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The Bromley-Davenport Building

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Head of Foundation's Report

King's really does continue to go from strength to strength at the moment. Most obviously, the opening of the new Sixth Form Centre has been a major boost for the whole foundation and everyone is very excited about this development. In particular, the pupils enthused greatly about the centre during the first few weeks of term. The Bromley-Davenport Building, as it is now named, was officially opened by Mr William Bromley-Davenport, Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, at the start of the Autumn Term 2007. The naming of this edifice places a seal upon the relationship between King's and the Bromley-Davenport family which reaches back over 500 years. Two of the original founders were direct descendants of the present Lord Lieutenant and I do not know of any other school in the country that can boast such a relationship.

I am very grateful to the Governing Body for demonstrating vision and leadership in approving the financing of the building. Without the commitment and expertise of Jonathan Spencer Pickup, the Director of Finance, this construction would not have been so successful and I would like to record my thanks to him also.

Every year, I seem to report on a Royal Visit to King's and this year is no exception with Sophie, the Countess of Wessex, meeting the school officers after landing her helicopter on the school grounds during a visit to the Heritage Centre last term.

Unfortunately, it has not all been good news this year and the sad loss of James Painton on a rugby tour to Argentina was a terrible tragedy for us all. Our thoughts are with his family who have been in constant contact with the school over this troubled period. The service for James was held at the beginning of August and a large number of pupils, governors and colleagues attended a packed St Michael's for this memorial event. It is difficult to find positive outcomes from such an event but I was extremely proud of the school and the way it reacted to this tragedy. Nothing was too much trouble and everyone went the extra mile to help a grieving family; the staff involved in the incident behaved in the most professional of ways despite exceptionally trying circumstances.

On the other hand, there was cause for celebration in the summer as the annual examination results were published. At A level, nearly half of the results (42%) were A grades and the pass rate was again 100%. The percentage age of A/B grades was 73%, equalling the impressive record of last year. Joe Ryan, Andrew Gales, Matthew Shribman and Peter Tutton all managed five A grades at A level. Joe and Andrew achieved this feat via four A levels and two AS levels so that they actually obtained six A grades in total. 8 pupils obtained 4 A grades in their A level examinations and one third of the year group produced 3 A grades or better.

At GCSE, 54% of grades were A* or A (our best for five years) and a pass rate of 97% for A*-C grades was recorded. Sarah Gales, Hannah Hills, Natasha Perry and Rebecca Sugden all gained 10 A*s. There were 13 examples of pupils obtaining one of the five best marks in the country in these examinations, our best performance by a long way. Sarah Gales managed five of these despite having taken her examinations when a year younger than the norm. Similarly Joschka Roffe, in the Boys' Division, obtained one of the best five marks in the country despite being a year 10 pupil sitting his GCSE a year early.

These figures are a great tribute to the effort of the pupils involved but none of this success would be possible without the great commitment of the teaching staff who regularly give up so much of their time outside the classroom. We all know that they work constantly on lessons and marking but it is the time that is sacrificed at lunchtime, after school and at weekends that makes King's the special place it is. Based on the simple philosophy that pupils who are happy to come to school do well, staff give freely of their time. I am very grateful to them for all that they have done and continue to do.

The new academic year is a time for welcoming people and we have appointed some new colleagues as you will see. These are nearly all as a result of expansion as not many staff left us last year. The numbers in the Foundation stand at a record level as I write which is a testament to the educational provision on offer at King's. All in all, the school is in very good heart.

I must make mention of the Dickie Haresign Bursary which was awarded for the first time this year. Dickie was an almost legendary member of staff who sadly died at the end of 2006. Several former pupils donated funds to help launch this award to help talented youngsters at King's who are of limited financial means. The Quincentenary Bursary Scheme, of which this fund forms a part, has now raised over a quarter of a million pounds in just five years. It is now helping over a dozen pupils in the Sixth Form at this very moment. This scheme predates the current obsession with demonstrating a public benefit. King's has always seen its place as at the heart of the community and is demonstrating that in concrete terms on a daily basis.

As always, the following pages reflect a massive amount of activity at King's and I hope that you enjoy reading about our pupils and their achievements.



Hail . . .

Welcome to the following members of staff who joined King's during the academic year 2006-2007.

Mr Zaheer Ahmed joined the Physics Department on the retirement of Anne Cohen. A graduate in Materials Science and Physics from the University of Sheffield, he completed his PGCE at the University of Manchester. He taught in Oldham for the last four years.

Miss Kirstin Bailey replaced Hannah Cumbes in the ICT Department on a part-time basis. She graduated in Business Management from Leeds Metropolitan University and previously taught at Biddulph High School.

Mrs Sue Bamberger left Upton Priory to join the Infants as a Teaching Assistant, to replace Fiona Bremner, and has recently completed a Foundation Degree in Supporting Teaching and Learning.

Mrs Nicola Butterworth who joined the Bursar's Office as a secretary.

Mrs Caroline Coleman joined the PE Department at Fence Avenue as a part-time Games Coach, to replace Chris Barrick. She has been playing netball for over 30 years and currently coaches 3 teams for Manchester Metropolitan University.

Ms Sharon Collinson only moved a short distance from Arighi Bianchi's joining the school to replace Paula Percival in Reprographics. She is also kept busy by her son's numerous sporting activities.

Mrs Lorraine Cunliffe joined the Junior Division as an NQT. She completed her PGCE at MMU, having graduated in Psychology.

Miss Natalie Frith joined the Girls' Division as a Teaching Assistant (Notetaker) to replace Helen Whitworth.

Miss Kiri Gore joined the Art Department from Wilmslow High School to cover Rachel Richards' maternity leave. A graduate in Design (Ceramics) from Staffordshire University, she completed her PGCE at Bolton Institute and undertook the Graduate

Teaching Programme at Chester University College.

Mrs Jane Harris who joined the Bursar's Department as the Accounts Clerk.

Miss Ann Hunt replaced Anne Major as part-time Lab Technician in the Girls' Division. She graduated in Chemistry with Applied Physics from MMU.

Mr David Jones has also joined the Foundation as a part-time rugby coach.

Mrs Debi King has joined the Foundation Office. She is kept busy both within work and, voluntarily, as Chairman of the Friends of King's Committee. Debi originally hails from the USA.

Ms Maria McMaster, an NQT, joined the Psychology Department to replace Chris Buckland. She graduated in Psychology from the University of Manchester and has just completed her PGCE in Social Sciences and Citizenship.

Mr Andrew Puddephatt, also an NQT, replaced Mike Hart in the Geography Department. He studied Geography at Newcastle University and completed his PGCE at MMU.

In October, we welcomed **Mr Peter Samuda**, from Austria, as German Language Assistant, and **Julien Toury** as French Language Assistant.

Three new Gap Year students, **Lize Maartens** from South Africa, **Alex Nicholson** from Christchurch, New Zealand and **Scott Rees** from New South Wales, Australia, joined the Foundation in January 2007, replacing Jackson Board, James Stanley and Caitlin Boshoff.

... and Farewell

and our best wishes for the future to:

Liz Pentreath

It takes a rare sort of teacher to look after an invisible, inaudible, intangible rhinoceros like the one Liz Pentreath kept in the corner of the Philosophy room, L1. Every year she used to introduce a fresh group of sixth formers to the joys of her discipline by placing before them the epistemological

challenge of disproving its non-existence. From there began a magnificent journey into the delights of religion and philosophy as she, by turns, challenged, coaxed and cajoled her students through its not-insignificant academic demands.

However, Liz was so much more than an excellent philosophy teacher. Since her arrival at King's from Manchester Grammar School in 2000 and her succession to become Head of the Religion and Philosophy Department after John Nuttall's departure, in September 2001, she had taken on a number of roles that also embraced her humanitarian interests. Among these was her successful administration of the school's community action programme, her oversight of a thriving Amnesty International group and her supervision of the excellent Fair Trade stall which supplied sixth formers with an endless stream of coffee, cakes and biscuits whilst simultaneously raising students' awareness of those whose life conditions are harsher than ours.

That was what Liz was all about, looking at the individual and asking important questions. In doing this, she sometimes stepped on a few toes, but she appeared to take all that in her stride because she also knew how many of her students left King's with lifelong skills in thinking, questioning and challenging the status quo – and there are few more durable tributes to a member of her profession than that. So we shall all miss her warmth, enthusiasm and curiosity enormously – but not half as much as the rhinoceros in the corner of L1.

Joanne White who joined us as Vice Principal of the Sixth Form in 2004. She settled into the role immediately and was highly valued by students and colleagues. Among her many responsibilities, she oversaw some of the areas of Sixth Form life that are most dear to students, for example the Social and Charities Committee and the Year Book. She organised key social events, such as the Sixth Form balls and the Leavers' Morning, as well as organising the prefects, the Peer Support team and the Sixth Form Life evening. Whenever Jo was responsible for the organisation of an event, one could be absolutely confident that it would run smoothly. She was always approachable, and her sympathy and sound judgment were important to countless Sixth Form

Hail & Farewell

students. Jo was also a gifted teacher of Biology, which she taught in the three senior divisions. She was notably generous with her time and was often to be seen giving extra help to students outside lessons.

During her three years at King's, Jo gained expertise in every aspect of running a sixth form, and it was soon clear that she would make a first-rate head of sixth. Although we were very sorry to lose her, we were delighted that her abilities were recognised in her appointment as Head of Sixth Form at Stockport Grammar School, where she had taught before joining King's. Jo has had a very busy year, moving to a new house in Hayfield as well as starting a new job. We are most grateful to her for her fine work at King's and wish her a happy and successful future.

Linda Turner, who was one of the longest serving members of the Junior Division staff, having moved to King's from St Hilary's School, Alderley Edge in 1997.

In fact, this was her second stint as a teacher at King's, as she initially taught Geography in the senior school during the late 1970s as a young recruit, before leaving to start her family. At the Junior Division, she initially began teaching Year 4 children but soon moved to Year 3, where she became a key member of the team that has the vital job of setting the standards and values of the division. Her calm manner and attention to detail has welcomed scores of Year 3 children over the past 10 years and countless parents have been soothed by her down-to-earth and knowledgeable advice.

Her influence on the successful development of the Lower Juniors has been highly significant and she has developed the understanding and record-keeping required in the area of Learning Enhancement. She will leave to spend more time with her family, but we hope that we will still keep in touch.

Kate Robinson, who arrived at King's in 2002, from Henbury High School where she had been Head of English. Kate's calm efficiency was immediately apparent and students responded positively to her lively and engaging lessons. Within the Department, she was always first port of call to offer advice, suggestions and answers, from her vast wealth of knowledge on all

things literary. As an examiner in A Level Literature and A Level Language, students and colleagues reaped the benefits of Kate's experience. Ever willing to give up time to organise and co-ordinate theatre trips, revision classes and the running of the Year 7 Book Club, Kate immersed herself in King's life. A witty, kind and modest colleague, Kate has left a lasting impression, and we wish her well in her new ventures.

Chris Randell, who joined King's in September, 2005. He taught French throughout the senior school and also played a key role in creating the new Spanish department.

His earlier career had already included a stretch working at Disneyland Paris and this points to one of his many qualities as a teacher: he is a performer, and, although he never had his head stuck inside a synthetic cartoon character costume, classes of all age groups were consistently entertained and motivated by his quite unique teaching style. His many visits to France also gave him an extremely authentic French accent and some of the most convincing and expressive Gallic body language ever seen in an Englishman!

Chris also organised the hugely successful Year 7 chateau trips for the past two years, together with the sixth form chateau trip in 2006. He threw himself into the Spanish trips to Valladolid and Seville, where he will be remembered for convincing a large group of students, some of whom should have known better, of some wildly bizarre and entirely fictitious historical information.

Chris also played a key role in the musical life of the school, with shows like Salad Days and Songs from the Shows.

He leaves King's to lead the Modern Languages Department at Alderley Edge School for Girls. We are sure he will take no time in stamping his personality on that department and we wish him well.

And to . . .
Clare Frankish
Kiri Gore
Mark Jeffrey
Lynn Knight, and
Ann Walker

Valete...

James Painton

Everyone connected with King's was shocked and deeply saddened by the death of James Painton in a road traffic accident on the last day of the School's rugby tour of Argentina.

James was immensely popular, an utterly charming young man of great integrity. He had spent eleven of his eighteen years as a pupil at King's. James won the Endeavour Cup in his first year in the Junior Division and continued to show the same qualities throughout his School career. He committed himself wholeheartedly to all that he did.

James was a talented student, who gained good results at GCSE and A Level and would doubtless have continued to shine at university, where he hoped to read Engineering. He was an efficient School Prefect and, a valued member of the Peer Support team, in which he helped younger boys to cope with School, and he successfully undertook the Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

James threw himself into all that he did, but his great love was for rugby. He impressed his coaches as undoubtedly the most improved player of his year. He began the Sixth Form as a stalwart of the Second XV but went on to become a key member of the First XV, in which his speed was particularly valued.

Above all, James will be remembered for his unfailing good humour. James's enthusiasm was infectious, and to speak to him was always a positive experience. The great affection in which James was held was evident in the packed funeral service at St Michael's parish church, at which six of his contemporaries spoke most movingly of him.

The whole school community joins in its sympathy for his many friends, his relatives and, in particular, his parents and his sister, Sophie.



Classics

A Roman soldier visits

In May 2007, all the girls and boys who were studying Latin in Year 9 welcomed a visit from a Roman soldier, Jefficus. During his lively talk, Jefficus described his life in the Roman army from recruitment to retirement. He displayed an authentic selection of weapons and uniform, some of which pupils were invited to demonstrate. Pupils marvelled at the depth of his knowledge and ability to communicate. After a stimulating and memorable session, pupils were well informed and interested in all aspects of the Roman army.

LFA

Roman Chester

Year 4 visited Chester at the start of the school year to find out about Roman soldiers and Roman towns. The children completed three different activities, based at the Grosvenor Museum, during the day. One activity was a visit to the Roman Galleries where pupils looked at various artefacts, models and a number of grave-stones from Roman Chester. The museum also organised some 'hands-on' activities looking at the jobs archaeologists might do, even looking at a skeleton. A favourite part of the day was marching with a Roman soldier around Chester in replica armour and helmets. The children learned a lot about baths and toilets, as well as the Roman army and amphitheatres!

Roman Banquet

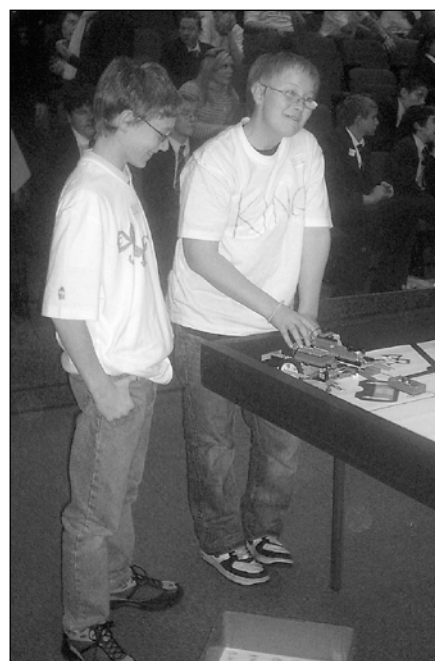
To complete their study of the Romans, Year 4 celebrated with a banquet and a day of fun Roman activities. Pupils were invited, by the goddesses, to attend the banquet and advised to order their slaves to pre-

pare some suitable Roman foods. The slaves produced the goods and all the children arrived in fantastic Roman garb for the day. It all began with a fashion show, modelling togas, tunics and sandals. There were a number of Imperial family members and, mostly, wealthy Roman ladies with jewellery and elaborate hair styles. Other activities included mosaic making, writing prayers to the goddesses and chariot races. It was a very full day!

Design and Technology

Lego League

Budding engineers from both the Boys' and Girls' Divisions took part in this year's first *Lego League Challenge* that revolved around the theme of nanotechnology. Pupils from Year 7 to Year 10 were involved from September to Christmas with the development of a robot to tackle a set of tasks



in the robotic challenge phase of the competition. The same team also had to present a research topic on how nanotechnology is currently used and how it could be improved for the benefit of mankind. This was a real challenge, but with some magnificent research work on how nano-robots could be used to deliver cancer-killing drugs to affected areas, the team made their preparations carefully.

It took a huge effort not only from the competing team, but also from a group of about twenty-five club regulars to organise the series of robotic tasks and learn to programme the robot to carry out these jobs. The team had to deliver medicine to a bone, to release a nano-thread to lift a truck and to make a nano-motor operate, as well as sorting cells of different colours. All of this was done with *Lego* pieces and took a long time to develop using the pupils' imaginations and lots of testing to see what would happen. It must be said, without the back-up team, the actual competition entry would not have been finished and these students deserve as much credit as the team that attended the event.

Competition day was at the *Jaguar* car plant in Halewood and King's competed against schools from across the area. The team's original approach to the presentation, in the form of a drama, was well received and the team, quite rightly, won this part of the competition. King's was the noisiest and most supportive team on the day and really enjoyed the experience of competition. The robots performed well on the table, too. The team reached the semi final with smooth, controlled performances, but lost to the eventual winners at this stage.

All those pupils who took part on the day received a Silver Crest award for their involvement. The most important thing was the enjoyment and enthusiasm shown by all those involved in the competition. The team aims to go higher next year - to win the regional, then the national and, perhaps, take the trip to America for the world championships. Here's hoping!

If any parent would like to become involved as a helper, or as engineering support, then please get in touch. It would be great to see more ideas and more support coming through to help the engineers of tomorrow.

J/N

Drama

Cumberland Street

Cabaret Voltaire

The Dramatic Society, this year, presented an unusual double bill of plays based on the writings of Voltaire. The first half of the programme was an adaptation of *Zadig*, which traced the comic adventures of a man who tries always to be virtuous in a world where dishonesty seems to offer greater rewards. James Siddall stepped into the title role just three weeks before the opening night, when Leo Thompson was admitted into hospital; Tom Bamford took over James' original role, Cador, and there was further reshuffling of parts throughout the cast, making the final stages of rehearsal a nerve-racking affair. By the first performance, however, all the actors were word perfect and assured in their roles. The audience could not have known from the confident delivery that any problems had befallen the cast and they responded with enthusiasm to the wit and absurdity of Voltaire's philosophical tale. The production employed physical theatre techniques and the hard working actors each played a variety of roles as well as narrating the action. With the emphasis on ensemble playing, it is difficult to pick out individual performances for special comment, but Jamie Holland's Machiavellian Arimazes and Oliver Gilman's downtrodden fisherman were played with great style and verve, while Timi Dina proved himself skilled in his use of mime and Alex Hughan connected with the audience with a natural flair for comic timing. Fortunately, Leo Thompson recovered from his operation in time to be able to play a minor role in the production and distinguished himself by joining that select group of pupils who have been involved in a school production every year of their senior school career. The second half of the programme was the more familiar *Candide*. The grim humour of the piece was well handled by an energetic cast who, again, used physical theatre to create battles, shipwrecks and to follow Candide's ludicrous misadventures from Westphalia to the New World and back again to Europe. The entire cast remained on stage throughout the performance, working with great self discipline and imagination. The eponymous hero, Candide, was

confidently handled by Stuart Gresham while Jenny Campbell's energetic portrayal of his lover, Cunégonde, demonstrated excellent diction and vocal control. Joshua Wood clearly relished the part of the incorrigible Pangloss, while Scarlett Collins exploited all the comic potential of the Woman With One Buttock, showing herself to be adroit in her use of accents as she changed from one role to another. The humour of the production had a strikingly modern feel which the committed cast delivered with gusto. It was hard to believe that the work was almost two hundred years old: Voltaire may have had serious intent in his writing, but he certainly knew how to entertain his audience and the cast knew how to bring it to life on stage. The show was stage managed by Rob Winstanley and the technical crew was headed by Matt Rigg under the guidance of Dr Craig, Miss Acharya and Mr Walker.

FW

Fence Avenue

In February, the Girls' Division presented Joan Littlewood's *Oh What A Lovely War*. The audience was transported back to the early twentieth century in a dramatised version of events in the First World War. With a sharp script and humorous tone, the play kept the audience enraptured throughout.

Naomi Gibson and Naomi Gildert guided the audience through history as the MCs. Alex Smith was a bullish General Sir Douglas Haig - a contrast to the empathy of the nurse, played by Victoria French. All the

cast played their parts with great flair, discipline and enthusiasm. This was a most moving and thought-provoking event.

Alex Smith

Girls' Division GCSE Drama

The Year 10 Drama students at Fence Avenue produced creative and thought-provoking work during the year, of which the department and girls were extremely proud. They wanted an opportunity to perform for family and friends, so, over two evenings, as many audience members as possible were squeezed into the drama studio. The varied programme that was presented to the audience provided a superb end to two and half terms of super work.

Year 7 Performance Evening

On 15 May 2007, every Year 7 girl took part in a performance evening held in Fence Avenue's hall. Families and friends were invited to support the girls as they presented dance and drama devised from their studies in class. 7LCP performed Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, directed by Linda Palazzo. 7ESc performed a whole-group dance/drama and, later, presented improvisations about Safi, a sponsored child in West Africa. 7GG created a whole-group drama about the mysterious Darkwood Manor and its owner, Mr Brown. They also demonstrated their versatility by performing speeches from the witches in *Macbeth* and by ending the evening with a dance/drama piece. Every student was professional and disciplined. They performed with confidence and headed for home with the buzz and thrill of having performed to a live audience.

CPT

Le Cirque Magique

Pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 were once again visited by the European Theatre Company at the start of the Spring Term.

They helped an injured clown to recover, chose his outfit, served him drinks and cheered him up. They also met a naughty talking monkey, who taught them to sing and dance in French.

They had a lot of fun whilst speaking, interacting and taking part in a special theatre workshop.



Nursery Nativity

Whoops-A-Daisy Angel was the nativity play that the Nursery Class performed to a packed audience of parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and carers. The majority of the children were only three years old, but they wowed their audience with singing, actions, dancing and costumes. This was a lovely 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

Three theatre productions were viewed over the course of the year. The first was a visit to the Lowry Theatre to see *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The group was delighted by an excellent portrayal of Scout and some clever use of flashback in a gripping courtroom scene in what was a very enjoyable and moving play.

The next trip involved a journey over the Pennines to the West Yorkshire Playhouse to see *Macbeth*. Over fifty Year 9 pupils travelled and experienced what was generally judged to be a worthwhile but slightly mixed production. Lady Macbeth was thought to be very strong, the performance in the sleep walking scene being powerfully harrowing; her husband was less convincingly portrayed, but yet again, the Porter almost stole the show, climbing up from the depths of the pit to entertain us.

Finally, Year 11 examination groups visited Bolton Octagon where *Death of a Salesman*, their set text, was being staged. All enjoyed a sound production, enabling them to cement their knowledge and understanding of the play and its issues. Willy Loman more than fulfilled his role as the central character in what is quite rightly recognised to be a huge part.

History

Year 7 Boys at Castell Conwy

On Friday 23rd March, Year 7 boys visited Conwy Castle in Wales for the day. After registration, we got on the Bostock's coach and set off. The ride took about one and a half hours, but it was fun and enjoyable!

When we arrived, Dr Craig gave us worksheets which contained questions about each of the different features of the castle and also a plan of its layout. After a short walk from the car park, we arrived at the Information Centre and shop. We then set off towards the castle, went swiftly past the portcullis and to the first tower. Dr Craig told us that the Lord would have slept there. We carried on back the way we came and looked at the battlements, portcullis and sea views. Conwy Castle is situated on the coast and the sea would have also been a natural defence to prevent attacks on the castle.

We then went through what would have been the kitchen. This reminded us of the fish and chips we were going to have for lunch! We also looked at the Outer Ward and Inner Ward. Just before lunch we went up the tower and met up with some of the other classes. Then we went down to the harbour and went in groups of eight to the fish and chip shop. They were delicious. We finally had a quick look around the west barbican and then walked along the town walls back to the coaches.

Seeing a castle in real life helped us to understand better what we had already learnt in the classroom, and it was also a great day out.

Harry Frost and Jamie Hammill

Houlgate Dark Age Village

At the end of April, on a warm and sunny Monday, Year 4 visited Houlgate Dark Age Village at Murton Park. On arrival, Eric the Viking met the group and gave the children an introduction to the day and handed out costumes. The boys, girls and mums dressed up in their Viking outfits and set off for the village.

There, they met Lief and asked permission to join the village where he lived. The group was only allowed to stay if all promised to work hard. One 'family' was trained as guards and was kept busy warning the villagers about suspicious strangers. Another did housework, grinding up wheat grain for flour and collecting firewood. The farming was tiring and not very interesting, but real Viking children had to do that for a whole day. The group made cresset lamps to burn fish oil when it got dark.

When My Lady arrived, all had to be on their very best behaviour, as she was fierce! The banquet was fun – the children were impressed by Vi-

king table manners, for burping was encouraged and no forks or spoons were used, and liked being waited on by slaves, the teachers and mums, and by being allowed to shout for their food. Altogether it was a very memorable day and a great experience.

Macclesfield Museum

Year 3 children went to the Macclesfield Museum in West Park to learn about the ancient Egyptians. The children spent a morning being archaeologists studying Egyptian artefacts and investigating when the artefacts might have been made and the materials that they were made from. They then dressed up as Egyptians and looked at the fascinating exhibition in the museum. They saw a mummy case and some everyday objects from Ancient Egypt. The museum even has a real mummified hand and a mummified bird! In the afternoon, the children made their own papyrus and even had time to draw Egyptian hieroglyphs on some ready-made papyrus.

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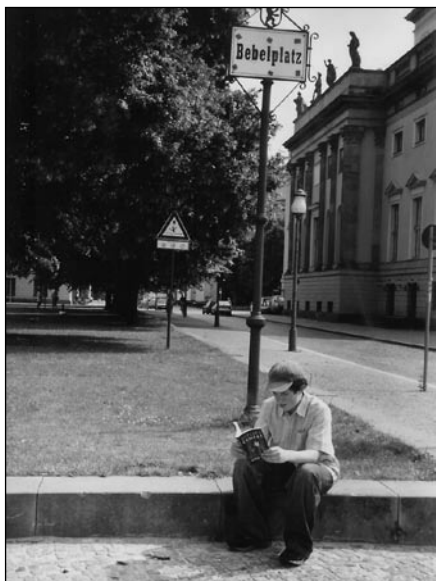
Dunham Massey

Year 2 children took a step back in time when they visited the Dunham Massey estate this term. They became Victorian servants for the day, and learnt how hard life really was for servants in the big house. They enjoyed doing the laundry, making beds, baking biscuits and setting tables. They also gained an insight into the life of a game keeper. They had great fun tracking poachers through the woods and searching for partridge eggs in the undergrowth.

Resource Centres

The Information Resource Centres are exciting places: annually new technologies develop and new authors are published. The Learning Resource Centres reflect all this in new initiatives and activities, and in the Girls' Division Resource Centre, new music keyboards have enhanced the computer facilities that were already in place.

The year's activities began with our annual Holiday Reading Competition. King's pupils certainly read everywhere! The winning entry in the Girls' Division was Lara Knowles, pictured on a roller coaster at Walt Dis-



ney World and, in the Boys' Division, the winner was Joe Hendley, photographed in the exact location of the events described in Sandi Tostvig's *Hitler's Canary*.

Open morning in October saw the Alan Cooper Library in Cumberland Street decorated as it was a hundred and fifty years ago, in celebration of the original opening of the building. Fence Avenue took up the theme with a complementary display of girls' education of the period. Both boys and girls dressed up as Victorian pupils and there were some Victorian lessons to try. Using current technology in the form of internet websites, the lives of the class of 1856 were traced. This was a fascinating piece of research, revealing that whilst many pupils remained in the local area, others travelled the world: to Australia and the Caribbean for example.

World Book Day was celebrated by a visit from poet, entertainer and football fan, Paul Cookson, who kept Year 8 boys and girls enthralled with his football poetry and chants. A very successful inter-house book quiz followed. The winning teams were Gawsworth girls and Adlington boys. The quiz will definitely be on the programme for next year, perhaps concluding with an inter-site inter-house final.

Other competitions throughout the year have tested the pupils' general book knowledge, celebrated Enid Blyton Day, quizzed the boys about what the teachers read, and concluded with the boys trying their hand at guessing the final sentence of *The Deathly Hallows*, the seventh and final book of the Harry Potter series, before the publication date.

Our aim, as always is to encourage and develop King's pupils as readers, and these activities, in conjunction with information skills lessons, should mean every pupil leaves school confident in the use of information in all its many forms.

Music

Over the years, King's musicians have raised many thousands of pounds for charity. This year began in a very busy way for one member of the department. To celebrate Mozart's 250th birthday and to raise money for Christian Relief Uganda, the continuation of *Maria's Care* which set up an orphanage and school in Uganda and now provides medical and dental care and the like, the Director of Music spent six hours on a late September Saturday performing all eighteen of Mozart's three-movement piano sonatas. This sponsored Mozart Marathon was very well supported throughout the day and finished with a relaxing Cheese and Wine party, the whole event raising over four thousand pounds.

This was not the only new venture of the Autumn term: Mrs Barratt arranged a hugely successful Year 8 Boys' Division Music Evening in mid-November, with ninety five boys performing to an audience of three hundred parents, grandparents and siblings. There were songs about current political issues, a Football Cantata and *The Time of Our Lives*, with singing in up to four parts and accompaniment from Year 8 instrumentalists, assisted by Sixth Form musicians. Each form performed items from the Year 7/8 curriculum, prepared in class, including some of their own compositions, and very entertaining rhythm pieces played on brooms, plastic bottles, cake tins and basket balls, in the manner of *Stomp*. There were ensembles of guitars (14 electric and 2 miked acoustic), saxophones, trumpets and a Year 8 band. This was a sensational evening which looks set to become an annual feast, if Mrs Barratt emerges from the darkened room.

A week later, the Autumn Instrumental Concert contained a wide variety of outstanding performances by the Jazz Band, Big Band, Training Wind Band, Wind Band, String Orchestra and Foundation Orchestra. Particular memories include the Sixth Form Chamber Choir singing jazz ar-

rangements with the Big Band, and the sight of a Training Wind Band so large that the stage was almost too small. The String Orchestra enjoyed the first of its two annual weekends at Trigonos, North Wales, to prepare for this concert, their second visit being in March.

Meanwhile, Mrs Beesley was preparing the school choirs for the Christmas festivities, beginning with the Foundation Choir's singing of the *Service of Nine Lessons and Carols* in Chester Cathedral on 5th December, followed two days later by the BFC and Girls' Division Choir giving a *King's Sings* concert, with Mr Sykes and the Percussion Ensemble in exciting form. There were only two days to breathe before the Foundation Choir joined the Northern Chamber Orchestra in their Christmas Concert in the Heritage Centre, then repeated the carol service in St Michael's Church on the penultimate evening of term.

The Spring term highlights were two Musical Soirées, containing performances by musicians studying Music at GCSE and A Level, their performances being recorded as part of their course. There were some superb performances, as good as could be expected from any pupils of this age, and it is only a pity that the audiences are rather small for these events. One would expect the A2 candidates in Year 13 to offer the most advanced items, the requirement being a twenty-minute recital, and the audience was not disappointed, with Charlotte Murray giving a beautiful song recital and Sam Lea presenting an excellent, varied recital on percussion, piano and voice. All the GCSE and AS/A2 pupils would go on in the Summer to acquit themselves superbly, maintaining the tradition of excellent results in public examinations in Music at King's.

The beginning of the Summer term was notable for another charity occasion, the performance of an evening of *Songs from the Shaws* in aid of the East Cheshire Hospice. This wonderful evening of great singing and dancing was organised and performed by just twelve pupils, two Year 11 girls, one Year 12 girl, and five girls and four boys from Year 13, accompanied by the piano, and with former pupil, Will Soutter, on drums. The solo singing, ensembles and entertaining introductions were all of outstanding quality and would not have disgraced a professional troupe.

The Spring Instrumental Concert at the beginning of May, squeezed into the Cumberland Street Hall just before exam desks took over, was another reminder of the combination of high musical quality and sheer enjoyment which is the hallmark of concerts at King's. It is hard to decide who enjoys themselves more, the audience or the performers.

The choirs were not forgotten, however, with the BFC going to the Isle of Wight on a three-day mini-tour (below) with Mrs Beesley, Mrs Pyatt, Mrs Barratt and Dr Pattison, giving concerts that had rave notices in the press and local audiences clamouring for return visits. The end of term saw two splendid evenings of varied music, a Year 7-9 Musical Soirée full of winning performances from the House Music Competition, followed the next day by a superb *King's Sings* in the Macclesfield Methodist Church, with charismatic singing from the BFC, Girls' Division Choir and Foundation Choir, the whole evening being recorded and a CD, *Make a Joyful Noise*, now being available from the school.

The year ended with a great occasion, the Foundation Choir dinner.

With wonderful food and spontaneous (or even prepared) entertainment, this was a good send-off to a cohort of Year 13 pupils of a number and quality that the school has rarely had in one year group. Final events of a school year are always tinged with sadness, as pupils with whom we have enjoyed so much music for many years, in class and in choirs, orchestras and bands, move on to pastures new. Friendships for life have been forged through mutual passion for music, but we miss them and are delighted to see so many of them when they return as audience members at King's concerts and services.

Sadly, we also said farewell this year to one of our outstanding team of instrumental staff, Sara Napier, who has been a wonderful piano teacher to so many young pupils over many years. She decided to retire from piano teaching to pursue other avenues. We wish her all the best for the future.

AKG

Junior Division

In November, Year 4 presented a musical version of the tale of Robin Hood, entitled *Hoodwinked!* All the

expected characters made an appearance; a dashing Robin was played by Rowena Moores and the gentle Maid Marion by Hannah Barker. John le Moignan was hilarious as the dastardly Sheriff of Nottingham and as a troop of merry men bravely helped Robin save the village folk from the Sheriff's plots, all the children had the chance to deliver lines and they sang the catchy songs with enthusiasm. The audience enjoyed some expert song and dance numbers and comic timing well beyond that expected from 8 and 9 year olds.

In December, the division began the month in festive spirit with a Christmas Concert. Items were performed by the Brass Group, Guitar Ensemble, Wind, Brass and Percussion Ensemble, Junior Strings and the Flute and Recorder Group. The Upper and Lower Junior Choirs sang, highlights being a gentle carol, *O Come, Little Children* sung by the pure voices of Year 3 and Year 4 children, and a new arrangement of *Away in a Manger* sung by Years 5 and 6. Talented Year 5 and 6 soloists offered individual items and played with impressive confidence.

The Junior Carol Service was held at St. Michael's Church on 14th De-



ember. The Christmas story was presented through a mixture of songs, readings and drama. Each year group performed as a choir and they all sang a piece written by the Christian composer, Graham Kendrick. 6JEB mimed to the story of *The Night the Angels Sang* which tells of the appearance of the heavenly hosts from the shepherds' perspective. Traditional carols were sung by the whole congregation, expertly accompanied by Mr. Green and, with a final uplifting descant to *O Come All Ye Faithful*, it was a joyful, moving occasion and a lovely way to end a busy term.

The Macclesfield and Bollington Schools' Music Festival was held in March and King's Year 5 children, along with nine other local primary schools gave a wonderful concert at the Leisure Centre. The cantata this year was *Rainbow Spectacular* by Debbie Campbell. The story presented all the colours of the rainbow as different characters who eventually joined together to form a rainbow and chase the grey skies away. The school's individual item was presented by all the Year 5s who sang *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* in three parts, with actions! All the singing on the evening was superb and King's children not only thoroughly enjoyed themselves, but also impressed the audience with their good behaviour and focus during the concert.

The Year 6 musical this year was *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. This is a difficult musical for younger children as it requires much stamina and many dance numbers: some children spent several weeks sorting out their left foot from their right and were amazed at how much hard work was involved. However, with extra help from staff and a dedicated team of parents, the children presented a show full of colour and pizzazz! Ruairidh Nichols sang the role of Joseph beautifully and he was ably supported by the five narrators, Eve Thomas-Davies, Hattie McCance, Jack Hammersley, Daniel Percival and Maria Maximous. Amelia Woodruff was excellent as Pharaoh with an incredibly accurate impersonation of Elvis. The children appeared as Ishmaelites, Adoring Girls, Potiphar and his courtiers, Pharaoh's Teds and of course, Joseph's eleven brothers. With art deco scenery produced by Phil Atkinson and lighting effects from Simon Leah, the three

nights were outstanding for the children's efforts and commitment.

The term ended with a thoughtful Easter Service, led by Years 3 and 4. The Junior Strings opened the service with an instrumental version of *Lord of the Dance* and then Lower Junior children presented *Hosanna!* - a musical re-telling of the events of Holy Week. They sang seven songs in all, and Year 4 children read the relevant bible passages. A talk by Rev. Jeremy Tear led to careful thought about the Easter eggs we receive.

In May, a choir of thirty four Year 6 children entered the Alderley Edge Music Festival. They had to sing two contrasting pieces and had only just over three weeks to prepare for the competition but, true to form, they learnt their notes and words in record time. Mrs. Lea enjoyed working with them on the finer points of the music such as phrasing and dynamics and it certainly paid off as they were awarded first prize. The adjudicator

commented on their lovely sound, clear diction and presentation. The children were delighted to return to school with a silver cup for the trophy cabinet.

The Junior School Music Festival happened in the penultimate week of the term and gave all the children a reason to continue practising. Mrs. Barratt, Mrs. Beesley, Mr. Green and Mrs. Pyatt all adjudicated and gave encouraging comments to the children, and we must thank the talented Mrs. Soutter, who also stepped in at the very last minute to adjudicate a few classes. Stickers and rewards were given to all performers and certificates went to those awarded a position in the class. This is a house competition and when all the points were totalled, Tatton were victorious. Year 5 winners then performed at the Prizegiving concert a week later.

At the Summer Concert, the Wind, Brass and Percussion Ensemble played the theme from *Thunderbirds* and the String Ensemble delighted the audience with *Let's Go Dutch!* The Year 3 choir sang and the Junior Brass Band of cornets, trumpets, French horns and a euphonium played three splendid pieces under the direction of Mr. Brown. The Flute and Recorder group played a medley of folk tunes and the Competition Choir had a chance to show off their winning performance. Year 6 winners from the Music Festival performed solos and the concert ended with the Year 5/6 choir singing three songs, including a lively performance of *Car Wash* with suitable actions. It was a most enjoyable concert from our young performers and a fitting way to end another busy and successful musical year.

A/J

Infants' Summer Concert

King's Infants presented a colourful version of a tale of four animals that team up and take to the road in search of adventure. The animals stumble across a group of robbers and their 'singing' scares the robbers so much that the robbers determine never to steal again!

Max Turner, Alice Robinson, Natasha Salem and Toby Spencer-Pickup were delightful in the main roles. All the infants featured as narrators, donkeys, dogs, cats, roosters, robbers and woodland folk and each class performed a special song and dance, much to the delight of their families.



Biology

Zoological Club

This incredibly popular lunchtime club continues to thrive at Fence Avenue. It runs every lunchtime in the Biology Department. The four corn snakes, Pythagoras, Algebra, Pluto and Artemis continue to be star attractions. The care of these animals is the girls' full responsibility.

Recent additions to the club are fourteen Land Hermit crabs, whose antics can be viewed via Crab Cam on the school intranet. The cheekiest of the lot became affectionately known as Nipper after he launched an attack on Mrs Broadly one lunchtime. The club has attempted marking these animals in order to study their behaviour. Unfortunately, they keep swapping shells! They also seem to have some sort of Escape Committee going and there have been several escapees.

The club is presently setting up a marine tank using a very generous donation from The Friends of King's. To date, the club has its very own Nemo, along with a variety of other invertebrate life. The beautiful dancing shrimps are particularly fun to watch. The activity in this tank can be viewed thanks to Marine Cam, again on the school intranet.

For the second year running, the Zoological Club enjoyed taking part in the RSPB *Big School Bird Watch*.

The girls spend many busy lunchtimes overseeing the well-being of the animals, fish and stick insects that they keep. The girls are resourceful, enthusiastic, and pleasurable company.

HLB

Wildlife Week

Monday May 21st was the beginning of the Junior Division's annual wildlife week. Pupils took part in quizzes and competitions, followed nature trails, identified plants and trees and learned about birds of prey and bats. Mrs Roberts' superb photographs provided a highly colourful backdrop in the Junior Division Entrance Hall that introduced a number of specimens of plant life for the children to study. Jane Hemmingway from *Broadwings Birds of Prey* brought some tawny and little owls for the children to see and other visitors came from *Cheshire Bat Group* and *Lower Moss Wood Educational Nature Reserve*. Children from the Nature Club acted as guides

for the Ginkgo Meadow, showing interested children around our own wildlife area. The school was also presented with a beautifully carved wooden frog by Macclesfield ranger, Ed Pilkington, and this will be placed in the Ginkgo Meadow.

Year 3 Minibeasts Science

It was raining and not quite the weather that had been hoped for, but, undaunted, fifty-one children, four staff and three brave parents set off for a full day's visit to Quarry Bank Mill, hoping to learn more about the River Bollin and its mini-beasts. Great fun was had pond dipping, and many interesting creatures were found and identified including mayfly larvae, giant water boatmen and even leeches.

In the woods, much exploring took place and, again, many mini-beasts were collected and observed. A huge honeybee, millipedes, slugs and a very unusual yellow ladybird were amongst the creatures found. Despite the heavy showers, each group bravely completed the experiments on the River Bollin. Floating dog biscuits yet again proved ideal for measuring the speed of the river and a game of pooh sticks over a bridge was great fun.

The children learned many interesting facts about how the woods were managed by the National Trust and they often excelled themselves with their knowledge. On the way back to school, the number of very sleepy-eyed children and adults that there was testified to a very busy, worthwhile and fun-packed day.

LT

General Science

Fence Avenue

There has been a large number of events and activities this year. All of Year 8 attended a lecture, based on energy, given by Dr Bunhead from the television show, *Brainiacs*. After a series of excellent demonstrations, he finished by firing a potato, at two hundred miles per hour, through a tennis racket, to make chips. The students then spent the rest of the day designing cures for snakebites and scorpion stings as well as using the museum's large number of interactive exhibits.

Science week was again a huge success with the annual science quiz

and the general science *Egg Race* in which students had a week to design and make from household rubbish a catapult that would fire a ping-pong ball a set distance. The eventual winners used a combination of rubber bands, egg boxes, yoghurt pots, string and candles successfully to land their ping-pong ball in the middle of the target. The whole of Year 8 took part in this event and it was judged by students from the School's Gifted and Talented Programme. Year 7 and Year 8 students also competed at Manchester University in the Royal Society of Chemistry annual science competition, which involved solving a murder and creating a new dye for clothing.



This year a large number of local junior schools were invited into the school to join science workshops. So far, three schools have attended the events. The workshops are run jointly by staff and students from the Girls' Gifted and Talented Programme. Activities included meeting the resident snakes, exploding hydrogen, making putty and, of course, exploding jelly babies. The events have proved very successful and the school looks forward to inviting many more schools in the future.

The Rainow Cub Scout group also made its biannual visit. Thirty-five cubs, boys and girls, and their leaders, spent an evening in the Chemistry department at Cumberland Street making crystals, firing rockets across the labs and making slime to take home. This event is a regular in the calendar and is always a very enjoyable experience.

Crest Awards

Scientific research and problem solving is the name of the game! Several groups of Year 8, 9 and 10 girls completed *CREST* Awards this year at Fence Avenue. The aim of the scheme is to encourage industry linked problem-solving work in science and technology areas. Areas of research included: the greenhouse effect, tissue culturing and seed germination.

HLB

Geology

This year's introductory fieldwork in the Peak District was carried out successfully and we were fortunate enough to have good weather. Sedimentary successions of Mam Tor and Odin's Mine were among some of the field sites visited. Good weather managed to stay with us later in autumn term, for the Y13 coursework field trip.

Before Easter, the Lower Sixth sailed for the Isle of Arran for a week-long field course. After being entertained on the voyage across to the island by a practice lifeboat launching, the rich and varied geology of Arran provided the focus for the week ahead. A sacred geological site, James Hutton's world famous unconformity was visited and dinosaur footprints and monster millipede tracts were found. All the students survived the experience and, with plenty of seals, we saw almost as much wildlife as geology. One student even admitted to dreaming about rocks whilst on the field course!

As term ended, the several tons of rock and fossil specimens (it certainly felt like it) were packed up and moved out of the department to enable a complete re-fit to take place. New storage and display areas created a fantastic new classroom very much appreciated by students and staff alike.

JAF

The Rock Shop

Children from 5AGE organised a Rock Shop in February. Raife Copp-Barton and Isaac Brough got a group of willing volunteers together to man the shop for a week, offering a variety of rocks and fossils for sale to the rest of the Junior School. The rocks were provided by *Junior Geo*, a company that specialises in supplying

high quality rocks at affordable prices. The shop was open for just one week and, during that time, Raife and Isaac completely sold out of rocks, so that more were urgently ordered. The most popular were shark's tooth fossils and agate geodes. This highly successful and popular event will be repeated next year.

Physics

Cumberland Street Physics Club

Those year 9 students who attended the Physics Club this year started by exploring the properties of temperature sensitive film and then considered how it might be used as a thermometer in fish tanks. The next project, which the students particularly enjoyed, was to build, using basic components, a simple electric motor. They then went on to discover how the performance of a motor depends on factors such as the number of turns of the coil and the strength of the magnets. Prompted by their findings, they decided to investigate methods by which the strength of a magnet could be measured firstly by using an ordinary compass and then with a more advanced digital flux meter.

ZA

Fence Avenue Physics and Science Club

Year 7 and 8 students have attended sessions held every Wednesday lunchtime in A6. They have made water rockets, quiz games, silly putty, model helicopters and crystal Christmas trees. The students also helped to look after the hermit crabs and enjoyed the flashes and bangs produced by Mr Jackson in the chemistry laboratory at Cumberland Street. A number of projects were extended by those students who came on other lunchtimes.

SJH

Paperclip Physics

This is a competition organised by the Institute of Physics. Teams of Lower Sixth 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.

Rules impose a restriction of two teams per school, so a school-based round of competition was organised to choose our top two teams to enter the initial heats at Salford University. John Whitehurst, Joe Banks, James Fox, Christian Bridge, and Charlotte Turner explained the exceptionally high tides in the Bay of Fundi in terms of forced oscillations and resonance, and were highly commended by the judges.

Fiona Sneddon, Verity Cross, Simon Anderson, and Emily Nesbitt, gave a memorable presentation on terminal velocity with the aid of lemonade bottles, washing up liquid and golf balls. They won through to the Liverpool and Manchester Regional Grand Final at Daresbury Research Laboratories, where they gave another polished presentation, much admired by the judges. Coming joint third, each student in the team was awarded a copy of the book, *Black Holes, Wormholes and Time Machines* further to encourage their physics research.

PI

Psychology

On 16 March a number of Year 12 Psychology students made their way to Manchester to a course entitled, *Offender Profiling and Beyond: Forensic and Investigative Psychology*. The course lasted the whole day and was presented by leaders in the field of forensic psychology. During the day the students learned about serial killers and how they tend to operate, about eyewitness testimony and how unreliable it can be, about predicting domestic violence and how to locate a murderer through techniques like geographical profiling.

The course involved postgraduate students from the University of Liverpool describing their research and how it relates to the field of Psychology, as well as an American policeman who described the forensic aspect of one particular murder case in which he was involved.

The course was educational and enjoyable and a good time was had by all.

Classics Department

Rome

In July, a group of boys and girls from Years 7 – 10 visited the exciting and historic city of Rome.

Under the guidance of Mr Parkes, Miss Easby and Mr Houghton, they visited St Peter's Basilica and Cathedral, the Vatican Museum, the Coliseum, the catacombs, the Roman forum, the Di Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps and the Pantheon. All the sites created interest and made the visitor feel as if transported in time. Mr Houghton's knowledge of the area opened minds to the wonders of this ancient city.

The group stayed in a picturesque town outside the city, just five minutes walk from the beach. The beach and pool were a welcome escape from the bustling city and all spent many happy hours there.

This trip inspired the students in the wonders of the Roman and Italian way of life.

Alex Smith and Sophie Macfadyen

Duke of Edinburgh

Silver expeditions

The group of forty-two students stayed intact and committed for much of the year and only three were lost as a result of unforeseen circumstances - an improvement on previous years. The level of motivation was high and they pursued the training with plenty of vigour, covering such aspects as food choice, rucksack packing, practical navigation and emergency procedures. This enabled them to undertake a very successful practice expedition in glorious weather at the end of April. However, the weather gods took their revenge in July when the three-day final expedition in the Yorkshire Dales was hammered by almost incessant wet and windy conditions. Nevertheless, all the candidates stuck to the task and remained remarkably cheerful in spite of the rain. It was such a good area for the expeditions that will again be used next year, hopefully, with better weather!

Gold Expedition

Day 1: From the hostel.

Most people awoke after very little sleep and grabbed as much as they could of the available breakfast. After breakfast and a double-checking of kit, we were dropped off at the

bottom of what was going to be one of the largest, longest, and steepest climbs of the whole four days. We trekked throughout the day, periodically eating and refilling on water. We finally reached the campsite and it was a race to erect the tents as the heavens were about to open. Fortunately, we got them up in time and we cooked our staple diets for the next four days, rice and pasta.

Day 2: From the farm.

Five minutes into the walk, we stopped to apply sun cream. This was a short-lived idea as the skies became cloudy and it became more of a time to wear jumpers. We climbed a tough hill and the weather did not improve as clouds moved in on us and the thick mist brought someone to say, "Come on. Let's get down out of the rain", to which the reply was, "Or let's go down into the real rain". How right that was! As we made the descent, we entered flood conditions for the paths had turned into streams. Finally, we reached the campsite and, once again, opened the tents and began to feast.

Day 3: From Quinny's group and the girls' group.

This was the most interesting so far of all our campsites, with the toilet,

washing up area and wash area being mixed sex. The midges also seemed particularly abundant. Anyway, we were off once again. Fortunately, one of the members of our team told us it was a 'flat' day, so we all set off with morale high. Then we saw the slight hill, straight up the side of a corrie - and then straight up some more. But we were more than ready for the challenge with the girls hot on our trail. We trekked on and finally reached the campsite with time to spare, so we all had two dinners that night. Competition was also developing between the groups.

Day 4: From all groups.

Because of this rivalry, we woke at 5am and packed down everything away in fifteen minutes flat. Soon the trek turned in to an obstacle course, with river crossings assisted by cables, then a potential test of vertigo. Unfortunately, the map had failed to mention the two-metre jump, with packs on, where there is a break in the path over a twelve-metre drop to the rocks and river below. After that small test, we trekked on and came to a farmyard that had a sign telling us that there were two routes, one through the farm or another through a gate further up to the right. As the path through the farm was more di-



School Trips

rect and was also marked on our maps, we decided to continue. Little did we know of the local deterrent. As two dogs came sprinting round the corner, baring teeth and barking, there was no time to think. We all ran. Luckily, they stopped a short distance away from the farm.

We soon remembered the rival group and the trek turned into a yomp, running and walking with no signs of slowing down. We finally reached our finishing line and set up a new camp at the railway station, and got the best night's sleep we had had.

*Matt King-Smith, Ben Arnold,
Jack Stott-Sugden, Dave Mobbs and
Chris Mysko.*

French Department

Château de la Baudonnière

On a fine spring morning, Mr Randell could be found standing on a stage on the Rock car park, apparently about to perform a cabaret for a large group of waiting cars. Yes, the latest King's sixth form French social event was about to begin. All were full of anticipation for what has become the highlight of the sixth form French year.

After a rather lengthy coach journey, the group arrived at the Gîtes de la Baudonnière, a smaller centre near to the château, where all could live and study without the noise and chaos of large school groups of younger children. This proved to be an excellent environment for learning and practising French and the food and accommodation were excellent – even if the somewhat thin walls meant that conversation was not always as private as it might have been!

A live-in animateur, Tyfenn, kept us in French. In addition, the group had a personal cook, Linda, who along with other château staff, prepared a fantastic barbecue à la française on a sunny but cool evening towards the end of the stay. There was unseasonably wonderful weather, which made the setting of the château and Normandy even more idyllic than normal. Sadly, this wonderful summer weather was not to return for the Year 7 trip later in the year!

During the week, students engaged in a number of intensive French-speaking activities. They visited the Maire Adjoint in his rooms in the town hall of Granville. He answered stu-



dents' searching questions concerning such topics as the environment, crime and punishment, distribution of wealth and immigration. A large group of students spent an afternoon in the town courts in Avranches listening to a variety of cases of various degrees of unpleasantness, and gaining an unforgettable insight into the French legal system. The group called in at the Gendarmerie at La Haye Pesnel, but a crime wave seemed to have hit the town, for there was no one there. Students interviewed local people at the market in Villedieu-les-Poêles and gained some insight into local opinion. A competition, for which the standard was particularly

high, was to buy the best picnic at the market. Evening activities included bowling and a visit to the crêperie in Avranches. On one spectacularly fine day, all visited St Malo where Mr Randell again exhibited his talent for improvising convincing, but untrue, anecdotal information as the students walked around the city walls.

It was a most successful week during which a good time was had and much French was spoken. All the children greatly appreciated the presence of French Assistant, and part-time château animateur, Juju and were very grateful to Faissal, an animateur at the château who has been involved with working with King's school groups

for several years now and who remains, rightly, very popular with the students. The trip continues to be the ideal preparation for speaking examinations that follow in May and all the students gained in language knowledge and competence.

IED

Year 7, July

As any Year 7 child will tell you, the correct answer to the question 'Quel temps fait-il en France en juillet?' is usually, 'Il fait chaud; il y a du soleil; il fait beau.' Well, there was a bit of a surprise this year: even though all had a wonderful time, most came home not only full of stories, but also laden with wet and muddy washing for their long-suffering parents!

The 2007 party of around 120 pupils from both divisions was one of the largest groups that King's has sent to visit Château de la Baudonnière. The group arrived tired, but safely, after the longer Portsmouth-Caen crossing rather than the shorter fast craft crossing normally used. It was a very late arrival, too, although this had little effect on the boundless energy that pupils displayed the following morning and thereafter.

During the week, the programme involved the usual mixture of activities and French lessons. All the activities were carried out in French by the excellent château staff. There can be few venues where children can rampage around a wet assault course whilst memorising the correct French prepositions for 'I am crossing the river,' or 'I am falling into the river,' or 'I have become soaking wet,' and so on. The assault course was, as ever, a particular highlight and the clothes-drying room very quickly became full. Another hit was the canoe activity in which pupils raced around the beautiful lake in the château grounds and attempted to stay upright whilst carrying out some odd manoeuvres. Other outdoor activities included orienteering, climbing and archery; indoors, pupils baked their own bread, fenced and had some French lessons. All learned how to create photograms, using photographic paper and objects collected from the grounds to create some quite artistic results. Pigs, horses, llamas and chickens were fed and the children were shown how cider is made and given a daring sip!

At various markets around the region, pupils showed ingenuity in assembling very good quality picnics

that suited their budgets. Mont St Michel was where all enjoyed spending, or wasting, more cash in the many greedy and overpriced outlets that exist to help tourists part with their money.

The final evening, the talent show, the last day and the return home seemed to come around very quickly, as ever. As always, the standard of the accommodation and food was excellent, although not all the group took to the idea of eating snails! As a result, there were plenty left for the more escargotophile - yes, it IS a word - staff and pupils. The only thing that could have been better was the weather. It rained and rained and rained, and then rained some more. This, however, did little to dampen any King's pupil's spirit and some of the activities, like the assault course, were judged to have been improved by it!

IED

A Taste of France - PGL holiday

In September 2006, a party of forty-five Year 5 and 6 children, and five staff, enjoyed a weekend at PGL's Hardelet Plage site. After a long journey through England and Northern France in the rain, the party were happy to settle into their accommodation. Over the weekend, they explored the nearby town of Montreuil, visited *Nausicaa* (a huge sea-life centre) and a bee museum, as well as taking in the solemn sight of a World War I cemetery. The children also tried out a variety of activities such as climbing, assault course, survival skills and initiative exercises before sampling some local culinary delights (frogs' legs and snails!) at tea. The return journey was delayed by coach problems that limited the hypermarket visit to a dash. However, all still managed to arrive back at school pretty much on time. This was the final visit for Mr Batchelor who has organised these annual holidays for the past ten years or so.

German Department

Rhineland

At 5am on Monday 2nd July 2007, twenty-two boys and twenty-two girls departed with five of their teachers for Koblenz in the German Rhineland. The trip was to enable 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, arriving at two in the afternoon and continuing the journey through France and Belgium into Germany. The hotel, the Scholz, was reached in time for dinner.

Tuesday's activities offered a taste of the traditional Rhineland. In the morning, the group took a boat cruise along the River Rhine to Braubach, where lots of photographs were taken of the beautiful Rhine valley. After lunch, the party enjoyed a falconry display at Burg Maus in St Goarshausen, and had a guided tour of Marksburg Castle, with its famous torture chambers.

After returning to the hotel for dinner, staff organised a team quiz based on the day's activities, just to check which students had really been paying attention!

On Wednesday, there was something of a change of pace with an all-day visit to *Phantasialand*, one of Europe's leading theme parks. Students and staff enjoyed the thrills and spills of the day. Back at the hotel, staff organised a drama activity after dinner. Students were given a genre and a fairy tale that they had to act out for the others to guess, using tissue paper to make costumes and props. This was a hugely entertaining evening for all.

Thursday again offered a different atmosphere - this time that of a large, bustling German city. In Cologne, visits were made to the magnificent cathedral, to the Kölnisches Wasser exhibition (the home of Eau de Cologne), and chocolate cravings were satisfied by a delicious visit to the Chocolate Museum, burning off the calories with a visit to the interactive Sports and Olympic Museum. Of course, any spare time was taken up with shopping!

The evening was again spent using up any excess energy with a trip to the local bowling alley. Only those students present know who had the lowest score . . .

The return journey on the Friday went smoothly and everyone arrived back at the Rock Block at around midnight that evening, tired but happy.

The weather was dreadful all week and the success of this trip is really down to the cheerful nature of the students who took part.

JAIM

History Department

The Battlefields of Belgium and France

In the last week of the summer term, a group of fifty-two Year 10 boys and girls, accompanied by their history teachers and by Mrs. Parry, the Foundation Librarian, travelled by coach and ferry to the battlefields of the First World War in Belgium and France.

The first two days were spent in the rebuilt town of Ypres in Belgium, the focus of three major battles and now the location of the Flanders Fields Museum, which helped the pupils to understand the significance of the fighting around the Ypres Salient and the sections of trenches and cemeteries that they visited in the area. On the last evening in Ypres, the boys and girls were deeply moved by the Last Post ceremony, performed every evening, by the local fire brigade, at the Menin Gate memorial, and a very solemn occasion.

The coach journey to the Somme battlefields was dogged by bad luck - not one, but two, coaches broke down en route and the schedule had to be reorganized in order to fit in the planned visits. Nonetheless, the mood remained cheerful and the boys and girls were able to see at first hand sections of the famous battle front and the British memorial to the missing at Thiepval, where a wreath was laid in memory of former King's pupils and staff who were killed in the war and whose names are inscribed on the memorial in the Cumberland Street Hall.

The forty three boys who went on the visit found it to be of direct benefit to their GCSE work in history, and all of the group agreed that the experience broadened their understanding of the First World War and its impact on twentieth century history.

VBW

Sixth Form Trip to Russia

A party of twenty-two students and teachers left for Russia on the last day of the spring term. The party met at Manchester Airport, at five in the morning to board a flight to Frankfurt, where began the second part of the journey to Moscow. The weather was bright and the skies were blue from the moment the trip began to the day of the return journey.

Everyone having been told to pack for typical February weather and the possibility of snow, it seemed a bit

silly to be wearing big boots and thick jackets as the Muscovites paraded around in T Shirts. In St Petersburg, there was even a man sunbathing in a thong on the banks of the Neva!

The hotel in Moscow was a definite blast from the past. It had been built especially for the 1982 Olympics and the furniture and decor in the twenty six storey hotel reflected this. Getting into the lift was like getting into a rocket. It shot up to the party's rooms on the twenty fourth floor in seconds. Each floor had a little cubicle with a lady whose task was to give out keys. If guests got up too early the only thing that could be heard from the cubicle was this lady snoring in her bunk.

Moscow was fantastic. The outer part of the city was a sprawl of suburban flats and high rise buildings connected by five and six lane roads. Every so often, a small circular hub indicated the exterior of the Moscow Metro. The group managed to go onto the metro and saw some of the ornate stations, built in the 1930s, that were known as the people's palaces. Red Square, St Basil's Cathedral the Kremlin and the Armouries Museum were fabulous. This was where the students saw their first Fabergé eggs. Lenin's Mausoleum required great strength of character as there was no talking, no stopping, no chewing and categorically no hands in pockets as

all filed past the great man in a room that seemed suspiciously dark. Still, it was something that everybody will remember.

At the end of the three days in Moscow, the party took the overnight train to St Petersburg. It felt a little like the Hogwarts express. The carriage was big enough but the individual berths were not. Everything would have been fine had there been no luggage. The business of safely embarking the luggage plus occupants resembled the movements on a Rubik's cube.

St Petersburg was reached at eight in the morning and the group was whisked off for a Russian style breakfast in a small hotel around the corner from a small hotel. The city and its sites proved very popular. This was a Venetian style city with palaces by the dozen and beautiful stucco facades along the myriad canals. The students also visited the St Peter and Paul Fortress, The Hermitage, Catherine's Summer Palace and the Yusupov Palace where Rasputin was murdered - or mostly murdered! The tour ended at the Monument erected in memory of those who died at the siege of Leningrad in the Second World War. This was both fitting and a very moving end to a fabulous trip that everyone enjoyed thoroughly.

EPO



Music Department

The BFC Mini Tour

The early start shocked everyone, except those keen to get the front seats on top of the double-decker coach! The journey was not very eventful, but the group managed to entertain themselves with numerous DVDs and sing-a-longs.

When the group finally arrived at the hotel, dinner was on its way and all were warmly welcomed in. There was time to spare before dinner so everyone jumped at Mrs Beesley's suggestion of a trip to the beach. The teachers warned against swimming in the sea, and advised all only to paddle, and to take all shoes off before stepping into the sand (the hotel had a strict NO SAND indoors policy!).

To start with, these cautionary words were obeyed, but before too long a large group re-invented the meaning of the word 'paddle'. BFC paddle: to wade up to one's neck in water. Comic scenes included Mrs Pyatt running down the beach shouting, "Come back!"

After returning to the hotel, everyone stripped off wet items of clothing and left them outside to dry. Luckily, it was not a wet night and the heat dried most of them. Mrs Beesley managed to fit in a quick choir practice before dinner as the concert was the next day. After dinner, everyone set off upstairs to get better acquainted with other members of the BFC, and many, in doing so, managed to get locked out of their rooms. It was thought one room of girls might have had to sleep outside in the corridor, but the adults managed to open the door.

Next morning the BFC flocked onto the coach and were driven to the nearby town of Shanklin, home of the Shanklin Chine. In the scramble to get there on time, the tour group actually arrived slightly too early, and the Chine was not yet open. Therefore, the choir split into groups that were allowed half an hour to explore the village. Upon entering the Chine, members of the choir split off once again into groups and set about exploring, capturing some memorable photos of shoes falling into the river, along with cameras and children! Luckily, everything was retrieved by some of the more acrobatic in the choir.

After another lovely lunch at the hotel, the tour group set off for the

beach once again; unfortunately, owing to the previous day's mishaps very few were allowed onto the sand and others went to visit an arcade instead. This was a nice relaxing time before the concert that afternoon. Everyone gathered back at the hotel to collect performance gear. Once again, all were pushed onto the coach, quite reluctantly this time, and set off to the church in Ryde where the concert was to be held.

A frantic rehearsal was held in which all the songs were perfected and final standing arrangements were made. The choir ate lunch and changed. All were nervous as the audience arrived, but nerves were calmed by the vicar as he read a prayer. The concert was brilliant, including four part harmonies, soloists and the girl's choir. Heavenly singing rang throughout the church; the transcriptions between comic and peaceful songs were well managed and were executed well.

The next day was sad for all, but faces of children and adults alike lit up when the group arrived at Needles Park, Alum Bay. Most children have been put off the lime sweets made there, as they saw the demonstration of how they were made. It was supposed to be appetising, but the processes were horrid!

As the group members waved goodbye to the Isle of Wight and boarded the ferry, they still had one more exciting adventure to undertake, the viewing of the *Mary Rose*. Everyone was given his or her very own tour phone and was told to programme in English although some of the Year Seven boys managed to have the whole of the tour in Spanish! Everyone was very sad to get back on the coach again as this tour was drawing to a close. As the coach drove into Macclesfield the parents very reluctantly took us home, but the teachers were overjoyed to see us go! This was a tour to remember: everyone has his or her own special memories of it.

Eleanor Strutt

Spanish Department

Sevilla y Granada, Febrero 2007

February 2006 . . . snow storms and gale force winds in Castile. February 2007, blue skies and sunshine in Andalucía.

Twenty one Spanish speaking King's pupils from Years 10-13 and four members of staff flew to Málaga airport and then on to Seville, known as the jewel of Andalucía, where they met their host families for the week. Our students stayed in a variety of homes, all wildly different from their own, some in the old Jewish quarter, others in the gypsy area with flamenco-dancing hosts and hostesses, and others in buildings that dated back to the occupation of the Moors.

Classes started at nine o'clock the following morning at CLIC School in the old town and our pupils mingled with international students and were impressed by the innovative ways the local teachers used to make them speak Spanish. A well-deserved break, mid-morning, was spent in local cafeterias, ordering pastries and coffee.

The afternoons were dedicated to cultural activities of all types and our students visited the most famous bullring in Spain, La Maestanza, and had a guided tour (totally in Spanish) around the Bullring Museum. They learnt to make Spanish omelette and then ate it; they walked to the top of the Giralda Tower, built by the Moors; they went on a cruise down the Guadalquivir River; they made a determined, and partially successful, attempt to dance flamenco.

As always, tapas tasting was hugely popular and our students cheerfully indulged in all manner of local delicacies, often unaware of what it was they were eating.

Sunday took the group to Granada and, at a local bodega, a wonderful last meal together was thoroughly enjoyed after a day visiting the Moorish Alhambra palace.

Once again, King's students rose to the challenge of surviving and thriving in an unfamiliar environment. Even Year 10 students, with only four months of Spanish learning, communicated with their Sevillian hosts who are famous throughout Spain for not finishing words or sentences and for speaking at break-neck speed. They tried the food, they found their way around an unfamiliar city, they listened to Spanish morning, noon and

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night, and they came home smiling and asking about the next trip!

CAM

Outdoor Pursuits

The Autumn Term is always a time that is welcomed in the outdoor activities world: the light is wonderful and often the weather is good through to half term in October. Everyone is refreshed after the summer and there is a traditional programme of trips that are now well established. September 2006 was no exception – the Year 7 overnight form trips to Thorpe Farm bunkhouse near Hathersage were conducted in glorious, autumnal sunshine, which permitted much scrambling around and through the gritstone tors of Burbage Moor as well as a delightful stroll down through Padley Gorge to the delights of Grindleford Café and its eccentric owner. In a new event for the girls division, the whole of Year 8 spent a day being mini Lara Crofts, solving problems to obtain pieces of a missing artefact in order to solve the world's climate crisis. This involved swinging on trapeze bars, crawling through caves and climbing rope ladders suspended from the



trees. Staff also got involved and all the teams completed the course and solved the puzzle. This exciting event will be repeated in both divisions in the summer of 2007.

The usual camping trip to the Lake District right at the end of the month allowed us to take a group high into the hills for a wild camp in a hanging valley above Seathwaite Tarn, with a dry crag nearby which allowed the staff to increase their tally of esoteric

rock climbs, whilst the pupils watched in the evening sunlight from their 'terraces'. The next day was a comeuppance, however, as the usual Lake District mist ensured the compass was brought into play as we descended by Levers Water to Coniston and creature comforts. It was only a two-week gap before some were back there again, this time to take to water in canoes to explore the forests of Grisedale with compass and map. Eighteen students



stayed in Hawkshead YHA and spent a morning orienteering in the forest before dividing into teams and playing a game of manhunt. The next day was spent kayaking and canoeing on Coniston Water in slightly windy conditions that produced two-foot waves on the normally calm lake. Our usual residences as the winter months approach are the Youth Hostels, as on this occasion and then subsequently a final visit to Stainforth - final because, despite our regular patronage, it is not getting the visitors it needs to stay open, so next year our base may well have to be Malham.

Our annual visit to the Dales in November is for caving, primarily. This year, we did have poor weather on the first day, which meant that we took the first group through Great Douk, an easy cave but with a sting in the tail in the form of a low crawl that can be quite wet. Most escaped fairly dry this time and battled the wind back to the minibus. After the customary soup and tea in Horton, a descent of Long Churn was attempted, but the water was so high that retreat was deemed prudent. After that, it wasn't worth changing for the drive round to Kingsdale, where Valley Entrance provided a test with deep puddles for the vertically challenged in the party. Fortunately, Sunday was a

good day and a small group did Sunset Pot quickly whilst the rest climbed Ingleborough.

The second water sports trip and final outing of the year was to North Wales. Seventeen students, from both sites, and three staff, including this year's German assistant, divided into teams and spent a morning building rafts from barrels, planks and rope and then racing them across the side of the Menai Straits on Anglesey, collecting treasure on the way and desperately trying to sink their opponents' rafts. Despite the freezing waters, all the teams survived intact and then headed out into the sand dunes of Newborough Warren for an afternoon of manhunt games. The next day, in beautiful blue skies, the team trekked up past Aber falls and onto the side of the Carneddau ridge to look back over Anglesey and the Irish Sea.

In addition to all this, the Sixth Formers on Wednesday afternoons throughout the term had developed first their rock-climbing abilities and then their caving skills as JAF and PME sought out challenge after challenge in the neighbouring Peak District.

In spring, one always hopes for plenty of snow, with sun, for that first weekend trip away - not so this year.

From Helvellyn Youth Hostel, the ascent of Striding Edge needed no crampons and little use of the ice axe, until one or two staged pictures were taken for the benefit of Mr Street on the thin moustache of snow at the summit. After that, it was a romp around the ridges on a high-level walk that took in Grisedale Tarn, Fairfield, St Sunday Crag and a torchlight return to the hostel at Greenside. It had been a long day. The next day was short, but also very wet and windy. The strength of the wind on Harrison Stickle almost took away the two smallest members of the party who found it very exhilarating being held down by others at the summit cairn.

The second canoeing trip of the year took place in March. Fourteen students spent a weekend in the Malverns. The students all passed the two-star canoeing awards, which included a capsizing drill in the exam. All the students braved the icy waters and made it to the shore intact to collect their prize. The entire group also improved their outdoor skills and they cooked outside in sub-zero conditions and also took part in a night rabbit hunt, which proved very unsuccessful.

The most notable expedition in the term was the Sixth Form visit to the Cairngorms: this was to be a farewell



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trip for Mr Doughty who has served the outdoor activities in the school with great energy for fifteen years or more. His retirement (again) may not last, as he simply loves being there, in and around the pupils and staff on the outdoor trips so no doubt he will reappear. In short, it was another fine expedition, blessed with perhaps the best continuous spell of good weather ever experienced in all the times the trips have been happening.

Finally, summer. The term began with outstanding weather, and the Edale trips were lucky to be largely dry and sun-drenched; many pupils get a taste for camping on these outings and go on to apply for the D of E scheme in Year 10 as a result. The annual trip to the North Cornish beaches took place in June. Sixteen students from Years 10 to 12 spent three days surfing, body boarding and body surfing. Standards have improved over the years and the vast majority of the group managed to stand up and get



to the beach. This year, the whole group had the once in a lifetime experience of surfing next to a school of dolphins that was passing by the beach. As well as taking part in water-sports, the group spent some time exploring the caves and mine workings on the beaches and enjoyed the annual beach barbecue.

PME

Edale Camps

As a continuation of the outdoor pursuits programme that the pupils started in Year 7, the Year 9 pupils set off in their form groups for the annual expedition and camp at Upper Booth, Edale. After checking their equipment and completing a practice tent pitch at school, and being dropped off at various points around the Edale Valley, the pupils trekked as independent groups and navigated their way to rendezvous at Upper Booth campsite. Pitching their own tents and cooking their evening meal themselves proved an entertaining and educational experience

for many. Pupils then settled down for the night to build up their energy for the challenges of the next day.

After breakfasting on a variety of foodstuffs, ranging from the 'full English' - incinerated bacon butties - to strange substances new to science, teams readied themselves for the trek along the heights of Rushop Edge, Hollins Cross and Lose Hill to their goal of the café in Hope village.

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

JAF

Adventure Quest

In a new event for the Girls' Division, the whole of Year 8 spent a day being miniature Lara Crofts and solving problems to obtain pieces of



a missing artefact that would solve the world's climate crisis. The search involved swinging on trapeze bars, crawling through caves and climbing rope ladders suspended from the trees. Staff also got involved and all the teams completed the course and solved the puzzle. This exciting event will be repeated at both divisions in the summer of 2007.

JSS

Thorpe Farm Bunkhouse

Year 7 pupils generally have their first taste of the King's Outdoor Pursuits programme during the first few weeks of the Autumn Term. This year, as ever, each Year 7 form, accompanied by their form tutors and other valiant 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 invariably 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.

On day two, the expeditions set off from Grindleford Station, to complete a more challenging trek through Bole Hill Woods up past Millstone Edge to Over Owler Tor and Higger Tor to storm the ancient fort on Carl's Walk. Returning to Grindleford via Padley Gorge many chip butties were consumed at the station café before returning to school.

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

JAF

Year 6 PGL Court Farm, Herefordshire

Following two weeks of incessant rain at home, it seemed almost possible to sail down to the River Wye, the site of the PGL centre at Court Farm near Ross-on-Wye. Instead, the trusty Bostock's coach ferried the party of twenty-eight demob-happy Junior Division children and three staff to the rural location for a long weekend. Sadly, the swollen water level of the adjacent river put paid to one of the

potential highlights, an open canoe trip down the Wye Valley to Ross.

However, the other activities on offer more than made up for this. Kayaks and open canoes were propelled enthusiastically around Drummonds Dub (a nearby lake), whilst centre-based archery, abseiling, zip wire, fencing, climbing and initiative exercises filled the other activity slots.

The only other party on-site was a group of very well behaved Japanese children that was based in London and, for much of the time, members of the King's party had the facilities to themselves. Evening activities of Passport around the World, Wacky Races and a scavenger hunt, attempted to expend the children's inexhaustible energy, with but limited success. These Year 6 pupils finished their Junior School lives with great gusto.

GJS

Year 4 activity holiday

The Year 4 activity holiday again took place at *The Manor* in Shropshire in May. The first challenge, before the party even set out, was to move all the bags from the Lower Junior building to the car park! After a two and half hour coach journey the group reached *The Manor*, bathed in sunshine. First activities were soon underway; there was no time to lose. Dinner came next and we were all ready for a good meal. Before bedtime, some people had showers but others were far too busy. Our rooms were in the Mews, around a courtyard. The boys had the small rooms, the converted old stables. The girls had larger rooms and were in bigger groups. All the rooms had bunk beds.

On Saturday, there were five activities and two more on Sunday morning. The nine activities were the assault course (very muddy), archery, climbing wall (quite difficult), abseiling (scary), zip wire (fun and scary), canoeing and kayaking (wet), the underground maze (far too scary for teachers, and quite wet too) and the scavenger hunt. The food was very good – three cooked meals a day and large helpings, with a choice of main course and vegetables; fruit was always available.

The weather was mostly fine and dry, a great relief after all the wet, cold weather in the previous weeks. The children were able to play out on the lawns and enjoy their free time. There were a few dramas – an alarm

clock dropped inside one leg of a bunk bed and beeped continuously at 3 am; an attack by some nettles; Tilly the Tiger getting up to mischief and about thirty-seven reports of lost articles that generally turned up ten minutes later when someone actually looked under or in something. By the time the party returned to school tea-time on Sunday, both children and teachers were exhausted and ready for a few days' rest . . . unfortunately, everyone had to be back in school on Monday morning!

Blackbrook Farm

On Thursday 3 May, the Year 1 children set out for an exciting day at Blackbrook Farm, near Leek. The day began with their looking at newly laid goose eggs, followed by a guided tour around parts of the farm. The children enjoyed seeing the meercats looking out for danger, a very inquisitive otter and numerous birds ranging in size from an ostrich to newly born ducklings. One of the highlights of the tour was when Jackie, the guide, fed the pelicans only feet away from us. The children saw a gosling that

was only two hours old and they had the opportunity to feed some very hungry goats. They all thoroughly enjoyed their day out and have many stories to tell about their day.

NMP

Lower Moss Wood

Year 1 enjoyed a visit to Lower Moss Wood where they learned about the woodland habitat and the birds, animals and plants that live there. The children heard lots of bird song and tried out some birdcalls of their own. Everyone enjoyed the song of the chaffinch, because it said 'jiggly-bum' which was a bit rude. In the afternoon, everyone went pond dipping and found lots of little water creatures. No one fell in, although some people did get very wet because it rained!

Joshua said 'I saw the biggest tree in the world, except it was still small and will take four thousand years to grow. I'd like to see it then.'

LMJ



New Sixth Form Centre

The Bromley-Davenport Building

The year was one of expectation for the Sixth Form students who had to tolerate temporary facilities while the new £2.5 million Sixth Form Centre was being constructed.

By mid-September, their wait was over when the Bromley-Davenport clan joined guests and colleagues to mark the opening of the new Centre that bears the family name. William Bromley-Davenport, the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, performed the official opening to commemorate a five hundred year connection between his family and King's. His forefathers were part of the original group of governors at the school in 1502.

The event was as impressive as the building, which has been admired by staff, pupils and visitors alike. Purpose built classrooms and a drama studio are included in the Centre. Perhaps the most remarkable feature is the amount of space available for pupils in the new construction. The huge common room is supplemented

by free space in the impressive entrance hall and foyer and by a dedicated computer workroom.

Although these educational facilities are impressive, the most popular addition with the students has been the café, which is extremely busy at break and lunchtime and is proving to be an excellent feature of Sixth Form life. The separate picnic area alongside the building is also proving to be busy when weather permits.

On top of this, Mr Andrew will have an electronic notice board to allow him to send reminders to pupils about deadlines etc. It has yet to be seen how well this last feature will go down with students.

Boules Club

The Boules Club, run in French by Madame Johnson, was reinstated during the Summer Term. The club became increasingly popular over the course of the term, helped by the fact that nearly every Monday lunchtime was sunny and warm!

By the end of the first round of the final championships, the atmosphere had reached fever-pitch, so all were sorely disappointed when the matches were rained off.

AMJ

Charities

Sixth Form

Fashion Show

This year's fashion show, on 30th November, was a spectacle of music, modelling, dance and colour. Stephanie Lowndes, Anoshe Waheed and Rob Winstanley led the group of Year 12 and 13 students who took part in the event, which raised £2,500 for *Christies Against Cancer*.

The amazing modelling and dance sequences were choreographed by Stephanie, Anoshe and Priya Sodha, along with many of their friends, and were performed on a stage decorated by Ellie Page and her fellow Art students. The atmosphere on the night was electric, with clothing from local stores and a mail order company being modelled to a range of music including *Self Control* by Eternal and *Superfreak* by Rick James. *West*, *Burtons*, *Scandinavian Boardriders*, *Storm* and *Jack Wills* were very pleased to be involved with the event.

The two months leading up to the Fashion Show are always a frenzy of activity with rehearsals for the students taking place during lunch hour, after school and at the weekend, but the enthusiasm is infectious and the tickets sold out within a couple of days.

Mrs Turner-Holmes encouraged members of staff to take part and choreographed several numbers with clothes being provided by *Annie*, *John Douglas*, *Apparel* and *Best Man*. Mr Houghton again taught some of his colleagues to dance the salsa, which is always one of the highlights of the event, especially for the students.

Rob Winstanley and Francesca Walsh acted as compères, with 'Mrs T' (Gill Taylor) once again delighting the audience with her descriptions of the teachers' outfits and modelling expertise.

FCM

In the autumn term, Sixth Form students 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 proved very popular again and raised £366, which was divided equally between three charities: *The Children's Heart Federation* (supporting children with heart disorders and their families), the East Cheshire Hospice and *Cancer Research UK*.

Boys' Division

It is easy to be complacent when some regular events raise large sums of money relatively easily. Although, as always, *Red Nose Day*, *Jeans for Genes* and *Children in Need* formed foundations of the division's annual fund raising, and over £5,000 was raised for these appeals, there was much that was new this year, so it would be wrong to say that the boys were just resting on their laurels.

Most heartening have been the sums raised by individuals and forms in response to a suddenly perceived need or because of some personal connection. *Water Aid*, *UNICEF* and *Christian Aid*, Uganda have all received cheques because members of the School have been touched by the charities' appeals. In fact, the school has supported over twenty appeals this year, and not always with money. For example, the School's printer car-



tridges are recycled to raise money for a children's hospice; the Sixth Form send toiletries to *Lifeshare*; Christmas boxes are passed to *Operation Christmas Child*; even the used postage stamps are supplied to CPL! We also have an active *Amnesty* group, which both writes the letters and raises cash.

It should come as no surprise that the school sponsors two students through Action Aid, thanks to the English Department's sponsored read. King's is also in the process of forging new links with Banalule School in Uganda, to which an emergency donation was made three years ago. The aim now is to sponsor a student in the senior school, in the hope that there will be two-way communication, to give a real insight into another culture. There has already been a donation to Banalule primary school for the purchase of equipment.

Every week there is a coffee morning or sale somewhere in School: King's really is a very active school in supporting charities. Complacent? Not at all!

AH

Girls' Division

Autumn Term

The Charities department has always been a thriving part of life at Fence Avenue. Throughout the academic year, girls and staff contributed both time and effort to the activities and the results were spectacular. The year kicked off with the House treasure hunt, which attracted over half the division and raised a successful amount. In the following weeks the older girls participated in the world's biggest coffee morning; this raised over £100 for MacMillan Cancer Support. This event was so popular that, several weeks later, a 'hot chocolate and hobnobs morning' was organised for the lower years, and this raised a similar amount.

Jeans for Genes day is always a popular event and the school pulled together to raise awareness about genetic disorders. Year 11 charity week consisted of several cake sales, quizzes and the annual salon, where girls could get their hair styled or nails painted for a small charity donation. Year 10 charity week was also a success, but the girls in Year 8 were the real heroines: they managed to raise over £200 for Cancer Research by *Thinking Pink!* The girls organised a range of events from a chocolate fair

to badge selling. The year finished with a bang, as girls used the Christmas house events, like the talent show and gym competition, to raise money for the Salvation Army. The charities committee sold flags and sweets to the audience and managed to raise almost £80. This money was enough to fund a women's refuge for one night. Hopefully, next year will be even more prosperous!

Becky Mellor and Sophie Usber

Summer Term

As well as supporting the East Cheshire Hospice and the Samaritans, in the summer term, the Division focused on supporting the *Born Free Foundation* Lynx Project. This is being organised by Linda Pyatt's son, Ali, and he came into assembly to tell the girls about his expedition to Africa in November. Lynne Adams then organised an African Party on the last day of the school year. This was great fun and the audience watched a video about the project, had a mask making competition, a fancy dress parade and then the PE staff taught some African dances. The morning was a very successful way to end the year and raised over £350.

Junior Division

The *Children in Need* non-uniform day in November raised £350, and just over £300 was generously donated by members of the congregation at the Junior Division's *Celebration of Christmas Service*. This sum was donated to the *Save the Children* Fund. £260 for a local charity called *Links*, which supports poor people in Africa, was raised by assembly donations from the children, the Year 6 Christmas shop and the Year 4 post office. In addition to these excellent efforts, many items were collected in the run-up to Christmas for the foundation's *Operation Christmas Child* appeal, resulting in hundreds of appropriately filled shoeboxes being sent to children in war-torn areas of the world.

The Junior School's Easter Service collection was added to the monies collected for the Junior School's Spring Term charity, *Medequip4Kids*. The term's final total of £836.09 was donated to this organisation that supports the purchase of essential medical equipment for babies and small children at local hospitals.

Infants

On Friday 29th September the Infant School had a Coffee Morning to help raise money for *MacMillan Cancer Relief*; the Nursery, Reception and Year One all played their part and made posters and invitations for the event. Year 2 children served drinks and food and sold raffle tickets to all of the guests. The event was a huge success and a total of £562.00 was raised.

The children in the Nursery Class also contributed to the *Children in Need* appeal by joining together to make Pudsey Bear biscuits with Miss Rivers' class. More of the flour ended up on the children than in the bowl but great fun was had by one and all. In the afternoon, the children delivered the biscuits to Year 5 who ate them at break. The Nursery children had special Children in Need bags in which to take home their extra baking.

Every year, King's Infants also has a special Charity Week. This year the children chose the charity *Happy Days*. They provide holidays and day trips for children with special needs. Many of the children that are thus helped have life-limiting conditions, so that it is important that the time they have is made as special as it can possibly be for them. Hence, Charity Week in May was an exciting and worthwhile experience for all of the children in King's Infants. Money was to be raised by participating in the national *Bounce-a-thon*, by holding class events throughout the week. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 completed a 'bouncy' obstacle course and Year 2 completed a 1km space-hopper team race. All of the children had a fantastic time and the event was the main topic of conversation, and even Mrs. Warburton collected her sponsors and bounced away! The children raised a magnificent £1979.67 and extend a big thanks to all of their sponsors.

Chess

Boys' Division

Charles Gilman completed a record-breaking hat trick in winning the Blake Trophy in the Spring Term when he defeated Jamie Winrow, from Year 7, in the final. These two had overcome Yiyu Xiang and Hendrik Ratigan in the semi-finals of a keenly fought competition. The con-

testants in 2008 will no doubt be delighted in the knowledge that, having reached Year 10, Charles is no longer eligible to compete!

Earlier, in the Autumn Term, the usual round of inter-house matches had led to victories for Adlington in the Year 7 competition, Gawsworth in Year 8 and Tatton in Year 9. Away from these competitions, many friendly games took place and a number of boys challenged Mr Laurence who claimed, for once, to have come through unscathed.

In 2007-8 the chess club will have moved to a new venue, M13, and, with the help of Mr Ahmed, it is hoped to expand the club to provide opportunities also to play the game of Go.

GL

Junior Division

Throughout the year, club members benefited from the coaching expertise of parent, Mr Andrew Ireland. The first competitive action of the year saw several players take part in the AJIS Championships held in Bolton. A group of twelve players represented the school with Alex Calder and Thomas Pearson sharing the winners' rostrum in the U11C category, whilst Ben Winrow came second in the U10C category.

Two matches were also arranged, against more experienced opponents at Stockport GS. In the initial fixture, which took place in March, a tense and absorbing encounter ensued, with King's narrowly losing by eleven boards to thirteen. A return match back on home territory produced another nail biting finish with the eventual score being a tie at fifteen boards each. Further input next year from Mr Ireland will no doubt encourage many more fine players to develop.

GJS

Comic Club

Reluctant readers particularly benefit from Comic Club as shared reading is encouraged. The children have invented their own cartoon characters, written stories and then designed and drawn comic strips. Whilst being great fun, this also improves the children's literacy skills. The finished articles were then printed for sharing.

JW

Different Cultures, Different Lands

Junior Division

Year 6 visited the Jewish Museum to enhance their understanding of the Jewish religion. On arrival, the children were given a talk on the features of a synagogue, the clothes Jewish people wear and festivals. The children were then able to look around the museum and make a visual record of some significant items, like the Torah, the ark, and tefillin. They also dressed up in the tallit (prayer shawl) and kippah. The morning was rounded off by a demonstration of a family meal to celebrate Shabbat.

Two weddings and a fun time!

Year 4 had a fantastic time last term when they acted out a Hindu and a Christian wedding. As part of their RE lessons, they studied celebrations, and weddings featured high on their list of 'great things to do'.

In 4SEO, the groom arrived on an elephant (well, an elephant shaped beanbag slung over a chair) and the 'ladies' looked fabulous in their saris. The children spent lunchtime painting henna patterns on their hands and sticking Bindis on their foreheads. A brief reception followed the ceremony, which allowed the children to experience an aspect of another culture they might otherwise never encounter.



The Hindu wedding was followed by a whole year group Christian wedding. Mrs Squares invited her husband, the Reverend John Squares, to perform the ceremony in the Infant Hall in front of all Year 4 and invited guests who included Dr and Mrs Coyne and Mrs Burdekin, wife of the Chairman of Governors. The Year 4 teachers and children dressed up specially in their finery for the occasion. The bride and groom, Helen Lyons and Joshua Towne, or Peaches and Yoshi as they appeared on the register, were accompanied by their respective entourages, which included bridesmaids, ushers and Best Man, John Le Moignan.

Following a moving ceremony that included traditional music, the wedding party moved on to the reception held in the palatial splendour of P6 where the sumptuous wedding banquet was punctuated by speeches and toasts to all and sundry.

The children had a brilliant time and were able also to practice their Speaking and Listening skills during the speeches and toasts that followed the ceremony.

Chinese New Year

Year 2 children enjoyed learning about the Chinese New Year and Chinese culture. They found out about the Chinese zodiac and upon finding which 'animal' they were, they made puppets and masks. They tried to write their names in Chinese writing, and they learned how to say 'Happy New Year'. It is, 'Hung Hay Fat Choy!'

We have been learning about Chinese New Year. To celebrate we have had a Chinese lunch and we learnt about the twelve animals. Chinese



New Year lasts for five days and, on the fifth day, they have lanterns to light up all of Chinatown.

Harry Aldrich 2ELW

Italian Day

In Year 1NP, the children learned about Italy. Mrs. Jackson brought her father, Enzo Mauro, in to school to meet the class. He is an Italian chef and he showed all of the children how to make pasta. Everybody had a wonderful time making green pasta and black pasta. All of the Infants then had a lovely Italian lunch.

American Lunch

Reception ES have been learning about America this year and they have learnt many interesting facts. They have learnt about Christopher Columbus, skyscrapers and American Indians. On Thursday 14th June, all of the Infants enjoyed an American lunch. They had hot dogs, spare ribs, pretzels and many other American delights and they give a big 'thank you' to all of the catering staff who made it possible.

Gifted and Talented

This year there has been a number of excellent trips run at Fence Avenue. Year 10 students have attended science workshops on Forensics and Earth Sciences at the Manchester Museum. Year 11 students have been to two chemistry lectures at Manchester University and a number of students also entered the Science Writer of the Year award run by the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper. Over forty girls, from all years, spent a day at the Warrington Peace centre engaged in

workshops on conflict resolution, terrorism and racial integration. The sessions were every thought provoking and this trip will become a regular in the programme.

Students from Years 9 to 11 have also been helping out with junior schools who have visited the science labs at Fence Avenue. This has involved their helping with practical lessons, doing demonstrations for the younger students.

There was a regular series of events run for selected students in Years 7 to 9 from both sites. This has involved their being put into mixed teams from across the years and given a task to complete in a fixed time. At the end of a session, the groups then have to give a presentation on their topic to the rest of the groups. Subjects covered so far have been the Climate Crisis, Endangered Animals and Modern Materials. These sessions have been very challenging for those involved and have taught students a great deal about team skills and presentation skills.

The annual residential course took place in March, involving twenty-two students from Years 9-12. The topic covered was Genocide and students took part in workshops about Darfur, Cambodia and the Holocaust, as well as the psychology of free will. The students also spent a day at the Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre, at Laxton in Nottinghamshire. Here, they attended a talk given by a survivor and looked in the museum that depicts a timeline and the Holocaust. This was a very challenging few days and students dealt exceptionally well with the subject matter and produced excellent presentations on the various topics.

JSS

Houses

Boys' Division

All The King's Houses

House events and competitions in the Boys' Division encouraged boys to charge around the field in all the usual team games, and to rampage through the gym with Extreme Dodgeball and basketball and the like. Funtellectualistic competitions like the water bomb bungees and the paper aeroplane challenge also meant high spirits and many giggles, as well as high scores. Sadly, not all the events were well attended, and this was both frustrating for the organisers and disappointing for those who did turn up to compete.

The *Christmas Crackers* afternoon saw surrogate Muvver, DTB, trouncing his peers in the *Crackerjack!* quiz for Gawsorth, and house choirs that left but few boys to form an audience as every member of every house was bullied onto the stage. In the *Bonanza* afternoon at the end of the Easter term, the Hakas and the *Battle of the Bands* were, as last year, absolutely hilarious and absolutely fantastic. Other highlights of the year occurred in the *Strongest Man* competition, where Jimmy Lomas and Tom Coleman burned their names firmly in the records as, even nursing injuries, they performed more push-ups in a minute than the adjudicator thought possible, and in the final of *The Great Debate*, where Year 9s, Jake Knowles and Chris Smith, simply destroyed older boys to become the outright winners.

All year, the lead changed between Tatton and Adlington, and it was a foregone conclusion that one of these two would win, but no! Capesthorpe, under the leadership of Sam Redman, and then Max Wilkinson, took the trophy when the summer came, largely because of the huge number of merit marks that its members had accrued in the classroom. Hard work *does* bring its rewards. This was certainly true, too, for James Boardman, captain of Adlington, who entered every competition and attended every event, and took *The Percy Taylor Trophy*, and twenty crisp pound coins, as the boy with the highest individual score.

GT and PJP

Girls' Division

The House System in the Girls' Division offers an opportunity for girls



in different forms and different year groups to mix together, and helps to break down some of the artificial barriers created by the form structure.

The main event, as usual, was the Talent Show, which was won this year by Gawsworth with a mixture of humour, dance, acting and music. The gymnastic competition is also an annual event and again was a showcase for talent involving a large number of girls.

New events this year included a Book Quiz run by the library staff, and an art competition with the theme *What does my House mean to me?* This was a combined entry, one piece for each House, with Tatton being judged the best. A Fashion Show using recycled materials also caused much thought and fun. The House year had started in June with Sports Day, which involved all the girls, and with the Music Competition. A joint fund raising and House event was held on the last day of the Summer Term, which led to the establishment of a link with a school in Kenya.

Tatton eventually emerged as winners of the House Trophy after fourteen events during the year. They were particularly strong in the Sports Competition.

TGN

Horse and Pony Club

The Junior Division Horse and Pony club held their annual *Hobby Horse Gymkhana* week in October. Members organised events such as *Pin the Tail on the Shetland Pony*, *Guess the Number of Pony Cubes* in the jar

and, the highlight of the week, which was the *Hobby Horse Grand National*. Children throughout the Junior School had fun taking part in the week's events and managed to raise the spectacular sum of £300, which was sent to the Brooke Hospital for Horses and Donkeys in Cairo.

Club members also enjoyed a Saturday morning visit to the Donkey Village near Buxton. This is a rehabilitation home for donkeys and it provides care for old or neglected donkeys from all over the country. The children were given a special tour of the centre and all clubbed together to sponsor their own donkey. If you visit the Donkey Village, say a special hello to the King's School donkey, a lovely grey mare called Thistle.

CJL

Junior Talent Show

After weeks of rehearsals, the Talent Show took place on the afternoon of Friday, 29th June. Almost fifty acts were on display this year, with the audience being treated to talent from all four year groups. Highlights in the lower juniors included Olivia Watkins and Sarah Laughton with a comic dance that involved various members of the audience wearing garments of clothing on their head, whilst singing. In the upper juniors, a collaboration of Year 5 girls treated the audience to an energetic gymnastics routine. Other favourites included Johnny Hammill and Co. with their very own rock band.

MKW

Junior Division Walk

On Friday, 29th June, a 300-strong contingent of pupils, teachers and parents set off on the annual walk through six miles of Cheshire countryside. Unfortunately, this year the walk was marred by horrendous weather conditions, which seemed to blight the whole of our supposed summer! With Mr Walton and the Year 3 pupils setting a brisk pace, each checkpoint in the first half of the walk was quickly passed, including the dreaded Buxton Road crossing, ably marshalled on this occasion by Mrs Ord and Mrs Squares. Upon arrival at the halfway point at Tegg's Nose, refreshments and a rest were very 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 Langley, Macclesfield Golf Course and along Macclesfield Canal towards the finish line. This 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 parent helpers, who accompanied the walk.

MKW

Manchester Airport

On Wednesday 13th June, both Reception classes went on their annual trip to Manchester Airport. The day started at Terminal 3 where the children went on a tour of 'Departures' and saw lots of planes taking off and landing on the runway. In a classroom, they were able to dress up, as 'bird scarers', 'stewards', 'pilots' and many other people who work at the airport. After that, they went to the Viewing Park. The group was unlucky with the weather, but still had a lovely picnic and saw Concorde. Both classes had a lovely day out and their teachers were extremely proud of them.

Organisational Skills Day

The annual organisational skills day for Year 10 girls took place in September. Form groups were given a lesson on time management and organisation and then were given tasks to complete within a fixed time frame. Mixed in with this was a session of

team building games and problem solving that tested the students' ingenuity and communication skills. The day finished with the groups performing presentations and drama pieces to the year group.

JSS

Reaseheath College

A small group of Infant and Junior pupils, accompanied by Mrs Johnston and Mrs Panton were invited to attend a royal visit in September. Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, visited Reaseheath College near Nantwich to see notable horticultural projects within the college, one of which involved King's pupils. Thanks to the involvement of Mrs Adams, whose children Edmund, Rose and Hettie attend King's, children in last year's Year 1 and Year 3 grew seeds and reared plants for a project that won acclaim at national garden shows. Rebecca Ions, Rose and Mrs Adams were presented to the Duchess.



Scrabble Club

The newly formed Year 3 and 4 Scrabble Club was a huge success. The children competed against each other and tried to reach the top of the 'Scrabble Ladder'. The eventual winner was Ellie Hopewell of 3LC. Mrs Ord was ably assisted in running the club by Maddie Coutts and Lara Knowles, from Year 7 of the Girls' Division.

Next year a new format is being tried: Scrabble and word games on the computers in A7. The children benefit hugely from these sessions, both socially and in developing their spelling skills.

SEO

St Paul's Church

Year 2 children visited Saint Paul's Church twice during the spring term. The first visit was to look at the building itself as part of their art topic *Can buildings speak?* The children sketched pictures of the church and different features of the building. They also did rubbings to emulate the textures of the materials used to build it. This culminated in a large collaborative collage that depicted Saint Paul's Church and its surroundings. The children then visited the church a second time as part of their RE work so that they could find out about the inside of the church and speak to Reverend Tear about the job he does.

I enjoyed doing the rubbings on the gravestones. We used charcoal, graphite, chalks and wax crayons. It was funny when Mrs Welsh pricked herself on a holly bush! We had a good time and the weather was just perfect.

Natalie Stevens 2JTS

Visitors

Police visit the Nursery

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 Gareth Lewis. He came to talk to the children about a day in the life of a Police Officer. The highlight of his visit was the class being able to try on all the helmets, and to hold the handcuffs, truncheons and shields. They loved sitting in the gaol incorporated in the police van, and switching on the siren. Charlie Boddy said, 'I liked sitting in the police car best.'

Thomas Knight said, 'I loved making a finger print.' May Broadley said, 'I liked wearing a police helmet to protect my head from falling bricks.'

Fire fighters

In connection with the term's topic, the fire brigade visited the nursery to explain the different ways in which they help people. The children thought they were very brave. They looked at how fire fighters are protected against fires by special uniforms. The children tried on helmets, looked at the fire engine and all its equipment and even had a go at putting out pretend fires with the hose. After everyone had a sit in the engine, the fire fighters waved goodbye and put their siren and blue flashing light on as they sped off back to the fire station.

Grandparents' Day

A wonderful time was had by the grandparents of the Nursery Class children when the children celebrated Grandparents' Day by inviting them into the class for buns and a drink. The Nursery children presented their grandparents with gifts hand made from clay and they sang songs accompanied by percussion instruments as thanks for loving and helping to care for them.

On 12th September, Year 1 children enjoyed a visit from Lynn Gregory and her guide dog, Barley, to support their science work that term. Mrs Gregory explained to the children how important Barley was to her, not only as a pet, but in order to help her get around and be safe. Mrs Gregory also showed the children various aids that help her in her everyday life, such as a speaking clock, special cooking utensils and a level indicator for when she pours a cup of tea.

The children were keen to know how Barley could remember where to go each time she goes out, to the library or supermarket, perhaps. One child questioned Mrs Gregory's need to go to the library but she soon explained about talking books and the children were able to feel a booklet in Braille.

The visit was informative and very interesting and thoroughly enjoyed by all, including Barley!



Her Caviar

A delicacy, she whispered.
Something I've never tasted before.

Which takes me to here:
a biting March morning,
nose splayed against the window pane,
staring at a small golden pot.

I imagine I'm riding on the back
of the scarlet dragon on the label,
surfing the secretive emerald waves,
snaring a sparkling star with a snatch
of my fist and a clap of my palm,
until the pneumatic drill,
cackling a thousand times a second,
reminds me of where I am: standing
outside on a biting March morning
wallet empty, save a pathetic pound coin.

But since when has happiness for me
been epitomised by a palm-sized pot?

I study the velvet-skinned ladies
entering the shop, dripping with opals
and clinging to charcoal-grey gentlemen
wearing smirks and heavy gold watches,
and I realise how badly I want it, that pot,
I want the smile it would bring to her face
when she walked in at six o'clock
to discover it on our crooked kitchen table,
an adventure waiting to happen.

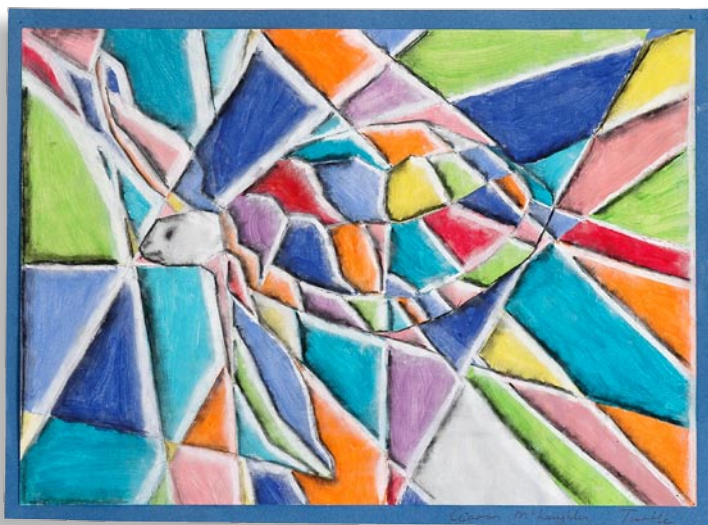
Most of all, I want to hear her voice
as she reads the label: Caviar Kaspia
like a spell, like a language only she can speak.
And I'm speechless as a white-gloved hand
grips its dream-patterned sides, slides it,
as if in slow-motion, from the display, This one sir?
As the pot is slipped into someone else's pocket
I see her smile slip away into the day,
into the drill's cackle, a plane's distant rumble
and the pleasant small-talking
of this biting March morning.

Emily Middleton Year 12

Hannah Chadwick Year 8



Elizabeth Bell Year 8



Ciaran McLaughlin Year 9

An extract from a chase scene

Crack! A twig broke underfoot. Pippin inwardly cursed himself. Almost before he could blink, his hunters had run into the clearing. A dozen pygmy elves surrounded him. Pygmy elves were servants of the witch and, therefore, evil. They hissed, baring their sharpened teeth. They rose to about mid-thigh height, and carried small knives, sharpened sticks and small hammers. Ivy was wrapped around their torsos and their skin was a mossy green colour. Their angular heads seemed ill proportioned to the rest of their bodies; their fingers were long and their toes could grip a branch as well as their hands.

Pippin saw that his only chance would be to run to the elf road. Quick as a flash, he drew his knife and slashed wildly. Before the pygmies had time to react, he had raced through a momentary break in the circle and onto the elf road. He hared along the track of compacted dirt, dodging low branches and brambles. The pygmies hollered and pursued him, gripping branches with fingers and toes, flinging themselves through the air. The track sloped upwards. Pippin's feet pounded relentlessly against the ground. He struggled to keep ahead. Twigs raked like claws against his arms; vines caught on his ankles as he ran onwards. He was whipped by bendy twigs; some drew blood, but he continued with renewed vigour. Vines that the pygmies threw at him to try to slow him, hissed like snakes as they fell short. Pippin didn't dare look back; he knew he was barely ahead.

The sky was darkening, and a wind sprang up from nowhere to whip the branches of the trees into a frenzy. Crows circled overhead, anticipating a kill. The pygmies swung from tree to tree, like screeching monkeys defending their territory. Pippin turned a corner. The path ahead was blocked: to all sides was dense forest, nowhere to go but into the trees. Pippin was tiring, his feet slipping on leaves, blinded by the wind. He turned, drawing on his last vestiges of strength for the final push. His legs felt like they were on fire and his throat and lungs burned.

He turned, spinning round on one foot. His knife was in his hand. He turned to face the pygmies. He could run no further. He was miles away from safety. He would go down fighting.

Tamsin Dykstra



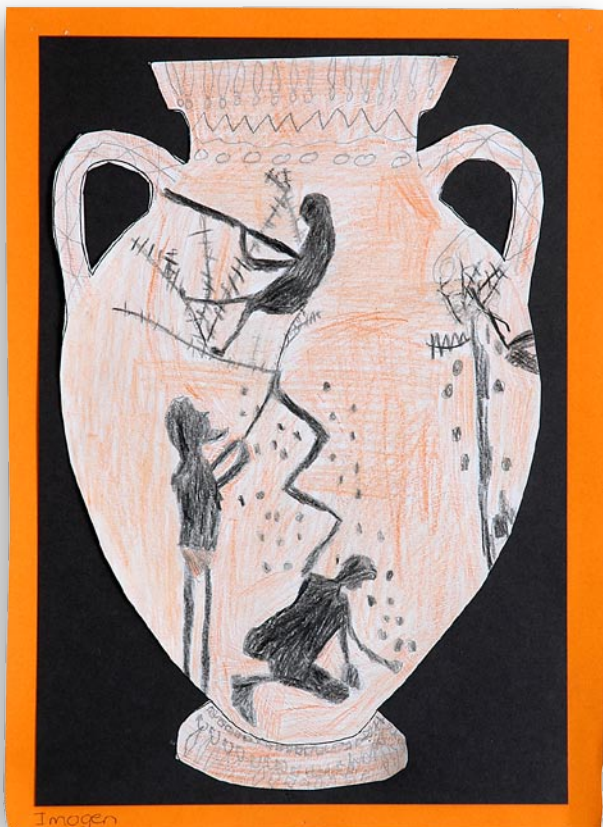
Jessica Hdgson Year 12



Josie Mills Year 11



Josie Mills Year 11



Imogen Clowes Year 3



Alec Mantel Year 5

Creative Work

Christian Thorpe Year 13



Oliver Cowan Year 12



Andrew Cathie Year 11



Finlay McCance Year 6

This poem was inspired by a study of Five Ways To Kill A Man by Edwin Brock, and imitates its form, diction and syntax:

Five Ways To Win A Grand Prix

There are many cumbersome ways to win a Grand Prix.
First, you could flatten their car batteries
And slash their tyres.
However, to do this properly you require a pit full of tools
And a team of mechanics.

Or for a more precise sabotage
You could destroy the other cars.
To do this properly, you require a box of military grade CS,
Detonators and a grandstand full of shocked spectators.

If you do not like all that destruction,
You could try the age-old method of bribery.
Unfortunately, for this you require a Swiss bank full of money,
Some honours and an out-lived prime minister.

If you are a good driver,
You could aggressively run your opponents off the road.
To accomplish this, you require a red Ferrari,
A German driver and a boiler suit.

These are, as I began, cumbersome ways to win a Grand Prix.
Simpler, direct, and much more precise is to
Be the better driver and not cheat.

Ali Clarke



Grant McGlinchey Year 11

Creative Work

The Young Writer of the Term competitions in the Boys' Division always bring in some splendid work. Here are a few of the winning or commended entries from one such competition. The set topic this time was, obviously, Reflections.

Reflections (on my extended family history)

I woke with the sun this morning.
Startled; five-thirty. I was awake.
I dressed hurriedly and crept downstairs
And out of my parents' house.

I was at her house soon enough,
The sun; still hidden.
I fumbled with my torch for vision.
I fumbled to find my place by her side.

And I knew her.
And she opened to me.
And I saw myself, in her wisdom.
And found my place
By her side.

My grandmother told me her father
Was just like me. He pursued her all his life.
He worked for her.
But she is laid down now before me.

We join. We are dancing. We are united now.
Here is where a self meets the soul.

I hear noises and I stop
And I am waiting.
And I wait.
And I am scared to be found here, following
The ways of my fathers before me.

And now I am back.
And I was sad that I had gone to so much trouble
To prepare for the encounter,
And only
Merely
Skimmed the spine

Jonathan Burman

Reflections

Early in the morning by the Riverside,
I see a reflection of a rat trying to hide.
Out later that night, walking by the sea,
I see the moon reflected back at me.

Back at home, I look in the mirror hanging in the hall.
The reflected image of me I see, looking so tall.
I walk past photos of me under the glass,
Younger pictures of me, reflections from my past

In maths today the subject dazzled me,
All talk was of the reversal of polarity.
Blinded by the content of all the axes,
Reflected sunlight on my watch amuses me.

At lunch the same day as we joked around
I listened with horror to hear the sound
Of the slurs and the slander all about me,
My character assassinated for all to see.

On the way home as I sat on the bus.
I looked outside to see all the Christmas fuss.
But in the rain washed window what did I see?
The reflections of my friends staring back at me.

At home that night whilst eating my tea
My Granddad's smile was what my Mum could see.
In her eyes his sense of humour and of fun
Was echoed in me, her only son.

So I'm lying in bed trying to sleep
My thoughts are running way too deep.
Distorted reflections are all I can see,
But which is the mirage and which the real me?

Harry Frost



Rachael Keeling Year 11



Hannah Bellamy Year 12

Reflections

Reflections on what's come and gone
Reflections on what I've done
Reflections of things I am not meant to see
Reflections washing over me.

Reflections burning my eyes
Reflections of being robbed by the black magpie
Reflections stopping me set myself free
Reflections starting back at me.

Reflections showing its ugly face in rivers and lakes
Reflections of witches being burnt at the stake
Reflections surrounding me -
With things I try so hard to forget.

Destiny's cruel joke on me
Giving me a hatred filled memory

Declan Sully



Oliver Cowan Year 11

Reflections

My feet crunch on the hardened ground, still crisp with white snow,
I reach the water, the murky water, and I look down below.

I see myself, my reflection, staring back at me,
And then I see what I have feared; the man I could have been.
The strong upper lip, the decisive tone,
The thought of being free.
A tear disturbs the water.
It could have been me.

I begin to turn away from the lake, my eyes wet with sadness,
I close my eyes and walk away, trying to escape this madness.

But strangely the lake calls me back, as if I'm to be crowned,
I will my soul not to, but I can't help myself, I have to turn around.
My hands are clenched, my toes are curled,
The fear grips me like a fist.
I know what's coming, it's inevitable.
And then the choking mist.

I drop to my knees, and crawl forward, I must see it again!
No matter the cost, no matter the hurt, no matter the unbearable pain.

I collapse straight forward, as if I've crawled for a mile,
I can see my reflection, feel its evil, and see its rancid smile.
I stand back up, and I am pushed,
Over, down to the lake,
I close my eyes, and as I die,
I like in bed awake.

Never again will I stray to that water, in my dreams or on my feet.
Reflections can mean nothing, or they can be sour, they can be sweet.
Nothing is as it seems, in the Lakeworld of my Dreams
Never, ever venture there.

Kieran Wesley



Ali Glenn Year 11

Creative Work

The next piece is GCSE work: writing to imagine, describe and entertain forms about a third of the English Language coursework file.

Chapter One

I picked up the lifeless sparrow with my right hand, gripping it tightly, and stuffed it into the sack. A feather separated itself from the plump belly of the bird, and drifted left and right, slowly, slowly, towards the ground. I didn't stop to see it reach the muddy earth.

As the sun burst through the trees, I felt its heat on the back of my neck. The waxy tops of nearby trees shimmered. Squinting, I looked up at the sun, through the branches and leaves, and realised it was midday - having been out in the forest so many times, I had come to learn how to tell the approximate time by looking at the sun's position. I hoisted the bulging sack up, slung it over my right shoulder, and set off.

The ground was soft under my feet, and I sunk slightly with each step.

I timed the walk home using my digital watch. It took seven minutes and thirty-six seconds from the edge of the forest to the front door. Twenty seconds more than yesterday. This meant I had probably got more in the sack than yesterday.

I had to drop the sack so I could find the keys in my pocket. I unlocked the door, opened it as far as it would go, lifted up the sack and walked through to the end of the hall. I went down into my room having left the door open on my way out, and heaved the sack up onto the table. I decided I would see to it after lunch.

Lunch was lamb-steaks, carrots and peas. I left the peas.

After lunch, I went back to my room. Raising the sack from the bottom corners, I emptied its contents onto the centre of the table. I looked at my watch, and then quickly began sorting the animals into two groups: flying animals on the left and non-flying animals on the right. This took me eighteen seconds - an improvement.

I reached into the cupboard under the table and took out the box of knives. I thought I'd start with the hardest job: the rabbits. Removing the biggest knife from the box, I moved the first rabbit, a lovely white one, to the centre of the table. I rolled the rabbit onto its back, pressed down on its stomach with my right hand, placed the serrated edge gently onto its throat, and began sawing through it.

Blood began to flow over my fingers, and I realised I'd forgotten to put on my latex gloves. This didn't bother me, however. It was interesting to see the blood work its way over my hands, twisting between my fingers and forming skin-coloured cracks on my knuckles each time I clenched my fists.

Eventually, I felt the body shift suddenly away from the head as they became separate. Fine white fur was floating around in front of my eyes, easy to see against the dark, stone wall. I put the head and body towards the back of the table, took a crow from the left, and placed it in the middle. Crows were always easy. This one looked so clean and pure. Its feathers were completely straight and smooth - not ruffled in any way. Its beak was a sharp, yellowish colour, and its eyes were cold, dead and black.

Having snatched the cleaver from the knife box with anticipation, I held it up over my head. One quick swipe and it was decapitated. An extremely satisfying thud resounded around the room, as the sharp blade of the cleaver slammed straight through the crow's frail neck, on to the hard wood of the table, denting it slightly.

I smiled.

The red ooze quickly made its way outwards, forming a small puddle on the wood of the table and joining itself to the blood from the rabbit. Having placed the crow's body at the back of the table, I retrieved the body of the rabbit, replaced the box of knives and took out the sewing basket.

Using the biggest needle and a very thick, strong thread, I began sewing the crow's head onto the rabbit's body. It was truly fascinating to see the two pieces gradually become part of each other, the crisp, black feathers completely contrasting with the soft, white fur.

I looked at my watch again. The process had taken six minutes and twelve seconds.

Tomorrow I would see what other wonders could be created from the animals I had collected.

Daniel Brown

Grendel's Daughter

The Hrothgars of this world can unite
and convene all the summits they like
but, when she chooses to strike,
there will be no time nor space for fear.

She is a man-made mutation of the fiercest brand;
conceived millennia ago when bombs were sand
and nuclear fission was a second-hand,
wrongly-remembered myth. She swam

in the amniotic fluids of human thought
for thousands of years, carefully caught
between science and legend; she fought
her way from the drawing board to the womb.

Today, she emerges to widespread applause:
born before millions with a world-shaking roar;
the crowds gasp at her cavernous jaws;
her mighty iron-plated torso; shining silicon eyes.

Swarms of fly-sized figures fail to note
that she does not greedily lope
like her father, nor bellow from the throat
like her tarn-hag grandmother.

Instead, they predict her movement will be sleek
as shooting stars; her birth makes the midweek
headlines and reporters shriek that she is the peak,
so far, of humankind's creations.

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and convene all the summits they like
but, when she chooses to strike,
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Where is Beowulf now?

Emily Middleton Year 12



Josie Mills Year 11

Argentina 2007

To James

Whilst our abiding memory of the tour to Argentina will be James Pain-ton's tragic death, we would also like to put on record what James, and many others on the tour, considered to be three of the best weeks of our lives . . .

Tuesday 3rd July 9. 00am. Terminal 3 Manchester Airport. After many fund raising events, monthly withdrawals of cash, photos and gruelling pre-tour fitness and hype, two teams and a handful of coaches were finally ready to travel across the Atlantic Ocean to spend three and a half weeks in a much under-rated rugby nation. We would be sampling fine foods and wine, new cultures, breathtaking scenery, and Argentinean rugby.

Many were optimistically anxious, as no one knew what to expect of the Argentinean lifestyle, what our hosts would be like, what the cities would be like, whether the scenery would be as beautiful as we

had been told and, most anticipated of all, how good they would be at rugby. Two particular talking points leading up to the tour were whether the meat was as good, and the women as beautiful, as the rumours suggested. Both, by general consensus, were found to be 100% correct. The amount of steak, ribs, pork and chicken consumed on tour cannot even be quantified. As anyone who has experienced such food will tell you, it's easily the best in the world. Most worrying of all, however, especially in a foreign country on the other side of the world, was the language barrier. This was seemingly no problem for resident linguist, Thom Rowbotham, who, much to his displeasure, was invariably hosted by the opposition player who spoke the least English, in most cases no English at all.

After two delayed flights and a cross-airport sprint, we flew down into Argentina's capital, Buenos Aires, in the early hours. Under darkness, the streetlights showed a vast city going as far as we could see on either side of the plane. Unfortunately, the baggage handlers at Madrid Airport had not been up to the ferocious pace of the King's School as they crossed that airport, and the group's bags were left behind.

After being taken for breakfast by the tour guide, a newly invigorated side emerged for the day's sightseeing. Buenos Aires is easily one of the most beautiful and culturally diverse cities in the world, with plazas, cathedrals, government buildings, and enormous avenues packed with residential areas, shops and offices. We travelled through docklands and rich commercial business areas that backed onto hugely deprived areas like Boca, compensating for its lack of wealth with massive amounts of visible culture, from the vividly coloured houses to the tango dancers in the street.

That night we met our first set of hosts, the 1st XV staying with pupils of St Brendan's College and the 2nd XV with Villa Devoto Day School. Both sides were well fed and rested. Argentineans are warm hearted, kind and welcoming people. We all awoke early the next morning: the 2nd XV had been organised to tour the ground of Boca Juniors FC, whilst the big hard 1st XV partook of some retail therapy at a new shopping mall.



That afternoon came the eagerly awaited first match, at St Brendan's home ground, some hours' bus drive out of town. The 1st XV, captained by flanker, George Morrissey, put in a solid performance, winning 47-7, but would need to improve to contend with opponents to come. The 2nd XV, captained by scrum-half, Josh Fowler, also played well, but came out second best, losing 24-15.

The tour moved to the next place of residence, the Hotel Presidente. Whilst in the hotel, we just had free time to take in the shops and sights nearby, before being whisked off for a training session to keep fragile players loose after the previous tough action. That night, a tango show was watched by everyone except Leo Thompson who found the experience all too emotional and slept during the show.

Salta was the next port of call. After a welcome rest on the plane, we were straight back into action, travelling through the city. Salta, an old city set against the backdrop of the mountains, is low rise and sprawling. It was in these sprawling outskirts that the first and second teams were hosted.

On the coldest day of Argentina's year, and the first time it had snowed for eighty years, we had booked to go white water rafting. This is usually something looked forward to by all, but this time it was not such a hot prospect. As we are all well-hard King's Macc lads, we set off downstream. Jack Taylor and Andy Laing were the first of the few to fall into the icy waters. Another round of meat was eaten by all and preparation for the second match started.

We were due to play Los Tigres club in an idyllic setting overlooking the city with mountains fairly close by. The pitch, however, was incredibly dusty and, when it came to the match, we found that breathing was difficult because of a mixture of tiredness, altitude and dust. The seconds narrowly lost, 30-29, despite an excellent second half performance. The firsts came out victorious with what was, arguably, their best performance of the tour, comfortably winning, 57-0, against the strongest side in Salta.

A not so excellent example of good time keeping from Andrew Kimber and Bruce Lacey led to the bus leaving over an hour late for the long journey to Tucuman, the best club side in the country. Tucuman is not as affluent as previous cities, being smaller and far

more rural. It is a city in the middle of all the nothingness that we had just travelled along for hours with but one stop, at a spa hotel, where the aged and infirm took advantage of a massage to prevent their seizing up.

The match against Tucuman was played as an evening fixture in front of a large and partisan crowd. Very hard, well-fought matches followed, with both sides being beaten by worthy opponents. The firsts were well beaten in spite of a fantastic short-range try from Bruce Lacey, and the seconds despite valiant talking from Jonty Marshall. Both sides enjoyed their last night in Tucuman, ready to set out to Cordoba.

We arrived at the luxurious American hotel in Cordoba, weary from the long bus journey, but with high spirits after a fantastic start to the tour. Cordoba is the second biggest city in Argentina and it was interesting to be back in a bustling metropolis after our stay in traditional Tucuman. We arrived late on Friday evening, so most lads spent the evening at leisure playing pool or watching television, relaxing and preparing for our third game in five days.

The next day we made the short journey across town to the Jockey Club Cordoba, for a game the tourists approached with a mixture of excitement and trepidation, keen to get back to winning ways. The facilities at the Jockey Club were fantastic and a large crowd turned out to watch both the 2nd XV game and the 1st XV game. The 2nd XV did not start well and looked weary from the previous week's action; however, they regrouped at half time and the second half performance improved significantly. In a closely fought and physical game, a few lapses in concentration and discipline cost the seconds the victory.

The 1st XV entered the game determined to win. After an edgy first-half display, we had built up a 24-0 lead, but we knew we could play better. The game then took an interesting turn as Cordoba made fifteen changes, bringing on a completely fresh team. The Cordoba side that started the match had been large, as all the Argentineans had been, but the second-half side was simply massive. It later turned out that the second-half side comprised the Cordoba Under-21s. King's defended bravely against much larger opposition, but the game seemed to be slipping away until a

Jack Taylor penalty in the dying seconds secured a one-point victory. We left the pitch battered and bruised: yet again the physical style of Argentinean rugby had left its mark on several of us, and we enjoyed a post match meal and a few magic tricks from the Cordoba hooker.

The following day was the first free day of the tour: most lads used this time to buy souvenirs before the entire tour party travelled to a coffee shop to watch the final of Copa America. The Argentineans were firm favourites as all our hosts were keen to remind us, but Argentina lost 3-0 and the streets of Cordoba were very empty and quiet that night.

After playing three games in five days, we were looking forward to the next stop, at Iguazú, to relax alongside one of the most spectacular natural wonders in the world. We spent the next two days at the tranquil Hotel Esturion. The trip to Iguazú Falls allowed the team to rest and recover in preparation for the final game. We spent a whole day walking and sightseeing and enjoyed a boat trip at the bottom of the falls. It is difficult to describe their magnitude and, for the first time on the tour, we were speechless. We spent the first part of the day in awe of our surroundings, trying to capture the picturesque scenes on camera. The second half of the day was spent on a nature trail on which we encountered nothing but terrifying insects. Some members of the group particularly enjoyed throwing these gigantic insects at others and watching them scream with horror. We returned to the hotel thoroughly drenched, but having enjoyed a fantastic, memorable experience. That evening we enjoyed another team meal before returning to the hotel to enjoy the musical talents of Brendan Thomas and Craig Burness.

We left Iguazú feeling refreshed and keen to enjoy the final part of the tour. We returned to Buenos Aires and, after a short journey, we arrived at La Plata, home both to Juan Sebastian Veron and the current Argentinean president. We spent the next three nights with hosts. The first day was spent walking round La Plata - an eventful day in which first we encountered a political march campaigning for the return of the Falklands to Argentina, and then, on a lighter note, a girls' handball team all of whom loved an English accent! We enjoyed a final team meal and held a

mini presentation to thank the teachers for their support during the tour and the teachers handed out some light-hearted awards, with Bertie Thornewcroft's award being perhaps the most deserved. We then returned to our host families' homes to rest before our final game.

La Plata Rugby Club's 1st XV play in the Argentine premier division and so we were playing the equivalent of a premiership academy side. Again, the setup was fantastic: as in Tucuman, the walls of the clubhouse were lined with Pumas shirts. The 2nd XV saved their best performance until last and, thanks to some resolute defending, including a tremendous tap tackle from Danny Lawrence that he stopped to celebrate, and because of some creative attacking play, were able to record their first victory of the tour. The victory was well deserved, as the young 2nd XV had been forced to learn a lot in a short space of time and the team was constantly disrupted by injuries. The 2nd XV always played with tremendous spirit and the final game even saw a cameo appearance from Craig Burness, who had broken his leg earlier in the summer.

The 1st XV were also suffering with injuries and they looked weary going into the final game. It was clear from the start that La Plata was a strong side and, despite a brave first-half performance from King's, La Plata was narrowly in the lead at the break. La Plata made several changes at half time and fresh legs made a difference. Many King's players were forced to leave the field with injuries in this final game, including the courageous Chris McGhee who always tackled above his weight. A very strong La Plata won the game very convincingly in the end, as King's tired. The 1st XV trundled, battered and bruised, from the pitch, but proud of their achievements in Argentina against some of the strongest sides in that country. We enjoyed another great post-match dinner with our hosts before returning to prepare for our final night in Argentina.

On our last night in Argentina, our hosts took us out into La Plata to celebrate National Friendship Day, but the night ended tragically when James Painton was struck by a car. James was rushed to hospital, but he died. He was a very popular member of the group, always full of laughter and he worked hard to make the younger lads feel welcome in the team. The

next day was spent in mourning, with our hosts from La Plata working hard to support us in these difficult times. We all left La Plata with heavy hearts to make the long journey home.

After lengthy delays, at Madrid and Buenos Aires, we arrived at Gatwick in the early morning and travelled by bus back to Macclesfield. We were tired from the journey and emotionally drained, too. Despite the desperately sad events of the previous night, all agreed that the tour itself had been a great success, with everyone enjoying a fantastic time. The tour brought all the lads closer together and the group gained invaluable life experiences whilst in Argentina. Many of the team are still in contact with their Argentinean hosts and all of us possess memories that will stay with us forever.

James, you will always be in our thoughts. Rest in peace.

Bruce Lacey and George Morrissey

1st XV

This was not a straightforward season: a predominately Lower Sixth side struggled at times to generate the power needed to control games at first team level and also, at times, were rather naïve in their outlook. It has been said that one of the things that you cannot give a young player is experience, and that was the case this season. In many ways, the season got off to a misleading start. The Festival was played in appalling conditions and the squad showed great tenacity to win all games, playing a limited, forward based pattern. This coloured the way in which the team's game structure was constructed and it was not until later in the season that it became obvious that a more expansive game was required by the squad.

The early season had its ups and downs: we lost a shocker away at Bishop Vesey's before being ultimately over powered by a useful QEGS Wakefield side. The team then rallied to battle out a tough away win at Manchester Grammar and a very pleasing defeat of RGS Lancaster where half back McGhee controlled the game well to pressurise the opposition into mistakes. The away game at Stonyhurst College was lost in a disappointing performance, one which started to raise questions about the ability of the team to control pro-

ceedings and whether the game plan was appropriate to the skills of the team. These issues were again indicated in the narrow loss to Wilmslow HS. Possibly more worrying was that none of the players, with the exceptions of captain Laing, vice captain Waddingham and senior pro, Partington, had stepped up and begun to make decisions or take responsibility for the shape and pattern of the team.

The half term break was useful to re-think the approach and re-build bruised confidence. Certainly, some of the younger players began to understand the demands of rugby at this level and were mature enough to realise that they had a bigger part to play in the direction of the team. As a result, some good performances were recorded: Lymm, Adams and Wirral were defeated, and excellent performances against the quality opposition of Trent and Warwick indicated that improvements were taking place. These two games showed increased maturity and determination and, although both were lost at the death, as large and more senior packs took control, King's made them look second best for considerable periods of time.

After Christmas, the improvement continued, with a very narrow, and somewhat unlucky defeat away to Bradford. This game revealed significant character, as King's battled to gain the lead, eventually scoring with a twenty metre lineout drive (which pleased the forwards coach immensely) and then narrowly missing with a drop goal that may have secured the game, only to lose to a late and contentious penalty kick. Although there were many positives here, it must be said that having achieved a two point lead with time running out, we were not quite able to control the ball and field position in order to hold on.

Nevertheless, the season finished with good wins against St Edwards and Merchant Taylors' prior to a disappointing defeat to Stockport where we failed to make the appropriate decisions and control field position in a close game in which we were under pressure in the tight.

Although the season had its ups and downs, all players developed and were a credit to themselves and the school. The front row of Stott-Sugden, Taylor and Whiteley was always solid and they improved their game around the field; second rows

Lacey and May could dominate line outs and similarly improved around the field. The back row made good strides and had spells when they totally dominated games. Waddingham was abrasive at the contact area and carried the ball very well. Laing has pace and he supported and carried well and Morrissey may well become a true open-side, strong in the tackle and seriously competitive at breakdown. These three were backed up by Walsh who, coming up from the second team, produced a series of good performances. Special mention must also go to Leo Thompson who played at various times as hooker, prop and flanker to good effect. His effort at tight head prop against a very useful Trent College side was one of the performances of the season.

In the backs, McGhee and Bamford played most of the season at half back, with Partington and the Under 16 player, Wilkinson, also involved in these positions. It was very pleasing to see Bamford recover from last season's serious injury to be, once again, a key player. McGhee has developed over the season and is beginning to understand the pressures at scrum-half. In the centres, Laing, Partington and Lowndes all featured; they defended well and ran strongly. Laing captained the side from centre and we were delighted with his inclusion in the county set up. At wing and full back, Painton, Tutton and Swetman all ran with conviction and defended well.

In many ways, the sevens season reflected the fifteens season, with an early poor start giving way to distinct improvement later. The Solihull tournament was cancelled and this left us rather undercooked at the North of England competition, where we played poorly and did not progress through the group. A week later, at Stonyhurst, two wins in the group, after two poor losses, saw us progress to the first knock-out round where inexperience led to our losing narrowly to the Oratory School. The National Sevens saw a distinct improvement and increasingly good performances saw us win the group and progress to the second day. It was then slightly disappointing to see the team lose in the first knock-out round and go out.

The Sedbergh Tens was possibly the best performance of the season, as a number of aspects of play came together with good effect. The first day provided good wins against Clift-

on College and Rishworth together with a narrow defeat to Llandovery College that helped us to qualify for the main competition where further wins against QEGS Wakefield, in a significant turn around from the early season result, and Kirkham GS, saw us through to what was effectively the semi-final and a close fought game against eventual winners, Sedburgh. It is hoped that a young side have learned significant lessons and will be in a situation to develop further on the summer tour and to perform well next season.

2nd XV

This was not a vintage year for the 2nd XV, although there was no shortage of effort on the part of the squad. The season started brightly enough with a good win at Bishop Vesey's, but it was then realised that the side included a number who should be 1st XV players - they were rightly promoted and the team proceeded to lose seven of its next eight games! The latter half of the season was much better as the side slowly gained confidence: four of the final five games resulted in victory.

The players always competed manfully and, by the end of the year, the pack was beginning to dominate opponents, and back play became more fluent and incisive, Nick Wales being outstanding in this respect. The main issue was defence, and individual tackling was an area of concern. In no game in which the team conceded more than twenty points did King's win, providing a lesson for all to learn: if you stop the opposition from scoring, you have a better chance of success!

The side was well led by Andrew Kimber whose courage belied his small frame, and by James Nicholson who eventually took on the mantle of pack leader with real conviction and passion. The progress made by all was refreshing to see and a number of this squad should have the ability to step up a level next year.

U16

As the team started the season, we knew it would be the last time we would all play together after five long years of hard and good rugby. The season proved not only very success-

ful for us, but also a step up from our normal level.

From the word go we got straight into the hardest match of the year, against the genetically modified QEGS team, who seem to get better year after year and always supply several players for Yorkshire. However, even though our performance was not initially the best, as the season carried on, we got better and played harder. Throughout the year, there was a dramatic improvement in the size and skill of the forwards, their aggression being enhanced by that of Dave Harding, a man who could have a fight in an empty room. The backs were excellent in defence and their manoeuvres and ball-handling skills increased game by game. These improvements resulted in the team's winning more games than it lost. More would have been won had it not been for several injuries during the season, and some dodgy refereeing at Bradford GS.

In the summer, several team members went on the rugby tour to Argentina; it was fantastic playing with the First XV and against some impressive opposition. The whole team was deeply affected by the sad death of James Painton at the end of the tour. We all learnt a huge amount about rugby and about life.

U14A

We started our season confidently with a convincing 50-7 victory over Bishop Vesey's. We then struggled against tough opponents such as Sedbergh, Wakefield and Lancaster. Towards Christmas, we found form, winning three in four against Adams, Wirral and Arnold. Simon Emery, making his A Team debut against Arnold, defended well and scored a well-earned try. Strong running and formidable defence from Charlie Brown and Chris Hudspeth and nifty well-worked moves from Johnny Stubbs and Will Hanson kept the opposition defences on their toes.

Despite all this, our stronghold was our scrum, shunting back almost every pack of forwards we came against. In the front row, the injection of Matthew Thorpe and Sam Jones added pace and power, with the clever hands of Jake Knowles at the lineout and in open play giving other forwards something to build from. The relentless rucking of Ross Elliot never seemed to cease and the loss of Carl

Southan was short lived as George Boustany added pace and try scoring ability to the back row. The eternal fitness level of Fraser Lacey helped George Drury gain clean ball for the backs to use.

Towards the end of the season our defence held out well, with draws against Stockport and St Edwards and with Merchant Taylors' getting a 35-0 thrashing. The pivotal point of our season was the quarter final win, in the cup, against Wilmslow, our finest performance. Even in impossible conditions, Will Hanson and George Drury shone as we kept momentum to cruise through to the semi-finals, where we narrowly lost our chance to win some silverware to a well-trained St Ambrose.

Our sevens campaign was helped greatly with the added speed of Jeremy Holden to come to our aid in times of need. Disappointingly, most of our tournaments were called off because of typical North West weather, although we were only narrowly edged out of the semi finals, on points difference, at the Wakefield Sevens. Charlie Brown gained the *Player of the Year* award and I thank all the coaches who improved our games and made the fixtures possible by their refereeing. Finally, I thank all the parents who came to encourage us and cheer us on. They were a great asset and were like our sixteenth man on the field.

Johny Marsden

U13A

This was a season where several games were lost by the narrowest of margins, three games were drawn and only QEGS Wakefield, Adam's GS and a Spratton Hall touring team (all of whom were unbeaten) were superior to any great extent.

Injuries to Tom Foreman, scrum-half and captain, disrupted the flow of possession from forwards to backs, but the main areas of concern were in the contact area. Individual tackling techniques were worked on throughout the season, and there was a significant improvement, but the frailty of some of the defence led to defeat on several occasions.

The side did, however, play and train as a unit, with outstanding individual performances from Alex Thomson (number 8) and Ant Walker (wing). Walker, in particular, was dif-

ficult to stop, and his pace and power led to many tries.

The team lost in the semi-final of the Cheshire Cup to a very competent Caldyside by 17 points to 10, and the sevens tournaments proved successful, the pinnacle being at the Rosslyn Park Sevens where the team won their group, beat Cardiff HS 21-5 in the last 32, and lost to Bourne GS 29-12 in the last 16 (Bourne then lost in the semi-final) and this, out of 120 schools taking part.

The Nelson trophy was awarded to Ant Walker.

U13B

This is another excellent squad of players, who trained exceptionally well, and produced committed performances in the matches. They were well led by Peter Rhodes, initially and then Jim Lock, both of whom gave their utmost to ensure team harmony.

Alex Billings has the outstanding by-scorer, with his strong running on the wing, but the forwards provided the platform and their performance put a lot of pressure on the 'A' team pack. No doubt in years to come there will be many of them in the top squad.

U13C

There were only 2 'C' team matches, against Bishop Vesey (won 15-5) and a strong Warwick School (lost 7-50) but this did give the opportunity for many boys to represent the school in a competitive environment, a challenge which they responded to very well.

The future looks bright for this squad of players: they have shown a tremendous enthusiasm for the game, and when the physical maturity of many of the smaller players develops, they should certainly be a force to reckon with.

AMcI/DTB

U11

This year saw the emergence of rugby as a major sport in the Junior Division, with a keen squad of players representing the school. The first match of the season was a rude awakening with a long trip to Merchant Taylor's in Liverpool. In this game, the boys faced a physically much stronger

team and went down 63-0. However, their courage and determination never faltered and was a great credit to them all.

Clearly, the only way was up after this result and the boys were determined to improve their skills before their remaining fixtures. In the next game, against Cheadle Hulme, King's A team proved to be much too skilful and cohesive for their opposition and ran out 80-0 winners. In the B match the boys worked hard and showed a great deal of commitment, but unfortunately lost 45-25.

This set the team up well for the AJIS Rugby Tournament, with confidence now much higher. After winning their opening game against Redcourt, narrow defeats were experienced against Arnold (5-0) and Merchant Taylor's (14-0). This meant that King's had to play in the Plate Competition, where they defeated Cheadle Hulme 42-5 to set up a semi-final match against The Grange. Unfortunately, this game was lost 19-7. Overall, however, it was a very positive day, with lots of good rugby being played.

The final game of the season was against Terra Nova. Both teams experienced very hard fought encounters. The A match proved to be an end-to-end game, with the result in King's favour until the last minute, at which time the Terra Nova centre broke through two tackles and scored in the corner. This was heart-breaking, as it meant the final score was 19-14 to Terra Nova. The B team game was played in great spirit, with both schools playing their less experienced players. Unfortunately, despite their best efforts, King's B team also lost, 35-25.

This was a very enjoyable season, which will set the boys up well for their experiences in the Senior School.

MKW

Boys'

1st XI

Of all the 1st XI teams over the last dozen years, this 1st XI was the one which made the most progress over the season. Their commitment to training and will to learn more about the game and improve has been an example to all. It was fitting that they returned from the end of season Bath Festival as the first King's team to win all their matches.

The season started in disappointing fashion at Sandbach where frailties in all areas of the pitch were exploited. There then followed eight matches where the team was never outplayed, but somehow was unable to secure victory. It was almost as if the team did not know how to win! In particular the games against Merchant Taylors' and Newcastle saw the team submit right at the very end of each match. Victory at Wirral G.S. in the next game saw, at last, the team celebrate the victory that had been long coming and was so thoroughly deserved. This was the only victory during the Autumn term, this term also seeing the team's exit from the Cheshire cup in a penalty stroke shoot out at Birkenhead School.

The "Kobblers" game over the Christmas period was an end-to-end "goalfest", with a very strong "Old Boys" team eventually winning by the odd goal in 13! This was how hockey should be played and it did provide a boost for the team's confidence. A very strong Repton team brought the King's team back down to earth in the Spring term, but there were still some encouraging performances, particularly in the 3-3 draw at Merchant Taylors' where the team showed tremendous spirit and a never say die attitude. This set the standard for the Bath Festival and in particular the excellent victory over a strong Reigate G.S. team.

All in all, whilst the record shows a disappointing set of results, the season overall was most satisfying. Every member of the squad did what was asked of them, and more.

In goal, Ben Parton developed his goalkeeping to a most accomplished level. His approach towards training was excellent, always willing to push himself that little extra. Ben was ably backed up by the ever improving Robbie Smith. The back four were a most diverse yet homogenous group! Each had their individual qualities

which complemented one another. Andrew Gales was a fearless tackler with excellent covering abilities on the right and likewise Ben Allsopp on the left. Ben oozed enthusiasm and commitment! Rob Wreglesworth and Joe Bryant were an excellent central defence partnership. Joe led the team superbly with tremendous tackling and distribution in front of Rob who was an excellent marker and spoiler of opponent's attacks.

Whilst the above four were the usual starting back four, they were ably supported by the deceptive and determined play of Joe Worrall, and Oliver Cowan whose self belief improved as the season progressed. In midfield, Saad Ghauri made excellent runs down the right using his impressive stick skills and genuine pace. Matthew Stringer performed a similar role on the left and developed his team play as the season unfolded. The usual central partnership saw Matthew Shribman exhibit very good stick skills and run tirelessly with the ball, and Lyam Hollis totally control the midfield area with his excellent positional play, tacking and vision. Later in the season, Joe and Lyam totally dominated these central areas.

In attack, Alex Hall and Adam Allmand-Smith led the team with strong running and some very good finishing. Alex has a very good understanding of which runs to make and when, and Adam's support of this developed well over the season. Jack Edwards forced his way into the attacking line up as the season progressed. Jack had the uncanny ability to be in the right place at the right time and pop in a most unexpected goal. Several U16 players were drafted into the team at various stages of the season. James Gibson, Francis Bryant, Matthew Murray and Alex Reeves all rose to the challenge of 1stXI hockey. Set piece play is so important in modern day hockey and in this department, Lyam and Joe were most effective scoring many well thought out goals.

The Upper Sixth players will remember the season for the individual contributions that they made and the lower sixth for the way in which they developed and improved their play. The most important objective of the season was achieved - everyone enjoyed themselves. Sport was the winner.

Appearances: 20 L. Hollis, A. Hall, B. Allsopp, R. Wreglesworth; 19 J. Bryant, B. Parton, A. Gales, M. Shrib-

man, M. Stringer, A. Allmand-Smith; 16 J. Worrall; 15 S. Ghauri; 14 J. Edwards; 10 O. Cowan; 4 J. Gibson; 3 F. Bryant, A. Reeves, M. Murray; 1 R. Smith.

JAD

Indoor Team

Friday afternoon indoor sessions at Macclesfield Leisure Centre remain an optional opportunity for players to develop their stick skills and team play. A dedicated group realised this aim, and had fun doing it. It was a very young and relatively inexperienced squad which went to the North Indoor tournament. After a disappointing result in the first game against Sheffield H.C., their play gradually improved and following impressive victories against Birkenhead School and Deeside Ramblers H.C. the team progressed to the semi-final stage, a feat not achieved for many years. Against Preston H.C. the team began hesitantly and slowly and was forced to play catch up for much of the game. Preston did not outplay the King's team, but the early deficit was too large to overcome. The team was bitterly disappointed but should feel satisfied with the success that they achieved.

Appearances: J. Bryant, L. Hollis, B. Parton, A. Hall, A. Gales, M. Murray, F. Bryant, J. Gibson.

JAD

U14

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-

Hockey

lie Potter and Ben James has been the backbone of the team. All four have shown commitment and intelligence in their distribution. Tom Gilsean has also impressed with his confident tackling.

Dan Alderley, Alex Eyre, Ben Monro 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 Rofe, 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

Girls

U13XI

The enjoyment the squad had playing hockey was illustrated whenever Lize (our gap student) joined me and the non-team players to play against the team. We usually lost to the team, but a lot of fun and a good deal of coaching was put into these Friday lunch-time sessions.

The team was not very successful in terms of results, but our most

improved player, Niamh Burke, and our player of the year, Vicky Lomas, gave impetus to the side. Maggie Auslander enjoyed playing in goal and helped to keep the scores presentable.

Squad: M Auslander, J Bowers, H Chadwick, E Ferdani, R Grimes, M Heywood, H Marlow, B Preston, H Smith, R Wynne, N Burke, S Winstanley, L King-Smith, E Pasquale, E Marshall, V Lomas, H Gradwell, E Bell.

TGN



First XI

A season that began in glorious sunshine with high expectations, 2007 would end up breaking records for all the wrong reasons. After playing and winning the first four games in glorious sunshine, the remainder of the season was decimated by poor weather, with more matches lost to rain than in any other year.

With the loss of three key batters from the previous season, runs were always going to be a problem, but the mood amongst the players at the start of the season was positive, knowing that they would have to shoulder the responsibility collectively. Elliot Purdom had other ideas, and in those first four games, he decided he would take the responsibility himself, with scores of 179 against King's Chester, 41 against Bishop Vesey's, 117 against Denstone and 95 against Stockport GS. Elliot was to dominate the batting throughout the season with 795 runs, including three centuries and three fifties; if the weather had been kinder he would surely have become only the third King's batter to score a thousand runs in a season.

Of the remaining batters, only Lloyd Kennedy scored more than 250 runs, and only Lloyd averaged more than 20. If the batters are going to take collective responsibility in 2007, the departure of Elliot means that they will have to really knuckle down. Johnny Barratt, Mike Walsh and Andy Kimber all scored fifties and showed, on occasions, what they are capable of, but they (and Lloyd) will need to be much more consistent if the team is to be successful in the future.

Of the bowlers, U15 newcomer, Chris Connolly, showed what a good bowler he is when he took 6 for 19 against Bishop Vesey's. Chris opened the bowling and was generally the pick of the seamers; he had very little luck and was hampered by the fast bowling restrictions that only allowed him two five-over spells per game. Even so, after such a fine start he will be disappointed to finish with only eleven wickets. Chris will take more next year and will also be relied upon to score runs. He is to be congratulated on his selection for the England U15 side, at the Bunbury festival where he was representing the North, and also his selection to the Lancashire Academy - as one of the youngest boys ever selected.

Shamas Bedi, in his final year, was leading wicket taker with 14, including 5 for 38 against Stockport. Shamas bowled well throughout the year and his contribution to the team effort as a character will be missed as much as his bowling. Always cheerful and hard working, and often a little eccentric when he was fielding, Shamas was a very popular member of the team.

The school does have a number of very able seamers and the other bowlers all impressed at different times; Sam Stockwin bowled really well taking 4 for 29 against Nottingham when the team were struggling and he finished the season with 9 wickets at 14.9; Ben Allsopp destroyed the Newcastle middle-order, taking 4 for 6, and Elliot Purdom took 3 for 17 against a strong Sedbergh batting line-up.

It has often been the case that the spinners have been the leading wicket-takers in school cricket. A back injury meant that leg-spinner, Johnny Barratt, could only bowl a little off spin. He had been the team's leading wicket taker for the previous two seasons. Left arm spinner, Jimmy Lomas, bowled very well in the first four games, taking eight wickets at 12.38, before suffering a horrible injury in the Nottingham game. Whilst running over the boundary when fielding, Jimmy put up his hand to stop himself and put his hand through the pavilion window, badly cutting his wrist and bicep. The early prognosis was not great, with one doctor even suggesting he wouldn't play cricket again. Fortunately, Jimmy was made of strong stuff and managed to battle back, even playing a few club games at the end of the season. The loss of our main spin threat proved a real problem and a return from injury for both bowlers will certainly help our cause next year.

The side was very well captained by Johnny Barratt, who had an excellent awareness of fielding positions and never let the game drift. He made bowling changes regularly and often with immediate results. Johnny was helped by Elliot as vice captain and senior player. The captain is always the most important player in the side and Johnny's role will be even more important with a young and inexperienced side in 2008.

As well as Elliot Purdom and Shamas Bedi, Andy Kimber, Stuart Parks and Chris Robinson also leave the

side. Andy Kimber played throughout his final three years at King's; an excellent fielder and occasional leg spinner, Andy will have been disappointed not to have scored more runs after excellent fifties in the first two games of the season. Stuart and Chris played only occasionally for the 1st XI, but also took on between them the responsibility of being 2nd XI captain; both showed excellent character and performed very well when asked.

For the second successive season, and for only the second time ever, the 1st XI went through the season without a single drawn game. Indeed, none of the games played resulted in even a close finish - all were wins or losses by more than 49 runs or by 7 wickets or more. After the first four comfortable victories, further wins were recorded against Newcastle-under-Lyme and Bangor GS. The team lost five games, all against good opposition (Nottingham HS, Manchester GS, RGS Lancaster, Birkenhead and Sedbergh), all, disappointingly, by a comfortable margin.

The remaining nine fixtures all fell victim to the weather; seven were cancelled completely and two were abandoned at lunch. Cricket fortnight was particularly hard hit with only two of the scheduled nine games played, both of those starting several hours after the original start time because of overnight or morning rain. Having travelled to Ipswich for the annual festival, the first two games were rained off shortly after lunch, after King's had batted and set challenging totals for the opposition, and the third was abandoned altogether, so that most of the bowlers hardly had a game at all.

There is no question that 2008 will be a difficult and challenging season for all players. A young and relatively inexperienced side will have to adapt quickly and take the responsibility that comes their way. They will benefit from a December tour to Sri Lanka where a party of seventeen players and three staff will undertake a two-week tour incorporating eight matches, as well as watching a couple of days' test match cricket, where the party will, hopefully, meet up with former 1st XI captain and current England cricket manager, Peter Moores.

SM

Second XI

This was a most unusual and, by 2nd XI standards, a most disappointing season.

Showing typical confidence and ability, the first six games were won reasonably comfortably. There were a few problems with availability, but the depth of numbers in the squad meant that a strong team took the field against all opponents.

The game against Nottingham, however, proved a turning point and dealt a blow to confidence from which the team never recovered. Impossibly late cry-offs and, disgracefully, a player who simply did not turn up, meant that the team travelled to Nottingham, one of the strongest teams on the fixture list, with only nine players. Despite the valiant efforts of all those who played, including two brave volunteers from junior teams who made up the numbers, a crushing defeat was inevitable. From this point on, the almost complete disintegration of the team as a competitive outfit resulted in a series of humiliating and hurtful defeats. Players who had been key figures in the earlier part of the season became unavailable and those who took the field became understandably disheartened.

Lyam Hollis was the only player who managed to play in all twelve games; he and Stuart Parks were the backbone of the team. Other stalwarts who toiled manfully throughout the season included Richard Butterworth, Oliver Cowan, Ben Allsopp, Andrew Gales, Joe Stanley and Tom Fisher.

PRMM

U15

It was quite a frustrating season, with poor weather and performances. The team got off to a bad start with a defeat at King's Chester, but improved with a sound victory over Bishop Vesey's and early success in the Cheshire Cup with a win over Cheadle Hulme School. A good half century from Tommy Taylor helped the team to victory.

The season continued with a poor run of form and defeats to Stockport Grammar and Nottingham High School. An away win at Newcastle-under-Lyme turned the season round and this was also the start of Anil Raza's run of form when he scored an exciting 58. A further victory at Manchester Grammar School was the

highlight of the season. It was a team effort to get to 129 on a damp wicket. Great bowling performances from Ben Monsey and James Thomson led us to victory.

Narrow defeat to Lancaster Grammar School was disappointing, but King's were chasing 170 and only lost by eight runs with a great 72 from Anil Raza and good batting from James Thomson down the order making it a very close game.

The bowling throughout the season was good, with all bowlers having their day. Tom Coleman consistently bowled left arm spin with great flight and accuracy. Tom Waters and Dom Ferdani made a good opening partnership. Andrew Barratt, Ben Monsey, James Plowright and James Thomson were all reliable change bowlers and all claimed wickets.

The top six batters, with the exceptions of Tommy Taylor and Anil Raza, all need to score runs more consistently.

The Cheshire Cup came to a disappointing end for us. After progressing to the quarter finals by defeating St Ambrose College, where Lloyd Kennedy smashed 72 and Tom Coleman claimed an amazing hat trick, the run was brought to an end with a defeat and the season itself came to a damp end, as the last two weeks were lost to the bad weather.

Several of the boys should be playing senior cricket next season and some have been selected for the Sri Lanka tour in December.

James (Skipper) Holt

U14

The team played well, overcoming all but the stiffest opposition. King's had a well-balanced side, capable in all departments. They enjoyed good wins other than when they came up against sides with unusually strong individuals. Chester beat the team twice, and they also lost against the big three, Lancaster, Nottingham and MGS. King's did, however, take a couple of decent scalps in Stockport and Birkenhead. Overall, King's could be eighty-five per cent satisfied with the season - it's hard to win them all - but it would have been nice to have beaten one or two more of these better sides. Next year, the team may well do it.

They were well led by the captain, Tim Saxon, who opened the batting

with Sam Rodman. Normally, Jake Knowles would go in at three, followed by Charles Gilman, then Tom Livesley. John Armitage was at six, Johny Marsden at seven and George Drury at eight. Johnny Stubbs, Matthew Jones, James Board, Joe Seddon, Alex Hughan and, occasionally, Charlie Brown, were the other batsmen to be called upon during the season.

Most players also bowled. Johny Marsden showed sufficient merit to be selected for the first team later in the season and he was joined there by Tim Saxon. Both these boys will be on the senior tour to Sri Lanka in December 2007.

Gilman, Saxon and Knowles all scored a fifty and over two hundred runs during the season. Marsden, Stubbs and Rodman took most wickets. Stubbs shone in the field. All the players showed enthusiasm and played the game in the right spirit.

CJM

U13

Looking back on a season ruined by the weather, it now seems remarkable that twenty three matches of Under 13 cricket actually got under way. Having won the county cup at Under 12 level, this team was expected to perform well and, after a shaky early part of the season, they fulfilled these expectations.

The season opened in April with a comfortable victory against a Macclesfield club side with Tom Foreman taking 3 for 11. Well though Tom bowled in the rest of the season, these were to remain his best figures! In the national competition, King's entertained Hymer's College from Hull in the first round, rattling up 183-8 in their 35 overs (Alex Thomson 85, Hannah Gradwell 30*) and bowling Hymers out for 140 (Greg Eyre 4-33). Bishop Vesey were expected to provide a stern test in the closing game of April and scored 165-7 despite Kamlesh Sodha's 4-15 in reply, along with Alex Thomson, 35, and Andy Hodgson, 51, who enjoyed a 97 run partnership: overs ran out with King's still 32 short.

Stockport Grammar were well beaten thanks to Phil Gibson's 3-14 followed by good knocks from Alex Thomson, 52, Andy Hodgson, 36, and Hannah Gradwell, 38, and King's went into the second round of the national competition with confidence. In the event Manchester Grammar proved

too strong, despite Hannah's defiant 39, and they eventually won a rain-curtailed match on run rate. A defeat also followed in the away game at Nottingham, where, in a thrilling finish, the home team won off the very last ball with a boundary. Earlier, Alex, with 53, and Hannah, with 41 not out, had enabled King's to set a good target.

In this year's Cheshire Cup, King's had to travel to Christleton for the first match and overcame Christleton's 126-1 without losing a wicket. Tom Foreman came into batting form with an unbeaten 59, Alex Thomson (below) contributing 51. Another big opening stand, this time involving Alex, 57, and Andy Hodgson, 65, set Birkenhead a challenge in the next fixture. The visitors made no attempt to score the runs, settling for a dull draw at 69-1.

Bank Holiday weekend witnessed an amazing game at Newcastle. Despite the absence of key players, King's posted a huge total, admittedly on a small ground, in just 30 overs. In the mayhem, even Mr Laurence found it hard to keep up with the score! In the end King's settled for 298 for 5, Tom, 66, Kamlesh, 64 and Oliver Stockwin, 52, leading the way. Phil Gibson took 5-32 as we won the game by 169 runs.

The second half of term started with a five wicket victory over Lancaster (Alex 54 and Kamlesh 30) followed by a 9 wicket win over Altrincham in

the next round of the cup (Tom 52, Alex 36). Close wins followed against Wilmslow by four runs and King's Chester by six (Andy 54, Phil 3-7).

Despite rain intervention King's managed to get past Stockport Grammar and reach the semi-final of the Cheshire Cup. More bad weather resulted in this game's taking place in the first week of the summer break: Alex scored 75 in the school's 135-4 and Hannah took 3-16 as Cheadle were restricted to 88.

The final was held over until a glorious September day at Alderley Edge Cricket Club. Caldly asked King's to bat first and the team rattled up 146-1 (Alex 40 and Andy 50). Caldly were never in the hunt in reply, and Phil (3-6) was again in the wickets. One remarkable statistic from the final was five stumpings for Alex Thomson, which must be a record.

Over the year, Tom Foreman led the team with distinction and contributed 292 runs and 11 wickets. Alex Thomson included 7 half centuries in scoring 582 runs at an average of just under 65. Other strong contributions came from Andy Hodgson (390 runs at over 35 average and 10 wickets), Hannah Gradwell (177 runs and 14 wickets), Kamlesh Sodha (153 runs with limited opportunities), Phil Gibson (19 wickets), and Greg Eyre (16 wickets). In many year groups, other members of the side would get more opportunities and, no doubt, also impress greatly. This is a very capable team with the potential to contribute in a big way to the future success of King's Cricket.

The B team were splendidly captained by Ed Gwatkin and managed to complete five games despite the conditions. With over 50 boys in the squad, it would have been nice to have played more games so that everyone could have experienced competition, but certainly net practice evenings were a real hive of activity!

GL and AMcI



Junior Division

The season began in fine weather, with the Under 10 and Under 11 teams participating in regular fixtures against other independent schools in the north-west.

The Under 10 boys showed great promise from the outset, with a number of talented and knowledgeable boys forming both A and B teams. Indeed, some of the more able players were able to move up a year and represent the Under 11s in their AJIS Cup matches. The Under 10 A team experienced wins against Altrincham Prep and Birkenhead Prep, whilst losing narrowly to King's Chester at the end of the season. The 'B' team enjoyed great success and were undefeated, with wins gained against Altrincham Prep, Birkenhead Prep and King's Chester. Next year should be a successful season for this group of boys.

The Under 11's had a difficult season, but showed marked improvements in all areas of the game. The first game of the season saw a narrow defeat for the A team against Birkenhead Prep, despite the efforts of Robert Coggon (5-16) and captain, Andrew Bryant (20). After this, a sound win was achieved against Redcourt in the first round of the AJIS Cup, which set up a meeting with local rivals, Stockport Grammar, in the next round.

In a previous game against Stockport, some wayward bowling from King's played into the hands of Stockport's two opening batsmen and a huge total was achieved. This proved to be far too many for the King's boys to chase and resulted in a heavy defeat. Fortunately, in the AJIS match, King's fielding and bowling were much sharper and Stockport were restricted to just 62-7 off their sixteen overs. This appeared to be a very 'gettable' target. However, some very accurate Stockport bowling, coupled with some tentative running between the wickets meant that King's fell fifteen runs short.

The B team also played a number of fixtures this season, testing their skills against other competitor schools. These 'pairs' games were played in good spirit, with batting, bowling and fielding disciplines all improving as the season progressed.

Despite having an inexperienced squad this year, the boys began to show some promise towards the end of the season.

MKW

Athletics

The season started well with both the Year 9 and Year 7 boys winning the Macclesfield and district championships by a wide margin. Nine boys were selected from Year 9 to represent the district at the Cheshire championships as were five from Year 7. Matthew Parris and Joe Traynor were also selected to represent the county, in the 1500m and Triple Jump, respectively. Howard Shribman from Year 11 also represented the county at High Jump.

The inter-form champions in the different year groups were 7DG, 8PFH and 9PJP and the Year 7 Athletics League was won by 7DG, with 7CAM the runners-up.

One of the highlights of the term proved to be the relays meeting. On a fine sunny afternoon, over two hundred boys from seven different schools competed in an excellent competition. St Ambrose were the overall winners with King's finishing a very good second. The Year 9 team won their age group event.

The Year 8 and Year 10 teams again entered the English Schools cup event and both gave creditable performances although they failed to qualify for the finals. The Year 8 team finished third out of eleven schools in their heat, whilst the Year 10s were second out of ten schools.

King's experienced mixed results in the track league. The first meeting was at home at the Macclesfield athletics track and, with the Year 7s winning their age group and the other teams also performing well, King's were the overall winners of the first event. However, at the second meeting at Bramhall, although the Year 7s again performed well, finishing second to Manchester Grammar School, the other age groups were unable to maintain their early season form and King's finished third, behind Manchester G.S. and Stockport.

DMH

Junior Sports Day

This year's Sports Day took place in overcast conditions 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, Wellington boot throw and the cricket ball or rounders ball throw. In the afternoon, proceedings began with the Y5/6 relays; thereafter each pupil had to choose three track events, with different choices available according to the age of the competitor. These events included the 600 metres for the endurance athlete, the 60, 80 or 150-metre sprint, and fun events such as the sack race or the 3-legged race. Altogether, almost a hundred events took place over the course of the day.

After much toing and froing, the final scores were counted and Capes-thorne were announced as the winners.

MKW

Infant Sports Day

The Infant Sports Day was, yet again, a very 'hot' event. The sun shone and 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.

Football

Girls' Division

Students from Years 7 to 11 came along to weekly training sessions throughout the football season. A

number of matches were played in the Year 7 to 9 age group. It was particularly good to see Year 11 students helping the younger students to develop their football skills.

Junior Division

This year saw a vast number of matches being played, with teams representing the school in all age groups. Many of the younger children were, in fact, experiencing competitive matches for the very first time.

In the Under 9 age group, fixtures were played against Stockport Grammar and other local primary and independent schools in a variety of tournaments. The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the Macclesfield Primary Schools' Festival, which was hosted by King's. In this event, A, B and C teams were fielded, with the A team winning two and drawing two of their matches.

The Under 10 team showed that they have clear potential for the future, with great strength in depth. Wins were recorded over Birkenhead Prep, Redcourt, The Grange and Merchant Taylor's, with other close matches being fought against Stockport Grammar and King's, Chester. Next year, the boys will need to build on the promise they have shown, ensuring that they play as a team, in order to maximise the ability that they have as individuals.

The Under 11s enjoyed a difficult 11 a-side season and were on the wrong end of a number of close defeats. Despite this, their enthusiasm never wavered and good progress was shown



by a number of players, under the leadership of Robert Coggon. The highlight was undoubtedly the 3-1 win over Cheadle Hulme, which was a just reward for the boys' efforts.

In the Macclesfield Primary Schools 7 a-side league, the A team enjoyed a great win over Upton Priory, while the B team experienced an undefeated season. This involved winning three and drawing two of their five matches. This has been a very enjoyable season.

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 the children had the chance to hone their dribbling, passing and shooting skills. Steve has run a number of holiday football clubs during the year and he provided a Year 2 after-school club during the Summer term.

Netball

U15

The girls had an excellent season and became runners up in the Macclesfield and District Netball League. They missed the opportunity of winning by losing their match to All Hallows by just one goal (17-16). Unfortunately, the school had a depleted team as four team members were unable to play. King's won all of their other matches in the league.

The U15 netball is a strong, developing squad and all have played some excellent netball during the season. The shooters, Laura Powell and Rosie Jacot, scored many important goals, strongly supported in the centre court by Victoria French and Florence Jeffrey. Yasmin Lavassani, who had the great ability to read the game well in order to make some important interceptions, led the defence, supported by Vicky Mobbs, Anna Steward, Anna Beesley and Hettie Adams.

Their success was rewarded by a third place in the Cheshire County Netball tournament, where the girls once again produced some great netball and worked diligently as a team.

CJC

U14

This was a season of highs and lows for the girls. With a small squad of dedicated players, the team saw several changes from match to match, but the girls tried their best to work together and were excellent opponents to some very strong teams. Many made great improvements in their technique throughout the season and demonstrated these confidently in matches despite the dreadful weather at times. The season finished with a series of confident victories in the Cheshire County Tournament.

A consistent level of strong defending came from Hannah Murphy and Meli Shannon, supported by the swift mid-field work from Katie Pickering, Jenny Wilson and Felicity Kimber, to name but a few. The precision of Petra Gillian's shooting, supported by Sumaiya Salehin, made their attack a resounding success in many games. The main strength of the team, however, lay in their willingness to work together and contribute in whatever way they could.

With continued enthusiasm and dedication next year, this team of players has the potential to achieve excellent results. Hannah Murphy received the *Most Improved Player* award, with *Player of the Year* going to Petra Gillian.

REC

Junior Division

King's Juniors started the year in fine style with the Year 6 team winning their first three league matches against Prestbury, Marlborough and Park Royal. St John's Primary had an unbeatable team and eventually went on to win the Macclesfield Schools' League Division 1, with King's Juniors in second place.

King's also played against the AJIS schools and had a relatively good season, winning four matches, drawing one and losing three. It was a dull day in March when the squad turned up at the Manchester Velodrome to participate in the AJIS schools tournament. King's started the day quite well by drawing two matches against King Edward School and Cheadle Hulme. Unfortunately, as the weather changed for the worse, so did the team's luck and they failed to get to the semi finals.

The following day, all were up at the crack of dawn again, this time to play in the Macclesfield Schools' Tournament. King's had a good draw

and the team was placed second in the group. They went on to lose the semi final to Upton Priory, coming fourth in the tournament and winning a netball and some rather fetching blue bibs.

Alix Davies (team captain) and Kate Garnett were selected to play for the Macclesfield team in the Cheshire Youth Games. This team came third against eight other regional teams.

Orienteering

The highlight of the orienteering calendar is the British School Championships, held this year at Hawkbath in the Wyre forest. Even though the highest individual placing was eighth, the strength in depth of the school team meant that the team achieved seventh place in the secondary school category. This was the equal best result for seven years.

More notable was the silver medal won by the girls' Year 12 team. This was the second year in succession that this team were runners-up. The team of Sarah Bailey, Jenny Campbell and Hannah Hills should feel very proud of their performance. Hannah also came eighth in the individual championship.

Other excellent results at the schools' championships were when Elliot Malkin came ninth in the Year



11 boys' race. Throughout the year, Elliot continued to perform to the highest standard for the North West Junior Squad. He achieved top ten performances in the British Championships and Jan Kjellstrom International Trophy in April. He was very unlucky not to be picked for a British Junior Squad tour in July. He was first reserve for this, as he was for the home international competition, where he nearly got a chance to compete for England. 2008 will be his year!

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 and Year 8 boys who have competed throughout the year.

CO'D

Rounders

U15

Unfortunately, the Rounders season was seriously affected by the awful weather and only four matches were played. The team won three of these matches and lost one. All the other fixtures were cancelled.

Special mention must be given to Hattie Ravenscroft for her relentless efforts: Hattie was the team's top scorer.

CJC

Junior Division

The children responded with their usual enthusiasm to the arrangements for practices and matches. Practices for Year 4, 5 and 6 girls were well attended and it was pleasing to see the teams play with improving skills and understanding of the rules. Even more so than in previous years, however, it was difficult to arrange and play matches. Some of the girls had commitments to a number of other sports; other junior schools in the area could not or would not arrange fixtures; when we did finally have a tournament or fixture to go to, it rained! However, the staff and pupils enjoyed the Rounders that we did fit in and the teams had some success. Justine Blake was the best all-rounder, and it was her house, Adlington, that won the House Trophy.

JC

Skiing

The school ran two ski trips last year, a Sixth Form trip to France and a full school trip to Canada. Both ran very smoothly and about a hundred pupils benefited from the opportunity to enjoy some excellent snow conditions. This year the school will visit France over the New Year with the Sixth Form, and America at Easter with the senior divisions. Many more girls are now joining in, making these genuine whole school trips and enhancing the experience for all. An extra trip is also planned for next year, for advanced skiers at half term, to Val D'Isère, to take part in an off-piste course. The main school trip may be to Alaska - a very exciting prospect.

JPB

Swimming

Junior Division

Swimmers have taken part in a number of galas this season and have competed both in regional and local inter-school events as well as our very own, all-inclusive, inter-house gala.

The girls took part in their AJIS event at Merchant Taylors' School and competed well in their heats, producing some personal best performances. Rowena Moores provided the greatest cause for celebration, however, when she secured a place in the U10 25m butterfly final and produced an excellent swim to secure a silver medal.

The boys competed in the AJIS event at Runnymede St. Edward's School and were particularly successful this year, making five finals and being placed in four of them. Congratulations go to Ciaran McLaughlin who finished third in the 50m breaststroke final and to the entire Year 5 team who managed to make both relay finals, and the individual 25m back stroke and freestyle finals.

Rory Heywood, Sam Stockman, James Ireland and Hugh Ravenscroft were third in the 4x25m freestyle relay; Rory Heywood was third in the 25m backstroke, and Sam Stockman was an impressive gold medal winner in the 25m freestyle. This was one of the Division's most successful medal hauls for many years.

The Macclesfield and District Schools Swimming Gala is always an exciting evening of competition and King's swimmers needed to produce their best to retain the title. Ellen Bar-

ratt was the only winning finalist, in the 25m backstroke, but the school was represented in all the finals and managed to accumulate enough vital points to be champion once again. Ellen Barratt and Oscar Kenny were always supportive and encouraging team captains.

All Year 5 and Year 6 pupils were involved in the annual inter-house gala in May. It was a very closely contested competition and there were some impressive performances that resulted in an overall win for Tatton.

DCB

Trampolining

The most notable Junior School sporting achievement this year came in a sport new to the school - trampolining. In the Autumn Term, a small group of children trained weekly with Coach Rachel Burrows in the Fence Avenue Gym as well as at Macclesfield Leisure Centre. At the county championships, they performed excellently to take the county U11 Girls' title, thus qualifying for the regional finals that were held in December.

Here, they also performed brilliantly and won the regional event. They thus qualified for the zonal finals that took place in Ards, Northern Ireland, in January. Despite splendid individual performances, the team were pipped into third place by a tiny margin and thus edged out of qualification for the national finals. Bethany Burrows was placed tenth in the individual competition with Katie Cornish just two places behind her. Rowena Moores and Fiona Cornish completed the team. Sadly, Isaac Brough was unable to take his place in these finals because of ill health.

Rowena, Bethany and Katie also gained further awards in national level competitions. Competing at national Grade 2 level in Gateshead, Rowena reached third place in the U11 competition. Katie, competing at Grade 2 level but in the U13 age group, was placed sixth, whilst Bethany proved herself the third best in the country at U11 level, taking a bronze medal at the championships held in Birmingham, a truly outstanding achievement.

Teaching Staff 2006 - 2007

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P Illingworth, BSc Hons, University of Birmingham, Physics; PGCE, Manchester; CPhys; MInstP

D Gee, Alsager Training College, Certificate of Education

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Mrs C H Bingham, BSc Hons, University of Sussex, Geography; PGCE, Reading

Mrs V Costello, BA Hons, University of Leeds, German; PGCE, Leeds

Mrs G Green, BA Hons, University of Keele, French and English; Certificate in Education, Keele

Miss D Inman, BA Hons, Liverpool Polytechnic, Fashion and Textiles; PGCE Art & Design, Liverpool Polytechnic

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P J Colville, BSc Hons, University of Leicester, Mathematics & Astronomy; MSc, University of East Anglia, Theoretical Mechanics

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Mrs C P Thompson, BA Hons, Middlesex Polytechnic, Performance Arts; PGCE, Manchester Metropolitan University; Advanced Teaching Certificate and Diploma in Teaching Studies, Manchester University

Dr G N Banner, PhD, BA Hons, MA, Sheffield University, English Literature

Appendix 1

Staff 2006/2007

Dr J A Fitzgerald, PhD, MSc, University of Sheffield, Palynology; BSc Hons, University of Manchester, Geology; PGCE, Liverpool Hope University College

D R Marshall, BSc, University of Manchester, Computer Science; PGCE, Manchester Metropolitan University

Mrs E Pentreath, MA Hons, University of St Andrews, Greek & Moral Philosophy; PGCE Didsbury School of Education

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A P Reeve, BA, York University, Economics & Economics History; PGCE, York University

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Mrs L E Hewitson, B A Hons, Lancaster University, Economics; PGCE, Leeds.

Dr I Lancaster, PhD, BSc Hons, University of Wales (Bangor), Oceanography; PGCE London, MSc, Durham.

Mrs R E Maddocks, BA Hons, Manchester University, Politics & Modern History; PGCE, York.

Mrs C Morton, BA Hons, University of Sheffield, French & Spanish; PGCE, Liverpool; MA, Sheffield, English Language Teaching & Linguistics.

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Miss V Banks, Teaching Assistant

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C Moores, Grounds

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Mrs J Williams, Teaching Assistant

Mrs L Wilson, Library Assistant

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

Coaches

C S Shingles - rugby/cricket

David Jones - rugby

B Edwards - sailing

L A Batchelor - squash

Appendix 2 Examination Results

A2/AS Results 2007

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; Pol: Politics; Ps: Psychology; RStd: Religious Studies; SpStd: Sport and PE.

Ainley C E BStd (AS), GStd (AS), Ps, RStd, SpStd
 Alston H C, M, P, SpStd
 Ashworth C A ELang, G (AS), GStd (AS), Ps, RStd
 Ayling A B BStd, B, C (AS), M
 Bamford T C Ec, F, G
 Barter A C CT (AS), E Lang, G, Phil (AS), Ps
 Beard H M B, C, GStd (AS), H, Phil (AS)
 Bedi S A&D, CC (AS), SpStd, (AS), D&T (AS)
 Beesley E O C B, C, F, M
 Berrett E S B, C, M, FM
 Bexon D A B, C (AS), G, GStd (AS), M
 Brough A N BStd, ELang (AS), GStd (AS), H, M
 Bryant J A&D, CC, D (AS), H
 Burgess H J A&D (AS), BStd, ELang, GStd (AS), H
 Burns H A B, C, M, Ps
 Byrne L S A&D, CC, D (AS)
 Chadwick A S BStd, B (AS), G, GStd (AS), Ps
 Clarke J P C, Geol, M, P
 Clark E B, C, GStd (AS), IT (AS), M
 Cliff L M BStd, B, D (AS), GStd, (AS), Ps
 Cochrane S E B, E, Ger (AS), GStd (AS), RStd
 Cockill S L CT (AS), E, F (AS), H
 Collinson J S C, M, FM, P
 Connor F E A&D, BStd, Ps (AS), Sp
 Cook P T E A&D, BStd, G (AS), GStd (AS), D&T
 Cotter R A BStd, CC (AS), G (AS), Ps
 Cotterill A L B, C (AS), GStd (AS), M, P
 Coveney N M B, C, GStd (AS), P (AS), Ps
 Crawford W R BStd, B, G, GStd (AS)
 Crompton G W B, GStd (AS), M, P
 Dillon A L BStd, D, F, GStd (AS)
 Egerton J M BStd, GStd (AS), IT (AS), P, D&T
 Falder M A B, C, Geol (AS), M, FM
 Fox A K H, M, FM, P (AS), Phil
 Fraser H F, Ger (AS), H, Sp
 Gaffney R CC, Ec, E (AS), G
 Gales A B (AS), C, H (AS), M, FM, P
 Gascoyne A L BStd, Ec, F, M
 Gatley S C J GStd (AS), IT (AS), M, P, D&T
 Geere D H L B, C, P
 Ghauri S P BStd, Ec, E (AS), Ger
 Green C B, C, F, Geol (AS)

Green H K B, C (AS), G, Sp
 Green M J B (AS), C, M, FM, P
 Hall A J Comp (AS), G, P, Ps
 Hall D L A C (AS), M, FM, P, Phil
 Hall K C S M, FM, P
 Harding R F A&D (AS), BStd, Bi, E
 Hart A E E, G, H, M (AS), Pol (AS)
 Hollis L M Ec (AS), H, M, P, Ps (AS)
 Hughes H R BStd, B, Ec
 Hughes H V CT (AS), E, Ger (AS), H, Phil
 Jackson M D BStd (AS), B, GStd (AS), Ps
 James T M Ec, H (AS), M, P, Pol (AS)
 Jeffrey A A D A&D (AS), ELang, GStd (AS), IT (AS),
 Ps, RStd (AS)
 Kapoor D BStd, ELang (AS), IT, Ps
 Keeling S J BStd, (AS), G, P, D&T
 Keen A C BStd, D (AS), E, GStd (AS), Ps
 Kimber A A K A&D (AS), BStd, Ps, SpStd
 Knight E J B, C, CT (AS), Geol
 Knowles C A B, C, GStd (AS), M, Ps
 Koyich K F S BStd, D, Ec (AS), ELang (AS), F
 Laing A J A&D, GStd (AS), PS, RStd
 Lea S E E, F, Ger (AS), Mu
 Lee N G A&D (AS), BStd, Ps, RStd
 Lowndes S C C, Ec, GStd (AS), M, P (AS)
 Macleod A C B, C, GStd (AS), Ps
 Madley A J B, C Comp, SpStd
 Marie J J K BStd, Ec, P, D&T
 May J D Ec, F, H, Sp
 McArthur S E Ec, F, M (AS), Sp
 Mitchell K J B, C, H, M (AS)
 Morrall R P B, C, GStd (AS), IT, M (AS)
 Murray C E B, C, H (AS), Mu
 Newham J D Ec, G, GStd (AS), M (AS), P
 Nobbs K H S F, Ger, Sp
 Page E M A&D, C, GStd (AS), M, P (AS)
 Painton J J C (AS), G, M, P
 Parks S M G, GStd (AS), H (AS), IT, Ps
 Partington D BStd, B, F (AS), GStd (AS), Ps
 Parton B W C, M, P, Phil (AS), Pol (AS)
 Powell J I BStd, Ec (AS), G, GStd (AS), RStd
 Purdom E BStd, CC, G (AS), GStd (AS), Ps (AS),
 SpStd (AS)
 Rigg J G M BStd, B (AS), CC (AS), D, GStd (AS)
 Robinson C J J Ec (AS), G, Ger (AS), GStd (AS), M, P(AS)
 Royston D C ELang (AS), G, GStd (AS), Ps, D&T
 Ryan J K B, C, H (AS), M, FM, P (AS)
 Scott A M BStd, B, C, P (AS)
 Shaw E R C A&D, BStd, Ps (AS), D&T
 Shribman H E B, C, M
 Shribman M R B, C, M, FM, P
 Sinton R E B, C, ELang, Ger
 Smith A A A&D, BStd, G (AS), GStd (AS), D&T
 Snelson S L BStd, D, GStd (AS), M (AS), Ps

Stott J M	BStd, E (AS), GStd (AS), H, Ps
Thompson L C	G, M, FM, P
Thorpe C J	A&D, BStd, Ec (AS), GStd (AS), Ps
Tighe C L	D, E, Phil, Pol (AS), Ps
Tutton P M	B, C, M, FM, P
Twist L D	E, H, Pol (AS), Ps, SpStd (AS)
Waddingham J D	G (AS), H, Ps, SpStd
Waheed A	Ec, F, H, Phil (AS), Pol (AS)
Wales M P	BStd, B, Ps, SpStd (AS)
Walsh B W	BStd, Ec, G, GStd (AS), RStd (AS)
Walsh F E M	E (AS), B, H, Phil, Pol (AS)
Ward K V	CT (AS), ELang, H, M, P (AS)
Whittaker S V	BStd, B, C (AS), GStd (AS), Ps
Williams A J	B, C, Comp (AS), Geol, GStd (AS)
Williams H J L	E, F, Phil (AS), SpStd
Winstanley R C	BStd, D, GStd (AS), H (AS), RStd
Withington S A	Comp, M, FM (AS), P
Wrigley T H	BStd, B, CT (AS), D&T
Yarwood R	M, P, Sp
Yeo O E	BStd, Ec, It, Ps (AS)

GCSE Results 2007

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

Arnold H V	D, E, EL, F, H, M, RE, Sc
Arnstein H M E	A&D, B, C, E, EL, H, M, P
Askey L E	E, EL, F, H, M, RE, Sc, Sp
Bailey C C	E, EL, F, G, Ger, H, M, Sc
Baker K A	B, C, E, EL, F, H, M, P, RE, St
Bamford R K	B, C, E, EL, F, Ger, H, M, P, St
Beard A E	D, E, EL, F, H, M, RE, Sc
Beardmore E C	B, E, EL, F, H, RE
Berry V L	B, C, E, EL, F, G, M, P, RE
Boden R J	C, D, E, EL, F, H, M, P
Bridge L E	E, EL, F, G, M, RE, Sc, D&T
Brierley E F	B, C, E, EL, F, G, Ger, H, M, P
Broadbent S J	E, EL, Ger, H, RE, D&T
Burns N J	E, EL, G, Ger, M, RE, Sc, D&T
Burrows S	A&D, E, EL, F, G, H, M, Sc
Byrne G E O	A&D, E, EL, F, G, M, RE, Sc
Campbell K J	A&D, B, C, E, EL, F, M, P, D&T
Chadwick H M E	A&D, D, E, EL, G, M, Sc
Cockill H J	D, E, EL, F, H, M, RE, Sc
Cook A L	A&D, E, EL, Ger, H, M, RE, Sc
Deakin N F	E, EL, F, Ger, M, Mu, RE, Sc

Ellam N A	B, C, E, EL, F, G, H, M, P, St
Faddoul G J	D, E, EL, F, H, M, RE, Sc
Fraser H	E, EL, F, Ger, H, M, Sc, Sp
Gales S	B, C, E, EL, F, H, M, P, Sp, St
Gittins N	A&D, E, EL, Ger, M, RE, Sc, D&T
Hall C L	A&D, E, EL, F, G, Ger, M, Sc
Hasbullah A	B, C, E, EL, F, H, M, P, D&T
Hedges G S	B, C, E, EL, F, G, H, M, P
Hills H F	A&D, E, EL, F, H, L, M, Sc, St
Hinchcliffe R	A&D, E, EL, F, G, M, Sc, D&T
Holroyd K	A&D, E, EL, F, Ger, M, RE, Sc
Howick O C	A&D, D, E, EL, F, G, M, Sc
Jervis R M	A&D, D, E, EL, F, M, RE, Sc, St
Johnson Z E	B, C, E, EL, F, Ger, M, P, RE, St
Jones T M	A&D, D, E, EL, F, M, RE, Sc
Keeling R H	A&D, M, RE
Kidd A T	E, EL, F, G, Ger, H, M, Sc
Kimber H V P	A&D, E, EL, F, H, M, RE, Sc
Knowles R L	B, C, E, EL, Ger, H, M, P, D&T
Lob K J	B, C, E, EL, F, G, H, M, P
Lord G M	A&D, E, EL, F, H, M, Sc, St, D&T
Lara Martin	A&D, E, EL, F, H, M, Sc, Sp
Matthewson A E	A&D, E, EL, G, Ger, M, Mu, Sc, St
Mellor R A	B, C, D, E, EL, F, H, M, P, St
Mills J R	A&D, D, E, EL, F, H, M, Sc
Mycok K L	E, EL, F, G, H, M, Mu, Sc
Naden S L	A&D, E, EL, F, H, M, RE
Nicholas L R	E, EL, F, G, H, M, Mu, Sc
North K M	E, EL, F, L, M, Mu, Sc, Sp, St
Pattison-Tadman S	E, EL, F, H, M, Mu, Sc, Sp
Perry N F	A&D, E, EL, F, M, RE, Sc, Sp, St
Pickering S M	D, E, EL, F, H, M, RE, Sc
Porter R L	A&D, E, EL, F, H, L, M, Sc, St
Rae G F	D, E, EL, F, M, Mu, Sc, Sp, St
Rousseau E C	A&D, D, E, EL, F, H, M, Sc
Saxon R L	A&D, E, EL, F, G, H, M, Sc
Scott C E	A&D, E, EL, F, H, M, Sc, D&T
Smith A C M	E, EL, F, G, H, M, Mu, Sc
Stevens K	D, E, EL, F, M, Mu, Sc, Sp
Stott-Sugden E	A&D, D, E, EL, Ger, M, RE, Sc
Sugden R A	E, EL, F, H, M, RE, Sc, Sp, St
Tillmanns K E	B, C, E, EL, F, Ger, H, M, P
Tuson A J	A&D, D, E, EL, F, G, M, Sc, St
Usher S E	B, C, E, EL, Ger, H, M, P, RE, St
Vohra S E	E, EL, F, H, M, Mu, Sc, Sp, St
Walsh H A E	A&D, D, E, EL, Ger, M, RE, Sc
Wanjau R M W	A&D, D, E, EL, Ger, H, M, Sc
Werrell A J	B, C, D, E, EL, F, Ger, H, M, P
Williamson R	E, EL, F, Ger, M, RE, Sc, D&T
Wilson A L	E, EL, F, H, L, M, Sc, Sp, St
Wolstencroft Z L C	E, EL, F, Ger, M, Mu, RE, Sc
Wood H E	E, EL, F, G, Ger, M, RE, Sc
Woodley H E	B, C, E, EL, F, G, H, M, P

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.

Barson J W B, C E, EL, F, H, L, M, P, St
 Bielby M J B, C, E, EL, F, G, H, M, P
 Bloom M A&D, E, EL, F, H, M, RE, Sc
 Board P J C D, E, EL, F, M, Sc, Sp, St, D&T
 Boustany E M E, EL, F, G, H, M, RE, Sc
 Bowman D J B B, C, E, EL, F, H, L, M, P
 Broome E T E, EL, F, H, L, M, RE, Sc
 Bryant F D, E, EL, F, H, M, Sc, Sp
 Bryant T J S D, E, EL, F, M, Sc, Sp, St, D&T
 Buckley M P E, EL, G, Ger, L, M, Mu, Sc, St
 Burman J E E, EL, Ger, H, M, Mu, RE, Sc
 Casson J D B, C, E, EL, Ger, H, L, M, P, St
 Cathie A J E, EL, F, G, H, M, Sc, D&T
 Clarke G E E, EL, F, G, H, M, Sc, D&T
 Clifford N P A&D, B, C, E, EL, F, G, M, P
 Coghill T A D, E, EL, Ger, H, M, Sc, D&T
 Conway M A B, C, E, EL, F, Ger, M, P, D&T
 Cox D J E, EL, F, M, RE, Sc, D&T
 Diamond J J B, C, E, EL, Ger, H, L, M, P, St
 Dunne G A E, EL, G, Ger, M, RE, Sc, D&T
 Ecclestone T D B, C, E, EL, Ger, H, M, P, D&T
 Firth H L E, EL, F, G, H, M, RE, Sc, St
 Fish D J B, C, E, EL, F, H, M, P, D&T
 Flaherty S J E, EL, F, G, Ger, M, Sc, D&T
 Floyd A B, C, E, EL, F, L, M, P, RE, St
 Foreman B R E, EL, F, G, H, M, Sc, St, D&T
 Gibson C J E, EL, Ger, H, L, M, Sc, D&T
 Gibson J A A&D, E, EL, F, G, M, Sc, D&T
 A J Glen B, C, E, EL, F, G, M, P, D&T
 Gradwell T W E, EL, F, G, Ger, M, RE, Sc
 Green A J B, C, E, EL, F, G, H, M, P, St
 Gunning H J C D, E, EL, F, H, M, RE, Sc
 Hanson J M E, EL, F, G, H, L, M, Sc
 Harding D A B, C, E, EL, F, H, M, P, RE, St
 Hart S R D, E, EL, F, H, M, Mu, Sc
 Hartshorn T R A&D, E, EL, M, RE, Sc, D&T
 Hay J A B, C, E, EL, F, G, H, M, P, St
 Henshall-Lofthouse A E B, C, D, E, EL, Ger, L, M, P
 Hopping S P B, D, E, EL, G, Ger, L, M, P, St
 Humphrey P E J H D, E, EL, F, M, RE, Sc, D&T
 Jairath A A&D, D, E, EL, Ger, H, M, Sc
 Jennings T C E, EL, F, M, RE, Sc, Sp, D&T
 Jordan A J E, EL, G, Ger, H, M, RE, Sc
 Kay J R D, E, EL, Ger, H, L, A, Sc
 Kerr C P E, EL, F, H, L, M, Sc, A
 Knowles D J D, E, EL, F, H, M, Sc

Law C E E E, EL, F, G, H, M, RE, Sc
 Lawrence D A&D, E, EL, F, G, M, RE, Sc
 Lewis E R B, C, E, EL, G, Ger, M, P, D&T
 Lomas J H E, EL, G, Ger H, M, Sc, D&T
 Malkin E L B, C, E, EL, F, L, M, P, St D&T
 Mandalia K B, C, E, EL, F, G, L, M, P
 Marshall W C L E, EL, Ger H, M, Mu, RE, Sc
 Marshall J C C B, C, E, EL, F, G, M, P, St, D&T
 Mayers H J B, C, E, EL, F, Ger, H, M, P, St
 McGlinchey G E, EL, M, RE, Sc, D&T
 McGregor R A B, C, E, EL, F, H, M, P, St D&T
 Mills P R E, EL, F, H, M, Mu, RE, Sc
 Moody J R B, C, E, EL, F, G, H, M, P
 Moors E J A&D, E, EL, M, RE, Sc, D&T
 Morgan H E L A&D, E, EL, F, H, M, RE, Sc
 Murray M J B, C, E, EL, Ger, H, L, M, P, St
 O'Connor P E M A&D, D, E, EL, F, H, M, Sc
 Orford B T D, G, Ger, M, Sc, D&T
 Pattrick P A E, EL, G, Ger, H, L, M, Sc, St
 Pollock C D B, C, E, EL, M, P, RE, D&T
 Pye R J E, EL, G, M, RE, Sc, D&T
 Rath J S N E, EL, F, G, H, M, RE, Sc
 Redman S L R E, EL, G, H, M, Sc, D&T
 Rees T B B, C, E, EL, H, M, P, D&T
 Reeves M A E, EL, F, G, H, L, M, Sc, St
 Rhodes N E J E, EL, F, G, H, M, Sc, Sp
 Roast C J B, C E, EL, Ger, M, Mu, P, St, D&T
 Roberts J P E, EL, Ger, H, M, RE, Sc, D&T
 Rogerson A A&D, E, EL, Ger, H, M, Sc, D&T
 Shadwell J D E, EL, F, G, M, RE, Sc, Sp
 Shribman H P B, C, E, EL, G, Ger, H, M, P
 Skinner F C B, C, E, EL, G, M, P, D&T
 Slack A G A&D, E, EL, G, M, Sc, D&T
 Smithson J D A&D, E, EL, G, H, M, Sc
 Stanley J O A&D, E, EL, G, Ger, H, M, Sc, St
 Stockwin S J T E, EL, F, G, H, L, M, Sc, St
 Strother M D B, C, E, EL, G, M, P, Sp, St
 Taylor B H D, E, EL, F, H, M, RE, Sc
 Vlissidis J E D, E, EL, Ger, H, L, M, Sc
 Wall P C A&D, D, E, EL, M, RE, Sc
 Waters M T B, C, E, EL, F, H, M, P, D&T
 Weston T M D, E, EL, Ger, H, M, Sc, D&T
 Whittaker M A J E, EL G, L, M, RE, D&T
 Wilkinson O J D, E, EL, F, H, M, RE, Sc
 Williams A D, E, EL, F, H, L, M, Sc
 Williams D G E, EL, F, G, H, M, RE, Sc
 Williams H O D, E, EL, F, G, L, M, Sc, St
 Williams J H B, C, E, EL, F, Ger, H, M, P
 Wood A B, C, E, EL, G, Ger, H, M, P
 Wynne M O A&D, E, EL, F, H, M RE, Sc
 Yarwood F A&D, E, EL, G, Ger, M, Sc, D&T

Pupils Admitted to Higher Education 2007

Name	Destination	Subject
Ainley C E	Loughborough University	Social psychology
Alston H	Manchester Metropolitan University	Coaching and Sports Development
Ashworth C A	University of Leeds	Psychology
Ayling A B	University of Birmingham	International Business with Language
Bamford T C	University of Bath	Politics with Economics
Barter A C	University of Birmingham	History, Medieval and Modern
Beard H M	University of Birmingham	History Single Honours
Bedi S	Chelsea School of Arts	Foundation Art and Design
Beesley E O C	Anglo-European College of Chiropractic (2008)	Master of Chiropractic
Berrett E S	University of Dundee	Molecular Genetics
Bexon D A	Re-applying 2007/08	
Brough A N	University of Liverpool	Business Studies
Bryant J	University of Liverpool	Ancient History and Archaeology
Burgess H J	University of Liverpool	Linguistics and amp; Phonetics
Burns H A	University of Manchester	Medicine
Byrne L S	Macclesfield College	Art Foundation
Chadwick A S	Re-applying 07/08	
Clarke J P	University of Nottingham	Mathematics
Clark E	University of Southampton	Geophysics (with a year in N America)
Cochrane S E	University of York	Politics
Cockill S L	Keele University	Human Resource Management and Law
Collinson J S	Durham University	Physics and Astronomy
Connor F E	Re-applying 07/08	
Cook P T E	University of Westminster	Architecture
Cotter R A	Sheffield Hallam University	Business Property management
Cotterill A L	Lancaster University	Mathematics
Coveney N M	University of Leicester	Psychology with Neuroscience
Crawford W R	University of Huddersfield	Business Studies
Crompton G W	University of Sheffield	Civil Engineering
Dillon A L	Employment	
Egerton J M	University of Huddersfield	Business Studies
Falder M A	Clare College, Cambridge	Natural Sciences
Fox A K	University of Oxford	Mathematics and Philosophy
Fraser H	University of Exeter	Italian and Spanish
Gaffney R	Re-applying 07/08	
Gales A	Magdalene College, Cambridge (2008)	Medicine
Gascoyne A L	University of Birmingham	Economics
Gatley S C J	University of Nottingham	Civil Engineering
Geere D H L	University of Edinburgh	Physiology
Ghuri S P	University of Manchester	Management
Green C	University of Nottingham	Veterinary Medicine and Surgery
Green H K	University of Wales, Bangor	Zoology
Green M J	Jesus College, Cambridge	Natural Sciences
Hall K C S	Nottingham Trent University	Astronomy and Physics
Hall A J	Lancaster University	Psychology
Hall D L A	Re-applying 07/08	
Harding R F	University of Sheffield	Law
Hart A E	Queen Mary University, London	Journalism and Contemporary History
Hollis L M	Lancaster University	Natural Sciences
Hughes H R	University of Leeds	Business Economics
Hughes H V	University of St Andrews	English Literature
Jackson M D	Keele University	Psychology and Biology
James T M	Re-applying 07/08	
Jeffrey A A D	Nursing	
Kapoor D	University of York	Accounting, Business Finance & Mgmt

Appendix 3 Higher Education

Keeling S J	University of Newcastle	Geographic Information Science
Keen A C	University of Liverpool	Psychology
Kimber A A K	Loughborough University	Social Psychology
Knight E J	University of Reading	Biological Science
Knowles C A	Re-applying 07/08	
Koyich K F S	SOAS, University of London	Chinese
Laing A J	Re-applying 07/08	
Lea S E	University of Manchester	Music
Lee N G	Reapplying	
Lowndes S C	University College London	Economics
Macleod A C	University of Manchester	Pharmacology
Madley A J	Sheffield Hallam University	Physiotherapy
Marie J J K	Loughborough University	Business, Banking & Management
May J D	Re-applying 07/08	
McArthur S E	University of Bath	Modern Languages & European Studies
Mitchell K J	University of Bristol	Biochemistry
Morrall R P	University of Manchester	Pharmacy
Murray C E	University of Manchester	Pharmacy
Newham J D	Loughborough University	Geography with Economics
Nobbs K H S	University of Sheffield	Law with French
Page E M	Manchester Metropolitan University	Art Foundation
Parks S M	University of Leeds	Criminology
Partington D	Loughborough University	Social Psychology
Parton B W	University of Sheffield	Economics and Politics
Powell J I	University of Leeds	Geography with Transport Planning
Purdom E	Oxford Brookes University	International Relations/Politics
Rigg J G M	University of Gloucestershire	Digital Film Production
Robinson C J J	Nottingham Trent University	Business
Royston D C	Employment	
Ryan J K	University of Cambridge	Natural Sciences
Scott A M	Re-applying 07/08	
Shaw E R C	University of Huddersfield	Business Studies
Shribman H E	University of Southampton	Medicine
Shribman M R	Oxford University	Medicine
Sinton R E	University of Nottingham	Biology
Smith A A	University of Liverpool	Human Resource Management
Snelson S L	University of Liverpool	Psychology
Stott J M	Newcastle University	Marketing
Thompson L C	Bristol University	Mechanical Engineering
Thorpe C J	Employment	
Tighe C L	University of Oxford	English Literature
Tutton P M	Bristol University	Mechanical Engineering
Twist L D	Newcastle University	Psychology
Waddingham J D	Durham University	Sport
Waheed A	University of Manchester	Politics and Modern History
Wales M P	University of Wales, Bangor	Biology
Walsh B W	University of Nottingham	Finance, Accounting and Management
Walsh F E M	University of Manchester	Politics and Modern History
Ward K V	Plymouth University	Civil and coastal Engineering
Whittaker S V	Leeds Metropolitan University	Business and Management
Williams A J	University of Derby	Spa Management and Sports Studies
Williams H J L	University of Leeds	French and Spanish
Winstanley R C	University of Leeds (2008)	Childhood Culture & Development
Withington S A	Durham University	Computer Science
Wrigley T H	Durham University	Accounting and Finance
Yarwood R	University of Edinburgh	Physics
Yeo O E	University of Sheffield	Management and Economics

Appendix 4 Awards & Prizes

Distinctions in Public Examinations

A & AS Level

Pupils with 6 A grades

Andrew Gales
Joe Ryan

Pupils with 5 A grades

Amy Cotterill
Matthew Falder
Alice Fox
Matthew Green
Dominic Hall

Stephanie Lowndes
Matthew Shribman
Charlotte Tighe
Peter Tutton

Pupils with 4 A grades

James Collinson
Charlotte Green
Alison Madley
Charlotte Murray

Rachel Sinton
Bradley Walsh
Hannah Williams

Pupils with 3 As

Helen Alston
Hannah Beard
Hannah Burns
Sophie Cochrane
Heidi Hughes
Sam Lea

James May
Stuart Parks
Heather Shribman
Laura Twist
Reuben Yarwood

GCSE

Pupils with at least 8 A*/As

Charlotte Bailey
Katherine Baker
Rebecca Bamford
Joseph Barson
Daniel Bowman
Michael Buckley
Jonathan Burman
Natasha Ellam
Hugh Firth
Anthony Floyd
Ben Foreman
Holly Fraser
Sarah Gales
Alex Green
Alia Hasbullah
James Hay
Hannah Hills
Steve Hopping
Olivia Howick
Ruth Jervis
Zoe Johnson
James Kay
Caedmon Kerr
Tara Kidd
Gemma Lord
Elliot Malkin

Amy Matthewson
Johnty Marshall
Howard Mayers
Becky Mellor
Josie Mills
Katie Mycock
Matthew Murray
Katherine North
Calum Patrick
Tash Perry
Rebecca Porter
Georgie Rae
Alex Reeves
Adam Rogerson
Caitlin Scott
Howard Shribman
Alison Smith
Koryann Stevens
Sam Stockwin
Michael Strother
Rebecca Sugden
Katherine Tillmanns
Sophie Usher
Amy Wilson
Felix Yarwood

Special Prizes

Head of Foundation's Prize

Heidi Hughes

School Prizes (all age groups)

Maimi Wright for Computing
Dr Norman Maurice *Arclex* Joint Prize
Dr Norman Maurice *Arclex* Joint Prize,
Principal's Prize & Year 10 Research
Project Major Award:
Selwyn Russell Jones Sports Prize
& Upper School Prize:
Economics (Canon F W Paul)

Simon Withington
James Brett

Ali King

Tom Bamford

Thornber Chemistry Development Prize,
Upper School Prize: Biology,
Development Trust Scholarship
Major Award

Matthew Falder

Ros Marcall Prize for Endeavour

Julia Phillips

Ken Brookfield Elizabethan Prize,
Macclesfield Grammar School

Challenge Cup &

Middle School French Prize

Anthony Floyd

I A Wilson Economics Scholarship

Sarah Falder

Ron Darlington Jazz Prize &
Development Trust Scholarship
Major Award

Sam Lea

Sue Bream Crystal Star

Sarah Stockman

Retiring Prizes

Liz Pentreath & Development Trust
Scholarship Major Award

Dominic Hall

Upper School Prizes

Art (Selwyn Russell Jones)

Eleanor Page

Business Studies

Annie Gascoyne

Chemistry

Stephanie Lowndes

Design and Technology

Stuart Gatley

Classics (Wilmot)

Robert Gaffney

English Language & Development
Trust Scholarship

Rachel Sinton

English Literature, Philosophy &
Development Trust Scholarship

Charlotte Tighe

French (William Broster) &
Development Trust Scholarship
Major Award

Charlotte Green

Geography and Psychology

Stuart Parks

Geology

Emily Knight

History

Hannah Beard

Mathematics: Mechanics

Jonathan Clark

Mathematics: Statistics

Amy Cotterill

Mathematics Double, Senior Choral,
History (CA Bradley) & Development
Trust Scholarship Major Award

Alice Fox

Music and Development Trust
Scholarship Major Award:

Charlotte Murray

Physics & Senior Orchestral

Matthew Green

Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)

Sophie Cochrane

Senior Reading

Ed Beesley

Simon Schuler Computing Prize
and Sports Studies

Alison Madley

Spanish

James May

Theatre Arts Joint Prize

Matthew Rigg

Theatre Arts Joint Prize

James Siddall

Scholarships Major Awards

Andrew Gales

Matthew Shribman

Awards

Hannah Burns

James Collinson

Kaila Hall

Heather Shribman

Appendix 4 Awards & Prizes

Middle School Prizes (Boys' Division)

Deryck Siddall Cup & German Prize	Howard Mayers
Art & Design	James Gibson
Biology	Matthew Murray
Chemistry & Mathematics & Best All Rounder Cup	Elliot Malkin
Design & Technology (Graphic Products)	Robert McGregor
Design & Technology (Resistant Materials)	Ali Glen
English, Religious Studies (Thorneycroft), Music & History	Jonathan Burman
Geography	Ben Forman
Latin	Callum Patrick
Physics	Johnty Marshall
Spanish	Peter Board
Theatre Arts	Stuart Gresham
Dual Science	James Kay
Year 7 Achiever's Cup	Jonathan Emery
Year 8 Achiever's Cup	Jonathan Cook
Year 9 Achiever's Cup & Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)	
& ??? Form Prize	Will Hanson
Year 7 General Science Prize	William Haynes
Year 8 General Science Prize & 8KEE Form Prize	Sean Wilson

Year 10 Research Project (Boys' Division)

Major Awards

James Boardman	Michael Dodd
Maximillian Elliott	Joschka Roffe

Lower School Prizes (Boys' Division)

Junior Choral	Matthew Dalton
Junior Orchestral	Richard Barratt

Form Prizes (Boys' Division)

10GT	Max Wilkinson
10FW	Tom Gilsonen
10JN	Matthew Wreglesworth
10AR	Jack Boothroyd
10LCD	Milo Mannion
9MMA	John McGowan-Fazakerley
9PJP	Jonathan Marsden
9MTH	Tim Hill
9RGD	James Board
8CJR	Andrew Hodgson
8SHW	Alex Grocott
8KLB	David Ormrod-Morley
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)	Timi Dina
7JAIM	William Green
7CAM	Hendrik Ratigan
7DG	Thomas Hennell
7PAUT	Ben Mason
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)	Jamie Irving

Middle School Prizes (Girls Division)

Macclesfield High School 'Best All-Rounder' Cup & Chemistry Prize	Katherine Baker
Art & Design (Joint)	Josie Mills
Biology & Mathematics & Spanish	Sarah Gales
Design & Technology	Alia Hasbullah
Dual Award Science, French & History Essay Prize	Rebecca Sugden
English	Laura Bridge
Geography	Alison Smith
German	Zoe Johnson
History	Natasha Ellam
Latin & Macclesfield High School Challenge Cup	Katherine North
Music	Amy Matthewson
Physics & Theatre Arts	Becky Mellor
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)	Natasha Perry
Middle School Reading, Anne Craig Joint French Prize & Year 8 General Science Prize	Bridie Thompson
Anne Craig Joint French prize	Emily Gilmour
Year 7 Endeavour Cup	Holly Smith
Year 9 Achiever's Cup	Molly Ross
Victrix Ludorum Cup (Sports)	Sophie Fox
Jenny Lee Mathematics Prize & Year 10 Research Project Major Award	Hannah Smith
Macclesfield High School Susan Russell Jones Cup for German & Lower School Junior Choral Prize	Katie Reid
Macclesfield High School Isobel Day Cup for French & Year 10 Research Project Major Award	Sarah Regan
Anne Cohen Prize & Year 10 Research Project Major Award	Lydia Rex
Year 7 General Science Prize	Bethany James

Year 10 Research projects (Girls)

Major Awards

Anna Beesley	Victoria French
Sophie Hawker	Rosie Jacot
Sophie Macfadyen	Jessica Quinlan

Awards

Charlotte Cochrane	Alex Smith
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Lower School Prizes (Girl's Division)

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

10CHB	Grace Duckworth
10HLB	Rachel Bromley
10JSS	Vicki Roberts
10VCo	Hetty Adams
9LFA	Felicity Kimber
9REC	Hannah Murphy
9ZT	Hannah Higham
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)	Freya Bradley
8DRM	Megan Jackson

Appendix 4 Awards & Prizes

8LB
8SJH
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)
7Esc
7GG
7LCP
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)

Other Prizes

Junior Division
Junior Division
Boy's Division
Girl's Division

Junior Division Prizes

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

Form Prizes

First Form Prize

6JEB
6MW
6PA
5AER
5AGE
5NS
4CW/VA
4JC
4SEO
3JP
3LC
3LT/KW

Second Form Prize

5AER
5AGE
5NS
4CW/VA
4JC
4SEO
3JP

Chloe Venables
Kate Dewhurst
Elizabeth Jessop
Maddie Coutts
Sophie Preece
Katie Mellor
Hanja Dickinson

Thomas Cann
Isabel Hunt
Christopher Hanak
Sarah Mycock

Isaac Reaney
Bradley Delves
Michael Li
Liam Hadfield
Emily Johnston
Tom Meadows
Kate Garnett
Ruairidh Nichols
Ciaran McLaughlin
Eve Thomas-Davies
Andrew McDonald
Alice Simkins
Justine Blake
Ellen Barratt
Robert Coggon
Aliz Davies

Alistair Hanak
Hattie McCance
Jack Brierley
Katharine Fray
Raife Copp-Barton
Rory Heywood
Alex Krajewski
Sarah Laughton
William Fox
David Jessop
Amber Murray
Zarin Salehin

Ben Winrow
Declan McLaughlin
Jenna Self
Ella Solomon
Matthew Brooks
Holly Brierley
Elena Boden

3LC
3LT/KW

Endeavour Prize

6JEB
6MW
6PA
5AER
5AGE
5NS
4CW/VA
4JC
4SEO
3JP
3LC
3LT/KW

Ridings Best All-Rounders Prizes
(and the Martin Badger Cup for
All-Round Endeavour)

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

Mrs C J Hulme Year 6
Musical Production Prize

Charlie Pozniak
Alasdair White

Lara Hogan
Charles Cockburn
Max Sykes
Victoria Provis
Tom Lynch
Hannah Scott
Mimi Stevens
Harry Meadows
Jess Milton-Edwards
Hannah Li
Jack Hudson
Jonathan Provis

Hattie McCance
Thomas Mort

Tony Maximous

Katie Cornish

Appendix 5 Music Examinations

Autumn Term 2006

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form and Boys' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Alex Andrews	Piano	1	123 Merit
Alex Davies	Piano	3	107 Pass
Jonathan Downs	Oboe	3	113 Pass
Jack Fletcher	Piano	1	131 Dist
Philip Gibson	Piano	3	110 Pass
Christopher Gibson	Piano	3	104 Pass
William Strutt	Singing	1	131 Dist

Girls' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Hetty Adams	Piano	6	116 Pass
Victoria Berry	Piano	2	104 Pass
Chloe Bullock	Singing	1	120 Merit
Bethan Davies	Piano	4	120 Merit
Nicola Deakin	Piano	5	100 Pass
Sarah Mycock	Violin	3	127 Merit
Amy Jacobsen	Violin	5	126 Merit
Lara Knowles	Singing	3	117 Pass
Clare MacKinnon	Singing	3	123 Merit
Stephanie Main	Clarinet	4	112 Pass
Amy Matthewson	Singing	6	124 Merit
Hannah Murphy	Trumpet	3	114 Pass
Sasha Pattison-Tadman	Singing	4	120 Merit
Sumaiya Salehin	Piano	5	111 Pass
Alison Smith	Singing	6	110 Pass
Bethany Tallents	Piano	3	114 Pass
Mary Thorpe	Piano	1	116 Pass
Sophie Vohra	Violin	5	120 Merit
Hannah Wood	Clarinet	5	120 Merit

Junior Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Oliver Andrews	Piano		PT
Louise Bates	Violin	2	118 Pass
Holly Brierley	Piano		PT
Jack Brierley	Trumpet	1	120 Merit
Jamie Edgerton	Clarinet	1	130 Dist
Juliette Gorb	Piano	2	122 Merit
Oliver Krajewski	Clarinet	1	144 Pass
Helen Moore	Piano		PT
Poppy Nathan	Piano	2	109 Pass
Francesca Robbins	Piano		PT
Felix Thomas-Davies	Piano		PT
Christopher Watt	Piano		PT
Ben Winrow	Clarinet	1	117 Pass

Teaching Staff

Stephen Carpenter	Cornet	3	120 Merit
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Rock School Exams

Name	Grade	Result
Michael Barratt	5	80 Merit
Alistair Barter	8	88 Dist
Jenny Campbell	5	69 Pass
Alex Green	5	81 Merit
Henry Gunning	3	76 Merit
Sam Jones	3	75 Merit
James Kay	3	81 Merit
Andrew Parton	5	78 Merit
William Soutter	8	88 Dist
Leo Thompson	8	83 Merit
Andrew Williams	4	75 Merit

Associated Board Theory Exams

Name	Grade	Result
Sarah Gales	5	94 Dist

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Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form and Boys' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Max Bacon	Singing	4	104 Pass
Charlotte Bailey	Clarinet	6	111 Pass
Michael Barratt	Trombone	3	123 Merit
Kieran Brady	Guitar	2	114 Pass
Robin Chatwin	Jazz Alto Sax	3	135 Dist
William Connor	Singing	5	108 Pass
George Davies	Jazz Alto Sax	3	110 Pass
Matthew Derbyshire	B Flat Cornet	1	115 Pass
Dominic Hall	Piano	5	102 Pass
James Hill	Trumpet	2	105 Pass
Heidi Hughes	Piano	8	107 Pass
Jake Knowles	Jazz Tenor Sax	2	115 Pass
William Machin	Trumpet	3	128 Merit
Charlotte Murray	Singing	8	122 Merit
James Porter	Jazz Alto Sax	2	108 Pass
Jonathan Sampson	Jazz Alto Sax	3	120 Merit
Dom Sheratte	Jazz Alto Sax	1	105 Pass
Heather Shribman	Singing	8	121 Merit
William Strutt	Horn	2	123 Merit
Josh Vohra	Horn	2	104 Pass

Girls' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Jae Bowers	Clarinet	2	116 Pass
Ellie Bowman	Clarinet	2	125 Merit
Sarah Gales	Piano	6	109 Pass
Katie Holt	Piano	5	134 Dist
Rosanna Jacot	Violin	7	134 Dist
Ellie Johnson	Jazz Alto Sax	2	Pass
Lara Knowles	Clarinet	3	105 Pass
Helena Loynes	Piano	2	100 Pass
Georgina Lucas	Singing	3	125 Merit
Sophie MacFadyen	Jazz Alto Sax	4	112 Pass
Stephanie Main	Singing	5	125 Merit
Clare McKinnon	Piano	5	127 Merit
Katie Reid	Singing	5	139 Dist
Emma Rheinberg	Jazz Trombone	1	128 Merit
Alice Ross	Piano	2	117 Pass
Molly Ross	Piano	1	126 Merit
Kate Ryan	Violin	3	122 Merit
Charlotte Sampson	Jazz Alto Sax	1	120 Merit
Lauren Shadwell	Trumpet	1	120 Merit
Olivia Soutter	Violin	5	126 Merit
Koryann Stevens	Piano	6	106 Pass
Anna Steward	Piano	2	118 Pass
Eleanor Strutt	Piano	4	109 Pass
Eleanor Strutt	Cello	3	117 Pass
Rosie Swinhoe	Singing	3	116 Pass
Mary Thorp	Violin	3	130 Dist
Jenny Wilson	Clarinet	3	115 Pass
Flora Woodruff	Piano	3	116 Pass

Junior Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Rose Adams	Piano	1	103 Merit
Louise Bates	Piano	1	120 Merit
Tomas Cann	Alto Saxophone	1	123 Merit
Imogen Hanson	Piano	1	114 Pass
Erica Jones	Piano		Pre
Samantha Knowles	Piano	1	124 Merit
Tony Maximous	Piano	1	103 Pass
Rowena Moores	Piano	2	120 Merit
Jonathan Pinches	Piano	1	116 Pass
Diane Pognan	Violin	2	115 Pass
Charlie Pozniak	Piano	1	127 Merit
Tomek Poznaik	Piano		Pre
Victoria Provis	Piano	2	105 Pass
Emily Robinson	Piano	1	117 Pass
Jenna Self	Piano	2	108 Pass
Catherine Smith	Guitar	1	102 Pass
Mimi Stevens	Piano	1	109 Pass

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Trinity/Guildhall Exams

6th Form Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Charlotte Turner	Flute	8	75 Merit

Girls' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Hetty Adams	Flute	7	64 Pass
Maggie Auslander	Flute	2	66 Pass
Niamh Burke	Flute	3	68 Pass
Elizabeth Bell	Flute	6	67 Pass
Freya Bradley	Flute	5	87 Dist
Charlotte Cochrane	Flute	3	75 Merit
Sumaiya Salenhin	Flute	5	79 Merit
Eve Worthington	Flute	4	75 Merit

Junior Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Ellen Barratt	Flute	4	60 Pass
Jessica-May Gardiner .	Keyboard	Initial	77 Merit
Joe Hale	Flute	2	83 Merit
Alastair Hanak	Violin	Initial	88 Dist
Rebecca Humphries ..	Flute	2	66 Pass
Oscar Kenny	Flute	1	63 Pass
Alexander Krajewski .	Keyboard	Initial	87 Dist
Alice Loughhead	Keyboard	Initial	61 Pass
Ben Lynch	Recorder	1	68 Pass
Helen Lyons	Flute	1	84 Merit

Associated Board Theory Exams

Name	Grade	Result
Jamie Edgerton	2	69 Pass
Adam Fletcher	5	87 Merit
Quentin Pognan	5	80 Merit
Olivia Soutter	5	75 Pass
Zoe Wolsencroft	8	66 Pass

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Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form and Boys' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Richard Barratt	Viola	3	114 pass
James Bowyer	Double Vass	3	112 Pass
Jenny Campbell	Percussion	5	131 Dist
Alistair Clarke	Trumpet	1	110 Pass

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Nicholas Emery.....	Clarinet	3	124 Merit
Alex Grocott.....	Guitar	1	132 Dist
Emily Nesbitt.....	Piano	7	106 Pass
Robert Phythian.....	Trumpet	3	117 Pass
Kingsleigh Nobbs	Piano	5	Pass
Alex Reeves	Piano	6	113 Pass
Alex Smith.....	Guitar	3	130 Dist
Sam Thomas	Violin	3	112 Pass
Jack Townley	Trumpet	7	126 Merit

Girls' Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Rachel Bates.....	Violin	3	120 Merit
Hanja Dickinson	Clarinet	4	120 Merit
Katherine Holt	Singing	5	123 Merit
Katherine Holt	Violin	6	114 Pass
Sukanja Javle.....	Violin	5	110 Pass
Elizabeth Jessop.....	Alto Saxophone	2	121 Merit
Gabriella Knowles	Singing	2	126 Merit
Georgina Lucas	Violin	3	121 Merit
Elizabeth Marshall	Viola	5	106 Pass
Katie Mycock	Violin	6	Pass
Sarah Mycock	Violin	4	Pass
Katherine North.....	Violin	6	120 Merit
Erin Roxborough	Singing	5	122 Merit
Kate Ryan.....	Violin	4	108 Pass
Olivia Soutter.....	Piano	6	130 Dist
Sarah Winstanley	Singing	4	120 Merit

Junior Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Sacha Allen	Piano	1	124 Merit
Justine Blake.....	Violin	3	116 Pass
Jennifer Lane.....	Piano	1	115 Pass
Alice Mackinnon.....	Piano	2	117 Pass
Rowena Moores.....	Violin	1	117 Pass
Hannah Naden.....	Violin	3	120 Merit
Zarin Salehin.....	Violin	2	134 Dist
Kate Williams.....	Clarinet	1	118 Pass
Christopher Wood	Violin	3	Pass

Associated Board Theory Exams

<i>Name</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Carrie Alderley.....	1	93 Dist
Clare Mackinnon	5	71 Pass
Katie Reid.....	5	66 Pass
Sumaiya Salehin.....	5	74 Pass

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Boys' Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Jordan Holt	Flute	3	60 Pass
Harrison Blackaby	Flute	5	65 Pass
Adam Edwards.....	Flute	4	63 Pass
Aswad Khan.....	Flute	5	76 Merit
Gregory Eyre.....	Keyboard	4	80 Merit
Matthew King	Flute	7	69 Pass

Girl's Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Felicity Kimber.....	Flute	4	75 Merit
Hannah James.....	Flute	5	68 Pass
Carys Ward.....	Flute	5	77 Merit
Sarah Winstanley	Flute	4	69 Pass
Rebecca Higginson....	Flute	4	81 Merit
Charlotte Cochrane....	Flute	4	92 Dist
Sally Percy.....	Flute	3	80 Merit
Elizabeth Bray.....	Flute	4	67 Pass
Hannah Higham	Flute	5	82 Merit
Yasmin Lavassani.....	Flute	7	66 Pass
Phoebe Fox.....	Flute	4	67 Pass

Junior Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Elliot Keen	Violin	Initial	79 Merit
Lydia Myers.....	Violin	Initial	78 Merit
William Thomson	Violin	Initial	77 Merit
Samantha Knowles....	Violin	Initial	92 Dist
Fiona Hepworth	Recorder	Initial	78 Merit
Tom Lynch	Flute	1	79 Merit
Aaron Shaughnessy ...	Flute	1	71 Pass
Alice Simkins	Recorder	2	67 Pass
Justine Blake	Flute	2	77 Merit
Francesca Hughes.....	Flute	1	76 Merit
Caitlin Cornish	Flute	4	88 Dist
Emily Pegg.....	Flute	3	69 Pass