3	100 Pass
Nicola Deakin	Singing	5	125 Merit
Yasmin Meakin	Piano	2	112 Pass
Nicola Meakin	Piano	2	113 Pass
Naomi Gildert	Guitar	1	107 Pass
Katie Pickering	Cello	3	126 Merit
Stephanie Main	Singing	3	125 Merit
Ellie Robson	Bassoon	1	116 Pass

Junior Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Oliver Krajewski	Clarinet	1	120 Merit
Lydia Norman	Clarinet	1	117 Pass
Claire Mckinnon	Piano	4	114 Pass
Claire Mckinnon	Singing	1	130 Dist
Poppy Nathan	Piano	1	114 Pass
Jennifer Lane	Piano	1	10.52
Lara Knowles	Singing	2	122 Merit
Megan Bailey	Piano	2	117 Pass
Amy Matthewson	Singing	5	131 Dist
Aswad Khan	Flute	3	116 Pass
Ellen Barratt	Flute	1	101 Pass
Maria Auslander	Piano	1	102 Pass

Spring Term 2006

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form and Boys' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Thomas Charlesworth	Piano	3	114 Pass
Kieran Brady	Guitar	1	131 Dist
Alex Smith	Guitar	2	128 Merit
Matthew Murray	Guitar	4	107 Pass
Henry Williams	Alto Saxophone	4	115 Pass
Sam Lea	Percussion	8	131 Dist
Rosie Campbell	Violin	7	105 Pass
Robin Chatwin	Jazz Alto Sax	1	130 Dist
Chris Ward	Jazz Alto Sax	1	114 Pass
Jonathan Sampson	Jazz Alto Sax	2	126 Merit
Joe Mearman	Jazz Alto Sax	2	118 Pass
Sean Malkin	Jazz Alto Sax	4	131 Dist
Sam Travis	Jazz Tenor Sax	1	123 Merit
William Holden	Jazz Tenor Sax	2	118 Pass
Chris Roast	Jazz Tenor Sax	4	128 Merit
Matthew Self	Piano	2	122 Merit
Edward Beesley	Piano	8	130 Dist
Matthew Shribman	Singing	8	121 Merit
Jack Ryan	Theory	5	74 Pass
Tom Baston	Theory	5	92 Dist
Michael Jacot	Theory	5	67 Pass

Girls' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Julie Phillips	Piano	5	134 Dist
Alice Ross	Piano	1	128 Merit
Alison Smith	Piano	2	115 Pass
Georgina Lucas	Violin	2	133 Dist
Sophie Vohra	Violin	4	116 Pass
Katie Holt	Violin	5	118 Pass
Diane Pognan	Violin	1	130 Dist
Amy Tudge	Flute	1	127 Merit
Hannah Higham	Jazz Alto Sax	2	121 Merit
Sophie Macfadyen	Jazz Alto Sax	3	136 Dist
Amy Matthewson	Jazz Alto Sax	3	140 Dist
Marissa Sutton	Alto Saxophone	1	130 Dist
Niamh Burke	Flute	1	132 Dist
Lizzie Bray	Flute	3	118 Pass
Sumaiya Salehin	Flute	4	126 Merit
Kate Dewhurst	Oboe	3	123 Merit
Kate Williamson	Oboe	4	133 Dist
Jenny Wilson	Clarinet	2	118 Pass
Alice Bailey	Piano	2	120 Merit
Sarah Bailey	Piano	3	107 Pass
Katherine Baker	Piano	3	123 Merit
Kate Shaw	Clarinet	3	115 Pass
Katie Holt	Theory	5	76 Pass
Julia Phillips	Theory	5	88 Merit

Appendix 5

Music Examinations

Junior Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Sarah Lawton	Piano	1	115 Pass
Sacha Allen	Violin	1	134 Dist
David Moores	Violin	2	131 Dist
George Walker	Guitar	1	116 Pass
Edward Nathan	Guitar	1	116 Pass
Caitlin Cornish	Flute	1	139 Dist
Eve Worthington	Flute	3	128 Merit
Charlotte James	Clarinet	1	124 Merit
William Strutt	Horn	1	134 Dist
Joshua Vohra	Horn	1	134 Dist
Samuel Stockman	Descant Recorder	2	130 Dist
Maria Maximous	Piano	1	128 Merit
Alice Mackinnon	Piano	1	118 Pass
Anna Steward	Piano	1	123 Merit
Henry Reavey	Piano	2	125 Merit
Emily Pegg	Flute	1	124 Merit
Holly Pinkham	Clarinet	2	123 Merit
Alasdair White	Piano	Prep Test	
Charlie Pozniak	Piano	Prep Test	
Louise Bates	Piano	Prep Test	
Isabel Naylor	Piano	1	124 Merit
Ben Hope	Trumpet	1	118 Pass
William Machin	B Flat Cornet	2	134 Dist
Elliot Sime	Piano	1	117 Pass
Imogen McCance	Violin	1	136 Dist

Summer Term 2006

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form and Boys' Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Hassan Kamran	Flute	3	105 Pass
Kamlesh Sodha	Trumpet	4	115 Pass
Andrew Hodgson	Alto Saxophone	2	120 Merit
Mathew King	Flute	6	100 Pass
Alex Slater	Flute	3	114 Pass
Jordan Holt	Flute	1	117 Pass
Sam Howell	Piano	4	111 Pass
David Jervis	Piano	8	103 Pass
Heidi Hughes	Singing	6	130 Dist
Michael Barratt	Trombone	1	134 Dist
Richard Barratt	Viola	2	133 Dist
Edward Beesley	Trombone	8	137 Dist
Adam Edwards	Flute	3	108 Pass
Harrison Blackaby	Flute	4	112 Pass
James Bowyer	Double Bass	2	123 Merit
James Porter	Jazz Alto Sax	1	122 Merit
James Spencer	Jazz Alto Sax	4	125 Merit
Allie Potter	Trumpet	7	120 Merit
Christopher Fray	Trumpet	2	110 Pass
William Connor	Singing	4	117 Pass
Tom Baston	Cello	4	135 Dist
Joe Morrison	Trombone	4	116 Pass

Charlotte Murray	Singing	7	130 Dist
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Girls' Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Rachel Bates	Singing	4	114 Pass
Elixabeth Bell	Flute	5	126 Merit
Elizabeth Bell	Singing	2	116 Merit
Freya Bradley	Flute	4	124 Merit
Gabriella Brough	Singing	2	132 Dist
Gabriella Brough	Flute	3	117 Pass
Jenny Campbell	Guitar	5	102 Pass
Charlotte Cochrane	Flute	1	127 Merit
Emma Draysey	Piano	5	107 Pass
Katherine Edgar	Cello	4	100 Pass
Phoebe Fox	Flute	3	110 Pass
Katharine Fray	Piano	1	108 Pass
Rebecca Higginson	Flute	3	106 Pass
Hannah Higham	Flute	4	117 Pass
Amy Jacobsen	Piano	2	120 Merit
Rosanna Jacot	Piano	7	116 Pass
Hannah James	Flute	4	103 Pass
Abigail Johnson	Violin	5	123 Merit
Kanza Khan	Singing	3	120 Merit
Yasmin Lavassani	Flute	6	109 Pass
Clare MacKinnon	Singing	2	135 Dist
Stephanie Main	Singing	4	136 Dist
Elizabeth Marshall	Viola	4	109 Pass
Victoria May	Singing	3	115 Pass
Clara McKechnie	Singing	3	115 Pass
Katherine North	Violin	5	127 Merit
Sally Percy	Flute	2	120 Merit
Jessica Quinlan	Piano	4	114 Pass
Katie Reid	Singing	3	139 Dist
Emma Rheinberg	Trombone	4	135 Dist
Emma Rheinberg	Piano	4	120 Merit
Erin Roxborough	Singing	41	120 Merit
Lydia Royston	Jazz Alto Sax	1	120 Merit
Alison Smith	Guitar	5	120 Merit
Olivia Soutter	Violin	4	125 Merit
Eleanor Strutt	Singing	3	132 Dist
Eleanor Strutt	Cello	2	131 Dist
Mary Thorp	Violin	2	106 Pass
Chloe Venables	Flute	4	106 Pass
Sarah Winstanley	Singing	3	124 Merit
Zoe Wolstencroft	Flute	5	100 Pass
Charlotte Bailey	Theory	5	84 Merit
Sophie Vohra	Theory	5	93 Dist
Hannah Wood	Theory	5	72 Pass
Zoe Wolstencroft	Theory	6	66 Pass
Emily Nesbitt	Theory	5	85 Merit
Katherine North	Theory	5	93 Dist

Junior Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Maggie Auslander	Flute	1	120 Merit
India Hill	Singing	1	118 Pass
Aswad Khan	Flute	4	105 Pass
Chloe Baker	Singing	1	115 Pass

Appendix 5 Music Examinations

Justine Blake.....	Violin	2	124 Merit
Ciaran McLaughlin.....	Guitar	1	121 Merit
Grace Pulley	Descant Recorder	1	
115	Pass		
Declan McLaughlin.....	Guitar	1	117 Pass
Ellen Barratt	Flute	2	117 Pass
Olivia Watkins.....	Piano	1	126 Merit
Bethany Wilcock.....	Piano	1	123 Merit
Hannah Naden.....	Violin	2	120 Merit
Anneke Rood	Singing	1	136 Dist
Ruairidh Nichols	Piano	1	112 Pass
Rebecca Humphreys ..	Flute	1	117 Pass
William Strutt	Piano	2	111 Pass
Bethany Tallents	Clarinet	1	127 Merit
Eve Thomas-Davies...	Piano	2	107 Pass
Lydia Norman	Clarinet	2	116 Pass
Zarin Salehin.....	Cello	1	114 Pass
Charlotte Sampson	Piano	3	114 Pass
Alice Simkins	Descant Recorder	1	
127	Merit		
Jamie Irving.....	Piano	2	121 Merit
Thomas Slater	Cello	1	114 Pass
Emily Pegg.....	Piano	2	110 Pass
Jamie Irving	Clarinet	2	110 Merit
Caitlin Cornish	Flute	2	130 Dist

Trinity Exam Successes

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Greg Wyre.....	Keyboard	3	Pass
Rowena Moores.....	Initial Violin	4	Merit
Sarah Branley.....	Violin	4	
Ali King	Flute	5	Merit
Katie Burness.....	Flute	3	Pass