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Head of Foundation's Report

I am delighted to be able to report that the academic year 2008 – 2009 was an especially successful and noteworthy one for The King's School. Not only were we able to celebrate 100 years of girls' education at Fence Avenue, but the boys also reached a cup final at Twickenham whilst the Foundation secured unprecedented academic success in many areas.

The celebration of 100 years of girls' education at Fence Avenue lasted for most of the academic year, even though the official opening of Macclesfield High School for Girls had taken place, a hundred years earlier, in February 1908. To mark this date, we celebrated Founders' Day at the Spring half term and invited a prestigious female orator, the Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe MP, to speak. She gave a superb address, or actually two excellent but different ones for the younger and older audience. It was a splendid day for the town as well as for the Former Pupils of Macclesfield High School who turned out in droves to join us for the Open Day held in March: we hope that they enjoyed this celebration as much as the existing pupils and staff.

The trip to Twickenham was an unforgettable experience as several hundred pupils and staff from all four divisions set off early on 1 April to see the U15 rugby team play in the Daily Mail Vase Final later that day. Sadly, the result did not go our way but all

involved, especially the rugby players themselves, had an unforgettable experience. Another marvellous rugby event was the tour to New Zealand which took place just after the end of the summer term. Over thirty pupils and five staff had a super time and won all their games also.

The School has had another very successful year academically. At A level, the percentage of A/B grades was 76%, a School record by over 3%. Nearly half of all results (45%) were at A grade and the pass rate was again 100%. Sarah Gales achieved five A grades in her A level examinations and two distinctions in her Advanced Extension Awards. She also represented Great Britain in the Biology Olympiad and obtained the best mark in the country in AQA Chemistry examinations. In all, 36 pupils (almost one third of the year group) produced 3 A grades or better.

At GCSE, 62% of grades were A* or A which is a school record. William Hanson gained 10 A*s and Jake Knowles and Lauren How both produced 10 A/A* grades. Emelia Bell, Katie Reid, Molly Ross, Hannah Sugden and Isabel Wilkinson all achieved 9 straight A* grades. Forty two pupils (over one quarter of the year group) obtained 9 A/A* grades, another truly outstanding statistic.

These results are a great tribute to the hard work of the pupils involved but none of this success would be

possible without the dedicated commitment of the staff, both teachers and support staff, who regularly give up so much of their time for the sake of the students. It is the time that is sacrificed at lunchtime, after school and at weekends that makes King's the special place it is. I would like to congratulate the staff and the pupils on the marvellous achievements this year.

The School is going through a process of incorporation to update its working practices and, as a part of this initiative, the benefit we provide to the community is being assessed. The Quincentenary Bursary Scheme is a significant part of this benefit and it goes from strength to strength, with an award being named in honour of RD 'Nobby' Clarke, a distinguished former teacher at the school. The fund regularly helps over a dozen pupils in the Sixth Form every year. Anyone who needs to know more about this scheme or what the school does in the community has only to contact my office to receive details of all that we offer. These are challenging times for everyone and we are doing all we can to support the people around us.

The end of the academic year is a time to say farewell to retiring colleagues and details are contained later in this report. However, I would very much like to record my thanks and appreciation of the excellent work undertaken for the whole school by two of them: Andrew Green, Director of Music, and Frank Walker, Head of Drama. Both have provided many superb evenings of entertainment at King's and we wish them well for their retirement. The School, and thousands of pupils, are very much in their debt. I must also not let the moment go by without paying tribute to Geoff Shaw for the marvellous work he has done for the Junior Division as its Principal over many years. He has been a most able and committed leader and I am pleased that we will not be losing him just yet as he is returning to his first love, teaching mathematics, in the Girls' Division.

In addition to academic achievements, there has been a pleasing number of other successes this year, in a variety of areas such as sport, music and drama. The school still has a world champion sailor, a likely Olympic gymnast and an England U16 rugby player in its midst. I hope that you enjoy reading about them in the pages of this report.



Hail ...

Welcome to the following members of staff who joined King's during the academic year 2008-2009.

Mrs Sarah Anderson replaced Dr West in the Mathematics Department on a part-time basis. She is a graduate in Mathematics from MMU and worked at Harrytown High School. Her interests include running, hiking, the theatre and gardening.

Miss Hannah Barton became an additional member of the Psychology Department. She graduated from the University of Wales, Cardiff in Applied Psychology and completed her NQT year at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School. She has also worked as a Connexions Personal Advisor. She has travelled around Asia and Australia and is a keen runner.

Miss Kirsty-Jane Birch replaced Mr Lawrence upon his retirement as Senior Subject Teacher for Mathematics at Cumberland Street. She has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Durham and left her post as Second in Charge of Mathematics at the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe. Before taking her PGCE, she spent three years working in the City as a trader and financial analyst. She enjoys walking and running.

Mrs Kathryn Brookes joined the English Department on the retirement of Gill Taylor. An Oxford graduate in English Language and Literature, she also has an MA in Victorian Literature. She completed her PGCE at Keele University. Her interests include reading, creative writing, drama and keeping fit.

Ms Janet Handley left her post at Glossopdale Community College to replace Gwen Goodings as a part-time English Teacher. She has a Joint Honours Degree in English and History from John Moores University, Liverpool. She has also taught at the British Council School in Madrid and at Barnsley College of Further Education. She enjoys travelling, cooking, the arts and keeping fit.

Mr Jim Jones returned to the Chemistry Department as a result of the increase in pupils taking the subject. He has previously covered a mater-

nity leave at King's. He is a graduate in Chemistry from MMU.

Mrs Susan Moule joined the Junior School team as a permanent Teaching Assistant for Year 3. Sue has enjoyed teaching experience at both Infant & Junior levels and she brought welcome experience to the Year 3 team.

Mr Ian Oakley joined the school as a part-time Laboratory Technician. He is a Pharmacology graduate and has been working at AstraZeneca as a Research Scientist for many years. His interests include running, mountain biking and walking. He also plays the guitar and is a keen golfer.

Miss Anna Robinson replaced Natalie Frith as Note Taker in the Sixth Form Division. She graduated in Social Policy and Sociology from the University of Sheffield and has taught Religious Education, Philosophy and Sociology for four years. She is a keen ballroom and Latin American dancer and also enjoys singing and sporting activities.

Mrs Sarah Robinson joined the History Department as an additional member of staff on a part-time basis. She is a graduate in Social Science from the University of Salford, and completed a PGCE in History and IT at MMU. She has previously worked as a teacher of autistic children and as a History teacher at Altrincham Girls' Grammar School and Henbury High School. Her interests include horse riding, walking, rope racing, cycling and netball.

Mr Rupert Rule replaced Mark Secombe as an Economics and Business Studies Teacher. He graduated in Economics from Durham University and completed a PGCE in Business Education at Manchester University, having spent time at King's School on one of his placements. He had previously worked as an auditor before re-training as a teacher. He enjoys rugby, cricket, golf and singing. He also plays the flute and is a keen skier.

Miss Samantha Smith joined the Modern Foreign Language Department as a French and Spanish Teacher. She graduated in French and Spanish at the University of Manchester and also completed her PGCE there. She enjoys reading, foreign travel and cuisine, netball and running.

Mr Graeme Wright became the new Head of History. He taught at Liverpool College for 5 years where he was also Master i/c 1st XV Rugby. He spent six years in the Royal Marines before taking a degree in History at Liverpool University. His interests include all sports, reading, cooking, music and the cinema.

Mrs Louise Wilkinson joined the library staff as an after-hours Library Assistant. She has a BA (hons) in History and Geography and is a member of NADFAS - National Association of Decorative Fine Art and Design.

We also say hail to:

Zoe Arthur who joined the Maths Department as Senior Subject Teacher at Fence Avenue to cover a maternity leave and to Tony Jackson who joined the Art and Design Department covering for Zoe Taylor's maternity leave and who will leave us during Autumn term 2009.

We also welcomed **George Morrissey** as a Rugby coach for the Autumn Term and in October 2008 we welcomed **Clement Courouve** as a French Language Assistant, **Alexandra Lonescu** as a German Language Assistant and **Carmen Lopez Perez** as a Spanish Language Assistant.

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Zaheer Ahmed

Zaheer arrived at King's from St Augustine of Canterbury RC High School, Oldham in September 2006. He quickly settled into the department and soon began to introduce new teaching techniques such as Kagan Cooperative Learning. He had an excellent rapport with the students both in and out of the classroom. He helped with some of the school's outdoor activities as well as setting up a club for those interested in playing the board game *Go*, and he had been appointed as Head of PSHE. Zaheer leaves Macclesfield for the sunnier climes of Brunei where he has secured a teaching post at Jerudong International School. We wish him every success and happiness for the future.

Philip Atkinson

One of the longest serving members of staff in the Junior Division, Philip

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left us to spread his wings and take up a post at a new school in Abu Dhabi. He joined King's Juniors in September 1994 and his artistic and creative flair was evident for all to see in his imaginative classroom displays and the wonderful sets he created for numerous school productions. He acted as Pastoral Head of the Juniors for a number of years during which he played a vital role in ensuring that the children's happiness and well-being were at the forefront of what the school offers. There will be many current and former pupils who will have been greatly indebted to his inspirational teaching. This is an exciting challenge for him and we wish him every success and happiness in his new role and life in another country.

Verna Costello

Verna joined King's in 1993 and, since then, held both SST and HoD positions in the German Department, and taught in the boys', girls' and 6th Form divisions. She organised various foreign trips and exchanges, and more recently ran the very successful European Youth Parliament group in the 6th Form. Verna will always be remembered for her super-organised way of working, but her warm, supportive demeanour with both pupils and colleagues was her strongest asset. She always had the pupils' best interests at heart and genuinely enjoyed their company, being at her happiest in the classroom.

Verna claimed to be 'retiring', but no one believed this: no doubt, she will find other projects in which to invest her significant energy and creativity. Her departure will leave a massive hole in both the German Department and the Girls' Division and she will be sorely missed.

Andrew Green

After thirty four years, Andrew had risen to second place on the chronological list of teaching staff at King's. He is tenacious, but not competitive, and has decided to settle for that! Andrew arrived fresh from postgraduate work at Newcastle University, with a first class degree under his belt, and an abundance of musical expertise to share. It has always been his passionate belief that music teachers inspire their pupils most effectively by being active musicians themselves. He has enacted this philosophy to the full, stimulating young people and colleagues alike through his musical

insight, imagination, encyclopaedic knowledge and diverse practical skills. Andrew relishes a musical challenge and has been the driving force behind some ambitious ventures. A wide range of performances springs to mind, from Britten's *War Requiem*, to Sondheim's complex *Into the Woods*, lovely Baroque concerti grossi and Beethoven 1. He has enabled pupils to enjoy opportunities that they could not have expected to experience at school. In a more frivolous vein, no one will forget Malcolm Arnold's thrillingly banal *Grand, Grand Overture*, for which Andrew managed to persuade members of the senior management team to dress as cleaning ladies and perform the solo parts for 3 vacuum cleaners and a carpet sweeper!

Andrew is blessed with wisdom and the diplomatic directness of a true Yorkshire man. He tackles a problem head on and does not become embroiled in trivia. Music at King's flourished during his reign. He recognised strengths in others and was as happy to support as to lead, encouraging colleagues to develop musical pursuits in areas that complemented his own initiatives. This cultivated a healthy spirit of teamwork and strong morale, and developed for the pupils a rich breadth of musical opportunities. Andrew will certainly miss the special rapport he achieved with his pupils, through shared pursuits, study and mutual respect, as well as a tremendous sense of fun.

Retirement will hold no fears for Andrew. His penchant for the golf course, avid love of learning, activities at church and commitment to family and friends already have the needs of body, mind, spirit and heart well covered. We wish him and Linda health and happiness and will do our best to carry forward the valuable legacy he is leaving us.

Linda Green

Linda Green retired from the Admissions department at King's after seven years, having joined in the year of the Quincentenary celebrations. From the start it was apparent that she was going to be a great asset to the team. She was extremely dedicated and hard working, creative, eager to learn new skills, keen to suggest new ideas or to support new initiatives that could make Admissions more successful. It is fitting that she was part of the team as it celebrated record recruit-

ment levels and the school population hit a spectacular high of 1507. Linda was known by her friends and colleagues for her thoughtfulness, kindness and sense of humour – an essential characteristic, especially through busy, stressful times. She also relied on her mug of Yorkshire tea to help her through the day! Linda will be sorely missed but we wish her every happiness for retirement.

Lucy Hewitson

Lucy Hewitson joined the Economics and Business Studies Department in September 2004 and soon established herself as an outstanding classroom practitioner. She was always keen to develop new and innovative methods to improve the delivery of material and aid students' learning. Recently, she developed a whole range of activities to stretch and challenge students. It is therefore no surprise that many students who have been taught by Lucy have continued with the subjects at university. Soon after joining, Lucy was also appointed as the teacher in charge of PSHE in the Sixth Form and she founded the famous *Sixth Form Quiz*. She introduced many new ideas into the PSHE programme, including a whole range of external speakers.

Lucy contributed to whole school activities including running girls' tennis and supporting D of E and outdoor activity weekends. The highlight of her time at King's was when she helped to lead the World Challenge trip to Bolivia.

Lucy increasingly became involved in Economics and Business teaching at a national level, being part of a Development Group for the EBFA. In June, she spoke at a conference of teachers on the topic of improving standards in Economics teaching. It is therefore no surprise that she leaves us to take up a promotion as Head of Economics and Business Studies at Newcastle-Under-Lyme School. We wish her every success in her career.

Jean Laidlaw

Jean Laidlaw retired at Easter 2009 after 17 years at King's during which time she worked in both the Cumberland Street and Fence Avenue Resource Centres. Initially at the Boys' Division, Jean helped develop a programme of Information Skills lessons for the Foundation. Subsequently, using her considerable expertise and much patience searching the World Wide Web, she helped set up

the King's School Resource Centres' comprehensive Subject Links facility on the King's intranet. Jean moved to the Girls' Division in 2004 where her knowledge of local and family history research became a major factor in the success of the displays that were the centrepiece of the Girls' Division's celebration of 100 years of girls' education at the Fence Avenue site. Many pupils and colleagues have benefited from her help and support throughout the years and all wish her a well deserved retirement. With all her many interests, it is sure to be a busy one!

Tom North

After an incredible 28 years, Tom North retired in Summer 2009. His many hats have included i/c canteen, i/c house system, i/c a hockey team, i/c Maths Challenges (both Junior and Intermediate), i/c staff end of term walks and generally i/c good cheer and gentle nature in the common rooms! But Tom was always wide awake during meetings and never missed the chance to raise a query or simply to push the meeting along apace when he sensed the chair flagging under the load of discussion. Tom even coached cricket for a time while based at Cumberland Street - a little known fact. He was always a committed and detailed maths teacher and was never one to resist change; he jumped at the chance to have an inter-active whiteboard and demanded to be trained! He loved puzzles and was always keen to introduce his young charges to the fascinations in puzzle mathematics. For many years, Tom was also i/c Maths entrance exams and he played a pivotal role in setting in place the structure that we use today. He has been a great support in the Maths department and his entertaining company will no doubt be missed in the staffroom. We all wish him a long and healthy retirement; no doubt he will now be spending a little more time on the oche!

Gill Parry

When Gill came to King's over 25 years ago, resources were antiquated. The Cumberland Street Library was mainly comprised of History books, whilst the Fiction Library was housed in the Cricket Pavillion. Gill had to share an office with the Sixth Form who used it as a Common Room, so she worked amidst cups of tea and

sandwiches. Clearly, things had to change.

After nine years of innovation at Cumberland Street, during which the library was completely renovated, the acquisition of the Fence Avenue site and the proposal to open a Girls' Division in 1993 presented Gill with a fresh challenge and an opportunity to create a library for the 21st century. She and Michael Patey-Ford worked together to plan a flagship development for the new division, which would integrate the traditional concept of a library with the new forms of digital resources transforming ICT, audio-visual and reprographics.

With Gill's inspired management, the new Information Resource Centre immediately established itself as the hub, about which the life of the Girls' Division revolved; an observation as true today as it was fifteen years ago. The environment is so comfortable and the atmosphere so friendly, exciting and collaborative that in the early years it was not unusual, during lunchtime, to find the rest of the building all but deserted, with over 90% of the school population of pupils and staff working together in the Resource Centre.

In 2004 Gill returned to Cumberland Street bringing with her the spirit of collaboration and adventure so firmly established at Fence Avenue which is a tribute to the lasting influence of her unfailing enthusiasm, generosity and patience. We wish her a long, happy and creative retirement.

Andy Reeve

Andy Reeve joined us in 2003 to take on the role of Head of Economics and Business Studies. Andy worked with flair and determination to create a highly successful department. Approximately one third of the Sixth Form are taught by the department with a very high percentage moving on to study the subjects at university. Andy introduced a number of initiatives, including the Investors' Club and Economics Plus, which resulted in a number of respected speakers visiting the department, including George Osborne and Chris Davies. Working predominantly with the Sixth Form, Andy was a form tutor for two years then was appointed Head of Year 12 in 2005. He excelled in the role, implementing various strategies which enriched the lives of Sixth Form pupils.

Andy is a very professional teacher

and leader who set an excellent example for others. He was held in high regard by both staff and pupils due to his friendly demeanour and positive outlook. It was clear to most people that he would move on to a more senior managerial position and therefore it is no surprise that he has been appointed Head of Sixth Form at The Grange School. We wish him every success in his future endeavours.

James Reilly

James taught at King's for 2 years and a term, coming initially as a maternity cover teacher and then on a full-time basis. During this time, he taught KS3 and KS4 ICT to both boys and girls as well as ECDL to the sixth form. In his last year he took on the extra challenges of AS/A2 ICT and Computing. James was an excellent appointment and it was sad to see him leave for pastures new. The number of presents he received from pupils and the ovation he was given on the final assembly were testament to his popularity. Away from ICT, James gave up much free time to coaching boys' football and he also helped on many outdoor and camping trips. As well as his skills in the classroom, James was an excellent footballer, and the staff team recorded two great seasons with his presence. As he heads off to Barcelona to teach, it will be worth checking to see if he makes it into the Champions' League squad.

Frank Walker

Frank Walker joined the staff of King's as Head of Drama in September 1991. Since that time, alongside teaching lower school and GCSE drama and A-Level Theatre Studies, he has directed over 30 dramatic productions, working with many hundreds of students across the Foundation. As a teacher and a director, Frank's approach has been passionate and committed. His own impressive talent, his knowledge and his understanding of theatre have made him an inspiration to so many King's students. However, it is the way in which he engendered a culture of absolute professionalism, of pride in, and engagement with, the art of theatre, that have made Frank such a presence within the institution.

One of his earliest undertakings, in his second year as Head of Drama, was the epic 2-part production of *Nicholas Nickleby*. Taking place over 6 nights, parts 1 and 2 alternating consecutively, this was a remarkable piece

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of theatre. Throughout Frank's time at King's, his students have learnt about the magic of theatre, and about the value of real teamwork amongst a cast and crew, in the course of participating in challenging drama of this kind.

From the large-scale full cast spectaculars such as *Nicholas Nickleby*, *The Baker's Wife* (1996), *Into the Woods* (2000) and *Cyrano de Bergerac* (2005) to the intense studio-style theatre of *Every Good Boy Deserves Favour* (1993) or the sparse and meticulously choreographed *Zadig* (1999), every one of these productions has had a lasting impact on all involved. Frank has always been ambitious in his choice of shows and in his teaching, never compromising his vision.

Remembered by almost 20 years' of King's students as a truly inspiring tutor and artist, Frank's legacy will live on for many years to come.

We also say hail and farewell to Mrs **Sue Millard**, Mrs **Barbara Livesley** and Mr **Neil Creighton** who all joined the language department during the academic year to cover for maternity leave. **Claire Keen** joined the staff as a temporary Teaching Assistant with Year 4 in January 2009. This was as a response to increased class sizes brought about by the influx of children from a local Preparatory School. Claire brought her experience of teaching at this level to bear as she tirelessly supported staff and pupils, both in and out of the classroom.

Clare Reavey and **Carol Holton** also joined the Junior Division team in January 2009 as temporary Reception teaching assistant and Year 2 teacher respectively. Clare supplemented the Reception team as they catered for expanded pupil numbers and Carol became class teacher of a group of six children as they settled into their new surroundings. Clare and Carol fitted into the respective teams perfectly and helped enormously to cater for the unexpected boost in numbers that the Junior Division received.

VALETE

Peter Mathews

It is with sadness that we record the death in January 2009 of Peter Mathews, who died suddenly, 'in the fields with his animals', aged 62. He joined the staff at King's, one of a large intake of new staff, many of whom stayed for years, in 1968, and took early retirement in 2002, though he maintained several connections with the school.

Pete was, both by upbringing and by personal commitment, a grammar school boy. He had spent his years at King's as a pupil and, following three years at Loughborough, he re-joined as a member of staff. Pete began at King's as a PE/Games teacher, who also taught some Biology. As time passed, the Biology expanded as a proportion of his teaching time, and he also succeeded in making a huge impact in PSHE. As he became a more senior member of staff, Pete had an increasingly significant influence, helping the school to adapt to changing circumstances.

Pete was exceptionally efficient and well-organised, so that it was not surprising that each of the Heads under whom he served, gave him the responsibility to run things - not just Rugby, but also at different times the complex PSHE scheme in the school; various year-groups; the pastoral arrangements in the middle school; the remarkable post-exams Activities Week. At Alan Cooper's request, Pete also did a stint as membership secretary of the Old Boys' Association; in effect, Pete saved the Association from slipping into extinction.

Pete was not only a very effective classroom teacher, but also someone who took his pastoral responsibilities very seriously, as well as being fully committed in a huge range of extra-curricular activities. He is perhaps best known as a rugby master, but in fact his extra-curricular involvement was much wider than just rugby. He was central to the school's outdoor activities programme for many years, including his running of mountain courses, which developed a life-time interest for large numbers of



pupils over the years. And indeed, he was still helping out right up to his death, more than six years after he had retired from King's.

There was also cricket; the joint founding of a bird-watching club at the school; the Biology club. In particular, Pete found a niche with the cricket 2nd XI. For years, his 2nd XIs went unbeaten because he generated huge commitment from the young men involved, who were superbly motivated by Pete's approach. In many ways, Pete was as pleased about his endeavours with 2nd XI cricket as with the 1st XV rugby, even though, when history is written, it will be the latter for which he is remembered.

Pete was an immensely generous teacher who was passionately interested in his pupils and their progress, and was keen to help them in whatever ways he could: he had the grammar school ethos in his bones. So, his activities as a teacher of subjects in the classroom, or in the Gym, or on the sports field, or up a mountain were all integral parts of Pete's vocation. Because, for Peter Mathews, that is what his work as a teacher was: a vocation.

IAW

Art & Design

This was a very busy year for the Art Department. The year started with a temporary farewell to Mrs Taylor as she left to have her baby and we welcomed Mr Tony Jackson, who took over some of Mrs Taylor's teaching alongside Mrs Threlfall who joined the Boys' Division team in addition to her SST role at Fence Avenue. A variety of exciting curricular and extra-curricular opportunities have peppered our year. During October and November, a group of Sixth Formers were invited to design and create the props and scenery for a professional production, *Plan B for the Workers*, directed by Rob Johnson and performed during the Buxton Drama Festival. Considering the short time frame available and the high professional standards required, the students and Mrs Threlfall created some cutting edge visuals to support the actors and the production was a tremendous success.

During October half-term, three Year 13 students, Gemma Lord, Wangui Wanjau and Olivia Howick joined a select group of the best of gifted and talented art students from across the county to spend 10 days working in the heart of Tuscany. They had the opportunity to study the work of some of the greatest masters of the Renaissance, such as Giotto and Piero della Francesca, as well as the breathtaking landscape in a region that has been an inspiration to artists for centuries. The group worked on a number of projects, including large scale canvasses, a series of wigs and costumes and mixed media pieces and their efforts were celebrated with a month-long exhibition at Woodford Lodge Professional Centre. It is a measure of the success and talent of Gemma, Wangui and Olivia that all three have secured places to study art and design on highly prestigious courses at Glasgow, Chelsea and Manchester respectively.

The Art Department hosted a series of Life Drawing evening classes during the autumn term for sixth form art students. We were lucky enough to secure the services of our life model, Stuart, for a second year. Students extended the academic side of their drawing and were able to expand their experience of anatomical work to complement the Human Form project. The course was a great success and we hope to continue

to work with Stuart during the next academic year.

In November, all Year 12 and 13 artists spent a day in London to take in a number of important exhibitions. They visited the Turner Prize exhibition at the Tate Britain which, as ever, prompted much debate about the nature of art. In complete contrast, the students spent some time at the National Gallery, studying the origins and history of art prior to the 20th Century and finally visited the Victoria and Albert Museum, to look at areas of special interest in the applied arts.

In February, the department, led by Mrs Threlfall, produced the scenery for the Girls' Division production of *Daisy Pulls it Off*. This involved recreating an authentic 1920s' school dorm and interior and props. Special mention goes to Megan Jackson in Year 10 for the tremendous commitment that she put in to creating such stunning visuals.

The Art Department assisted the Drama Department on the lead up to Mr Walker's final production, *The Royal Hunt of the Sun*. This was a very interesting piece for students to work on with Inca Gold being an overriding theme. Students worked tirelessly on sets and Inca costumes and props. Particular mention must be made of the spectacular crucifixion piece, designed and painted by Kate Nave and her team, and the beautiful cloaks painted by Mrs Woodruff. The input of the art team helped to make the production a visual feast to complement the performances.

In March, 11 students were selected for the Cheshire GCSE Artists Gifted and Talented residential at the Conway Centre in Anglesey. The students spent four days working alongside professional artists and teachers, using the

natural landscape of Anglesey as inspiration. Students produced some extremely mature work in mixed media, textiles, print, digital media and sculpture and their efforts were celebrated in an exhibition of their work in June, which sat very comfortably alongside the work of the A-level Artists.

The pupils behaved impeccably and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, which is more akin to an art college atmosphere than a school based experience. Those selected were Annie Edgerton, Maddy Pickles, Pete Machin, Will Farrow, Phil Gibson, Harry Wood, James Hamilton, Lauren Doy, Ellie Johnson, Bethan Davies and Izzy Bell.

During March and April, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 were busy working on a competition sponsored by Sculpture 4 Kids on a theme of Mini-beasts. The competition required artists to recycle ordinary household materials into a sculpture of a small animal or mini-beast. From hundreds of entries nationwide, the King's School's creative craftsmen were judged Britain's top school for sculpture in the competition, winning the prestigious Robert Bowman Sculpture Award and £2500 for the Art Department.

Three aspiring artists from the Boys' Division, Elliot Doy (Year 8) David Marchington (Year 8) and Alex Moore (Year 7) were individual finalists and each won £50, although the greatest praise must be for all artists who entered as



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the prize was awarded for the full school entry. We will now look for exciting opportunities for putting the prize to good use to benefit as many pupils as possible.

The success of the GCSE and A-level students was celebrated in their End of Year shows during May and June. The exhibitions were of an incredibly high standard and the range of works on display seems to expand with every year. Students exhibited particularly impressive works in painting, glass, ceramics, digital media and textiles and the artworks created by students on the Year 13 and Year 10 Gifted and Talented courses were also exhibited. It was a fitting end to a very successful examination year for the department.

In June, the Year 10 GCSE students spent a day at Yorkshire Sculpture Park, studying the work of many of this country's most acclaimed sculptors and, in particular, a retrospective of the work of Peter Randall-Page.

Students were captivated by his monumental stone carvings and wall works inspired by natural forms. The highlight of the visit was undoubtedly the Underground Gallery, where students were able to see at first hand, a room full of Randall-Page's sketchbooks and maquettes and they were able to appreciate that, even at the pinnacle of artistic achievement, artists at all levels go through the same process. The students will now use the information gathered to develop their own ideas during Year 11.

The Art Department enjoyed the contributions of Mr Tony Jackson this year, as a replacement teacher in the department whilst Mrs Taylor has been on maternity leave and also as an exhibiting artist in his own right. In June, Tony organised a group exhibition of professional artists in the Sixth Form Centre. We were delighted to be able to host on site such a high quality exhibition, and students and visitors were able to enjoy seeing

the work of a wide variety of artists. Works on show included illustrative works by Nick Oldham, mixed media and sculpture works by Jeff Teasdale, paintings by Bruce Lyons and Phil Bennett and the paintings and mixed media works by Tony Jackson himself. It is hoped that we can invite other groups of artists to exhibit works at King's.

The department took its annual trip to Trigonos in North Wales in July. The students spent four thoroughly enjoyable days drawing, painting, sculpting and photographing the stunning local scenery around Snowdonia and they will be able to develop the images gathered into their final year's work in Year 13. This was another highly successful collaboration with an outside group that we have worked with now for nearly 10 years and the event provided a fitting conclusion to a very successful year all round.

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Biology

The highlight for this year has been Sarah Gales (pictured) being selected for the British team in the International Biology Olympiad. Sarah completed the opening rounds at school; two other students gained Bronze awards.

This has been the first year we have had a Biology Challenge competition for Years 9 and 10 with 6 gold, 2 silver and 8 bronze awards. It is hoped this will become a regular feature in the department year. We also had a very large intake to Year 12 with 78 students starting the new GCE A-level course. This has been a challenge for the staff with larger set sizes and the introduction of new skills assessment.

Two trainee teachers joined the department, gaining a lot from working with our lively and imaginative staff. They also contributed to the development of departmental resources.

The Bio Clubs on both sites have continued to thrive. The garden at Cumberland Street has been made over and grew a crop of carrots and beans. There have been trips out to Teggs Nose for ecology studies for Year 12 and to the Bollin for fresh water ecology for both Year 9 and 12. The Year 10 Girls' trip to Chester Zoo has contributed to their understanding of biological diversity.

JRP

A-level Biology Field Course

During the autumn term, 36 biologists went to North Wales for the annual A-level Biology field course. Once again accommodation was provided by the University of Bangor, but extensive rebuilding of the halls of residence site meant that many of the locations so familiar from past visits had been bulldozed. However, thoughtful as ever, the University ensured that plenty of exercise was provided in order to reach the temporary dining hall so that there was no need to worry about calorie overload from the very substantial breakfasts.

The usual habitats were examined and studies were made of the ice creams (and rocky shore) at Penmon Point, the ice creams (and sand dunes) at Aberffraw, and the stream (where there is clearly a marketing opportunity available) at Abergwyngregyn. The weather was again kind for the time of year, with some spectacular views across Snowdonia and no requirement for survival-gear. On the



first evening, two excellent talks were provided by the university Biology department dealing with HE and career opportunities in Biology and with the natural history of the Menai Straits area. This was followed by a most interesting tour of the university's Zoology museum - whose exhibits included skeletons of almost every species of mammal together with the stuffed remains of a once-famous two-headed lamb. On the second day, following the work on the sand dunes, there was a visit to the sea zoo on Anglesey, where a guided tour exploring the theme of biodiversity was given by aquarium staff.

The residential field weekend has become an integral part of the A-level course over the past few years, allowing the subject to come alive by examining real biological problems and observing a wide range of animals and plants in their natural habitats.

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Careers

Students in the Sixth Form have had many opportunities this year to take advantage of opportunities within the Careers Department. A visit was arranged for Sixth Form science students to visit the Biochemistry Department at Macclesfield Hospital during National Pharmacy Week where they were shown around the different areas by Departmental Managers. They saw how the Blood Bank works and were shown some very scary specimens from the Pathology specimen cupboard!

In June, Sixth Form students inter-

ested in careers in Law visited Salford University Law Faculty for a day of talks given by practising barristers and solicitors and other legal professionals.

All of Year 12 visited the UCAS Convention in Manchester in March whilst students who were interested in applying to Oxford or Cambridge were given the opportunity to visit the Oxford and Cambridge Student Conference at Haydock Park in March. They listened to talks by Admissions Tutors and current university students in various subjects and attended a talk, 'Oxbridge Explained'.

Professor Sir Nicholas Wright, Warden of Queen Mary's and the London Medical School, came into school in December to give a talk to prospective medical school applicants from the Senior Divisions and Sixth Form. His visit was extremely well received by the students and their teachers.

As usual, the school had regular visits from representatives of the Armed Forces. Younger students watched DVDs giving them general information about the Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy and older students were able to speak to the representatives on a one-to-one basis, to discuss University sponsorship and/or Armed Forces careers.

FCM

Chemistry

September 2008 saw the return of Mr. Jim Jones to the department, a necessary addition due to the large number of pupils choosing to study AS level Chemistry. In total, seventy nine pupils in the sixth form opted for the AS course.

Sarah Gales had a very successful year in the upper sixth. She chose to sit the extremely difficult and challenging Chemistry Olympiad paper, (written by the Royal Society of Chemistry), and did very well to achieve a silver certificate. She was also the only entrant for the advanced extension award,

In April a team of four boys entered the RSC Top of the Bench competition at Manchester University. They spent the day competing against over thirty teams from other schools in a series of written and practical tasks. The boys, Edward Laughton, Chris Hanak, David Ormrod-Morley and Tom Baston did extremely well to be awarded third position in the competition, (our highest ever placing).

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Chemistry Lecture Nov 08

To celebrate National Chemistry Week, Year 10 girls were treated to a lecture demonstrating the wonders of chemistry. Drs John and Mary Pleavey, from the University of Birmingham, showed students how various liquids could be made to glow in the dark, catch fire spontaneously, cook an egg at -180 degrees and oscillate from one colour to another. They also froze flowers, exploded cotton wool and created a neon sign by simply mixing 2 innocuous liquids together. The afternoon was spent making soap flavoured with a variety of scents and colours, followed by a quick lesson on the mathematics of bubbles and the wonders of the arched bridge design, before the group headed back to school, enthused by the amazing diversity of chemistry.



Salter's Chemistry Competition

Four girls from Years 7 and 8 took part in the one-day Salter's chemistry competition at Manchester University. The event involved solving a who-done-it mystery using forensic science and modern day chemical techniques and then creating an experiment that could be used to time a boiled egg for one minute. The team competed against over 40 schools from the Manchester area and also watched an explosive demonstration lecture as part of the day. Unfortunately, the team did not win, but they did come away having spent a day in state-of-the-art Chemistry labs learning how forensic scientists work to investigate a murder.

Chemistry Lecture Oct/Dec

King's Chemistry technician, Pete Jackson, has been entertaining students for the last five years with his 'Flashes and Bangs' chemical demonstrations, however, this year, with the help of Mr Street (pictured frying an egg in liquid nitrogen) and Dr Pinkham, the show was expanded. The three members of staff performed their one-hour talk entitled 'Educational Explosions' to an audience of 200 girls at Fence Avenue, 300 boys at Cumberland Street and to visiting schools at the Catalyst Museum in Widnes, as part of the museum's National Chemistry Week programme of events. The talk involved over 50 demonstrations, including the school's trademark exploding jelly baby, exploding water bottles and a giant foam worm, as well as a series

of exploding balloons and demonstration of the highly flammable nature of Fairy Liquid. The trio have been invited to perform at Catalyst as a regular event and also hope to visit local universities to deliver this exciting lecture.

Science and Engineering Challenge

In November, 14 Year 9 girls went to Anfield football ground in Liverpool to take part in a science and engineering challenge run by Liverpool University. This involved over 200 girls, with King's being the only school outside Liverpool to take part. The event involved the teams completing 20 tasks which ranged from building a 15 foot steel bridge, designing a robot to follow a course, designing a rat trap and making a usable bow and arrow. The girls worked solidly for 3 hours under the watchful eye of the various judges which included a Professor of Mathematics and an army Major. The girls all performed exceptionally well, considering that every student was in a team with 7 other people she had never met before. Holly E Smith did especially well as she ended up in the winning team of 8 students. All the girls received a Bronze Crest award in recognition of their achievements.

Science live event

16 students, 8 boys and 8 girls, spent a day learning about cutting edge science from a variety of scientific experts at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester. Topics covered included the future of computers and the use

of organic chemicals to replace silicon chips, the future of fuel cells and their ability to provide green, renewable power and how the energy possibilities of nuclear fusion will provide power for the entire human race. Key-note speaker was Professor Stephen Jones, the well known geneticist and author who challenged the conventional thinking about the effects of nature and nurture on the development of human beings and animals. Each speaker answered questions from the floor and all the students left enthused and excited about the future of science.

Royal Society of Chemistry Top of the Bench competition

2 teams took part in the Top of the Bench Chemistry Competition at Manchester University. It involved students from Years 8-10 competing in practically based activities, quizzes and design-based projects to go through to the final in London. Both teams performed exceptionally well with the boys' team gaining 3rd place out of over 40 schools and the girls coming 5th. Unfortunately, only the winners progressed to London but this was the best result the school has ever had and reflected the excellent knowledge of all the team members. The students all received Chemistry based gifts and made the most of an excellent demonstration lecture that finished the event off.

JSS

Classics

This has been another extremely busy year for the King's Classics Department. The autumn term saw a visit to the School from Dr. Llewellyn Morgan representing the Oxford University schools outreach programme. He gave a stimulating talk to pupils from Years 10 and 11. Year 12 and 13 Classical Civilisation students saw a great performance of Sophocles' *Antigone* at the Royal Exchange in Manchester. This was followed by the pupils attending the annual lecture on Greek tragedy in Manchester.

The Spring term was no less busy with Sixth form visits to Manchester University for talks on the Latin set texts and another Greek tragedy day at Stockport. For the younger pupils in Years 9 and 10, a talk on the Roman army was given by a travelling Roman soldier, Ulfric, with a display and demonstration of Roman army weapons.

The climax to the year was the Classics trip to Pompeii and Rome.



'dead language' whilst also providing the audience with an insight into university life.

*Bridie Thompson
10CHB*

Classics trip to Sorrento and Rome

During the stay in an idyllic hotel in the hills above Sorrento, the King's group of 44 boys and girls visited Herculaneum, Mount Vesuvius, Pompeii and the Greek temples at Paestum. Mr. Parkes and Miss Easby provided the quizzes for evening entertainment and there was even time for a dip in the sea at Salerno. The final day was spent in Rome with walks around the Colosseum, Roman Forum and famous fountains and piazzas. The pupils returned sun-drenched and culturally enriched.

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pleasure in early June to put on an exhibition so that the quality of the pupils' work could be appreciated by many.

It has also been pleasing to see the development in quality of pupils' work in lower school and many pieces have made their way home. The department's involvement in extra-curricular clubs grows, but the highlight yet again has been our budding engineers who worked miracles with the First Lego League this year. The team got through to the national final, where they performed exceptionally well, gaining a runner's up trophy in the Robot Design category.

We have had a new addition to the department this year, as Mrs Tina Campbell replaced Mr Andrew Knowles as the D&T/Art departmental technician. She joined in November and has had a big impact already. Her invaluable expertise in a wide range of activities has seen good support given to the work of both departments. Before Mrs Campbell's appointment, former pupil Chris McGhee worked with the department for four weeks prior to the start of his university course.

First Lego League

Another amazing campaign from the King's Boys' Division saw the Lego league team pushing to much greater heights this year. Experience of previous competitions and good commitment from a core group of enthusiastic Lego engineers, meant the team managed to progress to the national



Classics Lecture 8 October

Do you know where the phrase 'Hocus Pocus' comes from or that 'deipnophobia' means a fear of dinner parties? Latin scholars in Years 10 and 11 found all this out, and more, at a Latin Lecture given by Classics professor, Dr Llewellyn Morgan of Brasenose College, Oxford, on Latin's important place and role in the 21st century. Dr Morgan challenged his listeners, who fought off their initial fear, to give some good answers concerning everything from poetic devices to the lyrics of *Hakuna Matata!* His lecture was fascinating, giving a fresh perspective on this so-called

Design & Technology

The Department had another very busy year which saw a number of notable successes and good progress with our development. We were delighted yet again with our A-level and GCSE results which showed the pupils taking the subject gaining consistently high grades; our GCSE results meant that nearly half were gaining either an A* or A. We still can see areas to improve further and with the advent of the new GCSE courses in the next 12 months, we are very optimistic for the future. It was a real

final held at Loughborough University. Even more amazing, was the fact they came away with a runners-up trophy in one of the categories, which was not bad for the first National final in 5 years of trying.

Before all this however, the team had to fight through a regional round which was held again in Liverpool. This year's theme was 'Climate Connections', which challenged the teams to think about changing weather patterns and ways to solve some of the problems the world is facing. The whole competition is based around a number of areas. The Robot challenge is the design development and programming of a robot which can carry out a number of tasks in a short period of time. In addition, there is the project task which requires the team to investigate and present a project. The team's robot performed well with the team working hard to correct errors and to present our research project with enthusiasm.

This brought us to the National final. It was a very early start but this was essential as there was a lot to be done. In the intervening weeks, the team had improved presentation, tweaked the programs and grown in confidence. The team was able to show the judges its amazing programming skills and the robot performed quite well on the day, though we were never going to beat Team Technobotts3, who achieved something no other team has done: a maximum score on the robot table. It was amazing to watch.

To our amazement and delight, we were given the runners-up trophy for

our robot design and programming skills. This was a real pat on the back for all the boys who helped with the development of our entry and the dedication shown by all to get the most we could out of our design.

JN

Drama

Royal Hunt of the Sun

This year, the Dramatic Society chose the challenging, exotic play *The Royal Hunt of the Sun* by Peter Shaffer. The play follows the conquest of Peru by the Spanish in the 16th century told by the old Martin Ruiz (Cameron McPake) as he looks back on his adventures as a boy (George Walker). The army, led by General Francisco Pizarro (James Kay), planned to take the riches of the Incan civilization, under the control of Atahualpa (Alexandra Smith), but ultimately destroyed it. The audience has the pleasure of witnessing the clash of cultures between the two civilizations and the strong relationship between Pizarro and Atahualpa that blossoms.

The use of staging was very important in this play as one had to allude to the grand architecture of the Inca civilization. This was achieved by the creation of flats with doors; whilst in Spain, the doors were closed showing the Crucifixion, painted by Kate Nave, and after a climatic build-up, they are opened revealing a glorious gold sun, painted by Will Holden, Peter Vass, Amy Mallinson, Hannah Smith and Rebecca Collins, in which stood Atahualpa. Lighting and sound were also

key to creating the change in moods and was supplied by Alex Smith, Tom Coleman, Sam Townely, Jonathan Downs, Alex Moore and Ben Horner. The costumes fitted the period also; the Inca costumes in particular were beautifully crafted by teachers, students and parents to show the wealth these people lived in, thanks to their gold. The atmosphere was created by the music, composed and played by Sophie Vohra with the help of Jonathan Emery, Harry Frost and Joshua Keeling. All the help backstage was deeply appreciated.

The cast worked together very well and the variety of performances gave the play moments of humour and high drama. The flawed Priests, played by Declan Sully, Euan Scott and Oliver Hope, portrayed the hypocrisy of the Church in its willingness to bless the death of thousands and showed the strong contrast in religious views between the Incas and the Spaniards, an important theme throughout. The inexperienced, rather naïve, men provide a delightful contrast as the audience is able to relate to their 'ordinary man' status creating humour and sympathy. Kieran Wesley gave a strong performance as Miguel Estete, the snobbish Royal Veedor, who contrasted brilliantly with Hernando de Soto, the more conscientious Second in Command, played by Stuart Gresham. The lead role of Pizarro was extremely powerful; the relationship he was able to create with Atahualpa was amazing and creates high drama in the end, when Atahualpa is executed and Pizarro cries over Atahualpa's





most students were preparing for school trips and planning their holiday activities, all the Year 7 girls were rehearsing and preparing for their Performance Evening, which took place at Fence Avenue before an audience of over a hundred family and friends. This was a delightful and varied evening including dance, poetry and drama, celebrating a very talented group of individuals whose energy and enthusiasm was contagious.

CPT

Economics

Target 2.0

In November, Rebecca Porter, Sam Stockwin, Ben Foreman, Alex Green and Natalie Burns represented the school in the Bank of England's 'Target 2.0' competition.

The students formed a Monetary Policy Committee which had to decide what it would do to interest rates in order to control inflation within the economy. The students worked diligently to prepare a presentation that was delivered to representatives of the Bank of England. Entering the competition greatly enhanced the students' understanding of Monetary Policy, as well as improving their presentation and team working skills. The students were a credit to King's, being narrowly pushed into second place by a team from another school.

Year 13 Trip to London

At the end of January, Year 13 Economists went on an overnight visit to London. Leaving early on Wednesday 30th, the group headed to London by train and enjoyed an action-packed day including visiting 'BNP Paribas', dinner at Bistro 1 on the Strand and watching *The Lion King* at the Lyceum Theatre. The Thursday included attending a conference on the European Union and a trip on the London Eye (pictured overleaf). The students really enjoyed experiencing the reality of Economics.

Young Enterprise.

This year we ran two Young Enterprise Groups at King's. It was a difficult year for the two groups as the promise of external advisers from the Young Enterprise organisation never materialised. However, the students persevered and by Christmas they were trading at the King's Fair selling a whole range of products including bracelets, scarves and of course,

body. The Incas had a hard task with a lot of physical drama and movement and having to portray a completely different nationality; Lydia Rex, Flora Woodruff, Emma Draysey, Kate Shaw and Victoria French achieved this successfully. Playing Atahualpa was very challenging for me as his character is so complex, but I found it so rewarding and enjoyed every moment in rehearsal and on-stage.

The play was directed by Frank Walker and was his last production at King's. It was his imagination and talent that made the show the success it was, like all of Mr Walker's productions. On behalf of the cast and all who have had the honour of working with him at King's, we would like to thank him for his time and patience: he will be much missed.

Alex Smith 13ASP

Daisy Pulls It Off

The beginning of December 2008, Fence Avenue Hall was alive with the absolutely spiffing and scrummy entertainment that is *Daisy Pulls It Off*. Thirty five girls were involved from the Senior Division, from Year 8 through to Year 11. The play captures the innocence of life in a 1920s' boarding school and tells the story of an elementary girl called Daisy who wins a scholarship to Grangewood School. The plucky heroine undergoes a series of tribulations but manages to save lives, discover treasure, score the winning goal at hockey and find her long-lost father before being accepted as a Grangewood girl.

This was a very strong cast, led by Eleanor Strutt as Daisy and Naomi

Gildert as her trustworthy chum, Trixie. Eleanor and Naomi commanded the stage with their precision and timing, presenting two outstanding performances. The sneaky and toady Monica and Sybil, equally outstanding in their interpretation and comic timing, were played by Amy Jacobson and Rebecca Hughes. The cast worked as a team with energy and pace to produce some exceptional performances, which were visually and physically amusing. This was enhanced by a clever set in which disguised classroom desks slid smoothly into place, and one-dimensional props gave a comic effect to the show. The girls certainly 'pulled it off' and should be very proud of their efforts

CPT

Year 10 Drama Evening

The Year 10 students worked exceptionally hard and enjoyed the challenges the course offered. They performed pieces devised by themselves for fellow students over two lunchtimes and during morning registration. They were eager to receive feedback from their peers about the content and performance style of their work. As a follow-up to this, the students performed for parents, staff and friends in a varied evening of Dance/Drama, Scripted work and Improvisation. This was most successful and enabled the students to assess the standard of their work in readiness for examination.

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Year 7 Drama Evening

At the very end of the year, when

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sweets. After the January examinations the teams were also trading at break times selling confectionary to the Lower School boys. Although the groups did not make a significant profit, they did benefit from gaining a range of business and presentational skills.

APR

English

*I think of the prizes
that were ours for the taking
and wonder when the choices got
made
we don't remember making.*

Liz Lochhead *The Choosing*

The range of opportunities that students of all ages encounter in the English Department continues to expand and this year was no exception. Recognising that learning and discovery are not just restricted to the confines of the classroom, students from King's have found themselves in many different environments, in their quest to develop their understanding of literature, language and culture. From literary walks, to podcast production, the Department aims to broaden our students' horizons and equip them with a sensitivity and understanding of the world beyond Macclesfield.

King's welcomed Mrs Kathryn Brookes and Ms Janet Handley to the Department and both sites have benefited from their enthusiasm, experience, dedication and drive.

The opportunity to experience live theatre is valued highly in the English Department. In December, Year 9 enjoyed a trip to Manchester Library Theatre to see *Great Expectations*. While in February, the entire Year 7 saw an intensely moving production of *Private Peaceful*. Girls in Year 10 went to Sheffield to see the RSC's interpretation of *The Tempest* and Year 8 were highly entertained by a production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Ms Handley's Year 9 class visited the Imperial War Museum North to explore the links between literature and history. Students had specific tasks, following the timeline from the First World War to present conflicts. One highlight was the Timestack where a museum guide allowed them to have "hands on" experience of artefacts from the First World War. Stu-



dents got to hold a real grenade, read an actual diary and try on soldiers' hats. Back at school, this visit was linked into their study of War Poetry. They produced their own poems and a comment board reflecting on the trip.

As part of their study of Don Taylor's modern drama *The Roses of Eyam*, Year 8 Set 1 had the opportunity to visit Eyam plague village and museum in Derbyshire in April. Throughout the day, the students were encouraged to give some thought to a creative writing task.

Great Expectations

In the Autumn Term, a group of fifty Year 9 boys made the trip to the Library Theatre, Manchester, to see a stage production of the Dickens' classic. They were treated to an energetic and lively performance by a small, hard working cast, most of whom doubled up in roles.

In spite of the occasional technical difficulty with the opening and shutting of the many doors used on the set, this stage feature and its symbolism was used to very good effect. Pip's journey was outlined coherently and with pace, especially during the first half, and Dickens' characters were clearly brought to life. Whilst elements of the novel inevitably had to be bypassed, the production stayed faithful to its key components.

The group returned to school buoyed by the experience; it had been a most worthwhile excursion, a

sound introduction for many into the world of live theatre.

RGD

The Department recognises that 'the text' can appear in many different forms and Sixth Form English Language students had the opportunity to work with a former DJ/scriptwriter and specialist multimedia staff from the new BBC Education Unit in Salford. Exploring the use of language for a specific audience and purpose, students produced a podcast for radio. This was a formidable task in the time available and students were under considerable pressure. Working in pairs as producer and presenter, they had to write a script, record vox-pops, incorporate sound effects and edit their material. It was a highly entertaining day, and all students were successful in achieving their goal. This was a memorable experience for staff and students alike, and provided valuable skills to be used in exam and coursework situations.

Year 12 Literature and Language students visited Manchester Central Library to get a flavour of the resources available to assist them with research and a taste of the expectations of a university undergraduate. The trip proved an inspiration to the students, who are looking forward to pursuing their research skills at university.

The Department values the close working relationship it has with our own Learning Resource Centre and

the librarians provide crucial assistance in encouraging our students to widen their reading. Every year we take a team to participate in the Kid's Lit quiz in Bolton. It is a highly entertaining, enjoyable and indeed competitive evening and this year was no exception. Indeed, the King's team competed to a high level and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Writers' visits and workshops provide a stimulating and thought provoking opportunity for our students and this year, Mark Robson enthralled the entire Year 8 with his magical stories and Justin Somper entertained Year 7.

Celebrating students' achievements in English is extremely satisfying and it is always heartening to review the list of Departmental Commendations and Head of Foundation's Distinctions. Departmental Commendations have been awarded to Carrie Alderley, Luisa Bianchi, Rafia Aslam, Holly Smith, Charlotte Sampson, Holly Pinkham, Amy Sanderson and Katie Mellor for their inventive poetic interpretations. Keir Pearson of Year 11 wrote a thought-provoking argumentative essay: History: Why Bother? and 7SLS's Alex Moore's model of the Globe deservedly merited a commendation. This year Reading Project Gold Awards have been presented to Alex Moore and Alistair Thomson of 7SLS and Matthew Peers of 7FW. Notable Autumn Writers of the Term were 7FW's Daniel Jay and Tom Eastgate and 9DMH's Steven Whitehouse. Writer of the Year was awarded to Harry Frost of 9AR and Year 8's Nick Harrington achieved a Head of Foundation's Distinction for his Gothic Story.

All students at King's have the opportunities to embrace the wide variety of teaching methods and learning strands that the Department offers. The 'prizes' of discovery, enlightenment and enjoyment are there for the taking: we only ask for open minds.

LCD

Private Peaceful

This year, the whole of Year 7 from the Boys' Division were taken to see one of the performances of Morpurgo's *Private Peaceful* staged at the Lowry Theatre as it began its National Tour in Salford during the first week of February. Having already been seen by a number of the staff, Finn Hanlon's performance of Simon Reade's script was no less diminished

by previous viewing.

The simple stage set was effectively adapted through clever lighting to represent the rolling hills of the Devon countryside, the cell of the central character as he awaits his meeting with the firing squad or the terrain of No Man's Land. Props were skilfully handled to signify a variety of different objects, a bed on one occasion being turned sideways to represent the wiring across the land. Hanlon threw himself into the role with gusto and enthusiasm, recreating the key moments of Tommo Peaceful's life the night before his execution.

Most pupils were impressed and enjoyed the performance, although expressed some surprise that there was only one actor and that the ending of the original novel has been altered in the stage version. Artistic licence! The boys were given an excellent introduction to the power and variety of theatre.

RGD

Kidz Lit Quiz 2008-09

Two teams from Years 7 and 8 made the trip to the recently opened and impressive Social Learning Zone at Bolton University during November to participate in the North West regional round of the children's Literature quiz. Teams consisted of four members, two from the Boys' Division and two from the Girls'.

The competition required a wide range of reading experience, including knowledge of works from different cultures and for different audiences; questions were demanding. Ten rounds of ten questions each, on topics as varied as riddles, animals and friends challenged all of the twenty or more teams there. Our higher placed team scored a creditable 61 marks, placing them in the middle of the pack; our other team was a little, but not much, further back. The winning team scored 91 points and represented the region in the National Final where they came third, an indication of the quality of the entrants and how well the school teams had done.

All participants returned, happy with their performances and knowing that they had acquitted themselves well, but also realising that more preparation perhaps needs to be completed if the school is to progress to the later stages of the competition.

RGD

World Book Day 2009

This year, the school was lucky enough to call on the services of two writers to help celebrate World Book Day; Year 8 were entertained by Mark Robson on World Book Day itself, whilst some days later, Justin Somper addressed Year 7.

Mark Robson proved to be an excellent choice; he spoke with enthusiasm about his experiences as a former RAF pilot, engaging and interesting both boys and girls alike, and clearly demonstrated how determination and focus can lead you wherever you want to be. His workshop and critique was one of the best to be conducted and the pupils will have benefited enormously from his encouragement and advice; indeed, in The Writer of the Term competition, a few boys took up his challenge to produce an opening to a narrative entitled 'The Silver Chalice'.

Justin Somper's visit was arranged in conjunction with the Macclesfield branch of Waterstone's as part of his national tour to promote his new book. The creator of the *Vampirates* series, narratives set in the future when global warming has caused the seas to rise, he spoke at length about the sources of his inspiration for his novels, his research methods and the development of his characters. An extremely worthwhile and interesting session was completed by his signing of post cards and copies of his books.

In both cases, the pupils were given insight and understanding into the world of fiction and story writing by talented and engaging speakers, once more illustrating the immense value of listening to experts in the field.

RGD

Wuthering Heights Lecture

In the Autumn term, Year 12 English Literature students joined three hundred pupils from other schools for an enjoyable day of lectures on *Wuthering Heights* at Central Hall in Manchester. The speakers were university lecturers which meant that pupils got an insight into the types of lectures given at degree-level, as well as a chance to extend their thinking about this important Victorian text.

The new A-Level English Literature specification, with its focus on Victorian texts, is proving popular with Sixth Formers who are enjoying the chance to read widely within the period as well as studying set texts.

RHR

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Year 8 Trip to Eyam, Derbyshire

On 28th April, a group of Year 8 boys enjoyed a trip to Eyam plague village and museum in Derbyshire. Upon arriving at the museum the boys had a lecture from a local historian, who related the traditional plague story. The boys had the opportunity to ask questions about the plague and its impact on village life, making the most of the expert input available. They then looked around the museum, working in groups to gather information for a presentation to be delivered in a subsequent lesson. Following this, the class visited the local church and had the opportunity to find the grave stones of some of the individuals featured in the play. The students then spent the rest of the afternoon on creative writing activities, producing some very powerful pieces inspired by the local scenery.

JaH

Enrichment

Rainow Cub Scouts visit

The bi-annual visit of the Rainow cub scout pack took place in March. 35 cubs and 6 helpers spent 2 hours in the science labs at Fence Avenue making putty, playing with the snakes, punching custard and exploding hydrogen. They were aided in this by four Year 10 girls from the school's enrichment programme who acted as demonstrators, snake experts, lab assistants and ran an excellent question and answer session which was only

halted by a difficult question about how baby snakes were made. The evening finished off with a series of bangs and flashes where the cubs witnessed exploding jelly babies, Harry Potter-style cauldrons and the sight of their helpers with 5 foot flames coming out of their hands.

Residential Years 8/9

In a new addition to the school's enrichment programme, a first residential study course was run for Years 8 and 9 (pictured). 16 girls and boys spent 3 days studying a wide variety of topics. Workshops included looking at the Milgram experiments in obedience and their relation to the behaviour of the concentration camp guards in the Holocaust, how living your life by utilitarian principles can create difficult ethical decisions and a case study and debate on the death penalty. In total, the students completed 5 workshops as well as playing some exceptionally competitive games of rounders. The course was a great success and will be repeated.

Residential Years 10/11

For the 5th consecutive year, the enrichment programme ran a residential study course for Year 10 and 11 students. This year's topics included imprinting and the relationship between evolution and sexual attraction and a debate on freedom of speech. The students were worked exceptionally hard with up to 7 hours of activities each day and this resulted in



some excellent debates and discussions. The highlight was the freedom of speech debate which produced some fantastic speeches and arguments covering the whole spectrum of free speech from religious freedom to political openness. The debate finished with a narrow victory against complete freedom of speech. All the students excelled and went away wanting more, which is always the sign of a good trip.

Enrichment Workshops

The fortnightly Wednesday afternoon's workshops continued in 2008. As with last year, the staff were helped by three Year 13 students. The tasks



ranged from having to prepare a speech to promote an invented political party, creating a presentation on women's rights in the 3rd world and creating an advert to sell an imaginary product. The most successful event was when mixed teams had to take the roles of various countries and manufacture and trade assets. This was made harder by the various costs of the raw materials and the prices charged for the products changing as the session went on. The groups had to balance this in the making of the products with when to sell and which countries to trade with. Towards the end wars, trade embargoes and natural disasters were also thrown in. The 6th form students acted as the 'bank' and the countries had various assets to start with that reflected their status. The final winners were the team representing the UK who not only manufactured and sold cleverly but more importantly traded well with other countries. These events involve students from all years on both sites.

Dragons' Den

The annual trip to celebrate National Enterprise Week with a Dragons' Den competition took place in the second week of November. 45 girls from Years 8-11 were split into teams and given one hour to design and build a prototype of an environmentally useful product. In addition to this, they had to create a presentation to sell the product to three Dragons. After an hour of frantic creation, the teams were taken to the state of the art 3D cinema and placed in front of their inquisitors. The products ranged from solar powered hats to automatic page turners. The group presented well and held their own under close scrutiny from the three dragons, all of whom were very successful business women from the local area. The eventual winners were the solar powered hat team whose excellent presentation and ability to reply to the intense questioning of the dragons won them the day. This was a great day out and it was very pleasing to watch the older students work and interact with the younger ones.

JSS

Geography

We were delighted with the introduction of a new Year 11 glacial landscapes trip to Cwm Idwal, North Wales and are currently developing



a 'honeypot' tourism trip to Windermere for next year's Year 10. New GCSE and A2 specifications were put in place in September. The department is extremely proud that one of our departing Year 13 students was offered a place at Cambridge to read Geography, but not before she took a well-earned gap year comprising world travel and voluntary work with children in Africa.

DCP

Geology

A few weeks into the new term, AS-level students began their introduction to geological field work with a visit to some Carboniferous exposures in the Peak District. Sunshine made for a pleasant day working on an introduction to sedimentology, field observation and recording data around Mam Tor and Odin's Mine. Later in the term, the Year 13 A2 students spent a day observing and collecting data to enable them to carry out a palaeoenvironmental interpretation of the succession of rocks around the Alderley Edge as part of their A2 examination coursework.

Before the Christmas holiday the students attended a lecture by Dr. Ian Stewart (BBC *Earth - The Power of the Planet* presenter) which opened their eyes to the delicate balance of the systems that keep our planet alive and habitable. Understanding how to help keep these systems in balance is a key area for Geoscientists to tackle now and in our immediate future.

A few keen and future geology

students from the lower school made up the Geology Club on Friday lunchtimes.

Geology Field Course Isle of Arran

Before the Easter holiday Year 12 students sailed for the Isle of Arran for a week-long field course.

We arrived to a fine evening in Loch Ranza and the weather outlook was good, at least, better than the torrential rain and floods of the previous year.

The amazingly varied geology of Arran provided challenge and the budding palaeontologists of the class were suitably impressed when we located the dinosaur footprints and giant millipede tracks again.

A final evening farewell meal to the staff at the field studies centre and the island was accompanied by the presentation of awards for varied geological endeavours and escapades during the week.

JAF

General Science

Catalyst

Year 8 girls paid their annual visit to the Catalyst Museum to see the amazing Dr Bunhead's Exploding Energy Show. Dr Bunhead spent an hour showing how the simple application of science can be used to create spectacular explosions. Brave volunteers were brought to the stage to set light to custard powder flame throwers, explode balloons filled with hydrogen and bravely try to catch a potato flying

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through the air at 200 mph. All of this was presented with style and a huge amount of good science knowledge was imparted to the students. The afternoon was spent in the Museum's labs with the girls working out the Vitamin C content of various fruits and juices and then creating glittery key rings using state-of-the-art memory polymers and glitter. The trip was a great success and left the whole of Year 8 enthused about science.

JSS

Year 7 Science Club

Year 7 Science Club was a fantastic success this year with great attendance from lots of Year 7 pupils. Many experiments and investigations took place, including discovering who was the 'secret message writer' by finding out what colours were in certain inks. Another enjoyable experiment involved growing a crystal garden; Year 7 pupils were able to take the gardens home to watch them grow and develop into an explosion of colour and shapes. Lots of fun has been had by all those who attended and we hope that Year 7 Science Club will be just as popular next year.

Hanja Dickinson 9AJB

Government and Politics

As part of their study of Government and Politics at AS level, a dozen sixth form students visited the Houses of Parliament in December. After an early start from our digs in Paddington, and what seemed like endless security checks, the group was guided around the auspicious surroundings of the Palace of Westminster. The history and grandeur of the Commons and the Lords was a really memorable experience and the group had the bonus of spotting some famous faces. Mrs Acharya led a walking, whistle-stop tour of some of London's sights and after lunch, the group had a great opportunity to sit in on Question Time – seeing the government and democracy in action was a real treat.

Having visited London in December 2008, the Politics set also visited Manchester to hear eminent scholars discuss the power of the core executive and possible electoral reform.

REM

History

The History Department at King's has had another busy year both in and out of the classroom. Numbers continue to thrive, with many pupils opting to study history at GCSE and A Level. In 2009/10, there will be over 120 pupils studying history in the sixth form; I believe that this is testament to the innovative ways in which our students learn about the past.

In terms of personnel, Mr Graeme Wright took over as Head of Department, Mrs Sarah Robinson joined as a part-time teacher of history and Dr Linda Craig was appointed Senior Subject Teacher.

As always, the department organised many trips and visits throughout the year, which undoubtedly enriched the delivery of history in all the key stages. Year 7 visited Conway Castle and Chester Cathedral; Year 8 welcomed the now legendary Colonel Granville Thomas who spent two days at King's bringing to life key aspects of the English Civil War whilst Year 9 visited the Macclesfield Silk Museum as part of their Local History Study of



Macclesfield. Year 10 visited Quarry Bank Mill and the First World War Battlefields and the 6th form enjoyed another excellent visit to Russia.

This year, the newly created King's 6th Form Historical Society welcomed two external speakers to the school to provide stimulation outside the classroom. In November, Dr Catherine Armstrong of MMU delivered a thought-provoking lecture on Civil Rights in the USA; in March, Alex McGrath, the Academic Deputy at Trent College, gave a lively and alternative presentation on Joseph Stalin.

In May, the school was invited to take part in the government-funded *Lessons from Auschwitz* Project. All Year 12 historians took part in an essay competition which focused on the Holocaust; the project culminated with a trip to Auschwitz in October for the writers of the two winning essays.

At KS3, History Club is proving very popular at Cumberland Street and Fence Avenue. Both divisions have produced some memorable work and the Girls' Division embarked on a trip to Eyam in Derbyshire to aid their research of the Great Plague.

The GCSE examination results were very pleasing with 96% gaining A* - C and 60% A* - A. At AS Level, 82% gained A - C and at A2, 92% gained A - C.

GAW

History Civil War Day

On Thursday 25 February, Year 8 girls were visited by two people who brought with them a number of items which were valuable and significant to the Civil War. These people represented Colonel Granville Thomas and his wife Judith. The Colonel and his wife did not just bring items, but also brought knowledge and interesting facts and stories. Year 8 girls assembled inside the hall where the Colonel presented armour, clothing, weaponry and artillery, used or worn at the time of the Civil War. The weapons, especially the pike and the musket were extremely heavy. After the break, all the girls were escorted outside to watch the Colonel fire off his musket and his falconette. Both were very loud and let off a lot of smoke. Again people were asked to help with preparing the falconette and even firing it for some people.

Girls also learned about different foods from that time, tasting food that different classes of people could



afford. There were dried grapes/raisins, sugared orange peel, cheeses and other foods common at that time. The Colonel also described the experience of being in a battle: it was frightening to realise how terrifying it was on the battle scene. The day was a great success and we all enjoyed it immensely.

Justine Blake, Anusba Shafi, Alex Swift and Joanna Dyson.

Russia Trip Moscow

After lunch on our first full day in Moscow, we went on a sightseeing tour encountering various historical sights such as Red Square. Sadly, when we arrived, it was closed and we never found out why. Whatever the reason was, I thought it actually benefited us. We may not have been allowed onto Red Square but neither was anyone else and so it meant our photographs, taken from the gaps between buildings, had nobody on them. So it was much easier to imagine the square any way you wanted; in my mind, I could see the missiles of the 1980s rumbling across it with a geriatric leader waving from Lenin's mausoleum.

On our second day, we went to a school where I talked with a very

interesting girl. I asked her, quite boldly, what she thought of President Medvedev and, after correcting my pronunciation, she told me that he was a weak and puny man. She stated that Putin was strong and did martial arts whereas Medvedev was weak. I thought this was a fascinating insight into the minds of Russian people.

I was completely enthralled and spell-bound by the beauty of the Cathedral of the Assumption. It looks so plain outside but inside its iconostasis and murals were breath-taking. We moved onto the Armoury museum where we saw the most stunning Romanov and Rurik treasures. The Hermitage may have the beautiful paintings but the Armoury had the treasures: the Fabergé eggs, coronation dresses, carriages, Imperial Regalia - the list is virtually endless. I was completely won over by Moscow, and indeed Russia, but that was not the end. After dinner we went back to Red Square at night, and were able to stand on the square and experience the visual pleasures that the square offers. St Basil's Cathedral was built for Ivan IV (the Terrible): he was so impressed by it that he ordered the architect's eyes be gouged out, so that he could not build anything so beautiful for anyone else.

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Flora and Max

Finally, we headed for the midnight train to St Petersburg. I have to say that, having spoken to a few people, I viewed the train journey with trepidation. But I was completely wrong to do so. The train was modern, had glass doors and luggage space, was small but comfortable and we could view the villages and countryside that typify Russia. There are few better places to wake up than on a train crawling into St Petersburg: we were ready to set off on our St Petersburg exploration, but would never forget our time in the seat of power.

Maximillian Elliott 12KEE
(edited extract)

St Petersburg

A day of touring, culture and ballet lay ahead as we arrived in St. Petersburg. Travelling down Nevsky Prospekt, we saw lovely architectural windows on tall, coloured buildings. The Cathedral of St Isaac is very impressive, one of the largest in the world, with a golden roof. There were a variety of interesting places we saw when travelling around the city on that first day, like the Marinski Palace where

Tchaikovsky created various ballets, such as *Swan Lake*, to be performed.

All of us were excited by the prospect of going to the Winter Palace, home to the second largest museum in the world: The Hermitage. It is said that if you looked at each of the exhibits for only ten seconds, it would take three and a half years to look at them all. We were to spend three hours there, and walk over four miles around the Museum. Before arriving at Palace Square, we stopped at a nunnery built for Elizabeth by an Italian architect. For me, it was the most beautiful building in St Petersburg. The architect was in love with Elizabeth so he built the nunnery making it blue to match her eyes, white for her complexion and gold for her hair.

The beauty and history of the Winter Palace is fascinating. It served as home to Peter the Great up to Nicholas II, as well as being the Imperial Court. The colours of blue, gold and white made Palace Square a stunning place to be. Inside, we saw ballrooms, a massive mosaic of Medusa, a fantastic gold peacock clock and a collection of priceless artwork, ranging from Monet to Leonardo Da Vinci. I found it very romantic to stand in a ballroom where Peter the Great once danced. In the dining room was an impressive clock, stopped just at the time when twelve leaders were arrested by Bolsheviks. We were seeing history brought to life all around us.

There was a full moon out as we left the palace, everything was lit up and reflecting the last light of the day. I felt extremely sad to think we were leaving this incredible place the next day. We stopped to take pictures of the Church of the Resurrection of Christ. The Aurora ship (which signals the start of the 1917 Revolution) floated menacingly on the still water overlooking the city.

Our trip was an incredible experience. You hear of beauty in such places as Russia but until you have seen them, you cannot imagine how truly remarkable they are.

Flora Woodruff 12KEE
(edited extract)

Year 13 Merchant Taylors' Visit

Year 13 History students Caitlin Scott and Joe Barson are pictured in the courtyard of the Merchant Taylors' Hall in Threadneedle Street, London, prior to the History Evening held there in April in celebration of the 600th anniversary of the Char-

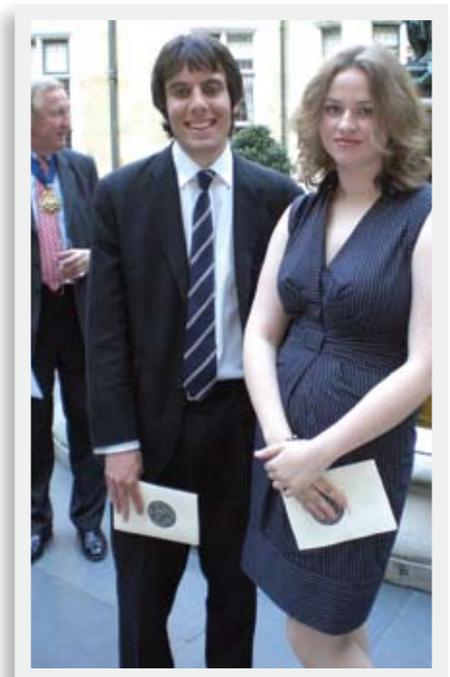
ter granted to the Merchant Taylors' Company by King Henry IV. John Percyvale was Master of the Company in 1486 and went on to found what is now King's in his home town of Macclesfield in 1502. King's is today one of the 'family' of Merchant Taylors' schools and was invited to share this special occasion. After looking round the historic Hall and admiring the Charter, Caitlin, Joe and teacher Mrs White enjoyed a banquet based on medieval dishes with medieval music and short talks on the Company's history between courses. It was a privilege to meet some of the liverymen and students and teachers from the other schools, and much was learnt about medieval London during the evening and on a short walking tour of the City the following morning.

VBW

History Lecture

On 20th November 2008, the King's School History Society met for an evening lecture by Dr Catherine Armstrong, Head of American Studies at Manchester University, who delivered a thought-provoking lecture on the American Civil Rights process 1945-68. The lecture analysed the strengths and weaknesses of the movement and was backed up with some excellent images highlighting the congenital discrimination found in the deep southern states of America. The lecture was made even more poignant as Barack Obama had recently won the US Presidential Election.

GAW



Year 9 Trip to the Silk Museum

In November, Year 9 forms went to the Silk Museum in Macclesfield. Firstly, we went to the art college and answered questions about what the silk was used for and the stages in which silk was made, starting off with being a silk worm.

Then we made our way over to the Heritage Centre. We were taken into a small room in which we learnt about the need for silk during the war with France. We watched a small documentary on how people felt about having a Silk Museum in Macclesfield and the benefits and problems it caused.

We went back down the streets of Macclesfield towards Paradise Mill. Here we were divided into two groups, each of which was given a tour around the different machines and learnt more about the silk worms travelling from China.

We felt that the trip was successful and we learnt lots from our tour guides who gave us a feel for life as a factory worker and the conditions inside the factory

*Lucy Brown 9REC
& Charlotte James 9REC*

ICT Department

There have been 115 pupil and 15 staff ECDL passes since September 2008. In addition, Elliot Sime successfully completed the qualification and passed the extension module whilst in Year 8. A record number of pupils scored 100% in modules, whilst the A level computing students competed in the British Informatics Olympiad. Robert McGregor scored the top school mark, narrowly missing out on the final; he received the computing prize for the practical work he produced all year. James Gibson was awarded the ICT prize in recognition of the excellent implementation of his database project. The year was rounded off with the very pleasing news that two former pupils, David North and John Hardy, had each been awarded first class computing degrees from their respective universities.

The ICT department thanked Mr James Reilly for his significant contributions over the last two years and wished him good luck as he left for a new job in Barcelona. James had played a large part in ensuring the success of ECDL within the department.

COD

Mathematics

The Catalyst Museum, Widnes.

The top set Year 9 boys and girls went on the Maths enrichment trip on Monday 13th October. The first half of the day was spent in a recreation room with tables set out with different types of puzzles and logic problems designed to test mathematical knowledge and understanding. The second half was again split into two: one group did the building of tetrahedrons while the other did a Maths trail, with the groups swapping half way through the afternoon. Tetrahedron building involved getting six wooden sticks and tying them together with elastic bands to form triangular based pyramids. Four of these were then put together to form an even bigger tetrahedron and then again four of these formed a massive pyramid which touched the ceiling tiles. The Maths trail involved going around the various scientific displays and answering mathematical problems based on the displays.

Everyone had a good time on the trip and it was well worth going.

Josh Keeling 9KB

Modern Languages

This has been another exciting year of change and development within the language departments. We are pleased to see numbers of pupils opting for languages remaining healthy at all levels and as the faculty becomes better equipped with good facilities and technology, this is helping enormously in the teaching and learning of languages within the school. This year we welcomed Mr Fico into the new rôle of Modern Languages Coordinator and French Senior Subject Teacher at the Girls' Division. In the coming year 2009 – 10 we will welcome Miss Smalley into the rôle of Spanish Coordinator and Miss Morris to that of German Coordinator, both at the Girls' Division. We were also able to congratulate Mrs Darch and Mme Schué on the birth of their sons. We welcomed three language assistants, Alexandra Ionescu (German), Clément Courouve (French) and Jacobo Paz Gonzalez (Spanish). In all languages the new syllabus has been successfully introduced into Year 12, with the students responding positively to the new topic areas and skills. We are now looking forward to

seeing how these students will perform at A2-Level. We have also spent time observing lessons and sharing good practice formally and informally across the faculty and have benefited from maintaining dialogue and the exchange of ideas between language departments. Many students have benefited from subscribing to extra magazines in the target languages and this has helped extend them in their language learning. The European Cinema Club has flourished with the help of the French Assistant, and a range of exciting films has been viewed and discussed using the widescreen in room R10. Exam results within the faculty have been pleasing and we were delighted by Rebecca Sugden's gaining a place to read French and Spanish at Cambridge. Japanese continues to be taught most successfully to the Asset Languages qualification and the students' enthusiastic response to the language and culture speaks for itself. For the future, the faculty is looking at broadening the access of students to more language study and alternatives to the traditional GCSE/A-level route.

Within the French Department we were delighted by the improvement in GCSE results in 2008, especially among the boys taking the exam. This followed on from a careful campaign to reinforce vocabulary and grammar learning and testing across the year group plus the implementation of a departmental policy that GCSE coursework should be of grade A or A* standard throughout the school. Staff and pupils worked hard to this end and achieved well. This year we have benefited from the help of our outstanding French Assistant, Clément Courouve, from Metz, and he has taken a very close interest in all his students: we have managed to provide more speaking tuition with the Assistant than before, thanks to Clément's willingness to help. He leaves now to take up a post as a qualified teacher of English within the French state system. We have also seen more activity on the European Cinema front, with regular showings of recent classics attracting several keen linguists, largely from the sixth form. Over the year, two highly successful trips to France were held: to the Château de la Baudonnière at Easter with the Sixth Form and in the summer with around one hundred Year 7 pupils. The Sixth Form trip proved invaluable, both in motivating

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students and giving them extensive practice in speaking and listening just prior to their AS-level oral exams. In addition, GCSE pupils enjoyed a day trip for total immersion in the French language thanks to a conference with Philip Allan Updates. Sixth formers also enjoyed and gained much from the conferences in Manchester, following lectures and presentations of a high level without difficulty and participating where possible.

Within the German Department, GCSE results at Fence Avenue were very good and a real tribute to the hard work and determination of both pupils and staff. The improvement in the results of the boys in particular was a source of much pride for the department. At A-level, 100% of students achieved an A grade. One area of great interest was the creation of a German podcast this year. Alexandra Ionescu worked throughout the year with groups of Year 12 and Year 10 girls to write and produce their own radio play, which was recorded and published as a podcast on the government-funded website www.ukgermanconnection.co.uk and the story featured in King's Colours. The project is a real first for the department, the MFL Faculty and the school as a whole. Year 13 students visited the Goethe-Institut in Manchester and listened to Wolfgang Winkler's fascinating talk on the city of Berlin. The Year 9, GCSE and A-Level Updates Conferences were attended and enjoyed by the pupils. The 20th anniversary of our annual exchange with our partner school in Memmingen, Bavaria, was a great success for Year 10 pupils, whilst the Rhineland Trip again gave Year 8 and 9 pupils an opportunity to enhance their cultural understanding of the German way of life.

This proved to be a most exciting year for the Spanish department as we expanded fully into Key Stage 3 with bumper numbers. For the first time in King's history, Year 8 and 9 pupils enjoyed the opportunity to study Spanish. The course was supported by a modern, ambitious educational package with a dynamic interactive programme for use with the electronic whiteboards. The students' enthusiasm and motivation were sustained throughout the year and converted into most encouraging numbers for GCSE. The Sixth Form attended an A-level conference at the University of Salford, designed to give future

university students a taste of Spanish study at this level. It is impressive how King's students manage to follow lectures, conducted at such a high level, in a foreign language, lasting an entire day. Spanish Club was a great success at Fence Avenue where Miss Smalley led a group of dedicated Hispanists to research fascinating areas of Hispanic life and the Spanish and Art departments worked together on occasion to explore cross-curricular links of interest. January was a busy month for the department as King's welcomed fifty Argentinean rugby players to enjoy King's hospitality during a European rugby tour. Many of the Spanish pupils, both present and past, offered accommodation to the players, practised their Spanish and struggled to understand an accent so different to Castilian. This proved to be a most successful experience with several of our students still in contact with the players and their families.

The large numbers of pupils opting to study Spanish for GCSE means that 2009-2010 will be an equally busy and exciting year.

At a time when language study nationally may be perceived to be in some degree of decline, I am confident that our students have really benefitted from a high level of good quality language learning and that their results speak for themselves.

French trips 2008 – 9

A sizeable group of Year 12 and 13 French students spent a week in the Château de la Baudonnière in Normandy. The group, organised by Mr Dagleish and accompanied by Miss Smalley and Mr Fico, spent an exciting and stimulating week immersed in the French language and culture in preparation for their summer exams, particularly the speaking tests. We visited a regional Gendarmerie or Police Station in St-Lô, where we enjoyed a fascinating presentation on the work of the police and the issues with which they are confronted in the area. Some students enjoyed trying on police uniforms and looking at police cars and motorcycles. We were also received by the Mayor of the town of La Haye Pesnel, where students asked a range of searching questions relating to their AS and A2 topics. The Mayor commented on the range and interest of the questions asked by the students and was impressed by them. On a blustery day we visited the Mont St Michel and enjoyed a brief tour of

the ramparts. Students interviewed passers-by at the market of Dinan and gathered interesting information relating to their chosen topics. Evenings were spent in activities at the chateau, including a quiz and a cheese tasting.

About one hundred Year 7 pupils visited the Château in July for a week of fun activities and visits, which included the Mont St Michel and the Bayeux Tapestry. Pupils worked in groups at the market, buying produce for a picnic and there were some interesting purchases. During the week, all had the chance to listen to and use a large amount of French whilst all pupils enjoyed the outdoor and sporting challenges of the week's activities which included the assault course, raft building (and yes, some of the rafts did actually float!), archery, feeding the farm animals, climbing and fencing. The Château trip continues to delight with its combination of fun outdoor activities run in French by enthusiastic young French staff and its near-total immersion French learning experience.

Year 13 French Conference

A group of Year 13 French students went to Manchester for a day's conference which consisted of lectures and interactive activities based around the topics studied at A2 level. Students had the opportunity to think about current affairs in greater depth and came home with many new ideas for coursework and the speaking test. The presenters were two French natives, Régis and Richard, who performed most entertainingly and gave a very welcome flavour of the French culture and language.

IED

German Exchange

2009 was a particularly significant year for the German exchange between Vöhl Gymnasium, Memmingen and King's, as it marked the 20th anniversary of the cooperation and visits between the two schools. The German party arrived on 12th March at 11am at Manchester Airport. The two accompanying members of staff - Horst Neidhardt and Rolf Muller - stayed in a local family-run hotel, within walking distance of both schools, and staff

from King's organised activities and visits for them during the evenings and at the weekend. Trips organised during the week included tours of Manchester United FC, the Imperial War Museum, Liverpool and the Beatles' Story, and Chester with a tour of the walls. Afternoon tea was organised by Mr Pook for the German staff. The group was welcomed by the Mayor of Macclesfield at the Town Hall and during the week the visitors had a tour of the Silk Heritage Museum and Victorian Schoolroom. They were fortunate enough to be here for the school play. Mr Simon Skeens, former Head of German at King's School and founder of the exchange, organised a walk for the group.

On March 29th Miss Sheen and Miss Morris accompanied the group to Memmingen for one week. A number of activities were organised including Lake Constance and a cable car ride to the top of the Pfänder Mountain in Austria, Ulm, and Neuschwanstein, the fairy tale castle built by Ludwig II. The group was welcomed by the Headteacher of the Vöhl Grammar School, followed by a tour of the town. During the week, King's students and staff were given a formal reception in the Town Hall by the Mayor of Memmingen. There was the usual town quiz with prizes for the winners. Staff and pupils were able to attend the School play and music concerts. Once again both groups got along extremely well, with events and parties organised privately. Pupils from both schools behaved impeccably, making it a successful and enjoyable week all round.

AUS

German Rhineland Trip

At 5am on Saturday 4th July 2009, 26 boys and 9 girls departed with four of their teachers for the German Rhineland. The purpose of the visit was to make provision for Years 8 and 9 to visit Germany, to enhance their understanding of the culture and life of the country.

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

Sunday's activities offered a taste of the traditional Rhineland. In the





morning we enjoyed a walk along the banks of the river Rhine in Boppard, and had a guided tour of Marksburg Castle, with its famous torture chambers. After lunch we took in an impressive falconry display at Burg Maus in St Goarshausen, and then took a boat cruise back along the Rhine to Boppard, where lots of photographs were taken of the beautiful Rhine valley. In the evening, we visited the city of Koblenz and the imposing Deutsches Eck monument.

On Monday, we experienced something of a change of pace with an all-day visit to Phantasialand, one of Europe's leading theme parks. Pupils and staff enjoyed the thrills and spills of the day. In the evening, the pupils participated in a quiz based on the trip so far, and showed off their talents in an impromptu talent show!

Tuesday again offered a different atmosphere: this time that of a large, bustling German city. In Cologne, we visited the magnificent cathedral, the Kölnisches Wasser exhibition (the home of Eau de Cologne), and satisfied our chocolate cravings with a delicious visit to the Chocolate Museum, 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's planned activity was ten-pin bowling at a bowling alley in Koblenz, which the pupils enjoyed.

The return journey on the Wednesday was taken via the Dreiländerpunkt – the meeting point of three countries. Pupils experienced being able to stand with a foot in Holland, a foot in Germany and a hand in

Belgium!

We arrived back at the Rock Block at around midnight that evening, tired but happy.

The German Rhineland Trip 2009 proved, yet again, a great success.

MSTH

AS/A2 German Conference

On Thursday 5th March 2009, 13 Year 12 and two Year 13 Germanists, accompanied by MSTH and Alexandra Ionescu, the German language assistant, travelled by train to Manchester to attend a one-day conference organised by Philip Allan Updates for AS- and A2-Level and held at the King's Hall. Students participated in language activities and listened to presentations in German by native speakers. The main focus for the day was the major topic areas for the examinations. The students found the day particularly beneficial and enjoyable, and received a set of prepared notes to take away on the day.

MSTH

Trip to the Goethe-Institut

On the morning of Thursday 20th November 2008, the six students of the Year 13 German set, along with their teacher MSTH, travelled by train to Manchester to visit the Goethe-Institut to hear a talk on the modern history of the city of Berlin, delivered by the Director of the Goethe-Institut, Wolfgang Winkler, and to use the institute's library resources for their own research. All students had the opportunity to prepare discussion points in advance of the event. Year 13 Germanists are studying the novel

Ich fühl mich so fifty-fifty by Karin König. The text is concerned with the division and subsequent reunification of Germany in the post-war years and the effects these events had on German citizens from both the East and the West. The talk itself proved to be most beneficial for the students. It was conducted solely in German by Herr Winkler, an informative and passionate public speaker: all the students commented on how enjoyable the talk had been.

MSTH

Year 12 and Year 13 students of Spanish attended a full day conference in Manchester. The speakers led debates and gave topical presentations entirely in Spanish which enhanced the group's knowledge of current Hispanic affairs as well as developing key ideas and vocabulary linked to the themes studied for their AS and A Level courses. It was a stimulating day involving a wealth of resources and techniques which provided pupils with impressive language to add to their repertoire.

VHS

In February, Year 10 King's students studying German GCSE travelled to Salford University in Manchester for a one-day conference organised by Phillip Allan Updates. The conference is an annual event attended by students from schools across the North West and is hosted by native German speakers, aiming to provide students with the unusual facility of an entire day in the target language whilst completing a range of tasks in the work packs provided.

Our students certainly enjoyed the high-level of audience participation and several were brave enough to volunteer to go up on stage and use their German! The use of up-to-date authentic German audio and visual materials was a real success, including listening tasks with amusing adverts and visual memory games which aimed to practise vocabulary retention strategies.

The most complex task involved solving a murder, with clues provided through various video clips showing the sequence of events and interviews with suspects. The more sober aspects of study included a grammar workshop on present tense verb formations and a session on important exam vocabulary. More able linguists were able to stretch themselves in

the last activity of the day, a debate on football for women.

Students' excellent behaviour and effort to participate fully was much appreciated by the teaching staff who accompanied the trip.

JALM

Music

The various choirs in the senior divisions of King's have developed a bi-annual approach to Christmas in recent years. Last year was the turn of the Family Carol Service in St Michael's, with all the choirs taking part. This year was the turn of the Foundation Choir to prepare the entire service of Nine Lessons with Carols, to sing from memory, first in Chester Cathedral and then on 'home turf' in St Michael's Parish Church.

The first major event was the Year 8 Boys' Division Music Evening in November, in which the entire year group entertained parents and friends under the inspired direction of Mrs Barratt. This is a fairly recent innovation but is such a success that the Autumn term calendar can no longer be imagined without it. Pausing but a moment for breath, we celebrated all the instrumental work at King's with an outstanding Autumn Instrumental

Concert on the last Thursday evening of November. The Jazz Band and Big Band, under Gareth Brown and Kevin Dearden respectively, began the evening by setting extremely high standards of musicianship and sheer energy in performance. The Year 13 Guitar Ensemble under their teacher, Peter Batchelar, demonstrated real skill and sensitivity in their performance of a modern classic, *Cuban Landscape with Rain*, whose title only hinted at the imaginative textures and techniques within the piece. The Saxophone Ensemble, under the fine direction of School Captain, Amy Matthewson, was followed by Hazel Browne's huge flute ensemble, with one member playing the 'huge flute' itself (a bass flute). After the interval, Mrs Barratt and Mrs Pyatt shared direction of the cast of thousands which is the Wind Band, followed by the Concert Band setting sail on *Clipper Ships and Sailors* under their captain, Mr Green. The String Orchestra under Mrs Beesley played Britten and a world premiere of *Celtic Theme* by GCSE pupil/composer Amy Jacobsen. The evening concluded in rousing style with the Foundation Orchestra responding to the current popularity of a certain film (*Mamma Mia*) with a medley of

music by Abba, ending with the ever-popular *Can-Can* by Offenbach.

December arrived, the season of celebration of our Lord's birth in carols old and new. The Foundation Choir renewed their long association with the Northern Chamber Orchestra, in Mr Green's final opportunity to conduct this fine professional orchestra. The choir shone, as usual, under the inspiring conducting of Mrs Beesley. On 10th December, the Foundation Choir and a congregation of parents and friends travelled to Chester Cathedral for the carol service. This being the Director of Music's final visit to Chester with the choir, having played the organ there on many occasions since his first King's service in December 1975, he took the opportunity to preface the service with a thirty-minute recital on the organ, including some music of Olivier Messiaen, whose 100th birthday it would have been on that day. The moving service contained a variety of favourite carols and a fine new piece composed for the occasion by Mrs Beesley. The whole event was repeated to great acclaim a few days later in St Michael's in Macclesfield, the spiritual home of The King's School for over 500 years.

We must not leave the Autumn



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term without mentioning two events when King's musicians took the Music Department into the community: a Jazz Quintet from the Sixth Form performed at the opening of the refurbished Sainsbury's store, performances which went down very well with all the shoppers at the beginning of December, then the Foundation Choir sang carols after the end of term at Upton Grange Residential Home, with some of them going on to entertain shoppers at Sainsbury's again.

With the Foundation Choir presumably still recovering from their Christmas efforts, the BFC and choirs from Girls' Division and Boys' Division gave a King's Sings concert to a delighted audience in January. What better way could there be to brighten up a Winter evening than seeing and hearing the joy of young voices singing from the heart? January was also a particularly sad and poignant time for members of the Foundation Choir and Music Department staff, when we heard of the unexpected death of a former colleague and member of the choir, Pete Mathews. He had been a keen member of the choir towards the end of his illustrious career at King's and for a while after his retirement, only a few years ago. His wife, Anne, invited us to sing at his funeral in St Michael's, together with the Macclesfield Male Voice Choir, of which Pete had been a member in the last few years. Members of the Foundation Choir did us very proud in the uplifting service.

Twenty-two pupils from Years 10 to 13 entertained audiences on two evenings in February, with Songs from the Shows, including *Kiss Me Kate*, *Fiddler On The Roof*, *Cats*,

Sweeney Todd, *Merrily We Roll Along*, *Les Misérables*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Oklahoma* and *Cabaret*. The two splendid performances, with superb singing and dancing, raised over £1,000 for the East Cheshire Hospice, bringing the total raised for the ECH by King's Musicians to £10,388. This is a small part of the charity fund-raising that the Music Department has been involved with in recent years.

With public examinations approaching, two very special evenings (Musical Soirées) were devoted to performances to be recorded by GCSE and A-level candidates, with some quite exceptional performances by the young performers. Four of the A-level performers, Charlotte Bailey (clarinet), Katie Mycock (piano), Priya Sodha (clarinet) and Sophie Vohra (voice) gave excellent 30-minute recitals.

The King's School Big Band is used to raising money through its music. This year was no exception. A splendid Jazz Evening in April, given in its entirety by the Big Band and its younger sibling, the Jazz Band, raising money for next year's World Challenge to Borneo, was followed by the Big Band's involvement in a concert in St Michael's in May, which raised money for various local charities.

The Spring Instrumental Concert included all the performers from the Autumn Concert, playing new music. Highlights for the Director of Music were the superb performance of the Vivaldi Double Violin Concerto given by Year 12 pupils, Anna Beesley and Rosie Jacot, ably accompanied by the String Orchestra, and his final conducting of the Concert Band (with film and concert music from *Space and Beyond*) and the Foundation

Orchestra (Johann Strauss' *The Blue Danube*). There was one unexpected item, which brought all the peripatetic music teachers to the platform, to sing 'Thank you for the music' accompanied by all the pupils, in honour of the Director of Music retiring at the end of this year after 34 years at King's. Those who require a copy of Mrs Beesley's new words for the song should contact the school. This had followed a more formal 'farewell do' on 25th April, which Mrs Beesley arranged in the form of an exciting organ recital and buffet for the Director of Music and many guests of all ages. Rising organ star, Keith Hearnshaw, made the evening a memorable one.

After the examination period, there was just time for the visit of the BFC to Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Windermere Youth Hostel, culminating in a delightful concert on a sunny June Sunday afternoon in Cartmel Priory. This was followed by the lovely Musical Soirée given by leading performers from the Boys' and Girls' Divisions Annual House Music Competition in Years 7 - 9, held over several weeks in the Summer term.

Finally, and this really was the final senior concert for the retiring Director of Music, the BFC, Girls' Division Choir and Foundation Choir under Mrs Beesley, joined by the Boys' Division Choir under Mrs Barratt, gave a wonderful King's Sings send-off on a hot evening in early July, the Foundation Choir reminding all who are leaving at this time, including the Year 13 singers, that, in the words of John Rutter, '...the magic you share when you make music won't leave you when the time has come to part: and it feels like you never have to say good-bye, 'cos the music's always



there in your heart.'

Those of us who are privileged to work in the Music Department at King's are immensely grateful to wonderful colleagues, including the talented peripatetic music teachers, parents who give their constant support and the generations of dedicated pupils, those who have worked hard to achieve outstanding results in Music at GCSE and A-level for many years, and those who practise and rehearse weekly to share in the joy of music-making.

AKG

Junior Music

In November, Year 4 children delighted their parents with a performance of *Jack – the musical*, a humorous version of *Jack and the Beanstalk* set in the East End of London. According to the plot, Jack's mum had won a competition, but the prize turned out to be a cow. As she couldn't afford to pay the landlord, King Carlot, Jack had to take the cow to a car boot sale where she was bought by a rather mysterious character called No Kan Du. As you can tell, this is not the expected fairytale version. Jack, the rather dim principal boy, was played by Victoria Richardson with Jack's Mum performed by Joe Laughton, whose realistic cockney accent made us believe he really had been born within the sound of Bow bells. The pantomime involved every child in Year 4 performing songs and dances and leading the audience participation. Lots of enthusiasm and star quality was on display on the night.

Our Christmas Concert featured all of our instrumental and vocal ensembles. Wind, Brass and Percussion Ensemble played a lively arrangement of 'Candyman' from *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* and the Strings presented a more gentle *Minuet in G* by Boccherini. The Year 3 and 4 Choir were delightful with their charming version of *Winter Wonderland* and the Year 5 and 6 Choir sang a beautiful two-part choral piece by Bob Chilcott called *The Marvellous Birth*. We also heard from the Guitar Ensemble, Flute and Recorder Ensemble and several budding soloists including a piano trio. It was a splendid showcase for the children's hard work and practice during the preceding weeks.

At the start of the Autumn Term, King's Junior Choir was invited to sing in a Christmas concert given by the Tatton Singers, a choir that rehearses



in St. John's Parish Church in Knutsford. As the Upper Junior Choir has over 80 members, (too many to fit in at the front of the church) a choir of 44 Year 6 children represented King's. The Junior choir sang four items, three songs that we had prepared for our own Christmas Concert and we also revisited the beautiful piece that had been composed for us last summer by Adam Gorb, called *Everyone Sang*. The Tatton Singers also asked that the children join them in two choir pieces and there were lots of descants for carols to be learnt. The children had to adjust to following a different conductor, to the acoustic of the church and to singing with an adult choir. The day of the concert was cold and crisp and there was a noticeably Christmas feeling in the air. The church was full for the concert and we were delighted that Adam Gorb came to hear the children perform his piece. The children sang and behaved like angels and the accompanying staff were extremely proud of them.

The Infant Department celebrated with two Christmas productions this year, with the Year 1 and 2 children presenting their Nativity story as a play within a play. *Nearly No Nativity* tells of a school's Christmas production which is almost cancelled due to too many characters wanting the lime-light. The children finally realise that the star of the Christmas show is Jesus, the reason for the celebration. Deia Penn was a splendidly bossy

teacher, Mrs. Higgins, and the other children appeared as shepherds, wise men, animals, angels and stars. The children thoroughly enjoyed singing and dancing the nativity story.

The Nursery and Reception classes presented *The Nativity* by Niki Davies towards the end of term. Both Reception classes used their acting skills to tell the story, appearing as stars, soldiers and the expected Nativity characters. The Nursery class played percussion instruments, sang joyfully in the choir and enjoyed wearing their special costumes.

Our Junior Carol Service was held at Park Green United Reformed Church in Macclesfield and we were welcomed by the minister, Revd. Marion Tugwood. This is a chance for all the children in the Junior Department to be involved in a musical presentation of the Christmas story with the bible readings and prayers being read by our Year 6 pupils. Year 5 sang *On the road to Bethlehem*, a song with a 'blues' feel and Year 3 performed the Calypso song, *A baby is born in Bethlehem*. Year 6 sang a song by the singer/songwriter Peter Skellern, *Oh, were you there* and Year 4s presented a thoughtful song that prays for peace on earth, *Somewhere, someday*. The Year 6 Choir showed off their prowess by adding the impressive descants to the congregational carols and this joyful service was the perfect way to finish a busy and musically successful term.

In early March, Year 5 children

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performed with enjoyment and verve amongst other local primary schools at the Macclesfield Music Festival, held at Macclesfield Leisure Centre. The concert consisted of a number of old favourites including *Michael, Row the Boat Ashore* and *Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines*. The latter number allowed the children to show off the aviation-themed headgear that they had individually crafted with great care and ingenuity. Sandwiched in-between was a touching performance of the cantata *In the Beginning* which tells the African creation myth of Nogwaja, the hare. Year 5 also enjoyed their own lime-light as they performed *Reach for the Stars* with great vitality and joy. This proved to be a very uplifting evening.

This year's Year 6 musical, *Scrooge - The Musical* proved a challenge for staff and performers alike but three fabulous performances ensued with enjoyment etched onto all 73 children's faces. There were several excellent individual performances to note, especially those of Francesca Rijks and Olivia Watkins who shared the demanding title role, ably supported by William Fox (a mature turn as Bob Cratchit) who milked the audience for many a laugh. However, all the children were 'stars', working so well together as a team to perform many difficult set-pieces involving comic, dramatic and choreographic timing. The costumes, mostly designed and made by a dedicated team of parents led by grandparent Mrs Fray, gave the piece a most accurate period feel and look, whilst the set, designed by Mr Atkinson and painted by parent Mrs Price, provided a perfect backdrop. The memories that all the children will have of this outstanding educational experience will surely stay with the children (and, probably, parents) for many years to come.

Beautiful Spring weather heralded the end of term as the Junior staff and pupils walked to and from nearby St Paul's Church accompanied by a large number of parent helpers. The service was led by the Year 3 and 4 children, who recounted the Easter story in words and music by presenting *Here Comes Jesus* by Sheila Wilson. The String Ensemble also performed Bach's *Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring* in front of a packed church where every seat was taken. The minister at St Paul's, Rev Jeremy Tear, gave a talk about the symbolic aspects of Easter before wishing all of the congregation

a happy Easter break. The retiring collection was donated to the appeal for the restoration of the spire at St Paul's Church.

Over 160 entries were received for the Junior Music Festival. As ever, the levels of performance were outstanding and helpful advice about performance technique was given to the children by our Senior musical colleagues, Mr. Green, Mrs. Beesley, Mrs. Barratt and Mrs. Pyatt. The Year 5 class winners subsequently performed at the End of Year Celebration where the Year 6 class winners were presented with music cups in recognition of their musical achievements in the Juniors.

After weeks of rehearsing, all the Infant children thoroughly enjoyed their respective moments of 'fame' whilst taking part in the Infant Concert in front of an admiring audience

in a packed (and rather hot) Fence Avenue Hall. The concert began with some summery songs, complete with actions, from the Infant Choir who were conducted energetically by Miss Smith. Then began an excellent performance of *The Wild Bunch*, which was written by Mrs Lea. 2JTS took the main plaudits with several budding actors and actresses much in evidence. Their confidence, timing and energy bodes well for future performances in the Juniors. Each of the other classes performed a song and dance associated with one of the 'weeds' in the story who battle for space in their garden. As usual, the costumes were delightfully colourful and the children's movements were utterly charming.

The Junior Summer Concert was a real celebration but also a moving occasion as it was Mr Shaw's final





concert. As Principal of the Junior Division he has always been tremendously supportive and proud of the children's music making, and we sincerely thank him for his encouragement over the years.

Mr Shaw fronted our final concert of the year and proved to be a hilarious compère. The Wind, Brass and Percussion Ensemble played the *Gallop* from Offenbach's *Orpheus in the Underworld* and the Guitar Ensemble, mostly featuring Year 4 children, performed two atmospheric pieces. String Group played Grieg's *Norwegian Dance* and then put us in the mood for the next day with *Summer Holiday*. The Junior Flute and Recorder Group played two very jazzy pieces and we were delighted to hear the Junior Brass Group, comprised mostly of Year 3 children. Both Upper and Lower Junior Choir performed three songs, some with actions and our soloists included a piccolo, a guitarist, a percussionist, keyboard and a violin and piano duet. The final song from the Year 5 and 6 Choir, *I love a piano* featured Mrs Lea and Mr Atkinson playing a piano duet accompaniment and Year 6 pupil, Henry Reavey, promoted to conductor for the occasion. The song was dedicated to Mr Atkinson, who has been an outstanding accompanist for our choirs for so many years and we wish him well in his new job.

AJL/GJS

Physical Education

Girls' Division

It was a tremendously busy year in the Girls' PE Department, with many sporting opportunities provided for the girls by a small team of dedicated PE staff, both within the curriculum and in extra-curricular time.

In October, we were privileged to meet Beth Tweddle, British Olympic Gymnast who came to give an assembly presentation to the girls and later to the talented sportswomen and A Level students, regarding her preparation, training and successes in the World Championships and Beijing Olympics. Afterwards, Beth gave a superb Master class in gymnastics to approximately 40 talented girls. The girls thoroughly enjoyed this and appreciated the opportunity to see Beth perform a few of her own gymnastic moves.

In the second half of the Autumn term, PE staff and girls were very busy with lunchtime practices for the Annual Gymnastics Competition. This event took place in December with some fantastic performances and we were treated to an outstanding display from our own British Gymnast, Jennifer Pinches.

Throughout the year, the girls have performed in many fixtures and tournaments and there have been many successes. The U14 netball team qualified for the second round of the National schools Netball tournament and the U19 hockey team were runners up in the County Hockey tournament. U13 netball and U19 hockey teams were runners up in the Mount St Mary's Tournaments and the U15 netball squad were runners up in the HMC Netball tournament. The U14 hockey team won their County tournament and were congratulated on being County Champions and presented with Team of the Year at the Girls' Sports Awards evening in June.

The summer term was extremely busy with many athletics fixtures and the Year 7 and 8 athletics team did particularly well in winning the first round of the English Schools Athletics Association Schools Cup event and qualified for the NW Regional round where they came 5th out of 11 teams in the North West. Twelve athletes represented Macclesfield at the County Athletics championships and two girls received County selection for the English Schools National Athletics event in July.

At the Annual Girls' Sports award evening in June, Sandra Douglas (1992 Barcelona Olympics Bronze medallist in 4 x 400m relay) presented awards to successful girls and teams. She talked to the girls about her motivation to succeed and the hard work and preparation required to achieve elite status. The girls particularly enjoyed looking at her Olympic bronze medal.

Lunchtime clubs at the Girls' Division were extended to include Cheerleading and this was extremely popular. The teams did especially well at the National Schools cheerleading championships. 95 girls took part in various teams resulting in the Year 7, Year 8 and sixth form teams becoming National champions and the Year 9/10 team finishing in 2nd place.

The AS Physical Education results were pleasing with 66% A-B grade and three students continued their studies into A2 level. Eight students embarked upon the new AS Physical Education syllabus this year. The practical moderation day in March went very well with all students performing in their chosen sports and coaching younger pupils. The moderator was impressed with the standard of practical ability, so they approached the theoretical examinations in May and June in very strong positions. We are excited by the introduction of GCSE PE in September 2009 and look forward to the success of the students on this course.

LB

Physics

Once again the Physics department enjoyed a high level of academic success both at GCSE and A-level. With the introduction of the new A-level we saw the demise of the practical examination and the commencement of the centre-assessed unit, providing both staff and students with a new challenge. Forty nine students decided to embark upon this new course, which bodes well for the future of the subject at King's. We bade farewell to Mr Ahmed, who secured a teaching post at the Jerudong International School in Brunei, and welcomed Miss Arthur, a graduate in Manufacturing Engineering at the University of Cambridge.

Year 12 trip to Sellafield

A group of 18 Year 12 students with Dr Hartnett and Dr Hollis visited the

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Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant, where we were met by armed police, who checked our ID before letting us onto the site. The students were split into two groups and then kitted out in blue lab coats, long socks and special shoes before being allowed into the THORP reprocessing plant. This is where spent fuel rods from nuclear power plants in the UK and from abroad are broken up to recover the 97% of useable fuel. We saw enormous tanks where the fuel rods are kept and we were told about the high level nuclear waste that is removed from the rods. We were shown a flask that holds this waste and if it had been full we would have been dead before we could have touched it. At the end of the tour we had to pass through three machines that tested for radioactivity on the person; fortunately none was detected and we were able to leave with clear minds. As we left the THORP reprocessing plant, we were shown the remains of the first civil nuclear power plant in the world, Calder Hall, a haunting reminder of the dangers of nuclear science. The day was most enjoyable and prepared the students for part of the physics course they will cover in Year 13.

SJH

Partying Particles

The annual Year 7 Girls' Division trip to find out how and why particles party, took place in March this year. The one-hour lecture took them through states of matter, the wonders of liquid nitrogen and the fun that can be had with carbon dioxide. The talk was excellent and was very interactive, with girls being made to act out being solids and gases, as well as taking part in some of the experiments. The afternoon was spent building bridges to various designs and testing each one with weights to see which was strongest. The more adventurous of the girls actually built hybrid bridges that combined two or more different types of structure. These however proved that simple is best when it comes to supporting a lot of weight.

SAC

The Independent-Bosch Technology Horizons Award

Students in the age range 14-18 were invited to write an essay under the heading 'How can technology and engineering provide innovative solutions to today's global challenges?'

Six of our students entered the competition and gained 'Technology Horizons Awards' for 2009. The six award winners were: Elizabeth Jessop 10CHB, Rebecca Massie 10ESc, David Ormrod-Morley 10DTB, Yiyu Xiang 10DMH, Alexander Eyre 12MSTH and Joschka Roffe 12LCW.

CPH

Physics club (Boys)

The Physics Club meets every Thursday lunchtime in S9 and students carry out various physics-related projects.

In the autumn term, each student began by constructing a Hero's steam engine, (named after the ancient Greek who invented it), from a drinks can, a piece of string and a paperclip. This simple machine was easily made and worked surprisingly well. The next project, to construct a transistor radio, was rather more demanding. It required more time, a lot more patience and the ability to solder components onto a circuit board. Some students were rather more successful than others! After several disappointing tests, we were eventually able to pick up the weather forecast on what we believed to be Radio 4; apparently it was soon to rain!

On one of the finer days we de-camped to the front field and investigated water rockets, carefully judging the wind direction to ensure that the rocket returned to earth within the confines of the school and not in a neighbouring garden. Other projects involved building electric motors, testing a hot air balloon and investigating how microelectronics circuits with NOT, AND and OR gates can be used to solve real problems such as controlling the temperature of an incubator.

The final project for the year was to build a wind turbine generator from a plastic bottle, a few pieces of wood, four magnets and some coils of wire. A prize was then awarded to the team that generated the highest voltage. Many of the projects were inspired by Dr Embrey, our technician, whose enthusiasm and hard work was much appreciated by me and the students.

CPH

Psychology

The Psychology Department is now settled into the new Sixth Form Centre.

All our rooms are very well-equipped with interactive whiteboards and internet access. A large number of relevant psychology videos have been downloaded onto the shared drive for use in lessons and have proved very useful. Both staff and pupils are now familiar with the Departmental Website which is routinely used for setting of homework, information about trips, cover work, various notes, mark schemes and lesson PowerPoint presentations. Last year we started the new AQA Specification A for first examining AS in May 2009 and A2 in 2010.

Miss Barton has settled in very well to the department and Miss McMaster is collaborating with Dr Nigel Colbert from Nottingham University researching into the management of ADHD. We had a fascinating talk and demonstration of hypnosis from Mrs Barbara Collins during which Miss McMaster was hypnotized.

Just as in previous years, students had the opportunity to go on a number of trips and lectures including a trip to Twycross Zoo to observe primates and listen to a talk on the evolution of intelligence. As a result of this trip the department have adopted a female Bonobo called Banya. There were also opportunities to attend the Villiers Park Educational Trust residential course; Criminal Psychology Lectures at Manchester University and a Residential Psychology Course at Nottingham University whilst students were also encouraged to enter the Heythrop Psychology Essay competition run by the University of London.

MJB

Religion and Philosophy

This year the department was very buoyed by the excellent results achieved over the summer. With the exception of two or three, every student who took the GCSE achieved a grade A or higher.

Mindful of the school's focus on Guy Claxton's 'Building Learning Power', the department was keen to put into practice some 'high impact' strategies that would encourage the key skills of resourcefulness, initiative, flexibility and collaboration. Following



One of greatest successes this year was in June when Mrs Acharya and Mrs Squares organized liaison between Year 8 and Year 5 students.

Having already begun the new A-level syllabi, we are now preparing to create fresh new schemes of work for the new GCSEs which begin in September. Yet again another challenging year awaits us. But I am sure the department will continue to grow and move from strength to strength.

The R&P website

The R & P website has grown and evolved since last year. It is now frequently used by students from Year 9 and upwards. It allows the setting of internet-based project work, the provision of research links and is a means by which both students and parents can check what sort of work is being set in the lessons. When a student produces a wonderful ICT resource (such as a PowerPoint or movie for a topic) other students may now access it, via the 'private' website set up by the A-level philosophy groups.

A-level trips and experiences

This year has been another busy year for A-level students.

Mrs Acharya took her Year 12 philosophers, studying political philosophy, to the Houses of Parliament for a successful and educational trip.

Mr Jackson took the same set to an Oxford university theology open day early in 2009. They attended a number of lectures from eminent scholars and were also lucky enough to have an Oxford student talk at length about the experience of being a student in Oxford.

The Year 12 Religious Studies students were taken on a trip to the Holocaust centre and also had the opportunity of attending a 6th form conference in Manchester.

In February the philosophers received John Foster from Lancaster University for the day, who spoke engagingly and at length about topics such as Free Will, Political Philosophy and the works of the famous empiricist David Hume. It was great that some of the Year 11 prospective philosophy students were able to attend in the afternoon. They were obviously motivated by some of the themes discussed and it reinforced their desire to take the subject at A-level.

Year 11 revision residential

Every year Ms Agour organises a revi-

the successful Sue Philips' 'Theatre of Learning' INSET last year, the department created a scheme of work that we hoped would be a 'high impact' learning experience for the students. We wanted to get the students involved and engaged by creating a story, spanning six weeks that would grab their attention in a new and fresh way. It was decided that in our very first lesson back in September we would 'crash' the students on to a desert island where they would be faced with a series of challenging ethical dilemmas. Mr. Jackson spent his summer holiday creating a couple of movies and even a realistic 'logbook' in order to provide the 'wow' factor and I can report that the 'Moral Island' was a huge success! Both students and the teachers enjoyed the experience.

The feedback we got from the students was very encouraging and it was great to hear them talking about the lessons days afterwards in the corridors of the school. It certainly created a buzz of excitement and the students came into each lesson with anticipation and expectation. Not only that, but some of the written work produced was of a very high calibre indeed. It was fantastic to hear parents also enthusing about the 'Moral Island' lessons and reporting that their children had developed a new interest and enthusiasm for the subject. This has been converted

into numbers as well and we have seen more students opting for GCSE, especially in the Girls' Division. On the strength of this initiative the R&P department hopes to develop at least one 'high impact' scheme of work per year, with the hope that in 3 or 4 years we will have transformed every R&P lesson into something dynamic, fresh and challenging.

The department's main aim this year was to build on the successes of last year and try and raise the profile of the department even further by attracting more and more students to take the RS and Philosophy A-levels. It is therefore pleasing to report that, from quite a small pool (37 GCSE students), we have currently 30 students applying to take either Philosophy or Religious Studies next year. This represents very strong retention within the subject and is indicative of the passion that our students have for it.

Lower School Philosophy Society

In order to expand the department further, we hope to use these numbers in sixth form to help promote the A-level to those who might not normally consider it. As such they have already started helping us set up and run a new lower school 'Philosophy Society' which ran for the second half of the academic year. We hope that this will prove to be a successful means to engage students from as wide a spectrum as possible.

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sion residential course for our Year 11s. This year was no exception. The days were extremely productive with a whole host of sessions covering the entire course, to which the students responded brilliantly, being attentive and constructive. Following a marvelous Indian meal at the restaurant nearby, the students produced some fantastic 'Key Word' drama pieces mixing good revision with plenty of fun. The location was peaceful, the weather was delightful and the students behaved impeccably throughout the two days.

Yr 10 Hindu Temple trip

Mrs Acharya organized a trip to two Hindu Temples in London. This was a fascinating experience for all involved. They were amazed at the sheer size and beauty of the 'Swaminarayan' Temple complex. When they were privileged to be present at and observe a typical daily 'puja', it was as though they were transported to the sub-continent. This was a memorable experience for the boys.

RNJ

R & P Trip to Watford – Year 10

Two Year 10 Religion and Philosophy sets went on a trip to North London to visit two Hindu places of worship. This was intended to help the students with their GCSE coursework, based on the Nature of Hindu belief. They were to visit an older, stately home-like temple and a traditional Hindu temple in Wembley.

Upon arrival at the first Hindu place of worship we were greeted by an English, converted Hindu. He had a long rectangular-shaped piece of hair growing down his back. This symbolised that he mainly worshipped Vishnu. We were invited inside and were told to remove our shoes to show respect. We were escorted through the crowded hallways until we reached a room, in which we all could sit and listen to an introduction to our visit, before we were shown back downstairs to a shrine room, in which we would eat lunch. We were each handed plates, holding crackers, rice and an Indian variety of bread.

Following our lunch we were split into two groups: one was given bullock-cart rides while the others were shown around the grounds of the house. We were shown symbolism in plants and we also learnt the importance of cows within the Hindu religion. Our final activity at this tem-

ple was the embracing of a worship ritual in front of a Shrine. This was useful to our knowledge as it showed us the traditional nature of worship and the architecture of traditional Hindu shrines.

Jack Walker

Resource Centres

King's pupils really do read everywhere! The proof can be seen in the results of the Summer Reading Competition. The display boards showed a variety of inventive and thoughtful photographs of books being read, some in the setting of the book itself, some quite amazing. The winner in the Boys' Division was Matthew Peers, reading *The Battle of Britain* dressed in 1940s' army uniform and, in the Girls' Division, the winner was Molly Laker reading *King Arthur's Mirror Maze* at Longleat House.

Open Day followed very quickly and, this year, Fence Avenue Resource Centre celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the Fence Avenue Girls' School building with a display illustrating the education Macclesfield girls received throughout the century. The Rock Resource Centre and Alan Cooper Library displayed support material from Information Literacy courses and current reading promotions.

A month later, two teams of girls and boys from Years 7 and 8 travelled to Bolton to take part in the 'Kidslit Quiz'. This is a national event with regional heats. Our teams did well but are determined to improve next year.

The spring term activities centred around 'World Book Day'. The Inter-house Book Quizzes were well and enthusiastically attended on both

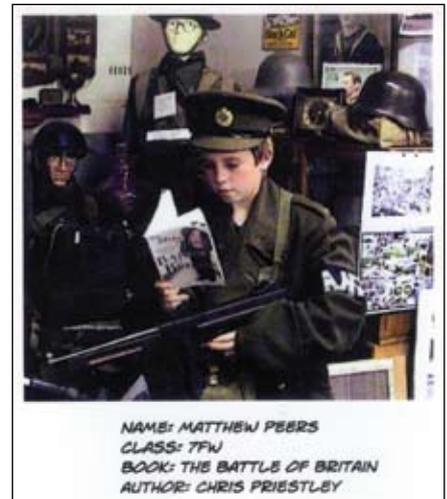
sites. Tatton and their supporters took first place in the Boys' Division and Capesthorpe in the Girls' Division.

A week later, Mark Robson, author of the *Imperial*, *Darkweaver* and *Dragon* series, visited and talked to all Year 8s about his career as a fighter pilot and how he used his experiences to achieve the publication of his first book. Mark not only wrote the books, but printed and sold them as well. His writing 'Master Class' that followed was inspirational.

Year 7 boys were privileged to have Justin Somper to talk about his *Vampirates* books. He described to his audience how an idea became a book and will, maybe, become a film fairly soon.

Concurrent with these activities, the Resource Centre staff prepare and deliver lessons to ensure that pupils leave King's with the skill to handle the changing information technologies of the future and, perhaps even more importantly, with a lasting enjoyment of reading and books.

GP



Charities

In the Autumn Term, girls were busy raising money for the East Cheshire Hospice who had asked us to provide new television sets for their wards. As ever, the girls were compassionate and innovative in their desire to help. Major events included a disco for Year 7 boys and girls, carol singing in Sainsbury's and a sponsored Santa Dash. The girls raised the magnificent total of £4300 and this was celebrated in a special Assembly of thanks with Dr. Coyne and Jane Bessant, CEO at ECH.

The Spring Term was quieter with fundraising taking place in Houses. Gawsorth House raised the highest amount with their cake sale and karaoke session in aid of Christian Relief Uganda.

In the Summer Term, we sold refreshments at Sports Day in aid of the Scout movement and held our annual end-of-year party, with the theme of the 1960s, raising £200 in aid of Save the Children.

In addition, the Girls' Division held 3 non-uniform days in aid of genetic research, Children in Need and Comic Relief Day. In September, we supported the Macmillan coffee morning.

At Cumberland Street, the boys organized a variety of fund-raising events in aid of the RNLI. One highlight of the campaign was the appearance of a lifeboat in the Rock Block car park! The boys are to be congratulated on raising over £800 for this charity.

LFA

A Charity Rock Concert

Excited members of Years 10 and 11 attended the second instalment of 'KYB' (King's Youth Bands) on Friday, 12th December 2008. The main attraction was the cover of Blur's *Song 2* by Year 10 band Last Night's Tuxedo. They were supported by a band composed of Sixth Form students called Final Faze, which entertained with a 'mini' rock concert. As the concert progressed, the audience became more animated and started dancing in the aisles and on stage. The magnificent sum of £160 was raised in ticket sales and donated to this year's Boys' Division charity, the Royal National Lifeboat Institute. I would like to thank the members of the school's support staff, who generously gave of their time to make the evening possible.

Alistair Clarke 11MTH



Fashion Show

This year the sixth form fashion show managed to raise the record amount of £3,300 for cancer charity, Christie's. The organization behind the show was certainly not plain sailing; however, the end results were wonderful, with the models managing to pull off a great performance, though it may have been unnoticed by the audience, with just thirty minutes before the curtain was to go up, Greg Dunne was taken home ill, and it was left to Danny Lawrence and Matthew Wynne to save the day. The boys were surprisingly fast learners and even through the wardrobes had to be rapidly reshuffled, the end result was a huge success.

Sophie Usber

Community Action

Every Wednesday afternoon, approximately twenty members of the Sixth Form went into the community and undertook voluntary work. The work they did is varied and challenging. Some cared for wild animals in an animal sanctuary, helping to rehabilitate the animals before their return to their natural habitat. Others worked with domestic animals, caring for them whilst they waited to be placed in new homes.

Another group of pupils volunteered to visit elderly people in a local nursing home, joining in with leisure activities. Two pupils spent their Wednesday afternoons at the East Cheshire Hospice, working with day patients whilst others worked in local primary schools and at Park Lane Special School.

Working for Bollington Community Radio proved to be a popular and hugely enjoyable way for pupils to serve the community. During the course of the year, the volunteers had a range of programmes broadcast (both live and pre-recorded) and they picked up valuable editing skills along the way.

Amy Wilson took a new approach to community work by setting up a website for Age Concern where the charity could advertise and sell the more valuable items donated to it. By doing this, Amy raised several thousand pounds and it is hoped that this initiative will continue next year.

RHR

Crossfire

Three meetings took place every fortnight: in the Boys' Division led by Dr Peter Gaskell, in the Girls' Division led by Mrs Mary Davies, and in the Sixth Form Division led by Mr D J Pook. Crossfire is a club that allows pupils to explore issues that arise from holding a personal Christian faith in the 21st century. Everyone is made welcome whether they consider themselves to be of any particular religion or denomination or none.

The students themselves influence what Crossfire meetings are like. The Boys' Division Crossfire has involved wonderfully manic Friday meetings of up to 20 boys in M17 playing games, taking on challenges and discussing some big spiritual issues. Sessions last year included an exploration of who Jesus is and how that is relevant in

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today's world. Pupils always have a lot to say, there are regular games of Ping Pong Pah and there are doughnuts thrown in for good measure.

In the Girls' Division, Mary encouraged a calm and creative atmosphere. There were games, but also a lot of discussion based on stimulus material. A dedicated group of students enjoyed coming every fortnight and help was provided by Katie Reid in Year 11.

Sixth Form Crossfire sought to challenge the older students. Sometimes it took the form of a prayerful analysis of a Bible passage in a quiet classroom; sometimes it involved a general debate over Friday lunch in the Sixth Form café.

Crossfire is supported by the Titus Trust and, as Peter and Mary have contributed each term to school assemblies, so the number of students from King's who have attended the summer camps at Gloddaeth and in the Lake District has steadily grown. It was great to see 20 King's students involved last summer.

DJP

Friends of King's

Friends of King's have had another busy year supporting the school in a variety of ways. In September, Sara Rex once again welcomed new par-

ents to a coffee morning, which was a great success and gave old and new parents a chance to meet each other.

October saw the first joint event staged by FOK Seniors and FOKJ/I in the shape of an Indulgence Evening. Jane Bridge, Annie Aldrich and Jackie Krajewski organised a hugely popular evening enjoyed by mums, aunts and grandmas alike.

Also in this month, we held our annual AGM/wine-tasting courtesy of Majestic Wines. Kim Ross hosted the event and this very relaxed evening brought in some new and enthusiastic members which provided the committee with a welcome injection of fresh faces and ideas.

At the end of November, Helen Beech and Jane Bridge, plus an army of helpers, organized the annual Christmas Fair. This event seems to grow every year and is by far our biggest fund-raising event in the school year. A huge thank you goes to all the committee members plus parents and friends of the school who helped.

In December, the committee helped at the 6th Form Fashion Show, which raises funds for charity, by

providing and serving refreshments: thanks go to Kim Ross for organising the refreshments and all the committee members who helped on the night.

In commemoration of 100 years of girls' education at Fence Ave, Friends of King's sponsored the purchase of enamel lapel badges to be given to current pupils and sixth form girls who had attended the Girls' Division. In January, several committee members were invited to attend a special assembly at the Girls' Division to distribute these special Centenary badges.

Joan Higham holds second hand uniform sales throughout the year; these sales not only raise funds for the school but also help parents out by making uniforms and sports kit available at very reasonable prices. Our thanks go to Joan for volunteering to run these sales.

The Summer Ball, which this year had a masquerade theme, was held at The Hunting Lodge, Adlington Hall in June. Once again, it was a great success and our appreciation and thanks go to Barbara Collins and Helen Beech for their fantastic organizational and artistic skills.

In addition to fund-raising activities, Friends of



King's also supported the school at various social events and parents' evenings, making numerous financial donations to the school. In this academic year, we have provided music stands for the Gables, an Apple Macintosh computer to be used for graphics by the Boys' and Girls' Divisions and members of the sixth form, mats for the Cheerleading Team, and Girls' PE bibs for netball and hockey.

This year, we raised over £5,000, whilst an additional amount of approximately £4,200 was donated. In order to be this successful, we depend on the involvement of many individuals. Our thanks go to all the volunteers who form the committee and to every parent who has helped at, or supported, one of our functions.

Kim Ross on behalf of FoK

Fence Avenue 100

Girls' Division Open Afternoon

Celebrating one hundred years of girls' education at Fence Avenue, over 240 'Old Girls' travelled from all over the country for a special Open Afternoon. Themed lessons were set up, including 'Science, Then and Now', an English class debating the role of women over the past century, a tour of the Empire in Geography, and even an Ironing lesson. Senior girls acted as guides on tours of the school and a fascinating exhibition and DVD gave glimpses of life there over the last century. The afternoon ended with a splendid tea.

One of the oldest 'Old Girls' to attend was Winifred Sokill, who

brought with her the Sommerville Running Cup which she won in 1933 and 1934. All the 'Old Girls' have affectionate memories of their time at the school: the sense of freedom and fun when canoeing on the canal, the air raid shelters beyond the sports field and having to carry gas masks, being served school lunch by maids, the banning of pony tails – and many more. These have been written down for the school archives and are available to look at, a vivid compilation reflecting all aspects of education at Fence Avenue.

SES

Mandarin Club

Mandarin Club ran for two terms at Fence Avenue. Many girls were involved in learning the basics of Mandarin and they progressed very quickly to be able to have longer conversations. Their teacher, Ran, was extremely patient and allowed them to practise the new, often tricky, sounds and symbols. They even found time to celebrate Chinese New Year by making Chinese dumplings, writing festive cards using Chinese letters, as well as learning Chinese songs. Everyone involved would like to thank the Cheshire Mandarin Academy for providing us with this fantastic opportunity.

VHS

Master Chef Classes

During the summer term, Paul Smith, Executive Chef for Chartwells, set up his own cookery school for two



hours every Thursday in the Girls' Division kitchens. Twelve Year 10 girls won a place on the course after they had written letters to the Chef explaining why they wanted to learn to cook. After school, for six weeks, they learnt the fundamental principles of nutrition, cookery, presentation and service and were able to take home a different dish each week. At the end of the course, the group put on an evening to demonstrate their new culinary skills which was a fabulous feast of dishes and canapés enjoyed by family, friends, teachers and Governors. Paul Smith is a natural teacher and his energy and enthusiasm inspired the girls. The course was a tremendous success and will be repeated.

SES

Morocco 2008

The school's 5th trip to Morocco took place in October half term and involved 13 girls and 7 boys. The group went in 2 teams and the trip involved trekking, camel riding and visiting the cultural delights of Marrakech. The trekking phase took place in the Atlas Mountains where, due to an unseasonal amount of snow, the attempt on North Africa's highest peak, Mount Toubkal had to be aborted. However the groups managed to replace this with a 4-day trek through the valleys surrounding the mountain, visiting Berber villages, teaching in local schools, camping in the snow and singing songs around the fire with the local guides and muleteers. The camel safari was across the Jebel Sahro an area on the edge of the Sahara





desert. The teams rode for 6 hours a day, stopping to sleep in the shade at midday and visit a local school. The evenings were spent sleeping under the stars and cooking bread with the guides in an open fire. The beauty of riding camels across the dunes and ergs was a wonderful experience, however, it came at a price as camels were not voted the most comfortable form of transport by anyone in the team. In between these adventures the teams spent time in the souks and alley ways of Marrakech, bartering for presents and souvenirs, avoiding snake charmers and trying not to get an unwanted henna tattoo. The trip was a fantastic success and the students returned full of stories and tales and with a desire to return to this wonderful country.

JSS

Prefect Training Trip

Girls' and Boys' Division prefects, 25 girls and 25 boys, travelled by coach to the World Challenge Adventure Quest Centre in Buxton for a day's activities aimed at encouraging interaction and positive relationships between the boys and girls, developing

teamwork and leadership skills and self-confidence. The weather was dry and hot, but the shaded woodland location made the conditions more bearable.

Olivia Soutter and Harry Wood had previously prepared the prefects' groups, enabling a swift start to proceedings on arrival. There was a noticeable increase in confidence in the pupils, whilst leadership qualities and teamwork skills were identified by the centre's staff as the prefects worked together to solve the tasks set.

CAR

Reach for the Stars

Year 11 girls were given a workshop on study skills, how to revise and how to learn effectively by Jeff Moran from Learning Performance in November. This annual event focuses on the different learning styles each of us have, suggesting ways for students to adapt methods of working in lessons and revising to take account of this. The girls were also shown how to improve their use of questions, to improve their learning as well as the importance of diet, relaxation and a good working environment in getting good examination results. All of these ideas were presented using a variety of sources including the advertising techniques used by large companies and castanets and a bell to mimic the distracting powers of mobile phones and the internet. As ever the girls were enthused, encouraged and determined to put the ideas into practice.

JSS

Organizational skills day

The annual organizational skills day for Year 10 girls at Fence Avenue took place at the end of September. The event involves the tutor groups competing against each other to produce presentations, drama pieces and leaflets all designed to help the students manage their time more effectively and to learn to work as a team. Also involved, was one session of problem solving which involved the girls having to manoeuvre the whole tutor group through hoops before herding 'blind' sheep into a pen. This year's event was the best yet with the tutor groups producing fantastic drama pieces and very impressive Power Points.

JSS

Skiing

Alpe d'Huez- Christmas 2008

The 6th form ski trip this year was a festive affair with departure set for lunch time Boxing Day and every member of the party filled with Christmas cheer, excitement for the trip ahead and more turkey than you could shake a rather large ski pole at.

On arrival at the resort, it was discovered, to the delight of all, that the hotel backed right onto the slopes and so the 9am meets at the ski school were only a snowball's throw away. Due to a good dumping of snow all season, the skiing was excellent with more than enough runs staying open throughout the trip

The 'experienced' skiers found they were still able to be challenged, the beginners made steady progress over the week, but it was the intermediates who showed the most improvement, starting on greens and blues and by the end of the week being able to take on one or more of Mr. Bartle's famous 'Dark Blue' runs.

The resort itself was a small and self-contained village that provided just enough après ski to keep 28 teenagers entertained for the duration of the trip. The reps in the hotel ably put on several evening activities, including a pool competition, karaoke and a quiz, which showed, in the case of the students, some hidden talents off the ski slopes and, in the case of some teachers, signs of a misspent youth.

Staff and pupils alike were able to share a fantastic New Year's Eve at a nearby night spot, 'The Yeti', which was a fun way to round off an excellent trip and an opportunity for the more adventurous, to quote an exuberant member of the party, to 'throw some shapes'.

RR

Colorado

60 pupils enjoyed a fantastic week's skiing in Winter Park, Colorado this Easter. We arrived to snow fall and this continued for three days, providing excellent conditions for all levels of ability. The evenings were filled with activities such as tubing, shopping, a cinema trip and we even managed a day's shopping in Denver followed by a Denver Nuggets NBA game. The beginners in particular made huge progress with the very friendly and helpful instructors. The pupils were a credit to themselves



in Horton, where many others were also setting out to do the same route. This detracted from the usual feeling of emptiness on the hills but the fitness of the team soon saw many parties left behind. The group fell naturally into two, with those keen on the full round ahead of those who would do all three summits but ride between in the minibus, which was still a substantial undertaking. The day became drier and from the last summit, Ingleborough, there was a memorable descent to Horton in glorious afternoon sunshine. Five pupils did the full round of 25 miles whilst a further 5 ascended the peaks, with most doing all three. The staff turnout was equally impressive with JSS, PME, COD, KLB and KJB all completing the route.

Later that term, we returned to Yorkshire for our annual caving/walking weekend. The weather was kind to us yet again. On Saturday, a number of first-timers 'enjoyed' the wetness of the caves near Ribbleshead whilst the older group climbed Wharfedale. That afternoon, whilst some dried out from the morning's activities, a smaller and more experienced group went to an old favourite, the through trip upstream from Browgill Cave to Calf Holes, which went well with much good humour. The following morning, after a pleasant evening at the youth hostel in Malham, the cavers descended Sunset Hole under Ingleborough and then had to wait for the walkers to return. The weather was beautiful and mild, making the return walk to the minibus a joy instead of a battle into a gale! The last trip of the term was a Manhunt session organised by Mr. Street in the vicinity of Lud's Church. It was, as usual, misty and murky, ideal for getting lost, so all enjoyed the experience.

The Spring term began with a day of caving in the Peak District, with an opportunity to explore some parts of Giant's Hole not often seen. A mixed age group fled from the cold wind and enjoyed a trip into many passages, down and up waterfall pitches and squeezing through tight gaps that needed the removal of excess equipment. It was an excellent trip, much enlivened by the hot chocolate and tea brought along by the youngest pupils. Winter then revisited us with a vengeance and our trip to Helvellyn was in superb conditions, some of the best for years. The snow was very

and the school in their behaviour and it was a thoroughly enjoyable trip.

JPB

The Talent Shows

The highlight of the autumn term at the Girls' Division was a dazzling afternoon of talent shows. The afternoon started with spirits high, as the Girls' Division settled down with their sweetie bags and fizzy drinks provided by Mrs Adams. And then the fun began.

Adlington kicked off with their personal version of *High School Musical* combined with Disney characters. Noted actors, included Chad (India Sleem), Hannah Montana (Poppy Holland), Troy (Kanza Khan) and of course, the one and only Mrs Bingham, as the Red Hot Chilli Pepper who saved the day! From this description, you can probably tell that this was a fantastic start to the event, and was Adlington's best effort yet.

Next on was Tatton and the gripping tale of *Zorro*, involving Zorro (Emma Rheinberg), a dazzling damsel in distress (Tessa Kadler), and the fiendish villain of the day (Alice Ross). This version of the famous tale went down a real treat, although the technology failed to make the grade when the microphones stopped working- a minor setback.

Third to take part in the competition was Gawsworth, having decided to focus their slot on the 'Glastonbury' festival. Four girls, Alice Taylor, Harriet Forbes, Evie Kilford and Hollie

McClellan, set out to the festival- it was never going to be that easy. On their way, they met a few strange characters, along with none other than the 'Hiker Duo' (Lucy Underwood, Jae Bowers), who are now famous for their amazing naturalness in their roles. The girls eventually made it to the festival, and Gawsworth gained a well-deserved win (pictured).

Last to perform was Capesthorpe. Their theme this year was *Sleeping Beauty* (Madeline McHardy-Roberts), along with performances from Evil (Rosie Lewis), and Abba, (including Katie Trollope, Rachael Bates and Elizabeth Marshall). With the help of narrator Izzy Wilkinson, they managed to create an enjoyable end to a day of tremendous efforts. Everybody ensured that it was a fantastic end to the term.

Georgie Lucas

Outdoor Activities

As reported last year, the attempt on the Welsh 3000' peaks left a few pupils out as it was a little too much for the younger ones. As a result, it was decided to open the outdoor year with an attempt on the three Peaks of Yorkshire – Pen-y-Gent, Wharfedale and Ingleborough. It was well-supported but the weather was not initially kind, with steady rain on the preceding evening being followed by a dank start and overcast skies with hill fog on the summits. Nevertheless, the route began at 0800

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hard and the cover excellent which allowed us to practise ice-axe braking on the slopes above Red Tarn before venturing onto Striding Edge, the narrow ridge leading up to the north side of the mountain. As a result of the snow and the possible high winds, no-one was there and we enjoyed a breezy traverse of the ridge on our own, in increasing sunshine, before cramponing up the final slopes to the summit. There was hardly anyone there and we traversed the mountain, enjoying the panorama of snow-covered peaks all around us. However, as we descended from the top of Low Man, we were hit by some exceptionally strong winds, around 70-80 mph, against which we could hardly move. We later learnt that some of the others had been here earlier in the day and been swept off their feet, literally. We battled against it before descending into Brown Cove and returning to the hostel. The next morning, whilst some of the group returned to Red Tarn, the rest of us headed back up to the snow slopes of Brown Cove, cramponed up the firm snow and headed to Swirral Edge to complete the circuit before summiting on Catty Cam and descending a steep gully all the way back to the valley. Flurries of snow accompanied our return to Macclesfield.

A weekend spent getting very wet and muddy in either Grisedale Forest on Manhunt or canoeing on Coniston followed in March. The sight of Howard Shribman appearing from the undergrowth in camouflage green cape in the forest had to be seen to be believed whilst the wind was strong enough on Coniston to require the strapping together of canoes in pairs – it was like being at sea with the waves.

The wind continued to be a feature in the final outing of the term on to Kinder Scout; after a fantastic week of summer weather, with light winds and warm sunshine, the wind turned to the north and blew hard as a group of pupils took on the full Kinder circuit. It was clear and dry but something of a battle as the group headed along the Northern edges. With tiredness making itself felt, the decision was taken to go direct for the trig. point at the eastern end just short of the very tip and after a brief flog through the heather, the Southern edge path was reached with some relief, as the going was somewhat easier. However, the wind had not finished its work



and the return leg via Kinder Low End was hard at times, straight into strong or very strong breeze. It was a weary but satisfied group that arrived back at the bus after just over six hours of tramping, quite a respectable time considering the conditions.

The final trip of the term was the annual visit to the highlands of Scotland. A strong team of 10 pupils took on the Cairngorms in wintry conditions and had a successful and enjoyable four days of adventure. First it was the turn of Lochnagar in high winds but clear skies. A small band made it on to the plateau but were blown flat by 70mph gusts and battled down to the others. Then a damp day was spent on the Cairngorm plateau before an excellent two-day expedition with an overnight camp in the heart of the mountains, including an evening ascent of the nearest hill to see the sunset over the snow. When the group returned to Macclesfield, spring was in full flow – what a contrast!

Unusually, the first trip in the Summer term was caving on a warm day when exiting the cave saw the temperature rise rather than plunge. A keen group went into Giant's Hole near Castleton and took a challenging route through the system, involving some lowering, laddering, traversing

and squeezing. Everyone emerged safe and well, having had some exciting moments on the way.

However, summer did start properly with a camping trip, based on the Duddon valley in the Lake District. The campsite is one we have used many times and it is a lovely spot. From there, a keen group of 12 made a circuit of the Mosedale Horseshoe on a day which began murky with light drizzle and ended without a cloud in the sky. Memorable views became the theme of the afternoon as the clouds rolled away and the air was stunningly clear. A similar day followed on Sunday, with a circuit over Coniston Old Man (with Dow Crag thrown in for the fast, keen types). The weather could not have been much better and the only regret was not being able to make use of it and camp high in the hills, as most of the pupils were not really equipped for such a venture. However, in the autumn term this will be addressed.

The term drew to a close with a very hot and sunny day of rock climbing on the Roaches Skyline, which everyone enjoyed, especially when it got to the ice-creams. It was a fitting end to a varied and exciting year of activities.

PME

Y7 Thorpe Farm Bunkhouse trip

To foster a spirit of exploration and challenge and to enable the new Year 7 pupils to get to know each other a little better, they headed out to the wilds of the Peak District for an adventure. The bunkhouse at Thorpe Farm just outside Hathersage was the team base. Their first challenge was a trek to Stanage Edge and a scramble by the side of High Neb Buttress. A dash to the triangulation pillar tested speed and endurance before the descent through the jungle of ferns to locate the minibus before nightfall. Pupils discovered the joys of washing dishes after dinner before the evening entertainments commenced.

Next morning, fed and watered, with bags packed and dorms tidied, the day of exploration began. Lunch at the site of the ancient hill fort at Carl's Walk was the aim. The industrial archaeology of the area was subject to a variety of entertaining interpretations by the pupils as they passed some ruins hidden in Bole Hill Woods. The hill fort on Carl's Walk was stormed, enabling a lunch spot to be secured. Food provided incentive for the next leg of the journey, the café at Grindleford Station. With the descent through the gorge and climb back to civilization completed, the

rewards of the café were appreciated by pupils and staff alike.

This first taste of adventure whetted the appetite of many to take up the challenge of the outdoor programme at King's. For others, the fun learning experiences outside the classroom environment will be long remembered and serve them well throughout their time at King's.

JAF

We (7CJAF) went for an overnight stay at Thorpe Farm. I was in the dormitory of eight with lots of my friends. My dormitory had to set the tables for dinner.

For dinner we had hotdogs, potatoes, bread and beans. We went on a short walk before tea and after tea we did a fun evening activity. When we went to bed, Jenny was talking all the time and we couldn't get to sleep. Eventually we did and were awakened by either the cows or people looking at them!

For breakfast we had cornflakes and toast to get us ready for a long walk. We had to drive to a station first and Mrs Thompson was waiting for us to arrive. Mr Fico handed round apples and Kit-Kats and we set off for our walk. It was very hard but we got a few chances to rest along the way.

Lots of big rocks meant lots of photo opportunities! The walk left our socks and shoes covered in mud because we had to walk through a BOG!

When we got back to the station we were very relieved to find out that we were having chip butties for lunch. When we all had finished our lunch we were allowed to buy CHOCOLATE. I bought a Kit-Kat Chunky, a packet of Chewits and a can of Tango.

Overall, it was a good trip and I got to know most of my class through talking and laughing!

Emily Mort 7CJAF

Y9 Camp, Gradbach.

This year the Y9 camp, a continuation of the outdoor programme that the pupils started in Y7, returned to the Staffordshire Moorlands. Independent groups of pupils navigated their way from their various drop-off points to meet at Gradbach Scout Camp. The adventures and challenges built the pupils' self-confidence and helped to teach them many important skills about caring for themselves and their team members.

On the second day, after a night under canvas, a further trek over the moorlands and the Roaches ridge brought the teams back to the civilisation of Tittesworth reservoir and a



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well-earned ice cream.

A testing experience for some, an awfully big adventure for others, the expedition enthused many to take up the challenges offered by the Outdoor Pursuits Club and the Duke of Edinburgh Programme.

JAF

Lakes - March 2009

24 students and 6 staff made the annual trip to Coniston for a weekend of orienteering, man-hunt games and canoeing. Saturday was spent in Grizedale Forest where teams alternately attacked and defended various hills and sculptures. The weather was not at its best but there were some epic performances, notably from the Year 13 boys with Howard Shribman, James Hay and Elliot Malkin demonstrating SAS potential due to their ability to remain hidden in the undergrowth, chase other students down and crawl through impenetrable bramble bushes. The games continued for over 4 hours until the weather finally won and everyone retired to the youth hostel to dry out. The next day brought epic winds howling down the lake but, undeterred, the team lashed their canoes together and blowing Viking horns paddled out in to the rough waters of Coniston lake. Having paddled through the 3 foot waves and entered a calmer area of the lake, the group spent

an hour chasing after plastic ducks, throwing footballs at each other and getting tangled up in the mooring lines of unsuspecting boats. This was followed by a running/ breath holding game in which Tom Rheinberg excelled, managing to run well over 80 metres without breathing. A difficult paddle back through the waves nearly ended in disaster as the Year 11 girls were swept off towards the middle of the lake, however, some powerful, but frantic, paddling brought them safely to shore.

JSS

Surf Trip 2009

Most surf trips that start with 2 members of staff standing on a cliff and shouting "shark" tend not to go so well. However the 2009 Girls' surf trip was the exception. The comment was caused by there being four fifteen-foot basking sharks swimming in plain view of the youth hostel. After a long biological debate about basking shark's feeding habits, fears were allayed and the girls felt brave enough to enter the sea. For three days the sun shone and the Cornish coast was blessed with 4-6 foot surf with gentle offshore winds. Nearly everyone managed to get to their feet (although some fell into the blink-and-you-miss-it category) and those who didn't, excelled on their bodyboards. A highlight of this year's trip was an

afternoon spent learning about the biology of rock pools and the seashore which also developed into a hunter/gatherer session led by Miss Barton and Miss McMaster who helped the students collect, cook and eat a large number of mussels! The group also went caving and, as per usual, made a large dent into pasty supplies in North Cornwall.

JSS

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Bronze Training expedition

The weekend of the 8/9th May 2009 brought a number of things to the Edale Valley: sun, wind, rain and hail, 200 grown men riding children's scooters, a large number of rambler groups and 85 students from King's School clutching maps and carrying very large rucksacks. Thirteen groups of Year 10 boys and girls set off from Edale and Hope and spent the weekend criss-crossing the ridges and hills, descending steep-sided valleys and occasionally lying helplessly in the mud as the effort of walking, navigating and trying to talk finally became too much. All the groups camped at Pindale farm, which despite the torrential rain and treacherous mud slides situated at random intervals around the site, provided excellent accommodation and room for the obligatory games of rugby and round-



ers. All the students survived a slightly damp night and despite a slower pace on the second day, all the groups were finished by 5pm. The students all performed really well, given the hilly nature of their routes, and everyone finished ready for their qualifying expedition.

JSS

Bronze Qualifying Expedition

Despite lacking the presence of the school's resident full time rain jinx and rock expert, the Bronze qualifying expedition had more than its fair share of rain this year. However, this did not prevent the students involved from completing the expedition section of the award. The routes took the students from Pym's Chair and Shining Tor through three counties, finally ending up on the outskirts of Leek. The whole group camped by the side of the idyllic river Dane, sharing their site with a few million midges and a number of very worried looking rabbits. The usual fun and games were had and the only problem occurred when an over-enthusiastic member of staff accidentally kicked the football into the river, precipitating a dramatic, Baywatch-style rescue from Mr Street. The entertainment on Saturday evening was punctuated by a brief thunderstorm, which hinted at what was to come on the Sunday.

The second day started with sunshine and after gentle prompting from staff, all the groups finally left the campsite only to find themselves walking in a torrential downpour and howling winds for over 2 hours. Everyone maintained a great sense of humour, despite the conditions, although it was noticeable that the pace of the groups picked up somewhat during the rain. The sun eventually came through, the groups dried out and by 4pm all 84 students had completed the expedition. This was without a doubt, the best-behaved and most determined group of students to have been involved with the Bronze award and this was reflected in the ease with which they completed their expedition in very unseasonal weather.

JSS

Gold Expedition

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition began on 20th June 2009. Having stopped in the picturesque small town of Ambleside for fish and chips, we headed off to our first Youth Hos-



tel where we met our assessor Tom, who took us through what we needed to know, including First Aid, and what to do if an emergency should arise.

The next morning, with much better weather than that encountered on the practice expedition in Wales, we were all in a very good mood. This was only temporary, however, as we soon turned off the road to face our first large hill. With gritted teeth, we set a good pace, made our way up and by lunch, we had already overtaken a boys' group, much to our delight. According to them, as we were a group of six girls - Jess Quinlan, Lauren Hope, Hannah Smith, Kate Nave, Kayleigh Gibson and Helena Loynes - we were 'not supposed to be moving very fast'. Early in the evening, we managed to reach our first campsite, where we found lovely hot showers. After a dinner of pasta, and a few games of 'Uno', we went to bed early, ready to set off again in the morning.

The day started off relatively warm, so we knew we were in for some good weather. After our first huge upward trek, the feeling among the group was definitely one of relief but looking around us, the views were amazing and I think we all agreed afterwards that it was worth it! That night, we did not really need sleeping bags as Lauren's sunburn heated the entire tent. We woke up the next morning to the keen sound of Helena rustling and by the time we had got up, she had started taking the pegs out of our tent in an attempt to get us

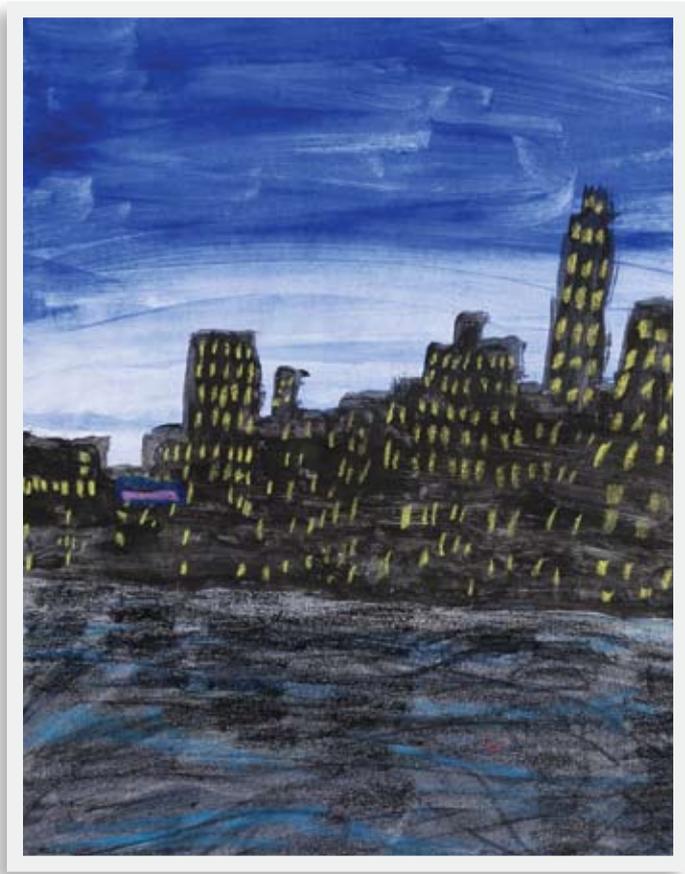
moving. We had a quick breakfast and slapped on sun-cream ready for the day ahead, which was predicted to be the hottest day of the year. Aside from the heat, we actually had a very enjoyable scenic walk and I kept everyone happy with my amazing singing and dancing. (Well, in my mind anyway.)

We eventually managed to trudge slowly, but gratefully, into the campsite and after yet more pasta, we were told that the next day would be even hotter, so we decided that a 'sensible' time to get up would be 4am ... When we did get up, we were actually surprisingly energetic and even found ourselves to be keener than Helena. We were packed and ready to go by 5am and, with shocked and disbelieving looks from the other groups, we left the campsite, sadly for the last time.

After originally setting off at a good pace, we soon had to slow down due to Kate and Kay's blistered feet and so, sticking together, with them at the front, we slowly made our way through the last of the hills with our final destination, the sea, in sight. Finally, after trekking through much appreciated shaded forests, we reached the end and gladly collapsed onto the car park.

In spite of the blistering heat and almost vertical climbs, our expedition created memories that will last a lifetime. I know that, if we had the opportunity to do it again, without hesitation, we would all say, 'Yes'.

Jess Quinlan



Sam Brindle Y5

The School Boy's Revenge

Written in response to Roger McGough

We walked into the classroom;
Our deadly trap was set.
We planned it at brektime
When we all six, we met.

Next along was Science
T'was time for the trap;
We could hear him outside
As we peered through the gap.

The trap was sprung, the bucket fell:
It dropped and tumbled down –
Poor teacher stood there unaware
The contents on his crown.

Our victim stood wet and rooted;
We laughed at our invention
But now the sodden statue smiled –
You'll see me in detention.

Joe Hale 7FW



Joanna Dyson Y8



Lauren Doy Y10

Creative Work

Hannah Li Y5



Jem Greenway Y11



Richard Bull Y11



Lauren Doy Y10

Creative Work



Gemma Lord Y13



Eleanor Bird Y6



Josbua Toune Y6



Lawrence Collins Y9



Dominic Sberatte Y9



Matt Wreglesworth Y12



Eleanor Toms Y5



Charlotte Laing Y9



Daniel Bergman, Roban Sambasivan & Tomek Pozniak Y4



Aisling Day Y3

The Silver Chalice

It was a purely spontaneous act. I was standing in Canterbury Cathedral with it in my hand not knowing what to do. Just standing there, frozen to the spot. In my hand lay a most important sacred object, a silver chalice.

It was a freezing cold day in November. It was a school trip to the great Canterbury Cathedral. Fortunately, we were free to roam around. I hate being shown around by teachers telling you to go here and go there. I'm fifteen years of age for Christ's sake! I do know how to walk around a cathedral without causing havoc and distress to everyone around me. I strolled around the cathedral, walking as quietly and as softly as I could on the cold stone paving so as not to disturb anyone. I understood myself the joy of a tranquil environment. I gazed up at the lantern vaulting of Bell Harry Tower. It was incredible. The spectacular lace-like ribs of the fan vaulting never ceased to dazzle and amaze me. I was a regular visitor to the cathedral ever since I was about five or six years old. Even now, the atmosphere still affected me most profoundly. I was content with my solitary scrutiny of the superb statues, stained glass windows and artefacts. I carried on past the stone gargoyles and grotesques, their carved mouths perfectly capturing the agony of their horrendous and unspeakable pain. Their writhing reflected my own inner turmoil. The Chapel of Our Lady Undercroft was in front of me. As I entered I saw it straight ahead, resting on the altar, a silver chalice. I was confused and perplexed at the sight. I knew that the chalice was used only for communion during church services so it rarely ever is out on display with nobody guarding it. I thought to myself for a moment. There must have been a church service a few moments ago. I surreptitiously scanned the chapel. I was alone, there was no altar boy returning to take the object away. He must have forgotten.

Before I knew it, I was holding the chalice in my hand. It was an impulsive and unpremeditated act. I rapidly stuffed the chalice under my jacket. I wanted to run but I knew that would only draw unwelcome attention to me. So I forced myself to saunter slowly back out of the

chapel and into the main nave. I had a plan. This could be the answer to all my problems. If I was to go home and auction off the chalice on eBay, it should raise a significant amount of money. I would be alright. My home was nearby; it was on St. George's Street about a five minute walk from the cathedral. I could be there in a moment before anyone discovered that the chalice was missing. By the time they realised, it would be too late.

I considered the predicament that was driving me to take this extraordinary action against all my principles. In my mind I could see the face of my tormentor, Alexander Simmons, local bully and alleged gang leader. He was rumoured to have been responsible for the recent murder of Martin Chapman. His terrifying bulk forced his stomach to overlap his perpetual uniform of stained combat trousers and hooded top. When he walked, his weight ensured that his army boots hit the ground with a resounding thud. His style was menacing and curt. The fewer syllables and the more grunts, the better. The last time I had seen him was only this morning. As usual his demand was always for money. I had already given him all of my small savings, so he had glared at me, his eyes nearly bulging out of his head and his short, cropped hair, taut and tensed. I could see the veins throbbing on his face and neck. Spittle trickled down his chin, as he growled close into my face. I couldn't breathe from the smell of his putrid breath. He clenched his fist and punched me straight in the stomach. I bent double, coughing and spluttering everywhere, shaking in pure fright.

"I asked for money, you little brat," he snarled.

I couldn't speak.

"And now you are going to pay for not giving me the money."

He took out a knife from his trouser pocket, spat on it and held it close against my throat. As I felt it digging into my flesh, I knew I had only seconds to make a choice; I offered him my new mobile. He nodded, studied it briefly, laughing as he mumbled: "That's what I like about you rich kids, good toys and Mummy and

Daddy will always give you more. I'll take this for now but you better have some money for me next time, or trust me, you will pay."

He took my watch and my new phone from me. As he left, I slumped to the floor a quivering wreck and vaguely wondered how on earth I was going to explain this loss to my parents.

Revived from my meditations, I realised I was standing before the Altar of the Sword's Point. The altar marked the place where the tip of one of the knights' swords had broken during the murder of Thomas Becket. I felt strangely moved. There was sanctity about this spot that always inspired reverence. It was my favourite of all places. I became conscious that this was not the answer. I could not complete this act. It was wrong. I walked resolutely back to the chapel; it was still empty and there were no other visitors. I hastily removed the chalice from my jacket and replaced it on the altar. Peace descended on me. As I sat on a pew to gather my thoughts, I became aware of someone's eyes studying me. The eyes were kind and comprehending. A young chaplain quietly approached me, smiling.

Harry Frost 9AR

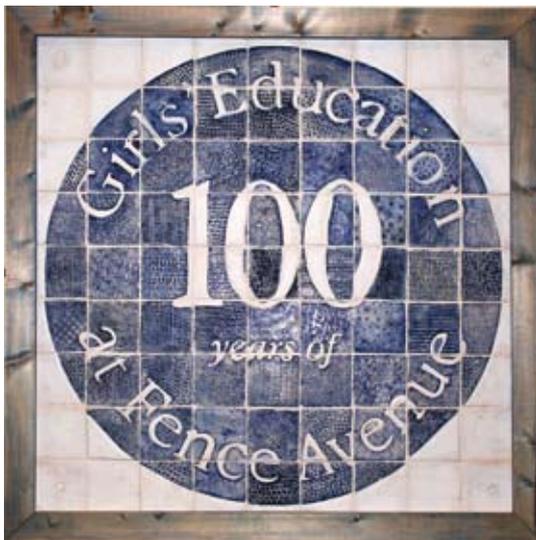




Amelia Foreman Y11



Ellie Johnson Y10



Individual tiles by every Y8 girl



Charlotte Sampson Y9



Tom Morgan Y10

Windhover

Windhover. That was the name the locals gave them. ‘Ten a penny, they are,’ Mrs Lawton had declared cheerfully that morning, while serving the visitors fried eggs. ‘You see ‘em everywhere, ‘specially on the main road. You fellas’ll have no problem shooting one.’

‘We’re not bird shooters, Mrs Lawton. We’re bird spotters’, Robert had interposed grandly, viscous yellow yolk making a dash for freedom from his mouth, ‘we came down here to try and spot some kestrels’.

‘Oh, you won’t have a problem with that. As I said, ten a penny.’

However, it was now 3 ‘o’ clock in the afternoon, and Robert and Patrick had not glimpsed the elusive kestrel all day. They were sitting on the edge of an insipid, grey slip road, a lacklustre tributary of the motorway; occasionally a metal tiddler would break out from the shoal, its indifferent driver casting a passing glance at the two rain-sodden men sitting despondently in their fold-out chairs.

‘This is useless,’ sighed Robert, while Patrick stared through his binoculars. The view from out of them was just an opaque grey haze, almost like the glass had fogged up. He skimmed the binoculars over the tops of the trees, their senile branches scratching at the air. ‘Come on let’s go’, he said, dejectedly packing the maps and Thermos back into the rucksack. He let out a whimper of pain as the chair, after many failed attempts, violently collapsed, trapping his hand. ‘Look, if you want to stay here, that’s fine,’ Robert said, waggling his hand, trying to subside the pain, ‘but I’m not going to stay, trying to spot some stupid bird and catching hypothermia in the process. My uncle died of hypothermia, did you know? Went out to feed the ducks. Never came back! Well, that’s not---’

Patrick had slapped his hand over Robert’s mouth to silence him. It worked, but due to the manoeuvre, he lost his grip on the binoculars and they had swung down and hit him in the chest.

‘What is it?’ his companion asked feverishly.

‘Be quiet,’ he implored, frantically scrambling to retrieve the binoculars. Then once again he was looking through them, quickly scanning the horizon, back and forth, back and forth, back and- there it was! His vision had snagged on a small, black shape in the distance. Focusing in, the shape gradually changed from a diminutive tear in the grey canvas into a bird. *Falco tinnunculus*. Windhover.

‘Let me see, let me see. I knew, I told you we’d see one,’ Robert whispered loudly in his ear. But Patrick ignored him, instead staring intently at the kestrel, whose black, marble eyes stared right back, drinking him in. Dark brown flecks were placed regimentally on his back, only breaking rank at the head, where the brown feathers changed into an ice-blue. It was obvious why they called it Windhover: instead of trying to fight against gravity, the kestrel seemed to be using the air as a throne, his wings imperially draped over invisible cushions. In all the pictures that Patrick had ever seen of kestrels, in books and the internet, their heads were in profile, like on a postage stamp. But this one was looking right at him. He realized he wasn’t seeing it: it was seeing him.

Darkness soon came, and Robert and Patrick were forced to pack away. Having squeezed all the equipment into the Mondeo, Robert turned the engine and started driving, carefully edging his way through the fog. Briefly glancing out of the back window, Robert spied the kestrel. As if saying goodbye, it stiffened its wing and then shot, straight as a bullet, through the sky, over the car and then spiralled down, down into the ground.

Bridie Thompson 10 CHB



James Gibson Y13



Ellie Boardman Y9

Jeanette Hay Y10



Ben Dykstra Y8



Callum Pye Y11



Jonathan Fogelstrom Y4



Laura Embrey Y7



Edwina Stott-Sugden Y13



Meli Shannon Y11

Infants

Chinese New Year

The Nursery Class dressed in Chinese costume to celebrate Chinese New Year. They also made and tasted Chinese food, created a Chinese restaurant, and built a dragon. Mrs Lau taught one or two Chinese phrases and the day came to a close with Mrs Lau presenting the children with the celebrated red and gold envelopes full of sweets.

Doctor Visit

Dr Fray came to visit the Nursery children and they were fascinated by the contents of her doctor's bag. They listened to hearts beating, looked down ears and even investigated muscles and how they worked. The children played in the doctor's surgery that had been created in the classroom.

Dogs' Trust

In October, both Reception classes were visited by Angela Madigan from the Dogs' Trust. She brought her dog, Sebastian, with her and spoke to the children about how to care for dogs. The children learnt what you have to do to look after a dog and they were allowed to stroke Sebastian.

Manchester Airport

On Friday 12th June, the Reception classes set off to Manchester Airport Aviation Viewing Park. We were very lucky with the weather and were able to enjoy a lovely picnic whilst watching the aeroplanes and were able to walk underneath Concorde. The children had a lesson in one aeroplane that was cut in half and got the

opportunity to sit in the cock-pit and pretend to be a pilot.

ES

Ballet

In January, all of the Infant children had a visit from a specialist dance teacher. The children in the Foundation Stage were very excited when they became ballerinas and Year 1 and 2 classes participated in hip hop, line dancing or salsa.

Author Visit

In March, local children's author and illustrator (and former King's pupil), Andrew Hall came to visit King's Infants to read his new, fully illustrated book, *Bladderwrack Park and Lucy's Christmas Friend*. The children were very interested to learn about the process of writing a book, from the original idea to seeing it in print.

Sports Day

On 25 June, all of the Infant children took part in their annual Sports Day. What a glorious sunny day it was. Each child participated in 3 races; sprint, fun race and relay. All of the children gave one hundred percent in their racing and their team spirit.

Blackpool

Year 1 pupils took their annual trip to Blackpool on a beautiful day in June. The aim was to compare present-day activities with those from 100 years ago. The 146-year-old landmark towered above the pupils as they promenaded along the North Pier just as the Victorians had done. They watched for parasols and bathing machines, though none appeared. At the bottom

of the North Pier, the children were treated to a traditional Punch and Judy show, just as children in the past would have been. This was followed by a ride on the magnificent, two-tiered carousel. After a hearty picnic, the children walked back up the pier and onto the beach for a sandcastle competition, the flying of kites and a donkey ride. To end a busy and active day, the children enjoyed an ice-cream and took home a piece of rock.

Italy

Year 1 learnt about the country of Italy in the summer term. The children investigated historical facts about the country, along with its famous buildings and people. As a culmination to the topic, the children enjoyed an Italian day in school when Enzo, a local Italian chef, arrived with his pasta machine and made three different varieties of pasta with the children. They also made tiramisu, Venetian masks, built leaning towers and enjoyed many other exciting activities to complete the topic and a very exciting day.

Guide dog visit

Mrs Gregory brought her dog, Barley, to meet Year 1. She showed them Barley's special harness which means he can be seen in the dark and told them how guide dogs are trained. The children learnt there are special objects on zebra crossings so that people with visual impairments can cross safely. Barley takes Mrs Gregory everywhere and was just two years old when Mrs Gregory got him. The children learnt lots of other interesting facts about guide dogs.

KD





RSPB Coombes Valley

As in previous years, Year 1 visited Coombes Valley Nature Reserve. Though there were plenty of dark clouds, the class enjoyed, maybe not the warmest, but certainly a dry day (apart from a few soggy people who stretched a little too far when pond dipping!). The children experienced at first hand the birds, plants and animals of Coombes Valley. The day included a beautiful walk down to the stream where the children were able to pond dip for pond snails, tadpoles and water beetles, learning, in a fun and interesting way, how to care for and respect the environment.

SB

Town and Country

As in previous years, Year 1 enjoyed a crisp Autumn walk along the canal and up to the Hollins in September. They tramped through a substantial amount of mud whilst taking note of the many features that make up the local environment. In October, the walk into town allowed them to compare the sights, sounds and smells, whilst ensuring they counted each of the famous 108 steps. The children were able to see the vast range of buildings in the Town. These were two very enjoyable trips, allowing the children to experience the features of both environments at first hand whilst creating enjoyable learning experiences.

NMP

What is Sculpture?

The renowned artist, Faith Bebbington, visited Year 2 for a sculpture workshop and the pupils studied the human form in sculpture. Cubes, spheres and pyramids were used to make models and the children also used newspaper and masking tape to make 3D shapes featuring the human form.

JS

Northern Dragons

In January, Year 2 pupils had their annual visit from 'Northern Dragons'. As on previous occasions, the children were taught Tai Chi, the five elements of Chinese medicine, and lion dancing.

ELW

Chester Zoo

At the zoo, the children spent the day looking at a variety of animals, the monkeys, of course, proving to be the most entertaining. The dark and spooky bat cave was not to everyone's liking and some children thought it frightening when they saw the bats fly. But they were fascinated by the new facts that they learnt about the only flying mammals, such as how they use their ears and how they hunt.

ELW

My Victorian Trip

We all walked a long way to get to Macclesfield Heritage Centre, right into town.

The girls had to wear a mob cap and a pinafore. The boys had to wear a waistcoat and a hat. We walked quietly down to the school room. A bell rang and the teacher came out. The teacher was wearing a blouse that went up to her chin and a long skirt. We had to call her Ma'am. The girls went in before the boys. We all sat on benches and in front of us we found a rug, a slate board and a square of blotting paper. The teacher checked our hands to make sure they were clean. There was an ink pen and a slate pencil. I saw the dunce hat, a blackboard, an abacus, a flip chart and some dumb bells. We were given a little booklet and we had to write in it. After lunch we went to the Victorian cottage. The lady there told us all about wash day. We got to play with old toys and we dressed up as poor and rich children. I loved the trip.

Eleanor Laughton 2JTS

Juniors

Harvest Celebration

The Infant and Junior Departments joined together to celebrate the festival of harvest in October. The children decorated and filled paper sacks with an assortment of tinned and dried food and also fresh fruit and vegetables. The array of colourful bags and gifts almost filled the Fence Avenue Hall stage! It was also a musical celebration and a seasonal song was sung by the Year 3 and 4 choir whilst a massed Infant choir did the 'Harvest Rock and Roll!' The Junior Strings played the traditional melody *Harvest Home* and the Wind, Brass and Percussion Ensemble accompanied our hymn, *Autumn Days*.

We were delighted to be joined in our celebration by the Revd. Marion Tugwood, the Minister of Park Green URC in Macclesfield. She spoke to the children about the wonders of nature and the importance of saying thank you.

The harvest gifts were transported to Macclesfield Care and Concern, Shrigley Court in Bollington, and 5NS and 5EDM carried 40 bags to the elderly folk at the Winlow Flats in Macclesfield to wish them a happy harvest.

AJL

Khandro Ling Buddhist Centre

In March, Year 3 visited the Khandro Ling Buddhist Centre in Macclesfield as part of their RE topic on Buddhism. The pupils were greeted by Gordon who was dressed in his Buddhist robes. He invited them into the centre where they took off their shoes and sat on cushions on the floor. Gordon talked about Tibetan Buddhist practices and showed some of the musical instruments used in Buddhist worship.

The children had a great time looking at the bright decoration on the shrines as well as chanting Buddhist mantra and showing off their knowledge of the religion.

NS

Manchester Museums

In January, Year 3 visited not one, but two museums in Manchester. The first stop was MOSI, the Museum of Science and Industry. The children went down to the underground gallery to investigate the water cycle and Manchester's water supply as part of their rivers topic. This gallery went

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through a sewer and around toilets. None were real, though there was an authentic odour. After that, the pupils headed to the Manchester Museum on Oxford Road to learn about Ancient Egypt. They heard the story of Tamini, a young working girl who died when she was only 7 years old, and then learnt about four of the many gods of ancient Egypt. Later, they were allowed to handle real artefacts from over 3000 years ago and met the museum's mummy collection, some of whom still had toe nails and teeth, but no eyes. The children had an extremely enjoyable and informative day.

RJH

Macclesfield Museum

As in previous years, the treasures of Marianne Brocklehurst were the focus of Year 3 studies into the Ancient Egyptians. The children learned how papyrus was made, dressed as Egyptians and were shown many fascinating artefacts.

JP

ICT Club

Year 3 and 4 students met every Tuesday lunchtime to take part in various computer based activities. They used simulations to make rollercoasters and a graphical modelling package to design a playground, as well as playing some fun games.

JP

Easter Story Trail

Year 5 went to St Michael's Church in Macclesfield to experience the Easter Story Trail.

St Michael's had been divided up into different areas, each made into a scene from the Easter story. The children were met by an actor in character as one of Jesus' followers. He took them through the streets of Jerusalem to visit the scene of the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, Golgotha Hill and, finally, the Easter garden. The children were able to interview the guide and ask how he felt at each stage of the Easter story.

Although pupils are reminded of the Easter story every year, this retelling was very memorable and moving as they experienced the events for themselves and imagined what life would have been like at the time.

NS

Manor Adventure Trip

The annual Manor Adventure trip to Shropshire was a highlight of the year for many of the 61 children who took part, and this year saw the first visit of Mr Shaw in his last year with the Junior Division. Unfortunately, of all the weekends in a lovely summer term to pick, we chose the one where it rained solidly. Our spirits were not dampened for long though, as we tackled the abseiling tower, got covered in mud on the assault course and wobbled on top of a huge stack of crates. As well as the nine activities squeezed into the weekend, the children stayed in the Manor House itself, where they could pretend to be lords of all they surveyed, and most dormitories managed at least some sleep over the two nights. There were plenty of biscuits and hot drinks on hand to keep everybody going, and at least the video-making was a dry



activity. Mr Shaw seemed thoroughly to enjoy donning his helmet for abseiling, and as the sun came out for our final photo in front of the Manor, everyone forgot the rain and wished we were staying for longer.

VA

Roman Banquet

In February, Year 4 received invitations to the annual Roman Banquet. The children arrived at school carrying bags full of togas, tunics and sandals. By 9.30am, the classrooms were filled with proud Roman citizens; glamorous Roman ladies, their hair hanging in ringlets; some gloomy slaves; a handful of scarlet-cloaked soldiers, and even the odd emperor. After a fashion parade, the children took part in a number of activities: writing prayers on scrolls, making mosaics for the temples and designing Roman shopping stalls. The banquet followed, the children having brought in a range of Roman foods. (Definitely no chocolate or crisps were allowed.) The wine (or Vimto) flowed. During the afternoon, the Banquet was followed by entertainment. First a Roman story of pirates was performed for the audience. Finally, all participated in the exciting and noisy Chariot Races. After a hectic day, it was time to unpin robes, gather up Tupperware and have a quiet evening at home.

JC

Houlgate Viking Village

No doubt the Viking settlers arriving in the area around York sometimes had wet weather. Year 4 certainly



had a damp and drizzly day on their annual trip to the Viking village, so that they were grateful to take shelter inside a wooden Viking house, where they sat on rickety benches, making cresset lamps out of clay. At other times they collected wood, swept the house and ground wheat to flour for bread. Whilst hoeing the muddy earth, with rain dripping off caps and scarves, they really appreciated how lucky they are to spend most of their time cosily indoors. Despite being quite damp, they also enjoyed training to be Viking guards and scaring off the sneaky Saxon. The banquet in the Lady hall was as raucous as ever with equally choice entertainment.

JC



Smokebusters

In December, the firemen of Green Watch (Macclesfield) visited Year 4. Pupils watched a DVD about how fires can start in the home, how to reduce risks by having a proper 'bedtime routine' and how to react if there is a fire in order to be safe. There was an opportunity to go in the Smoke Tent and realise how important it is to crouch down low in a smoke-filled room. The children also had a look at the two fire engines and some of the equipment.

JC

Junior Stamp Club

In September, Erene Grieve returned to King's to talk to approximately 60 Year 4 pupils about stamps and how she came to be a philatelist. There was a display of stamps and covers. The stamp club started a week later and has been running ever since. Participants have been guided through many philatelic topics by parents, Martin Stevens and Janet Ions. Thanks to a number of local stamp society members and some philatelic dealers, the children have had the chance to hunt through some stamps. There was also an end of term stamp auction and table sale, at which the most coveted item was the Harry Potter 'Smiler' sheet that went for the princely sum of 120 stamp points.

MS

Chester

As in previous years, Year 4 pupils started their year with a trip to Chester to find out about the Roman settlement of Deva. Three activities filled the day: a hands-on session in the Grosvenor Museum; a tour of the Roman sites with a Roman soldier,

and a detailed look at some of the displays in the Roman galleries of the Museum. Pupils dressed in Roman armour and joined the Roman soldier for a 'march' through Chester. They learned about how the Roman army fought the Celts, Roman toilets, and why the Romans chose to build a fort at Deva.

JC

Russian Club

Russian club has continued with the children learning how to find things in a town, talk about the weather and to count in Russian. They have also enjoyed watching Russian cartoons and listening to Russian folk songs.

JP

Minimus Latin Club

Eight keen Junior students got to grips with some basic Latin using the Minimus scheme.

The course material is set in a Roman household in Vindolanda, which helped the children learn about Roman life as well as the language. The scheme includes lots of games and creative work and, at the end of the year, all the students were rewarded with a certificate, pencil and key ring. The language that they learnt will stand them in good stead as they progress to Latin as a curriculum subject in the Senior school.

LA

Le Château du Broutel

Our destination for September 2008 was a new venue, Le Château du Broutel.

We were overwhelmed by the beauty of the château, a 17th century mansion house complete with

grounds. Everyone, children and staff, were pleased with the level of accommodation. Our first meal was well received with good choices and quality. This was typical of the food we had throughout the weekend. After dinner, the activities began with the Château Olympics – fun races with a comical element. The children were exhausted and went to bed with little coaxing.

This year's trip had a strong focus on language. Our trip to the market was preceded by a class lesson on what to say and tasks to perform while shopping, which was an excellent learning experience. Later that day, we were given a lesson by the chef in making mayonnaise before a visit to a chocolate factory in Beursant.

Throughout the weekend, the weather was idyllic, with lots of sunshine and cloudless skies. We were even able to spend time on the beach in Boulogne before visiting Naussica, the sea life centre.

The language element continued on Sunday afternoon with a visit to Berck-Sur-Mer. This was a seaside resort where the children were asked to conduct a survey in French of where people live and work. The afternoon ended with time spent playing in the sand dunes and an ice cream. The trip to France was most enjoyable as well as being educational: we were extremely sad to leave on Monday morning as everyone was having such a wonderful time.

PA

Bramall Hall

In December, as part of a 'living history' scheme, Year 5, dressed as Tudors, partook in the 'Christmas Experience' at Bramall Hall in Stockport. From the moment of arrival, all the folk the pupils encountered were in character as Tudors at the time of Queen Elizabeth I. The children's favourite was Ned the pig farmer, who met them outside the hall whilst searching for the prize pig. Ned was in trouble as the pig was needed for the yuletide feast.

Throughout the afternoon, the children were invited by different characters to take part in activities as the hall prepared itself for Christmas. The trip culminated in the performance of a play for Sir William Davenport. The children had to perform the play as the 'mummers' were late arriving.

This was an excellent educational

experience and provided Year 5 with a good introduction to the Tudor period.

NS

Great Expectations

In January, Years 5 and 6 visited the Library Theatre in Manchester to attend a performance of *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens, adapted for the stage by Neil Bartlett. The running time was two and a half hours and yet the production kept the children involved throughout. The cast members each had several parts to play, so the children enjoyed the quick costume changes and different characterizations. The set made a feature of movable free-standing doors. These were manipulated by the cast to give an impression of long corridors, different-sized rooms and a sense of both claustrophobia and mystery. The children followed Pip's exciting journey through life, from his traumatic meeting with Magwitch in the cemetery, his meeting and falling in love with Estella, and then his rise in the world as a rich young man. The music added to the drama, and the violin playing by one of the actors was very effective.

The children particularly enjoyed the variety of characters presented, which is such feature of Dicken's work.

Stockport Air Raid Shelter

In the summer term, all the children of Year 6 spent the morning at Stockport Air Raid Shelter to experience life during the war years. They had a guided tour around the miles of tunnels while the guide brought everything to life with useful information and tales from the past. Even though it was a glorious 25°C outside, inside was cold as the pupils made their way deeper into the sandstone. They really enjoyed the experience, learning about air raid procedures, the songs of the time, even the dances people did, to keep spirits high.

PA

Eco Week

King's Juniors held their first ever eco-week from the 15th to the 19th June. There were lots of activities during the five days: Year 3 made posters to raise eco-awareness; Year 4 created junk monsters and eco-books; Year 5 investigated the cost of a dripping tap in a science experiment and had a recycled paper towers challenge and

Year 6 wrote some fabulous eco-poems and held a rubbish fashion show (which was actually very good). Scientist, John Rodway came into school to present his 'Sun, Moon and Earth Show' about renewable energy whilst Lucinda Hodges, the Waste Education Officer at Cheshire County Council, arranged recycling games for Year 5.

RH

The Rainbow Trust

The Junior children's charity for the Summer term was The Rainbow Trust, which supports the work of the children's hospice, Francis House. Twelve Junior Form Captains and the junior charity monitors visited Francis House on the occasion of their Open Day. The children saw the soft play room and ball pit; a motorised sling which enables very ill children to get in and out of bed and also to be lowered into the jacuzzi; the multi-sensory room and also the beautiful gardens which contain an outdoor play area. The staff were very welcoming and our pupils were very impressed with the level of care and concern given to those children who spend time at the hospice.

AJL

Chess Club

Junior Chess Club has enjoyed an excellent year, despite the loss of chief coach, Mr Ireland, to the seniors. After a few practice matches, 7 members represented King's in December on a very chilly day at the AJIS tournament held at Hulme Court, Oldham. Excellent performances were put in at all levels of experience, with Daniel Southern placed joint 1st at U10 A and second places in the C section at both U10 and U9. Daniel, together with William Laird (Y4) and Dmitri Whitmore (Y6) regularly plays for the Cheshire & North Wales team. The day was most enjoyable and competitive, and the boys are eager to return next year.

In the spring term, 20 players took part in the UK Chess Challenge over 7 rounds. Once again, Daniel emerged the school champion, but Dmitri Whitmore, Tomek Pozniak and William Laird also qualified for the North-West stage. Amazingly, all 4 players did well enough to proceed to the Northern final to be held in July, with William bringing home the U9 boys' title. To complete the chess year, Mr Ireland returned to challenge 10 players simultaneously, and although

some great battles took place, he won 10/10. Well done to all players this year, especially our county representatives and tournament players; we look forward to more in September.

VA

Sports Day

This year's Sports Day took place in sweltering conditions, with a busy programme in place. Each pupil took part in 3 field events in the morning, with the choices being the vertical or high jump, long jump, Wellington boot throw and the cricket ball/rounders ball throw. In the afternoon, proceedings began with the Years 5 and 6 relays, thereafter each pupil had to choose 3 track events, with different choices available according to the age of the competitor. These events included the 300, 400 or 600 metre for the endurance athlete, the 60, 80 or 150 metre sprint, together with fun events such as the egg and spoon, the sack or the 3-legged race. Altogether, almost 110 events took place over the course of the day.

By the end of the afternoon and amid much excitement, the final scores were counted and Capes-thorne were once again announced as the winners.

MKW

Talent Show

After weeks of rehearsals and a rigorous selection procedure, the Talent Show took place on the afternoon of Friday, 26th June. Over 30 acts were on display this year, with the audience being treated to talent from all four year groups. Highlights in the Lower Juniors included breakdancing, joke telling and poi spinning, whilst in the Upper Juniors the audience were treated to an Irish Jig, Britain's Got Talent and a number of dance acts. Well done to all of the willing participants and we look forward to next year.

MKW

School Walk

On Friday, 26th June over 300 pupils, teachers and parents set off on the annual walk through 6 miles of Cheshire countryside. As in previous years, the route crossed Buxton Road and, after refreshments at Tegg's Nose, continued through the village of Langley, Macclesfield Golf Course, and along Macclesfield Canal back to school.

MKW

New Zealand

The major expedition of this summer was the rugby tour to New Zealand involving 44 boys and 6 staff. The group visited Christchurch, Timaru and Queenstown on the South Island where they were involved in some night skiing, a helicopter ride, white water rafting and a speedboat ride as well as three rugby games. After a flight to the North Island, the group visited the capital, Wellington, Levin, Hawkes Bay, Rotoura and, finally, Auckland. In Wellington, the team played St.Pat's Town, a predominantly Polynesian school that has produced several All Blacks including Jerry Collins, and in a gripping game pulled off a 16-15 victory. The party returned undefeated and much richer for their experience of the southern hemisphere.

Some of these events, are captured in the following extracts from a New Zealand diary.....

19th July

We visited a traditional arts and crafts market which was very pleasant, with a varied array of food stalls After being introduced to the bus driver, Robin, we ... spent the evening in Christchurch, but I think some people were more inclined to stay in the rooms and go to bed due to the jet lag.

20th July

We all enjoyed a large and well-cooked breakfast, which set us up for our day out. We saw amazing views of the East Coast mountains or, as Robin called them, the 'Backbone of New Zealand'. We began our training ses-

sions, which were very tiring, especially because of the time difference and we were able to train at the QE2 stadium which was a fantastic experience. We were also able to use the warm down equipment and also had a session switching from a hot tub, to a mild pool and then we went in the ice bath, which was a huge shock to everyone's system.

21st July

The day of our first game and we met at 8.30 at St Bede's, where we trained for a few hours before the game. We kicked off at 3.30 with an air of confidence and eagerness around us. The first team won 23-5 and the second team lost 8-3: both were good physical encounters with the seconds enjoying the haka pregame. We enjoyed an after game meal, where we mingled with hosts and players and listened to Tommy's short but sweet speech.

25th July

The day started with excitement about the bungee jump, luge and skiing. We took the gondola up to the viewing platform where some remained confident and others showed their anxiety. No one who had signed up for the bungee backed down, with the top jumps coming from Ned, Tommy and Toby. The luge went down well with those who had not participated in the bungee. After the bungee, a large portion of the group went floodlit skiing, at Coronet Peak. Both the beginners and more advanced groups enjoyed themselves and had differing levels of success but there was no doubt that this day would be remembered by all the boys for a very long time.

30th July

[at Hawkes Bay] We started match preparation at 11.30. The seconds had a tough game, made even harder by our own mistakes, but we got the physical encounter that we relished and as a bonus we won. The 1st team received a very long haka and they too had a tough encounter made harder by errors, even so they too won their game. At the after match meal, both second teams performed a short haka for the 1st team. The evening was spent with hosts and a few of the squad enjoyed some time rabbit hunting.

3rd August

[at Mahurangi] We met at the school at 8.30am and received a traditional welcome of some Maori songs, haka and speeches in both Maori and English and in return we sang *Jerusalem* and *God Save the Queen*, which were received well, despite our ineptitude. The 2nd team kicked off at 10.50 and the game was fought hard with our pack showing dominance but some cohesion in the backs seemed to be lacking. After some big hits, both given and received by King's, the game ended tied at 14 all. The 1st team game showed an improvement on the performance against Hawkes Bay. It started slowly but the physicality was there from the kick off, with Mahurangi receiving two yellow cards: the half time score was 6-3 to Mahurangi. In the second half, King's showed dominance as our physicality began to prevail whilst good defence limited Mahurangi's chances. With a try going to King's, the final score was 11-6, thus maintaining the 1st team 100% record, so that we went undefeated in New Zealand.

We would like to thank our coaches for arranging the New Zealand tour and we would also like to say 'Kiaora Aotearoa' to all the host families who helped make our tour possible.

Harry Brown



1st XV

With only four boys, David Harding, Greg Dunne, Toby Bryant and Captain Tom Taylor with 1st XV experience the 2008/09 season was always going to be a challenge. The fact the side went on to record eight victories was obviously testimony to their ability to maintain a good spirit and work hard to improve. Despite winning three of their four games in the pre-season 1st XV festival, the gulf in class could not have been wider when QEGS Wakefield ran the side ragged scoring 35 points unanswered in the first half. With two internationals in their ranks and a side that had been used to winning until their first ever defeat as fifteen year olds in the Daily Mail U15 Cup final, it was the harshest of learning curves. Nevertheless, the King's XV were able to regroup at half time to become more competitive, certainly defensively, eventually losing 0-47.

The next game was away against MGS, whose team we have beaten for five consecutive seasons. However, the side lost because it made three careless errors in a poor quality game of schoolboy 1st XV rugby. The next game was anything but poor, as Lancaster RGS, fresh from their victory over QEGS Wakefield, visited the Derby fields. A superb team effort rocked an over-confident Lancaster side which clearly expected King's to roll over. With the score locked at 12-12 with five minutes to go, a drop goal and last minute try gave Lancaster victory but suddenly the season was now alive. Fixtures don't get any harder than with the Lymm High School side full of players who had Twickenham experience from their Daily Mail victory in 2007. A careless error in defence meant a tackle was missed and Lymm earned a 7-0 victory. St Ambrose, however, were to suffer a midweek backlash as the toll of losing the first four games seemed to steel the boys with an excellent 34-0 victory. Following the two week half term break, there was a second – though uninspiring – victory over Wirral G.S followed by a superb 19-5 victory at Trent College where the side's ball retention was first class. Arnold were the next visitors and were comfortably beaten 17-0 but again the performance was disappointing only to be followed by another superb display against the competitive Adam G.S with King's recording a 32-12 victory. The away

game at Stonyhurst with the flu bug devastating the side, some of whom bravely played, ended in a 5-24 defeat. The last game of the term then saw the side travel to Fylde RFC to play the inaugural game under the club's newly erected floodlights. The opposition, Kirkham G.S, were undefeated and in their Irish under-19 international prop had an outstanding player. The Easter term ended with the side comfortably beating St.Edward's 35-7, a good Merchant Taylors' Crosby side 32-26 and Stockport G.S 20-8. Captain and hooker Tom Taylor played in the North of England trial and scrum half George Drury played three times for England A before gaining a full Under 16 cap against France.

AR

2nd XV

This proved to be another rather mixed season, with the side once again making progress during the second half of the season, when the team won two thirds of the games played.

As is customary, the school struggled in the opening games of the year, although the matches against QEGS Wakefield and Lancaster, traditionally the most testing of opponents, were much closer than of late. A good win at Manchester and a close victory against St Ambrose were, however, the only positive results in the first seven games. That said, the side showed a great deal of resilience to finish the season as strongly as it did, losing in the final game of the year to an efficient Stockport outfit.

The team possessed a nucleus of sound players, the forwards often

competitive and efficient when they were focused; behind the scrum, when supplied with quick, clean ball, the backs ran powerfully and with conviction. On some occasions, however, notably the final game of the season, commitment was less than it needed to be and performance suffered accordingly.

A number of players graduated to the 1st XV and were able to step up to the mark, always a pleasing outcome, whilst one or two others, Ali Glen in particular, were unlucky not to have the opportunity to perform at that level. The squad was also considerably strengthened by the return of players in key positions: Howard Mayers at 12 and Dominic Ferdani and Alex Chadwick at full back and wing, respectively.

With a number of the squad still in the school next year, perhaps one can hope for a vintage year, always given that some may well play at a higher level. Thanks should go to Johnty Marshall who shouldered the responsibility of captaincy for most of the season, never an easy task.

RGD

Vlth Form Girls' Rugby

The Girls' Rugby Squad 2008/9 have had an extremely fulfilling season. Every Wednesday afternoon and Tuesday after school we met to train and improve our game. As this was the first time most of us had ever played one of England's finest sports, it was an achievement in itself to understand the ins and outs of the game and create a strategy.

With all our training, the squad was looking forward to being tested in a



match situation; our first rivals were St Joseph's. Every girl was filled with anticipation and excitement, which came through in their individual performance, creating a strong team. Unfortunately the opponents outplayed us and we lost.

We kept pushing on hard in training and improved quickly. As a team, we gelled and every member was used effectively. Soon we held a tournament of our own, and won every game played. This was a real boost, getting us ready for our next tournament at Christ's Hospital. The first match was a battle against Christ's Hospital B, who had a very strong team but luckily we were even better and won 21-0 and we went on to win our second match against Chichester with a score of 20-0. This put us first in our group, but unfortunately the last team, Epsom College, was able to stop our winning streak and we did not reach the final. This tournament was a real eye-opener for us as it proved we were capable of winning.

Our last tournament was the National School's 7s at Rosslyn Park, where we were joined by the Boys' Squad. Sadly, the same pattern repeated itself, winning the first two matches beating St Bee's at 27-0 and Maes-yr-yrfra at 22-10, though finally losing.

Every player contributed generously to the formation of a strong team, which is looking forward to next season.

Hattie Ravenscroft 12 JWT

U16

Having lost two of the more influential players to the 1st XV, the Under 16s began the season short on confidence. The side struggled to cope with the early season 'heavyweights', and lacked both confidence and direction. It is, however, a testament to the players' desire and resilience that the season ended with ten victories.

The side's great strength was in the forwards. A sizeable and physical front five of Thorp, Knowles, Jones S, Rodman, Elliot, Travis and Sully was aided by a skilful and industrious back row of McPake, Lacey and the captain, Marsden.

Behind the scrum, our options were limited, however all players improved in terms of confidence and ability, especially the half-backs Hughan and Saxon. Jones M, Brown, Beaumont, Howarth-Johnson, Emery

and Boustany added pace to the back line and the midfield defence, marshalled by Stubbs, was also a key to success in many games towards the end of the season.

Highlights of the season were victories over Arnold, Adams, Stonyhurst, Wirral Grammar School and Lymm (a game where our defence was outstanding). The low point of the season came in the semi-final of the Floodlit Cup where we lost against Manchester Grammar School 18-19, after completely dominating three-quarters of the game.

The team's attitude and approach during the season was exemplary and great strides were made by all.

GAW/PFH

U16 Sevens

The sevens season was relatively short with the squad taking part in three tournaments. At Warwick, we were hit with a number of 'freak' injuries but still managed to push a strong Millfield side right to the wire. A sun-drenched day at Stonyhurst brought the best out of the squad with Dury and Hanson outstanding throughout. After comfortably winning the group, we beat a competitive Bradford Grammar side in the quarter-final. The squad met Sedbergh in the semi final; the sides were level with two minutes to go, however, a couple of crucial errors led to an honourable defeat. Unfortunately, the squad under-performed at the Rosslyn Park tournament and the day was marred by a serious knee injury sustained by Will Hanson.

GAW

U15

To say that this was an interesting season does not do justice to some of the drama that unfolded as the season progressed. Initially however, the picture was not too reassuring: pre-season training, and a practice game win against Cheadle Hulme School, revealed reasonable skill, some pace and considerable endeavour, but a near-total lack of ability consistently to win or retain ball. This was reflected in the first game where we were comfortably second best and unable to defend consistently against QEGS Wakefield. This situation was repeated against RGS Lancaster and Sedbergh. However, a 16-32 loss away at MGS gave some crumbs of comfort. The following training sessions

saw some real intensity in the defence and contact skills, and gradually tackling and the ability to recycle ball improved. St Ambrose saw another loss, but we were winning more ball and asking more questions. Furthermore, previously fragile confidence was looking rather sturdier and there were more signs of enjoyment. The turning point came just before half term. The side defeated Lymm HS at Derby fields and the next week a narrow 0-5 defeat at MGS in the Daily Mail cup really showed the degree of improvement. After half term, good wins were recorded against Wirral GS, Trent College, Stoneyhurst College and pleasingly away at Arnold in difficult circumstances. The only blemish was a 0-28 loss away at a strong Adams G.S. team after being only 0-5 down at half time and very much in the game. In this half term a series of Daily Mail vase ties were also played which led the team to travel all over the North of England. An early tie against an enthusiastic Mount St Mary's college was won, as were away games Mirfield and then Rishworth school in West Yorkshire before a long trip to King's Tynemouth was undertaken, which resulted in an efficient, but hard-earned win. After Christmas, wins continued to come. Merchant Taylor's Crosby were defeated away from home whilst St Edwards College, Bradford and Stockport GS were defeated with good performances. However, during this period two more Daily Mail vase games took place, firstly a home tie against RGS Lancaster was won 24-7. This, in many ways was the best performance of the season as Lancaster, who had previously beaten us by nearly 40 points, were out-defended and out-thought in a fine display of efficient cup rugby. Again, this was a performance that really highlighted the all-round improvement in the team. Two weeks later the quarter-final draw presented us with a home tie against Reading Bluecoats School.

From this point on, the team were really in completely uncharted territory: the vase semi-final was on a neutral ground at Barkers Butts in Coventry against Coopers' Company and Coburn school from Essex. King's rallied with ten minutes to go and controlled the ball well enough to see through to a Twickenham final with a 7-5 victory. There was a feeling that we were operating right on the edge of what the team could achieve;

this belief was possibly reflected in the outcome of the final. The final at Twickenham was an occasion that we are sure will stay with the boys for ever: it was a tremendous event and a great many boys, parents and staff made the early start and long journey to see the game. This was very much appreciated by the team and the boys conducted themselves in an outstanding fashion. Unfortunately, on the day, the strong and well-drilled Leys forwards had too much power for us and we were unable to contain them. The Leys ran out comfortable 25-3 winners, playing some good rugby throughout. It is great credit to the King's boys that they showed real pride and determination, kept battling and really made the Leys work for their victory.

U15 B Team

As is often the case in a fixture circuit as strong as ours, the B team had a rather up and down season with some very good performances slightly shadowed by the occasional poor one. Certainly A team injuries had an effect at times but this group of players deserve great credit for their tenacity and overall improvement over the year. Throughout the year, skill level and endeavour were high, but tackling particularly against the bigger sides could be shaky and this was reflected in the two defeats by Sedbergh and Adams GS. However, real determination in adversity was shown to draw away at Wirral GS, win at Merchant Taylor's Crosby and lose narrowly away at QEGS Wakefield. Good performances were also recorded against Stonyhurst and a fine win against Trent College with a fine forward display. The strength of the team was their willingness to try to play good handling rugby, but the physical size of the players sometimes meant that gaining parity in possession was not always possible and this restricted opportunities; nevertheless a great deal of pride and no little skill was shown and the boys should take pride and confidence from their contributions. Wood in particular captained the team with bravery and skill and should be very proud of his performance and commitment. Throughout the season these players were a pleasure to coach and we hope that they continue to be involved as there is considerable potential for them.

7 a-side rugby

This year, the sevens season was compromised by the latter stages of the Daily Mail Vase. Nevertheless, four competitions were entered but unfortunately, the Cheshire competition clashed with the Twickenham trip. Therefore, a slightly under-prepared squad went to the high quality Warwick tournament and despite defeating Bablake College lost the next game to Wimbledon College. This left us needing to win against hosts Warwick to progress into the quarter-final. Pleasingly, we showed real character to win this game, but the effort had taken its toll and we subsided to a poor defeat against a workmanlike Kirkham team in the quarter-final. The next week at Solihull, the squad again progressed to the quarter-finals showing pleasing improvements in winning against Newcastle Grammar and King's Worcester before achieving a tough and hard fought draw against a confident Old Swinford Hospital School where the late addition of Billings and some effective defence, particularly from Gwatkin, saw us unlucky not to win. Confidence was growing as a result of this performance and so it was disappointing to see the effects of a tough group game apparently again cost us a quarter-final against a physical but limited King Henry VIII school. The final tournament was our own Myles Marshall competition and again wins were achieved in the group against Merchant Taylor's Crosby, KES Lytham, Sandbach School and Stonyhurst College. However, we were unfortunate enough to run into the powerful Adams Grammar School side, which was the eventual winner, in the quarter-finals and were well beaten. A very pleasing aspect of this tournament, however, was the fielding of a 'B' seven comprising a mixture of U15 B players and U14s who, although they did not win a game, played with real determination and provided a serious challenge to all the opponents who met them. All in all, this was a very satisfying and memorable season. The players acquitted themselves well at all times and showed a superbly positive attitude to every challenge, which goes a long way to explaining their improvements and achievements this year.

DMH/PJP

U14

This year's Under-14s rugby season has been a mixture of great highs and lows for coaches and players alike. The fixture list, as ever, provided a significant challenge at the start of the season, with both sides facing four of the better rugby schools in the north of England in quick succession and receiving a sound thrashing from all. But the score lines don't reveal the whole picture: with each match came more injuries, the most significant being Tom Hudson, captain and fly half for the side.

Players from the B team stepped up to the plate ably, and special mention should be made for Josh 'Jockey' Wilson and Dan Hughan who mixed in at centre and full-back during the year to great effect. After the half term break, injury problems were starting to subside and the team looked on the up. Narrowly losing to Wirral Grammar away and drawing with Trent College, the team were confident in the run-up to a second round tie against Lymm High in the Cheshire cup. A close fought battle in tough conditions resulted in the victory going to the opposition, but the improvement in the score since their previous meeting told its own story. The team went on to win its next four matches on the run including a famous victory over Stonyhurst College, who were shell-shocked by the team's aggression and determination to win.

At the close of the fifteen-a-side season, the lads could hold their heads up high, pleased that they had improved so much and come together so well as a team. In particular the props Ryan Trueman (playing for the first time this season) and Hendrik Ratigan provided outstanding contributions to school rugby, the latter receiving the player of the season award.

The entire squad impressed at different times during the season but extra mention should go to Jonny Kenny and Alex Quinlan, who gave their all throughout and were rewarded with places in the under-15s squad that played at Twickenham. Tom Hudson and Henry Ravenscroft were an awesome pairing as the team's half-backs and I can see them being instrumental in school rugby in the years to come. But this report wouldn't be complete without finally congratulating the under-14s sevens squad for an outstanding season

and for winning at the Solihull 7s tournament. Special mention here should go to Ben Marsden and Harry Hayward whose ability to score from anywhere on the field led to a great victory.

RR

U13

U13A

The season started with some tough fixtures, especially against QEGS Wakefield and Lancaster, though there were some very good winning performances early on, particularly against St Ambrose and Lymm High School. The team's commitment to training and their natural physical development ensured that, by the end of the season, the team was able to employ an expansive style of rugby in attack alongside an eight defensive alignment, which resulted in some excellent matches.

Outstanding individuals provided keen competition for the Melson Trophy with both Michael Parker and Oscar Kenny being leading players in, what developed into, a powerful pack. Their strong aggressive runs in attack and their solid defensive play led the way in most games. Tom Mort developed into an excellent wing, as a very quick and balanced runner and strength in tackle. In mid-field Robert Coggon, Matthew Stubbs and Tom Wootton developed a sound understanding and created many opportunities in the games. The trophy, however, went to Adam Siddall who demonstrated his ability to play to a very high standard, in a number of different positions, in both attack and defence.

U13B

The team had a mixed set of results, starting with some difficult fixtures, some against A teams. As the season progressed, the team developed and produced some very good results. The game was always easier when we took the field with the correct attitude: if the team thought it had a chance, it usually won.

The B team entered one 7 a-side tournament at St Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst, demonstrating its strength as it out-played all the opposition, winning in the final against Caldicott quite comfortably.

DTB/JN

U12

The U12 Rugby sides have had a successful year overall, in their first year of competitive school rugby.

The A side played 10 matches, of which they managed to win 6. Of the 4 games lost, there was only one score difference, which suggests with a little hard work this team could quite easily go unbeaten. There were over 60 players involved in the squad over the course of the season, which shows great strength in depth and good commitment from all involved.

In terms of results, there were notable victories against Wirral Grammar, won 51 - 0 and a 29 - 12 win over our local rivals, MGS. The boys competed in three competitions this season. The first was the King's Annual Junior Festival where, unfortunately, we saw the King's A team lose the final to a strong Lymm HS side and also lost Harry Webb in the process with a serious leg injury. The second competition was the Warwick 7s where the boys gave

a good account of themselves and Harry Jackson scored one of the tries of the tournament. Lastly, the Wirral GS 7s where injury and luck were not on our side, going out again to Lymm HS, who were the eventual winners of the tournament.

There were other consistently good performances from Joe Hale at fly-half who captained the side regularly and led from the front, Jonny Hammill who worked tirelessly in defence and attack, and Harry Jackson who controlled the game well at scrum-half.

The U12 B found their winning form this season, having won the majority of their matches. Also the C side performed well during the few fixtures they attended. It has been encouraging to see this season, that there have many players regularly moving between squads. Dan Truman and Matthew Williams both started in the B side before becoming regular starters for the A. Also Chris Noxon showed good footballing skills that warranted his inclusion in the 7s squad. This proves a good competitive edge to selection where players are regularly fighting for their position and this will only help to improve their overall ability.

PA

U11

Rugby in the Juniors' continued to develop this year, with even more fixtures being played against other independent schools and the introduction of an AJIS 12-side tournament. In the 'friendly' fixtures King's enjoyed good wins over Merchant Taylor's, Crosby (14-7) and Birkenhead Prep (40-14), while in the AJIS 7 a-side tournament victories were recorded against Ros-sall (12-0), Stockport Grammar (29-0) and QEGS, Blackburn (54-0). Unfortunately, this was also interspersed with some narrow defeats against Liverpool College, Kirkham Grammar and Orme House, with the latter accounting for King's in the Quarter-Finals of both the 12 and 7 a-side AJIS competitions.

The highlights of this season were the fantastic skills of fly-half George Phelan and the strength of the forward play in this age group, with many observers often commenting on the sheer size of some of the players. This augurs well for the future in the Boys' Division.

MKW



Hockey

Boys' Hockey

1st XI Hockey tour

The King's 1st XI hockey team toured the Western Cape of South Africa over the Easter period 2009. The team was based in seaside cottages on the beach in Fish Hoek, taking trips out to places of interest in between playing five matches against schools from the Western Cape. Robben Island, Table Mountain, the Cape of Good Hope, the Victoria and Albert Waterfront and Boulders beach were all visited and all left an impression on the tour party.

The first game was against a strong Settlers School team. Settlers controlled the first half and King's the second. The game ended 1-1 with the King's team finishing strongly and the Settlers goalkeeper keeping them in the game. Fish Hoek School provided the second opponents. King's superior teamwork and stick skills ensured a convincing 6-0 victory. King's were quickly into their stride against Bergvliet School, their next opponents, scoring after 45 seconds and moving to a 4-0 lead after only 8 minutes! The heat and it being the second game in two days resulted in some easing off in the second half, but King's were comfortable 7-2 winners. Fairmont was the strongest opposition. They had just returned from a tour of the Netherlands in preparation for their season and it was obvious that they were an extremely skilful and determined team. King's matched them in all departments, not only holding



the Fairmont team but imposing their own style of play on the South Africans. King's were victorious by a score of 2-0. The final opponents were Pinelands School. King's again imposed their superior pattern of play on the Pinelands team, coming from behind to win convincingly at 4-1. The undefeated tour was thoroughly deserved by a team who not only rose to the challenge but played their best hockey of the season.

JAD

1st XI

This was a season of both mixed performances and mixed results. The players had plenty of individual skill but true teamwork only developed as the season progressed.

Early season defeats in the cup at

Knutsford and in close encounters at Calday and St Anselm's were setbacks, but the pattern of play developed, resulting in much improved performances against stronger opponents, Warwick, Solihull and Birkenhead at the end of the first term. After Christmas, this momentum continued with the attack continuing to score freely, the midfield continuing to work hard and be creative and the defence becoming more solid and reliable. There were some excellent victories in the second term with Birkenhead, Newcastle and, in particular, Calday being blown away with free-flowing hockey.

It was a buoyant team which went to the end of season tournament at Taunton School. The hard work that many players had put into indoor



training paid off with the King's indoor team winning the indoor tournament outright. There was perhaps some complacency as the outdoor tournament started and this resulted in losses against strong Taunton, Warwick and Belfast teams, but the team could hold its head up high having scored some of the best team goals ever seen at the tournament. The tour to South Africa was a fitting finale for the 1st XI for it was here that the whole team were able to exhibit their individual and team skills as well as their commitment and sheer love of playing in King's colours. No finer tribute could be paid to them.

In goal, Andy Parton improved his shot stopping and positional play considerably as the season progressed and in South Africa he gave some outstanding performances against extremely strong opponents. In defence, Dan Alderley, Chris Gibson and Ben James shared the wide defensive responsibilities. Their tackling improved as did their cover defence and, as all good defenders do, they looked to move the ball forward at every opportunity. Alex Reeves was a rock at centre back. He read the game incredibly well and was assured in his tackling and distribution. Rarely was Alex beaten in a one-against-one situation. Alex was ably supported by the ever-improving Tom Gilseman. Tom's quiet and deceptive performances disguised his enthusiasm and will to win. Following a prolonged absence through injury, Matthew Murray returned to play in front of the back four. Matthew has all the characteristics of an ideal player: determination, bravery, heart, knowledge of the game and a very high level of stick skills. The wide midfield players, Matthew Wreglesworth and Emile Broome had the difficult task of being available at all times, stretching opponents and feeding quality ball into the danger areas. These two players rose to the challenge superbly with their energy and stick skills being a constant thorn in opposition defences. Their contribution was even more impressive in as much as they scored 20 goals between them. The real power of the team, however, came in central midfield. Here captain James Gibson and vice captain Francis Bryant were totally dominant. They worked tirelessly, combined effectively and led the team by example. Their stick skills and overall team play were first class. Mike Dodd was the lead striker.

He read the attacking play very well and his deceptive work on and off the ball led to him invariably being in the right place at the right time. At almost a goal per game, his contribution was significant. Howard Shribman started the season in attack with strong running and finishing before injury curtailed his season. Joe Stanley worked hard to fill the gap up front but it was James Burke who secured the position with his casual but deceptive approach resulting in some fine goals. Alex Eyre was a most versatile replacement in many matches. Equally at home in defence, midfield or attack, he was committed to the team and its success. The latter part of the season saw Andy Taylor contributing to the team. His stick skills and team play improved rapidly to the extent of him being a first choice player on tour.

All in all a most successful season was enjoyed by all the players. At times it was frustrating, at times a sheer joy to watch the manner in which they could play. All are to be congratulated on their commitment to hockey at King's.

U15 XI

Although statistically the season does not look impressive, all the players showed signs of improvement throughout the season and an improvement in results followed. The team were well beaten 4 - 0 at home by Birkenhead but managed a 3 - 3 draw away at the end of the season. Sam Howell captained the side well, leading by example and never scared of accepting the responsibility of organising the team on the pitch. Josh Berry played in goal for the first half of the season with various players helping out in the second half including U14 keeper Will Machin who put in a couple of very strong performances. Sean Wilson, Philip Gibson, and Tom Gowans held the defence together. Sam Howell, Richard Barratt, Sam Dawson, James Hamilton and Jordan Holt all played well in midfield. Adam Swales and Will Farrow played well in attack.

Greg Eyre played well in defence, midfield and attack: he was always skilful and willing to play in any position. The team benefited greatly in the matches where rugby players Charlie Leddy and Harry Stewart could play. Although Charlie has played in goal to a very high standard, he also proved to be an excellent out-field player. Harry gave the side the

edge in front of goal that it needed; a very skilful player, Harry has the ability to beat players one-on-one and scored some excellent goals. A hard working squad both in training and in matches, the team suffered from the loss of the goal keeper half way through the season. The team played their best hockey in the middle of the field but unfortunately they made too many mistakes in key areas in front of goal at both ends of the pitch. A good work ethic, a keen knowledge of the game and a very likeable group made the season very enjoyable. The team are close to being an excellent side and could do very well together next season.

SM

U14 XI

The U14 hockey team had an encouraging season, with many highlights including taking part in the Daily Mail U14 Cup 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 to an impressive Altrincham Grammar School, the experience of playing in the Daily Mail Cup was extremely valuable and became a turning point for the team. Important lessons were learnt that day, such as playing as a team, encouraging and supporting teammates and most of all, not giving up.

All members of the team have improved their hockey skills this season and have impressed by their committed attitudes. Anton Petho has been fearless in net and his quick reactions have prevented many goals. The defence of James Lob, James Draysey, Will Machin and Ben Hope has been the backbone of the team. All four have shown commitment and intelligence in their distribution.

Chris Hall, Sam Butler and Will Galloway have combined together effectively in midfield. Chris's probing runs have set up many excellent attacking opportunities. Will'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, Jack Scott, Will Smith and Jamie Winrow scored some impressive goals. Other squad players, Ben Horner, Dom Andrews, James Hammill and Matt Spandley have supported the team and played valuable roles in contributing to the overall performances.

Hockey

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

LCD

U13 XI

A large and very enthusiastic squad of boys played hockey at U13 level this season. For most, this is the start of their hockey involvement and the signs were that they could become a good side. Although the results were mixed, the team will get better as they play more games. The team was built around some players who have already played club hockey, such as Nick Harrington, Andrew Bryant and Henry Holden, but added to this, there were some talented newcomers such as Matt Aldred, Sam Hollis and Alex Richardson. In all, over 30 boys represented the team in at least one game; some of these boys will no doubt move away from hockey but there is a good foundation of players ready to take on the 2009/10 season when they will play many more matches.

Girls' Hockey

It is pleasing to report that the King's hockey players continue to infiltrate the county squads. Congratulations go to the following on their selection in their respective county age groups:

Katherine Baker U18 and U21, Rebecca Bamford, Sarah Pickering and Sophie Fox at U18, Hatty Ravenscroft U17, Jae Bowers and Maddie Coutts at U15 and in the U14 age group Lara Knowles, Holly J. Smith and Rosie Christiansen.

Alex Davies and Kate Garnett attended the U13 development training sessions.

This season unfortunately had many matches cancelled, particularly in December and January due to snow and ice, but even the schools with all-weather pitches fell foul to the low temperatures. But King's are not 'fair weather' performers and despite inclement conditions always displayed grit and determination. Many of the youngsters show encouraging promise and great team spirit at all times.

1st XI

The 1st XI squad comprised 22 enthusiastic players with a wide range of abilities, including several very talented individuals, yet there was always

great desire to pull together to help each other to succeed. Captain Katherine Baker led by example, motivating the team with great awareness and maturity and commanding the game from centre midfield. Her skill level was a dream to watch and has suitably impressed the scouts from the reputable High Town Club. Vice Captain Rebecca Bamford proved a force to be reckoned with as sweeper in defence: not much got past her, but if it did, she was secure in the knowledge that she was backed up by fellow county defenders, Sophie Fox and Hatty Ravenscroft and, in goal, Sarah Gales.

Rebecca Saxon, Ali King and Jess Quinlan seemed to come of age this year. This gave some of the other lower sixth girls more confidence in their first year with the team. Grace Duckworth, Sophie Macfadyen, Hannah Smith and Emily Gilmour knew they were well supported with those defenders, and right midfielder Sarah Branley. Unfortunately, Jess Braddock, Emma Davies and Ginny Coates suffered some bouts of illness and injury and Hannah Woodley, Liz Brierley and Ellie Smith a dip in confidence, yet they all made great contributions to the team during the year.

Newcomer Rebecca Craigie joined the fast and furious Sarah Pickering on the forward line with the indestructible Caroline Shorland as centre forward. Together, they worked hard to put King's on the map. They produced some fine performances to win their section at the U19 county championships but unfortunately there was only one goal in it at the county finals where they finished in Bronze position. They finished a creditable =4th position at the Cheadle 7s tournament against very tough national finalists.

It was at the Mount St Mary's 7s Tournament where they displayed magnificent skill and teamwork. It was unfortunate to end what was a superb afternoon of hockey with a penalty shoot out and a disappointing 2nd place.

The girls should be commended on great team work and commitment over the year. It was a pleasure working with them. School Colours were awarded to the following girls for County selection and high achievement, great attitude, dedication, reliability and consistent first team selection over two years: Katherine Baker, Rebecca Bamford and Sarah

Pickering. First Team Colours for high skill level, great attitude, dedication, reliability and first team selection were awarded to Sarah Gales, Jess Braddock, Emma Davies, Sophie Fox and Hatty Ravenscroft. Club Colours were awarded to Rebecca Saxon for commendable effort and attitude.

DMB

U16 XI

It is a shame that several of the regular players from this age group, for various reasons, were unavailable this season. This left the team very depleted in numbers and with the need to draft in some of the U15 players, to the disadvantage of their own games.

Captain Katie Pickering played her heart out all season in an effort to inspire, defend and create opportunities. Everyone practised hard and seemed to revel in the variety of drills and practices set up by coach Rob Barker. Their stick work skills and timing became slicker, their defensive moves stronger and more effective but it just never seemed to happen when it mattered most.

The players who have been committed over the years must be commended on their efforts and dedication: Katie Pickering, Hannah Higham, Isabel Wilkinson, Tilly Thorncroft, Kanza Khan, Amelia Foreman, Grace Hennell and Felicity Kimber.

DMB

U15 XI

Goal Keeper Hannah Gradwell provided the reassurance at the back for defenders Laura King-Smith, Lizzie Marshall and Bryony Duckham who worked hard on their tackling and scanning skills and learned the importance of quick decision making. Sweeper Alice Wilson realised the effort needed to provide the support for the experienced midfielders, Vicky Lomas, Captain Jae Bowers and Lizzie Ferdani. Attackers Becky Grimes, Phoebe Fox, Niamh Burke and Rebecca Wynne gained in confidence and hunger for success. Netballer Emily Pasquale showed her continuing love for hockey and was always keen to play a part when possible. Sarah Bremner and Virginie Nobbs tried hard to develop their skills so as to play an integral part with the team.

It was so good to see the girls' enthusiasm on the pitch when faced with stiff opposition. Despite Jae and Vicky having played for the U16s

before their own matches, they never failed to inspire the whole team to play with great passion and desire. They produced many positive performances, which bodes well for next season.

DMB

U14 XI

The U14 team enjoyed a particularly successful season. Though some of the fixtures were unfortunately cancelled due to the snow and frost in December and January, the team was enthusiastic and committed to training throughout the season, gelling to form quite a formidable force with great potential for the future. Several players joined Hockey clubs and this experience brought strength to the team. In addition, four players attended County training: Lara Knowles, Holly Smith, Rosie Christiansen and Maddy Coutts who played for the County U14 and U15 teams respectively. The team made great progress over the season, which culminated in the County tournaments in February and March.

In the first round of the County U14 tournament in February, King's played some excellent hockey. The team was determined to get as many goals as possible in the 15-minute games and did so most impressively against their first opponents, Queen's Chester. They dominated the game from the start and two great goals from Lara Knowles put them ahead and on a high for the rest of the tournament. In the game against Holmes Chapel, it was clear from the start that King's was the better team. An opening goal from Lara Knowles

and then a super set up to Holly Smith allowed a most impressive goal to follow. Later, Rafia Aslam found herself in a well-practised position on the post and swept a third goal in around the Keeper. The third game, against Wilmslow was to prove the toughest. However Rafia managed to get a touch to a good strike from Lara Knowles from outside the D, and scored a lucky goal. The rest of the match was quite a battle with Wilmslow determined not to let us win. However, the team defended well and prevented them from evening out the score.

King's were overall winners of the tournament, and went through to the County Final on 21st March where 5 equally strong teams, each having won their section of the first round tournament battled for the U14 County title. This proved to be an exciting and very close final. King's put on a brilliant display of hockey, showing great team work and impressive open play. Defenders Chloe Abbott and Sophie Hurst played especially well and grew in confidence throughout the tournament. Great support from midfield players Maddy Coutts, Megan Bailey and Rosie Christiansen allowed us to put pressure on the opposition and provide opportunities for attack. Sarah Pearson made a determined effort, adding strength to the attack down the left wing. King's won three of the four matches by one goal against The Grange, The Heath and Birkenhead school and drew 0-0 against King's Chester. King's finished just one point ahead of Birkenhead School and were eventual and well-deserved winners of the tournament.

This was a fantastic finish to a most successful season and the girls were congratulated on being County Champions. At the Sports Awards evening in June, Sarah Pearson was awarded Most Improved Player and Lara Knowles received Player of the Season. The team was also presented with Team of the Year award.

LB

U12 XI

An enthusiastic squad of players trained hard throughout the year and enjoyed some pleasing results. The girls made the transition from 7-a-side to 11 a side matches and have shown a good grasp of their role and responsibilities within the team structure.

Congratulations to Catherine Smith for her supportive and influential captaincy and a special mention goes to Annabel Massie, Esme Davies and Victoria Provis for their contribution throughout the season. All worked hard to improve their skills and awareness and were reliable, capable team players.

DCB

Junior Hockey

Junior players enjoyed a busy season and competed in a number of inter-school, inter-house and tournament matches. Years 5 and 6 girls were committed to training and worked hard to develop their skills and their understanding of the game. The experience of fast and furious tournament play focussed their energies and the final tournament of the year at Ladybarn School produced some excellent hockey and an impressive number of goals. Hockey colours were awarded to Emily Robinson and Anna Howarth; both were influential in shaping and contributing to the success of the team.

The House Hockey Tournament gave an opportunity to Years 5 and 6 players to work together and proved to be a very closely fought competition. Eventual winners were Tatton this year.

DCB/JEB



1st XI

The 1st XI season was a real mixed bag. This was a very young team but the early signs were good; an enthusiastic and hard working set of players showed that this was not just a team for the future but one that would compete well now. The season opened brightly enough with an excellent victory against King's Chester by over 160 runs in a match played during the Easter holidays. King's posted 226 for 9 in a 45-over game with runs for Alex Thomson (36) and skipper Jimmy Lomas (54). Good disciplined bowling and sharp fielding saw King's Chester all out for 63. Sam Stockwin started the rout with 3 for 18 and Joe Stanley finished it off with 3 for 4. A winning draw against Bishop Vesey's was followed by a defeat to a strong Denstone side. Against Vesey's Tom Foreman (72) and Alex Thomson (70) both batted exceptionally well to set up the total but solid defence from their batters meant the game ended in a stalemate. The Denstone game was played on a wet, slow wicket, and the King's batters were unable to cope with the change to a slow wicket as well as the good accurate slow bowling of the Denstone attack. It was a lesson for the King's batters; although the wicket was slow it was certainly playable.

An easy win against Stockport, was followed by an extremely close win against Cheadle Hulme. King's batted badly and could easily have been bowled out for less than 100, but Andrew Hodgson scored a quick 61 to get the school to 138, and at least gave a target to defend. It was an excellent game of cricket and showed that the team had learned valuable lessons from the Denstone defeat. The school entered the HMC 20/20 competition for the first time this year and our lack of experience in this form of the game showed when we were well beaten by Cheadle Hulme. We managed to beat St Bedes comfortably enough in a 'losers' play-off but we then watched Stockport (who we had bowled out for 47 the week before) beat Cheadle Hulme to progress to the finals day. We reached half term with a very good win against Nottingham and a rained-off game against Newcastle. The best batting display of the season saw us score 224 against Nottingham with Johnny Marsden (37*) and Jimmy Lomas (80*) scoring quickly and batting very

well together after Alex Thomson had laid the foundation with a patient 52. Jimmy Lomas followed up his runs with 5 for 25 to complete a fine all round performance as Nottingham were bowled out for 138.

After half term, a cancellation against Lancaster was followed by a heavy loss to Manchester Grammar School. Early wickets and a fine spell from Jonny Marsden (2 for 9) briefly put the school in with a chance but MGS had a strong batting line up and, unusually for King's, there was an air of formality about the defeat. The school suffered two further occasions, against the MCC and against the Old Boys, when the determination to perform deserted the team. Against Cheadle Hulme and against Barnard Castle the team showed tremendous strength of character, were well captained, stuck to the task well and pulled off an outstanding victory against Cheadle Hulme and a remarkable tie against Barnard Castle when in both cases we had looked dead and buried at the tea interval.

The visit to Lytham provided another fine all round display from Jimmy Lomas; he took 7 for 45 (which gets him on to the honours board!) and then hit a quick fire 68 not out, to see King's reach their target of 138 for the loss of 5 wickets. Against a strong Sedbergh side the school bowled well to restrict Sedbergh to 249 in 50 overs on a good wicket. The school also lost to Bolton; having bowled well to keep

Bolton down to 198, and starting their own innings well, King's looked set at tea, only to lose quick wickets afterwards and fall 23 runs short.

In the annual festival games King's began by scoring 251 for 5 against Ipswich, who had had an excellent season. King's then bowled Ipswich out for 216 with Johnny Marsden taking 5 for 44 in a superb spell of hostile bowling; he sent the off stump cartwheeling out of the ground on four occasions. A comfortable 115 run win against Edinburgh with Jimmy Lomas adding another 5 wickets to his ever-growing tally was followed by the exciting tie against Barnard Castle. Both sides had won their first two games so the game was, in effect, a 'festival final'.

The fixture against Trent College was cancelled when Trent suffered an outbreak of swine flu. The final school game of the season was thus against Merchant Taylors' Crosby. Injuries and unavailability had forced King's to make a number of changes, but King's were to get much the better of a draw. Chasing 232, Merchant Taylors' gave up hope after Matt Jones took 3 quick wickets to reduce them to 8 for 3 and despite the best efforts of the bowlers they managed to hold out for the draw 7 wickets down.

The final tally of 9 wins and 7 losses was a fair reflection of the season as a whole. More players represented the 1st XI than in recent seasons and the team was probably the youngest ever, with one under-14 and 3 under-15s in the starting line up. Captain Jimmy Lomas had an excellent season, bowling some very good long spells and taking 43 wickets to leave him 7th in the national table of schoolboy wicket takers this season. Tim Saxon and Johnny Stubbs shared the duties as second spinner and both bowled well on occasions. Sam Stockwin, a tall and genuinely hostile opening bowler, will also be missed; Sam didn't get the wickets he deserved but on occasions it was his early breakthrough that made the difference. Johnny Marsden will captain the team next year; he made great progress as a bowler and is also a very capable batter. Tom Foreman, Joe Stanley and Andrew Hodgson provided the rest of the seam attack: Tom's accuracy, Joe's swing and Andrew's movement off the pitch all brought different assets to the game; all will be back next year. In addition, Matthew Jones got his chance towards the end of the season



Alex Thomson

and bowled with real pace and aggression and showed that he could be a real handful next year.

Alex Thomson opened the batting throughout the season and he is a quality cricketer - a good wicket keeper and a strong batsman. Still only U15 and already in his second season, Alex had an excellent year: he was leading run scorer with 466 runs at 31.07, including three 50s, and also captained Staffs. at U15 level.

Jake Knowles also kept wicket for the first team and improved as a keeper throughout the season; he is a good batsman as well but only had limited chances this year. Another U15, Andrew Hodgson scored 368 at 28.31; having started the season as a lower middle order all-rounder, he finished as a very capable number three with a North of England trial. Captain Jimmy Lomas, Tom Foreman and Joe Stanley also all scored valuable runs. Jimmy got three aggressive 50s and Joe Stanley, who two seasons ago was batting at no.11, ended the season opening the batting and looking like the ideal partner for Alex Thomson. Lloyd Kennedy missed the first half of the season through injury but showed when he arrived what a good player he can be. Ben Marsden as an U14 is a player for the future: he scored an excellent 49* at the end of the season against Merchants'. Ben Foreman had a frustrating final season scoring runs against Merchants' but too often getting out cheaply; he was an excellent team player, though, and will be missed next season. Tim Saxon started the season at the top of the order but ended near the bottom. He still has two seasons to play, though, and he is a very good cricketer who will undoubtedly score runs next season.

The prospects look good for next year. With a young side it will be exciting to watch the development and progress over the season.

SM

U15 XI

Much of the season was played without the star performers of previous years as Alex Thomson, Andrew Hodgson, Tom Foreman and Ben Marsden from Year 9 were all regulars in the 1st XI. This nevertheless gave an extended opportunity for the other mainstays of the side to develop their cricket and for several other pupils to experience competitive cricket

for the school.

Victories were recorded against Bishop Vesey's, Cheadle Hulme, Bury G.S, KES Lytham and Wilmslow in our regular fixtures. Significant individual performances with the bat came from Hannah Gradwell (58) and Sam Leech (71) against Bishop Vesey's, Andrew Hughes (52) and James Gwatkin (80) against Lytham.

In the bowling department the side were equally successful with Adam Siddall who was kidnapped from the U13s once we found out how good he was, taking 5-9 in the exciting victory over Bury.

James Hamilton on debut against Lytham took 3-10 and Andy Hughes 5-5 against Cheadle Hulme. At one stage his figures were 5 wickets for one run, which as Mr Rice told us, was exactly the same figures as Ian Botham in the fourth Ashes test at Edgbaston in 1981! Whilst Cheadle Hulme U15s could never be compared with the Australian middle order, Hughesy seemed quite pleased. These were the stand out performances with the ball.

In the Cup, the side progressed to the Cheshire Cup final to be played in September against the winners of the Caldly G.S v Tarporley semi final. En route, the side beat a competitive Harrytown from Stockport, Alsager where Greg Eyre took 6-6, Poynton High School where we scored 180 in 20 overs with Andrew Hodgson scoring 60 and Alex Thomson 97 not out.



Andrew Hodgson,
Hannah Gradwell & Tom Foreman

In the replayed semi final against Stockport G.S excellent knocks by Tom Foreman (59) and Ben Marsden (36) not out, allowed King's to reach 143-4 in our 20 overs with Stockport dismissed for 83.

Other regulars in the side included Callum Jones, Charlie Leddy, Phil Gibson, Kamlesh Sodha, Sam Dawson, Jack Walker, Ed Gwatkin, Chris Ward, Hamish Finlaison, Alex Shaw, Declan Shanahan and Tom Cunningham as well as all the other U13s we had to call upon in a very hectic end of term as 1st XI cricket week and school trips stretched squad resources.

Sam Leech 10DTB

U14 XI

Without our most successful player from last season, we had no individual to score all the runs but instead we all had to take some responsibility. In the first couple of matches nobody had taken the heavy responsibility of creating a large total, apart from David Barton who, in our first game, built the innings with a knock of 39.

After a few weeks, we had our most enthralling match of the season against Cheadle Hulme, who set a total of 131 in 30 overs. Our top 3 batsmen scored only 5 runs between them, but the Bartons built a strong partnership with David scoring 43 and James scoring 33. Following their dismissal, Matt Mountney and Josh Wilson provided some heavy blows and we won the game with only one ball to spare. This was easily the most closely contested game of our season.

Following that win, we began our Cheshire Cup campaign with Ben Marsden scoring 57 and James Barton scoring 36, we dismissed Poynton for 24 with Jack Egar, Jamie Winrow and Josh Wilson shining with the ball. In our next game, Ben Marsden and James Barton repeated successful batting performances with Ben scoring 43 and James scoring 54. We scored 134 and bowled Bramhall all out for 59, Chris Hall getting 5 wickets for 5 runs. This was proving to be a very promising season for us, having only lost one game to Stockport Grammar School.

After our disappointing performance in the quarter-final we had to bounce back. Our comeback game was against a strong opponent, Birkenhead. James Crosby bowled his first spell of the season as he removed 4 of their top 6 batsmen, keeping them

down to 116 in 25 overs. Jack Egar and Matt Mountney scored some vital runs in the middle order but we finished 6 runs short.

Everybody in the team played a vital role this season, the Barton brothers, Ben Saxon and Matt Mountney all shone with the bat. In the cup games, Ben Marsden proved how big a player he is and Josh Wilson hit some big sixes this year.

James Barton was our leading wicket taker, whilst Matt Mountney and Jamie Winrow also had a very good season. Chris Hall, Dan Hughan, Henry Ravenscroft, Jack Egar and Ciaran Houghton-Barcoe proved to be very valuable team members. Henry Ravenscroft and Jamie Winrow proved their worth as fielders.

Losing only 6 of our 16 games, I feel we had a reasonably successful season but also there is a lot we can improve on and hopefully next year in the cup we may go those few steps further and raise the trophy. I'd like to thank all the team, the parents for their endless commitment and Mr Maudsley, Mr Moores and Rami for giving us a very enjoyable season.

Aswad Khan, Captain

U14B XI

A productive season of cricket was enjoyed by the King's U14B team. The season started brightly with a 4 run victory away to Denstone, with Houghton-Barcoe returning an impressive 20 undefeated, while Monsey, Scott and Galloway each conceded few runs for their 2 wickets. Two closely fought defeats followed, with Grange and Denstone again the visitors. Notable performances were a stubborn 29 from Galloway and an attacking 41 from Houghton-Barcoe. King's U14B finished the season away to Lytham's A team, losing with a reasonable total, however the side bravely batted out the overs, with Hennell top scoring at 27. Overall, the lessons of strategy in the field, adapting batting aggression to in-game situations and disciplined bowling, were learnt by all and can be taken into next season.

Joshua Monsey, Captain

U13 A and B XI

The U13 teams started the season lacking in confidence and early match results were disappointing. Nevertheless all the boys were very enthusi-

astic and keen to learn, turning up regularly for practice sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Improvement was dramatic, culminating in the A team winning five of their final six matches. As a result they were awarded King's 'Team of the Year'. Adam Siddall topped the A team batting averages with 41.3 and had the best bowling economy figures. He was asked to play a number of times for the U15 team and won King's 'Junior Player of the Year'. Henry Holden topped the bowling averages with 13 wickets at a cost of 9.2 runs each. The A team was well captained by Alex Dyson.

For the B team Daniel Shamim topped the batting averages with an average of 43. Overall this was a successful year so that now, the much more confident boys are looking forward to next summer.

U12 XI

The U12 sides have had a successful year overall, in their first year of competitive school cricket.

In total, the A side played 13 matches having won 8, lost 3, leaving only 2 that were cancelled due to adverse weather. There were over 45 players involved in the squad over the course of the season which shows great strength in depth and good commitment from all involved. In terms of results, there were notable victories against Bolton School, won by 6 runs, and a special mention needs to go to Finlay McCance who recorded three half centuries this season and regularly top scored with the bat, averaging 37 runs per match.

There were other consistently good performances from Rory Heywood, Toby Bianchi and Jamie Edgerton.

In summary the A side scored 1244 runs for 76 wickets with an average of 16.37 runs per wicket. The A side conceded 994 runs for 82 wickets with an average of 12.12 runs per wicket. There were 244.5 overs bowled in total, with an average of 4.06 runs per over.

The U12 B found their winning form this season, having won the majority of their matches. Also the C side performed well during the few fixtures they attended. It has been encouraging to see many players regularly moving between squads. This provides a good competitive edge to selection as players are regularly fight-

ing for their position and this will only help to improve overall ability. Hopefully, both sides can build on this in preparation for next season.

PA

U11 and U10 XI

The cricket season enjoyed some dry weather this year, with the U10 and U11 teams participating in regular fixtures against other independent schools in the north-west.

The U10 boys showed promise with their bowling, although batting proved to be more difficult, with a lack of experience being evident in most of the fixtures played. King's solitary victory against Altrincham Prep at the beginning of the season was followed by defeats against other competitor schools.

The U11s had a pleasing season, with 'friendly' victories being enjoyed against Black Firs, Orme House, Stockport Grammar and Bolton School, with both the latter two victories being by the narrow margin of one wicket. King's also reached the Quarter-Final of the AJIS Cup where they played Stockport Grammar. In this game, Stockport batted first and scored 122-7 off their 20 overs. Unfortunately, despite starting well, the middle order batsmen became rather bogged down by some tight, accurate bowling and King's finished 19 runs short at 103-7.

In the Reeman Sixes competition at Stockport Grammar at the end of the season, King's started by beating Bolton by 1 run and then came up against a very strong St Anselm's team. After St Anselm's had scored a healthy 54-3 of their 5 overs, King's team, particularly Nathan Jones, made a super effort to reach the 57 runs needed for victory. Unfortunately, despite some lusty blows by Jones, the boys finished on 47-3 and so failed to reach the semi-final stage.

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 spirits, with batting, bowling and fielding disciplines all improving as the season progressed.

Despite having some inexperienced players, this was a most enjoyable season, which will stand the boys in good stead as they move into Year 7.

MKW

Athletics

Boys' Division

The season started well with both the Inter boys (Years 11 and 10) and the Juniors (Years 9 and 8) winning the Macclesfield and District Championships. The Inters had no individual event winners but gained victory with a strong team performance. G Drury, F Lacey, G Boustany, H Stewart and the 4x100m relay team, all finished in 2nd places. The Juniors produced three individual successes with C Hanak winning the 800m, J Kenny the shot putt and J Duncan the discus. Seven boys were selected from this to represent Macclesfield and District at the Cheshire championships: the individual winners plus H Johnson [high jump], H Hayward [200m], B Mason [shot] and T Mort [200m].

For the second year a Macclesfield Schools Athletics' League was organised which provided regular competition with meetings being held on every Thursday of the first half of term. The Junior boys and Year 7s both won their age groups with a host of excellent performances being witnessed.

One of the highlights of the term again proved to be the King's relays meeting. On a fine sunny afternoon at the Macclesfield athletics track, over two hundred boys from eight different schools competed in an excellent competition. Stockport GS was the overall winner with the Year 8 team performing with most credit for King's, finishing in third position.

The Year 8 and Year 10 teams entered the English Schools cup event and both gave very good performances. The Year 8 team finished first out of twelve schools with T Mort and M Parker giving excellent performances in their events, which provided many of the team's overall points. For the first time for a number of years, the team qualified for the Regional B final where they again competed with credit, finishing 7th. The Year 10s finished 4th in their heat also, narrowly missing qualification for the finals.

King's experienced mixed results in the Track league. The first meeting this year was hosted by King's and the Year 8s achieved the best results and finished in second place, out of the 4 competing schools. However, at the second meeting at Bramhall HS, all the teams gave an excellent account of themselves. The Year 10s and Year 7s both finished first with the Years

9 and 8 placed second, so that the school finished in a pleasing second place overall.

The success in the Track league was a prelude to a satisfying second half term for the teams. In the fixture at Sandbach School, Years 10, 9, and 7 all won in a triangular match whilst the Year 8s came second. The following week, a full Track and Field meeting was held at Cheadle Hulme with the honours being shared, the hosts winning at Years 9 and 7, and King's at Years 10 and 8.

Before half term, the Macclesfield and District championship for Year 7s had taken place, with the boys' team finishing a very creditable second. Excellent performances were given by a number of boys, the most notable being J Hughes, who won the long jump, A Feldman, who won the javelin and the 4x100m relay team who also came first. On the back of this success, the following boys were selected to represent the District at the Cheshire Minors Championships: the individual winners as above and D Naismith in the 800m, J Ireland in the high jump and T Lynch in the hurdles.

In the inter-form competitions, the winners and runners-up respectively were: Year 7 JAIM and 7SLS, Year 8 ZA and JN, and in Year 9 DG and KB.

DMH

Girls' Division

The athletics season was a busy and exciting one with many opportunities for competition and some outstanding individual and team performances. The season began early with the Macclesfield and District Athletics league in which the Junior (Years 8 and 9) team were second out of 7 schools and the Minors (Year 7) were first, with 86 points ahead of the second-placed school. This early success was to set the scene for the rest of the season.

In the Macclesfield and District Athletics championships all teams performed well. The Year 7 team won overall with 21 points clear of the second school and the Years 8 and 9 team finished in second place, just one point behind the winners. There were impressive individual performances from Olivia Bollington who was first in 100m, Beth Burrows first in 1500m, Katie Fray first in shot putt and the relay team ran an impressive race finishing in first place. These girls plus Emily Mort, and Jennifer

Shering represented Macclesfield at the County Athletics Championships in Warrington. Olivia Bollington won the 100m and is therefore the Cheshire County Champion for 100m. Olivia clearly has a great athletic future ahead of her. She was awarded U12 Athlete of the Year at the Sports Awards evening where her mother Sandra (née Douglas, a 1992 Olympics 4 x 400m relay Bronze medallist) awarded the trophies.

In the Year 8 and 9 team Rafia Aslam and Laura Venables finished in first and second place in 100m and long jump respectively. Lara Knowles and Holly Smith came third in the 1500m and 800m respectively and the relay team finished second. Rafia represented Macclesfield in the long jump at the County Championships and finished in 3rd place and Laura Venables took part in the 75m hurdles, finishing fourth, both setting new school records for their events. Lara Knowles ran a very respectable 1500m for Macclesfield at the County Championships also. At the Sports awards evening Laura Venables was presented with U13 Athlete of the Year and Rafia Aslam was awarded U14 Athlete of the Year.



The Inter girls' team had fewer representatives this year but nevertheless there were some pleasing performances from Emily Pasquale in the shot putt and Jae Bowers in the javelin: both girls represented Macclesfield at the County Championships.

King's was invited to a Track relays competition at Stockport Grammar School, which was a great event. There were some really gritty performances from King's athletes and the competition was fiercely exciting.

Other Sport

Overall, King's finished second to SGS with just three points separating the teams. At the annual match against Cheadle Hulme School, the Year 7s and 8s won both track and field events overall, but the Year 9 team was sadly diminished due to the Year 9 camp in Edale. However, a hot summer's evening was enjoyed by all and the competitors returned weary, but proud of their performances.

The English Schools Athletics Association Schools cup competition was another successful event this year. In the first round held at Crewe, the Year 9 and 10 team finished 9th out of 16 schools but the Year 7 and 8 team won the competition with a team total of 262 points. This qualified them for the NW Regional B Final competition in Warrington where all team members performed to their limits, achieving 35 points more than in round one, to give a total of 297 points, placing them in fifth place out of ten teams.

The season culminated in the ESAA National Athletics Championships on 10th and 11th July in which two King's girls represented Cheshire. This is a prestigious event at which athletes compete against the best athletes in the country from the 46 counties of England and the Channel Islands. Alix Barton (Year 11) competed in the Inter Girls Hammer, throwing 29.91m in her pool. She didn't make the final but with a couple of years more coaching and experience, she should have further opportunities at this event. Rebecca Craigie (Year 12) however, ran a very strong and impressive 1500m in 4. 26:60s, obtaining the national standard qualifying time and placing her second in the country.

This was a superb finish to a thoroughly successful season in which potential athletic talent was very evident. Congratulations to all the athletes who were involved.

LB

Junior Division

Junior Athletes enjoyed a very good season, culminating in a wonderful evening at the Macclesfield and District Primary Schools Championship in June. King's athletes reached all the track finals and won a clutch of medals both on the track and in the field. The final 4x100m relay events were the perfect finale and both King's boys and girls secured gold in these finals in impressive style. They were

overall winners in all three categories and were presented with the boys', girls' and the combined trophies for the first time in many years. Junior athletics captains Sophia Bird and Alex Krajewski were very proud to collect these awards on behalf of the team.

Other notable successes during the season included a gold medal at the AJIS Athletics championship for Alex Krajewski in the high jump. Alex leaped to an impressive 1.50m, winning personal best jump, and is developing as a talented and versatile athlete.

Congratulations go to all the athletes who trained hard and competed with spirit and determination throughout the season.

DCB

Basketball

This year has been one of success and progression, with our players becoming more skilful and athletic. The number of players throughout the year increased with a first team competing in the England U19 competition. The team suffered from the loss at the end of Year 11 of five of the most experienced players. However, they were replaced by newcomers to the game who very rapidly adapted to the higher standard of play. The team lost all four games, but by declining margins, and improved to the extent that they enter next season confident of being competitive from the start. The first team squad included boys from Years 9, 10, 11 and 12. In addition, the school had teams at Year 11 and Year 9. The Year 11 team played Eaton Bank School, previous local league champions, and lost narrowly. The year ended on two high notes: Sixth Form girls began training with the intention of creating a women's team next season and eight boys obtained their Level 1 Basketball Coaching Award. Four of those students will be available in the next academic year to assist with the coaching of the lower school and female teams, so we should see even better results.

We look forward to a steady growth in playing numbers next season and particularly the opportunity through the New England Schools Basketball format competitions, organized by the local Schools Sports Partnership, to obtain competitive matches on a regular basis.

Bill Baxter, Coach

Biathlon

Hannah Hills again confirmed her prowess in this event by winning the senior girls' age group at the NW event in October but, unfortunately she was unable to compete in the national finals, due to ill-health.

Eight enthusiastic Year 7s enjoyed success at the regional schools' event at Wavertree in Liverpool. The first three in the squad qualified as a team for the national finals. Rebecca Hughes achieved 5th position and qualified by right and, together with Beth Burrows and Sophia Sparrow, enjoyed the spectacle and wonderful facilities of a national event at the University of Bath in February. Finishing positions were 26th, 52nd and 60th respectively, which gave the team overall 6th. Particular congratulations must go to Rebecca on her fine swim in which she gained 5th place nationally.

Competitors comprised: Year 7 Faye Beaumont, Beth Burrows, Anja Knudsen, Rebecca Hughes, Jennifer Lane, Francesca Millin, Sophia Sparrow and Annabel Thomson; Year 8 Alix Davies; Year 9 Lara Knowles.

DMB

Cheerleading

You cannot beat the buzz of a cheerleading competition. After a year of hard work preparing for just 2 minutes and 30 seconds on the competition floor, a team must show everyone what it can do. The British Schools Cheerleading Championships were held at Manchester Velodrome on 28th June. Four teams took part, involving 94 King's pupils in 4 different categories. The girls performed their routines flawlessly, hitting all their stunts, showing their high level gymnastics skills and dance/jumps with good technique and the atmosphere in the arena when the girls competed was uplifting and infectious. The teams had that extra sparkle which made the audience and judges remember them out of all the thousands of cheerleaders that took part.

King's achieved their best results yet: King's Kittens (Year 7) were 1st in KS3 large squad; King's Simbas (Year 8) were 1st in KS3 Advanced; King's Cubs (Years 9/10) were 2nd in KS4 Advanced, and King's Lions (6th form) were 1st in KS5 advanced. The captains and vice-captains did an exceptional job in guiding their teams to

National Champion status. They were: Year 7 Captain Beth Burrows, Vice-captains Katharine Fray and Roseanna McBrinn; Year 8 Captain Kate Williams and Vice-captain Alix Davies; Years 9/10 Captain Chloe Venables and Vice-captain Katie Mellor; 6th form Captain Eilidh Cornish and Vice-captain Charlotte Attenborough.

RB

Football

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

U11

The team played a variety of games against local primary schools in the league and 7 a-side competitions, together with fixtures against other independent schools. This brought mixed success, with wins being enjoyed against St John's, Marlborough, Dean Valley and Park Royal, whilst in the AJIS Cup a 4-2 victory over St Mary's, Crosby resulted in reaching the Quarter-Finals. Unfortunately, at this stage King's came up against a strong King Edward & Queen Mary's side and were defeated 5-2.

Overall, this has been a very enjoyable season, with good progress made and a hard-working attitude shown throughout. Thanks go to all of the boys and their parents for their support. Junior Football Colours were awarded to the captain George Phelan and Ashley Barrett.

U10

The team played a number of competitive 7 a-side fixtures against other competitor schools. Overall, it was a difficult season, with a series of defeats against some very strong opposition. However, despite this, the boys' attitude in training never faltered and this will certainly stand them in good stead as they look to improve in Year 6.

U9

Fixtures were played in both the AJIS Festival at Liverpool College and in the local Macclesfield Primary Schools' event at Fence Avenue. In the former, two 5 a-side teams performed with success, with the B team winning 3, drawing 2 and losing just 1 of their 6 matches. The A team drew

3 and lost 3 of their games, albeit in a very tough pool. In the local event A, B and C teams were entered with the majority of the matches being won. The A team performed particularly well, winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 1 of their 5 matches. This is clearly a talented age group, which should do well as they move through the Juniors.

MKW

Netball

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The Senior Netball Team enjoyed regular Wednesday afternoon fixtures and training, during which much time was spent on fitness and team tactics. In the Macclesfield and District Netball League, the girls finished joint runners-up with many successes against the local schools. The squad also played in the Macclesfield and District Adult League and won all but one of their games. At the U19 Cheshire County Tournament, the squad got to the semi-final stages where they lost to Fallibroome who were eventual winners.

U16

This squad displayed remarkable talent both in individual skill and in

intelligence, grasping all the concepts of teamwork, tactics and strategies. They enjoyed victories against Stockport Grammar School and QEGS Blackburn but narrowly lost by 1 goal to Cheadle. At the U16 Cheshire County Tournament, the girls enjoyed a great day of excellent netball, but finished 4th out of 16 teams. The squad also enjoyed regular fixtures in the local Macclesfield adult league, where they won all their matches.

U15

The U15 netball squad is a developing squad with huge potential. They are an extremely competitive group of girls and have a huge desire for success. Unfortunately, the girls were unable to get through to the finals of the Cheshire County Tournament this year but were placed 3rd in the Macclesfield District League. The girls produced some highly competitive netball in the HMC Tournament but the highlight of the season for the U15 squad came in the final match of the season against Stockport Grammar. At half time Stockport Grammar were winning 13-8. Through pure grit, determination and desire, the U15s managed to pull the game back to a 17-17 final score, which was a fitting end to a mixed netball season. Con-



Other Sport

gratulations went to Elizabeth Bell on being selected for the Derbyshire County Netball squad.

CJC

U14

Within the squad there were two Cheshire County players, Charlotte Stafford and Katie Powell, and two Cheshire satellite players, Jenny Calnan and Luisa Bianchi: generally too, the team exhibited significant maturity and potential. In the Cheshire County Tournament, the squad produced some outstanding netball: they faced Upton in the semi-final in a keenly fought contest, but Upton beat Kings 9-5, and went on to win the tournament. The squad represented Cheshire in the North West round of the National Schools Netball Tournament and were runners-up in the Macclesfield District League having won all of their games.

CJC

U13

This squad consisted of some very able players and a regular 20-25 attended training throughout the season. In the Macclesfield and District League, the squad only lost one match to eventual winners, Falibroome, so were runners-up. They were invited to tournaments at Mount St Mary's, an HMC Tournament at QEGS Blackburn and the Cheshire County Tournament at Hartford, where they finished in the top 5 on every occasion. Several girls attended Cheshire County trials with Katie Cornish, Keren Edge and Megan Wilson getting through to the final trials.

U12

A small squad of girls regularly attended practices and played in the Macclesfield and District Netball League. The A team won 4 out of 9 matches and finished in 5th place overall. On Saturdays, they played fixtures against other independent schools and had some mixed results but generally improved throughout the season. In March, they finished in 3rd place in the Macclesfield and District Netball tournament which was most encouraging for next season.

Junior Netball

The U11 netball team, captained by Imogen McCance, had a great season, not losing a single match all year. At the AJIS tournament in March, they won all their group matches easily



and went on to play Estcourt in the semi final. The score was 5 all at full time and the girls went on to lose by 3-2 in extra time, to the eventual winners of the tournament. This is the only match they lost all season, out of a total of 20 matches. The A team went on to win the local Macclesfield Primary Schools' High Five tournament on 21st March, beating four schools in the group stages, St John's by 5-2 in the semi final, and Nether Alderley by 6-2 in the final. They accepted their trophy with a rousing chorus of *Thank you Very Much* from the musical *Scrooge*. The U10 team had a mixed season, winning 6 out of their 12 matches. They took part in a charity tournament in May where they dressed in bizarre, brightly coloured clothing. This didn't put off the B team, who came home with the trophy. U9 played two fixtures against Stockport Grammar, winning 3 games and losing 3 games.

NS

Orienteering

The school team attended 18 fixtures across the North West of England, East & West Midlands and Yorkshire. As well as the established orienteers, several newcomers to the sport joined the orienteering team. Most notable were Fergus Ryan, Rory Davies, Jordan Grocott and Alex Grocott. Later on in the term, Anton Petho complemented his already accomplished outdoor skills by attending a number of evening events. He improved quickly and shows real promise for the future. It was good to welcome back Jonathan Emery, who had rested for a term. Jonathan has some good personal battles with Michael Jacot who continues to improve. Michael and Richard Barratt also attended some events.

Once again the quickest two orienteers were Elliot and Sean Malkin. Both produced excellent results over the year. Elliot put himself in contention to be picked to represent England, but again just missed out. He did however win a number of large events throughout the year. We will watch Elliot's progress at Oxford with interest.

COD/PJC

Rounders

U15

This was a short season, once again affected by the weather. The U15 team was an enthusiastic group of girls with lots of commitment. The highlight was beating Lady Manners 14 and ½ rounders to 5.

CJC

U12

The team enjoyed a good season of rounders, winning almost all of their matches. There was some excellent batting from Faye Beaumont and Jennifer Shering and very consistent fielding skills from all players. Sophie Quinn was awarded Player of the Year for her mature and perceptive fielding and particularly accurate bowling.

Junior Rounders

Sixty Year 5 and Year 6 girls attended after-school practices every Wednesday. There was a long list of fixtures but unfortunately the weather made it difficult for play to proceed. The Year 6A team won two matches and drew another, demonstrating a high level of skill in all areas of the game. The Year 5 team also played two fixtures which they greatly enjoyed.

The House Rounders competition was played by teams of Year 5 and Year 6 girls. After a close tournament, played in a very friendly spirit, the trophy was won by Adlington.

JC

Swimming

Unfortunately, there were only three events for our swimmers to compete in this year. The first was the Alderley Edge and Bollin Valley Rotary Club sponsored Swimathon which took place in November. Eight girls from Year 9 used it as a means of some community service and as part of the Girls' Division fundraising effort for the local hospice. Chloe Abbott, Carrie Alderley, Jess Burns, Laura Booth,

Sarah Branley, Sarah Mycock, Sarah Pearson and Eve Worthington swam over 300 lengths in 55 minutes.

Not everyone was available the next day, Sunday 23 November, for The Division 2 English Schools' Team championships, staged at the Birkenhead Europa Pool. However the stalwarts of the school squad senior boys, Tom Gilsean, Dan Cotterill, Jonny Ratcliffe and Alex Eyre, swam some impressive times against some of the top schools in the NW. They achieved 4th and 6th places respectively in the freestyle and medley relays, which bodes well for next year when they will be top of their age group. The same lads enjoyed the high powered competition at the Manchester Grammar School Invitational Sutton trophy Gala in March. Battling against schools such as Merchant Taylors', Lancaster Grammar, NULS, MGS, Canon Slade to mention a few, the boys swam fantastic races to come 4th in the medley final and were just pipped out of the freestyle final, but then beaten into 3rd in the B final.

Since the teams could comprise of any combination of swimmers, the Colts age group was made up of under-age Aaron McCloskey, Jess Burns, Laura Booth and Sarah Pearson who enjoyed the experience but unfortunately were much outclassed by the older and predominantly boys' teams.

DMB

Junior swimming

Junior swimmers have continued to perform extremely well and the swimming team have enjoyed another successful season, competing in regional and local inter-school events.

The first event of the swimming year in October was the AJIS gala for boys held at Merchant Taylors' School in Crosby. Ted Heywood achieved an impressive silver medal in the U10 4x25m Individual Medley event. Poppy Kirk managed to equal this achievement when the girls competed in their AJIS event at St Edward's School in Runnymede. Rowena Moores also swam in this popular but challenging individual event and won bronze. She was able to add two silver medals to her tally as the U11 girls were placed second in both the Medley and the Freestyle relay finals. This year, the Year 6 team performed extremely well throughout the gala and their strength in depth was rewarded. Congratulations went to Rowena Moores, Grace Pulley,

Emily Robinson, Anna Howarth and Mimi Stevens.

Early in December, the school team competed in a gala against Cheadle Hulme School. Thirty swimmers from Years 4, 5 and 6 swam in over 25 events, providing spectators with some excellent racing to cheer and admire. The King's team was very proud to secure an overall victory.

In the spring, the team swam in the local Macclesfield and District event and enjoyed an exciting evening of competition. King's Juniors retained the Winner's Shield in impressive style.

The swimming year concluded with the house swimming galas. All competitors took part with enthusiasm and talent: the Upper Junior cup was won by Capesthorpe and the Lower Junior cup was won by Gawsorth.

Swimming captains, Rowena Moores and Harry Jaques, made significant contributions to another successful swimming year.

DCB

Trampolining

King's trampolinists' hard work and dedication to the sport paid off this year with it being their most successful yet. Fifty King's pupils, from Year 4 through to Year 11, took part in the first round of the North West Championships. Eight King's teams qualified through to the next round with the U13 novice girls, U11 novice boys, U11 novice girls, U11 elite girls' team A, U13 elite girls, U13 elite boys all placed 1st and the U15 girls' novice and U11 girls' elite team B placed

2nd. Five individuals also qualified through with Rowena Moores (Year 6) and Emily Robinson (Year 6) placing 1st, Dan Hinchcliffe (Year 7), Katie Cornish (Year 8) and Alex Fray (Year 4) placing 2nd in their categories.

The North of Britain round was held at Malbank Sixth Form College in Nantwich. All teams performed well with 5 out of the eight teams qualifying through to the British Championships: U11 elite girls (Rowena Moores, Fiona Cornish, Charlotte Horne, Hannah Barker), U13 elite girls (Katie Cornish, Beth Burrows, Katharine Fray and Justine Blake), U13 elite boys (Daniel Hinchcliffe, Tom Eastgate, Jonathan Pinches) U11 novice boys (Alex Fray, Harry Pinches, Ben Lynch, Sammy Chong), U11 elite girls (Jessie Milton-Edwards, Antonia Bianchi, Emily Robinson, Erica Jones).

For 5 teams to qualify successfully to the British Championships is a huge achievement, showing not only are the pupils dedicated to their sport but that they have performed consistently at each stage and handled the pressure of the competition well. The U13 girls' elite team went through to win the British title, which is an exceptional achievement. The U11 boys' novice team and U11 girls' novice team were placed 3rd and the U13 boys' elite were 2nd. The U11 girls' elite were 4th with Rowena Moores placing 3rd in the country individually.

Overall, King's was the most frequently represented school on the podium: we should be very proud of all who took part and their impressive achievement.

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C Fico, Licence Lettres et Civilisations Etrangères (BA), Université de Haute-Alsace, PGCE, University of Manchester

R N Jackson, BA Hons, University of Manchester, Comparative Religion, PGCE, University of Manchester

Miss V Smalley, BA Hons, University of Nottingham, French & Hispanic Studies, PGCE, University of Manchester

Mrs D Threlfall, BA Hons, West Surrey College of Art & Design, Textiles, PGCE, London (Goldsmiths)

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A T Jackson, BA Hons, Wolverhampton Polytechnic, Art; PGCE, Manchester

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Mrs B D Livesley, BA Hons, University of Manchester, French Studies; PGCE, Keele

J P Reilly, BSc Hons, Manchester Metropolitan University, Information Technology; PGCE, Edge Hill

Mrs S J Robinson, BSc, University of Salford, Social Sciences; PGCE, Manchester

R Rule, BA Hons, Durham University, Economics, PGCE Manchester

Miss S L Smith, MA, University of Manchester, Modern Languages; PGCE, Manchester

G A Wright, BA Hons, Liverpool University, History; PGCE, Manchester

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Miss E De Maine, BA Hons, History, Lancaster University; PGCE, Lancaster

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Mrs J H Panton, BA Hons, University of Birmingham, Russian Language and Literature, PGCE (Primary), Manchester

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Mrs J T Sykes, Certificate of Education, Mary Ward College

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Mrs G N Barber, Teaching Assistant

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Mrs F McArthur, Careers Officer, Cumberland Street

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C Moores, Groundsman

S Moores, Commercial Manager, Head Groundsman, i/c Cricket

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Mrs A P Powell, SRN, SCM, Foundation Nurse

Mrs J Quoroll, Catering Manager, Fence Avenue

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Mrs S Searle, Teaching Assistant

Mrs M E Smith, School Shop Manageress

Mrs L Snook, BA, Library Assistant

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Mrs J M Wheeler, Boys' Division Secretary

Mrs K L Wilkinson, After-School Supervisor

Mrs L Wilson, Library Assistant

Coaches

B Edwards - sailing

L A Batchelor - squash

P Allen - rugby

D Thomson - rugby/cricket

G Morrissey - rugby

R Barker - hockey

R J Chadwick - rugby

A2/AS Results 2009

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; S: Spanish; SpStd: Sport and PE.

Arnold, H B (AS), ELang, E, Ps
 Arnstein, H..... B, Geol (AS), GStd (AS), Ps
 Bailey, C..... Ec, Ger, H (AS), Mu
 Baker, K..... B, H, Pol (AS), Ps
 Bamford, R..... B, C, M, FM (AS), Ps
 Barson, J..... CT (AS), ELang, F (AS), H, L
 Beard, A..... BStd, B, C (AS), Geol, Ps (AS)
 Berry, V..... B, C, GStd (AS), M, Ps (AS)
 Bloom, M Ec, E, Phil, Pol (AS)
 Board, P..... BStd, ELang (AS), Ps, S
 Boustany, E Ec, G, RStd
 Bowman, D..... C, CT (AS), H (AS), M, P
 Braddock, J BStd, E (AS), H, Ps
 Brierley, E..... BStd, C (AS), ELang, GStd (AS), Ps (AS)
 Bryant, F..... BStd, IT, M (AS), Ps
 Bryant, T BStd, ELang, M, P (AS)
 Buckley, M..... Comp, GStd (AS), M, Mu, P (AS)
 Burns, N..... BStd (AS), D&T, Ec, G, Ps (AS)
 Burrows, S CC, H, Ps
 Byrne, G..... A&D, BStd, Ps
 Cockill, H BStd (AS), CC, E, Ps
 Conway, M B, C, CT (AS), M (AS), Ps
 Cox, D A&D, Comp (AS), IT, RStd
 Davies, E..... Ec, H, M, Ps (AS)
 Dawson, M..... Ec (AS), ELang, F, Ps
 Deakin, N..... B, GStd (AS), Phil, Ps
 Diamond, J B, C, E (AS), Ps
 Dunne, G BStd, D&T (AS), G, SpStd
 Ecclestone, T..... B, C, M, FM (AS), P
 Faddoul, G..... ELang, E, H (AS), Ps
 Firth, H..... Ec, E, F, H
 Floyd, A..... CT (AS), E (AS), Phil, Ps, RStd
 Foreman, B..... BStd (AS), Ec, G, H, M (AS)
 Fraser, H..... Ec, F, Ger (AS), S
 Gales, S..... B, C, M, FM, P
 Gibson, C..... B, C (AS), Comp, H, M (AS)
 Gibson, J A&D, BStd, D&T (AS), IT
 Glen, A..... BStd, B (AS), D&T, G
 Gradwell, T BStd (AS), Ec (AS), G, Ger (AS), RStd
 Green, A..... C (AS), Ec, M, Ps
 Hall, C..... B, C (AS), Geol, Ger, GStd (AS)

Hanson, J Ec, G, M, P (AS)
 Harding, D..... BStd, M (AS), Ps, RStd
 Hardy, G A&D (AS), B (AS), CC, Phil (AS), Ps
 Hasbullah, A B, C, D&T (AS), Ps
 Hay, J..... B, C, M, FM, P (AS)
 Hills, H..... B (AS), C, M, FM (AS), P
 Hinchcliffe, R..... A&D, BStd, B (AS), G (AS)
 Hopping, S..... B, C, G, Ps
 Howick, O..... A&D, A&D (AS), ELang, F (AS), G
 Humphrey, P BStd, M (AS), Ps (AS), RStd
 Jairath, A..... BStd, B, GStd (AS), Ps
 Jennings, T..... GStd (AS), RStd, S
 Johnson, Z B, C (AS), F, Ger
 Kay, J Ec, E, H (AS), Phil
 Kimber, H B, C, M (AS), Ps
 Law, C C, ELang (AS), G, Ps
 Lawrence, D..... BStd, ELang, RStd (AS), SpStd
 Lob, K B, C, Geol, GStd (AS)
 Lomas, J..... BStd, B (AS), Ps, SpStd
 Lord, G A&D, D&T, F, M (AS)
 Malkin, E C, D&T (AS), M, FM, P
 Mandalia, K..... C, Ec, M Ps (AS)
 Marshall, J C, F (AS), M, FM, P
 Marshall, W CT (AS), H, Mu (AS), Phil, Ps
 Matthewson, A C, Ec, M, FM (AS), P (AS)
 Mayers, H..... ELang, Ger (AS), H, Pol (AS), Ps
 McCulloch, A B, C, F, Ger
 McGregor, R Comp, M, FM, P
 Mellor, R..... B, C, H, Ps
 Mills, J A&D, C (AS), F, H
 Monroe, L..... BStd, Ec, G, GStd (AS), SpStd (AS)
 Morgan, H..... A&D, E (AS), H, Ps
 Murray, M..... B, C, M, FM, P (AS)
 Mycock, K..... BStd, B, G, Mu
 Nicholas, L B, F, P (AS), Ps
 North, K..... C (AS), F, M, FM, Phil
 O'Connor, P B, C (AS), E, GStd (AS), Ps
 Ormrod Morley, C Ger, Mu, P
 Patrick, C..... B, C, G, M
 Pickering, S CC, E (AS), GStd (AS), H, RStd
 Pollock, C BStd, Ec (AS), Ps, RStd
 Porter, R C, Ec, M, FM (AS), Pol (AS)
 Rathi, J BStd, B (AS), G, Ps
 Rees, T..... BStd (AS), D&T, Ec, M (AS), P
 Reeves, M..... Ec (AS), F, G, L
 Rhodes, H..... B, C, F, M
 Rhodes, N BStd, G, H, Pol (AS), Ps (AS)
 Roast, C Comp, D&T (AS), GStd (AS), M, P
 Roberts, J BStd, H, Ps, RStd (AS)
 Rogerson, A BStd, Ec, ELang (AS), H
 Saxon, R BStd, Ec, Geol (AS), H, Pol (AS)
 Scott, C..... H, M (AS), P, Ps

Appendix 2 Examination Results

Shadwell, J	Ec, E (AS), RStd, S
Shribman, H	C, E, G, M (AS)
Slack, A	BStd, D&T, G (AS), GStd (AS), P (AS)
Smith, A	B, C, Geol, G
Smithson, J	BStd, Ec (AS), G, GStd (AS), Ps
Snape, A	Comp, D&T (AS), GStd (AS), M, P
Sodha, P	B, C, Mu
Stockwin, S	C (AS), Ec, G, GStd (AS), M
Stott-Sugden, E	A&D, CC, GStd (AS), Ps (AS), RStd
Strother, M	C, CT (AS), Ger (AS), M, P
Sugden, R	C, F, M, S
Tillmanns, K	B, C (AS), Ger, Ps
Tweedie, J	B, C, Ps
Usher, S	BStd, B, C (AS), Pol, Ps (AS)
Vlissidis, J	BStd, B (AS), C, H
Vohra, S	C, F (AS), H, Mu
Walsh, H	BStd, B (AS), ELang, Pol (AS), Ps
Wanjau, W	A&D, ELang, Ger (AS), Ps
Waters, M	BStd, ELang, H (AS), Pol (AS), Ps
Weston, T	BStd (AS), Ec, C, P (AS), Pol (AS)
Williams, A	Ec, ELang, E (AS), H
Williams, D	Ec (AS), G, H, RStd
Williams, H	C, F (AS), G, M, FM (AS)
Wilson, A	C, F (AS), M, FM, Ps
Wood, A	BStd (AS), C, Geol (AS), M, P
Wood, H	BStd (AS), B, C (AS), Geol, RStd (AS)
Woodley, H	Ec (AS), ELang, G, GStd (AS), H
Wynne, M	A&D (AS), BStd (AS), Ps, RStd
Yarwood, F	A&D (AS), B, D&T, E

Duncan C	D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, Ger, M, RE
Edgar K	B, C, E, EL, F, HI, L, M, P
Falder R	Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, M, RE, D&T
Fancy H	A&D, B, C, E, EL, G, P
Forbes H	Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, Ger, HI, M
Foreman A	A&D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, HI, M
Gillian P	A&D, B, C, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, P
Hennell G	B, C, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, P, RE
Higginson R	A&D, D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, HI, M
Higham H	Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, HI, M, RE
Holland P	Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, HI, M, D&T
Holt K	B, C, E, EL, G, Ger, M, Mu, P
How L	B, C, E, EL, F, G, Ger, HI, M, P
Howlett C	B, C, D, E, EL, G, Ger, M, P
Jacobsen A	D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, Mu
Kett E	Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, HI, M, Mu
Khan K	B, C, E, EL, Ger, M, P, RE, D&T
Kimber F	D, B, C, E, EL, G, Ger, M, P
Lawrence K	E, EL, F, Ger, Mu, RE
Lewis R	B, C, E, EL, F, M, Mu, P, Sp
Main S	B, C, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, Mu, P
Males R	A&D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, HI, M
Mason S	B, C, E, EL, F, G, HI, M, P
May V	B, C, E, EL, F, HI, M, P, Sp
McCleen H	Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, Ger, HI, M
Meakin Y	B, C, E, EL, Ger, HI, L, M, P
Merchant L	A&D, B, C, E, EL, G, Ger, M, P
Murphy H	B, C, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, P, RE
Paton L	D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, Ger, M, RE
Pickering K	Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, Ger, HI, M, RE
Rangeley E	Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, M, RE, D&T
Reeves C	Sa, Sc, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, RE, D
Reid K	Sa, Sc, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, Mu, RE
Robson E	A&D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, RE
Ross M	Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, HI, L, M, RE
Rossetti V	D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, HI, M, RE
Rushton H	B, C, D, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, P
Salehin S	B, C, E, EL, F, HI, M, Mu, P
Schofield V	B, C, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, P, RE
Shannon M	A&D, B, C, E, EL, F, Ger, M, P
Shercliff E	A&D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, HI, M
Steward I	D, Sc, E, EL, F, G, HI
Stringer E	Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, RE, D&T
Sugden H	B, C, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, P, RE
Sutton M	B, C, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, P, RE
Taylor A	Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, HI, M, D&T
Thornycroft M	A&D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, HI, M
Thornley J	, D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, M, RE
Vlissidis C	B, C, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, P, RE
Wilkinson I	Sa, Sc, E, EL, Ger, HI, L, M, RE
Wilson J	B, C, E, EL, F, G, HI, M, P
Withington R	B, C, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, P, RE

GCSE Results 2009

Key: A&D: Art & Design; As: Astronomy; 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; S: Sport; Sa: Science Additional; Sc: Science Core; Sp: Spanish; St: Statistics.

The following candidates gained grades A*-C.

Girls' Division

Barton A	A&D, As, B, C, E, EL, F, L, M, P
Bates R	B, C, E, EL, G, Ger, M, Mu, P
Beard H	B, C, E, EL, Ger, M, P, RE, D&T
Bell E	A&D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, HI, L, M
Bowman E	B, C, E, EL, F, G, M, P, D&T
Bridge S	B, C, E, EL, Ger, M, P, RE, D&T
Butterworth E	Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, Ger, HI, M
Byrne I	A&D, B, C, D, E, EL, F, M, P
Cann R	A&D, B, C, E, EL, F, G, M, P
Clifford J	D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, HI, M, Sp
Cox G	D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, RE

Boys' Division

Key: A&D: Art & Design; As: Astronomy; 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; S: Sport; Sa: Science Additional; Sc: Science Core; Sp: Spanish; St: Statistics.

The following candidates gained grades A*-C.

Andrews A..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, Mu, D&T
 Armitage J..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, Fr, G, HI, M, RE
 Ayling S..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, HI, M
 Balcombe E..... B, C, E, EL, G, Ger, M, PH, D&T
 Banks K..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, HI, M, RE, Sp
 Barratt M..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, HI, M, Mu, D&T
 Baston T..... B, C, E, EL, F, L, M, Mu, PH
 Beaumont J..... B, C, E, EL, F, G, HI, M, PH
 Blackaby H..... B, C, E, EL, G, Ger, M, Mu, PH
 Board J..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, M, RE, D&T
 Boustany G..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, HI, M, Sp
 Bowyer J..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, HI, M, D&T
 Brady K..... B, C, E, EL, F, G, Ger, M, PH
 Bremner A..... B, C, E, EL, F, G, HI, M, PH
 Bridge T..... B, C, E, EL, F, G, M, PH, D&T
 Brown C..... B, C, E, EL, F, G, HI, M, PH
 Brown E..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, HI, D&T
 Bull R..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, HI, M, Sp, D&T
 Chandler M..... B, C, E, EL, Ger, L, M, PH, D&T
 Chatwin R..... A&D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, Ger, HI, M
 Clarke A..... B, C, E, EL, HI, M, PH, D&T
 Clarke J..... B, C, E, EL, G, Ger, HI, M, PH
 Collins O..... A&D, Sa, Sc, EL, Ger, M, Sp, D&T
 Derrig D..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, HI, M, D&T
 Downs J..... B, C, D, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, PH
 Drury G..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, HI, M, RE, S
 Elliott R..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, Ger, M, Sp
 Emery S..... A&D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, M, D&T
 Faddoul J..... B, C, D, E, EL, F, M, Mu, PH
 Fletcher J..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, L, M, D&T
 Fogg D..... D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, HI, M
 Fox J..... B, C, E, EL, G, Ger, HI, M, PH
 Frankell A..... B, C, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, Mu, PH
 Franks A..... A&D, D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, Ger, HI, M
 Fray C..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, Ger, HI, M, Sp
 Gachet L..... D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, HI, M, RE
 Gilman C..... B, C, E, EL, F, G, M, PH, D&T
 Greenway J..... A&D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, HI, M
 Griffiths J..... B, C, E, EL, F, G, HI, M, PH
 Hanson W..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, Ger, HI, L, M, RE
 Harris M..... B, C, E, EL, F, HI, L, M, PH
 Hill T..... B, C, E, EL, G, Ger, M, PH, D&T
 Hobson S..... B, C, E, EL, F, G, M, PH, D&T
 Holden J..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, Ger, HI, M, Mu, RE

Holroyd D..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, HI, M, RE
 Hope O..... A&D, D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, HI, M
 Howarth-Johnson E..... B, C, E, EL, G, HI, M, PH
 Hughan A..... D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, M, RE
 Jones C..... B, C, E, EL, F, G, HI, M, PH
 Jones M..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, M, RE, D&T
 Jones S..... D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, Mu
 Kenny H..... B, C, E, EL, G, Ger, HI, M, PH
 Kidd C..... A&D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, Ger, HI, M
 Knowles J..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, Ger, HI, L, M, Sp
 Lacey F..... B, C, E, EL, F, G, Ger, M, PH
 Livesley T..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, Ger, M, RE, D&T
 Lovatt A..... B, C, D, E, EL, Ger, HI, PH
 Malkin S..... B, C, E, EL, F, L, M, PH, D&T
 Marsden J..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, Ger, L, M
 McGowan-Fazakerley J... Sa, Sc, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, RE, Sp
 McPake C..... B, C, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, PH, D&T
 Meadowcroft C..... B, C, E, EL, G, Ger, M, PH, D&T
 Mellor G..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, HI, M, D&T
 Millward-McNaught C.... D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, M, D&T
 Mitchell R..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, HI, M, D&T
 Morris R..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, HI, M
 Morrison J..... B, C, E, EL, F, L, M, Mu, PH
 Mountney A..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, RE, D&T
 Nixon P..... B, C, E, EL, F, G, Ger, M, PH
 Ottaway S..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, HI, L, M
 Parris M..... B, C, E, EL, F, G, M, PH, D&T
 Pearson K..... B, C, E, EL, F, HI, L, M, PH
 Penney M..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, Ger, HI, M
 Porteous B..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, HI, L, M, RE
 Porter J..... B, C, D, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, PH
 Porter S..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, HI, M, D&T
 Purdham J..... A&D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, HI, M
 Pye C..... A&D, Sa, Sc, EL, G, Ger, M, D&T
 Rathbone T..... A&D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, M, D&T
 Rodman S..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, HI, M, RE
 Rushmer E..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, HI, M, RE
 Sampson J..... B, C, E, EL, G, Ger, M, PH, D&T
 Saxon T..... B, C, E, EL, F, HI, L, M, PH
 Seddon J..... A&D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, M
 Smith C..... B, C, E, EL, G, Ger, HI, M, PH
 Spencer L..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, G, HI, M, Sp
 Stubbs J..... B, C, E, EL, F, HI, L, M, PH
 Sully D..... A&D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, Ger, HI, L, M
 Taylor A..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, HI, M, RE
 Thorp M..... A&D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, HI, M
 Travis S..... B, C, E, EL, Ger, HI, M, PH, D&T
 Traynor J..... A&D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, F, HI, M, Sp
 Trollope R..... Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, HI, M
 Whittle A..... B, C, E, EL, HI
 Williams O..... A&D, D, Sa, Sc, E, EL, G, Ger, M

Appendix 3 Higher Education

Pupils Admitted to Higher Education 2009

Name	Destination	Subject
Arnold, H		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Arnstein, H	Chester	Animal Behaviour and Welfare (2010)
Bailey, C	Hull	German with Business
Baker, K	Nottingham	History
Bamford, R	St Andrews	Medicine (BSc Honours)
Barson, J	Manchester	Politics and Modern History
Beard, A	Sheffield Hallam	Criminology and Psychology
Berry, V	Bristol	Medical Microbiology
Bloom, M		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Board, P		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Boustany, E		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Bowman, D	Warwick	Physics
Braddock, J	Sheffield	Business Management
Brierley, E		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Bryant, F		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Bryant, T	Loughborough	Construction Engineering Management (4 year SW)
Buckley, M	Bangor	Computer Science
Burns, N	KCL	Business Management
Burrows, S		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Byrne, G	Manchester Metropolitan	Art Foundation
Cockill, H	Sheffield Hallam	Hospitality Business Management with Conference & Events
Conway, M	Staffordshire	Forensic Biology
Cox, D	Tees	Computer Games Design
Davies, E	Bangor	Accounting and Finance
Dawson, M	Southampton	Contemporary Europe (4 years)
Deakin, N	Sheffield Hallam	Occupational Therapy
Diamond, J	Leeds	Biochemistry with Molecular Biology
Dunne, G	Nottingham Trent	Coaching and Sport Science (2010)
Ecclestone, T	Loughborough	Chemical Engineering (4 year MEng)
Faddoul, G	Birmingham	Drama and English Language
Firth, H	Exeter	History and Politics (Cornwall campus)
Floyd, A	Manchester	Study of Religion and Theology
Foreman, B		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Fraser, H	Bath	Modern Languages and European Studies (French and Spanish)
Gales, S	Cambridge	Natural Sciences (2010)
Gibson, C	Hull	Computer Science
Gibson, J	Manchester Metropolitan	Art Foundation
Glen, A		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Gradwell, T	Myerscough	Golf Management
Green, A	Sheffield	Chemical Engineering with Management
Hall, C		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Hanson, J		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Harding, D	Durham	Education Studies (Philosophy)
Hardy, G	Glasgow School of Art	Fine Art - Photography (2010)
Hasbullah, A	Birmingham	Dental Hygiene and Therapy (2010)
Hay, J	Cambridge	Natural Sciences
Hills, H		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Hinchcliffe, R	Manchester Metropolitan	Art Foundation
Hopping, S	Newcastle	Medicine (stage 1 entry)
Howick, O	Manchester Metropolitan	Art Foundation
Humphrey, P	Hull	Business (International) (4 years)
Jairath, A	Leeds	Neuroscience
Jennings, T	Chester	Multimedia Technologies (2010)
Johnson, Z	Bristol	French and German (4 years)
Kay, J	Warwick	Philosophy
Kimber, H		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Law, C	Birmingham	Chemistry
Lawrence, D	Sheffield Hallam	Sport Business Management (2010)
Lob, K	Sheffield	Archaeological Science (3 years)

Lomas, J	Durham	Sport (2010)
Lord, G	Glasgow School of Art	Product Design
Malkin, E	Oxford	Mathematics (3 or 4 years)
Mandalia, K		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Marshall, J	Imperial	Aeronautical Engineering
Marshall, W	Essex	Philosophy
Matthewson, A	Sheffield	Chemistry (4 years)
Mayers, H	Nottingham	Law
McCulloch, A	Leeds	Medicine (2010)
McGregor, R	Sheffield	Physics with Computer Science (4 years)
Mellor, R	Cardiff	Dentistry (first year entry) (2010)
Mills, J		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Monro, L	Manchester	Geography
Morgan, H	Macclesfield College	Art Foundation
Morrissey, G	Cambridge	Medicine
Murray, M	Cambridge	Natural Sciences
Mycock, K	Sheffield	Business Management
Nicholas, L	Liverpool	Diagnostic Radiography
North, K	Oxford	Mathematics and Philosophy (4 years)
O'Connor, P	Leeds	Law (3 years)
Ormrod Morley, C	Keele	Music and Physics
Patrick, C	Sheffield	Biochemistry (4 years)
Pickering, S	Durham	Theology
Pollock, C		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Porter, R	Newcastle	Economics
Rathi, J	Newcastle	Marketing and Management
Rees, T		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Reeves, M	Queen Mary's	Geography
Rhodes, H	Durham	Zoology (with Industrial Placement) (2010)
Rhodes, N	Birmingham	Accounting and Finance (2010)
Roast, C	Birmingham	Computer Science
Roberts, J	Bangor	Psychology
Rogerson, A	Manchester	Law
Saxon, R	Reading	Real Estate
Scott, C	Warwick	History
Shadwell, J		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Shribman, H	Cambridge	Archaeology and Anthropology
Slack, A	Reading	Quantity Surveying
Smith, A	Cambridge	Geography (2010)
Smithson, J		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Snape, A		Art Foundation
Sodha, P	Bristol	Neuroscience (2010)
Stockwin, S		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Stott-Sugden, E	Liverpool	Geology and Physical Geography
Strother, M	Bath	Automotive Engineering (5 year sandwich)
Sugden, R	Cambridge	Modern and Medieval Languages
Tillmanns, K	Newcastle	Psychology
Tweedie, J	Sheffield Hallam	Psychology
Usher, S	Nottingham	Psychology (2010)
Vlissidis, J	Nottingham Trent	Psychology & Criminology (2010)
Vohra, S	York	Archaeology/History (Equal)
Walsh, H		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Wanjau, W	Chelsea College of Art	Art Foundation
Waters, M	Sheffield Hallam	LLB (Law)
Weston, T	Nottingham Trent	History (Joint Honours)
Williams, A	Bournemouth	Scriptwriting for Film and Television
Williams, D	Worcester	Management
Williams, H	West of England	Geography and Environmental Management
Wilson, A	Oxford	Law
Wood, A	Nottingham	Chemistry with a Year in Industry
Wood, H	Nottingham Trent	Real Estate Management
Woodley, H		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Wynne, M		UCAS application to be made in 2010
Yarwood, F	University of the Arts London	Product Design (2010)

Appendix 4 Awards & Prizes

Distinctions in Public Examinations

A & AS Level

Pupils with 5 A grades

Sarah Gales

Pupils with 4 A grades

Rebecca Bamford
James Hay
Stephen Hopping
Elliot Malkin
Johny Marshall
Amy McCulloch
Robert McGregor

Becky Mellor
Matthew Murray
Katherine North
Harriet Rhodes
Alison Smith
Rebecca Sugden

Pupils with 3 A grades

Joseph Barson
Natalie Burns
Martin Dawson
Anthony Floyd
Holly Fraser
Ali Glen
Alex Green
David Harding
Zoe Johnson
James Kay
Gemma Lord

Amy Matthewson
Howard Mayers
Katie Mycock
Patrick O'Connor
Calum Patrick
Adam Rogerson
Caitlin Scott
Howard Shribman
Michael Strother
Sophie Usher
Amy Wilson

GCSE

Pupils with at least 8 A*/As

Kester Banks
Alix Barton
Tom Baston
Emelia Bell
George Boustany
Thomas Bridge
Charles Brown
Richard Bull
Emma Butterworth
Rebecca Cann
Robin Chatwin
Jilly Clifford
Grace Cox
Katherine Edgar
Ross Elliott
Joseph Faddoul
Rebecca Falder
Harriet Forbes
James Fox
Charles Gilman
Jem Greenway
Will Hanson
Matthew Harris
Grace Hennell
Rebecca Higginson
Hannah Higham
Jeremy Holden
Lauren How
Charlotte Howlett
Amy Jacobsen
Harry Kenny

Jake Knowles
Fraser Lacey
Rosie Lewis
Sean Malkin
Jonathan Marsden
Victoria May
Hollie McClean
Cameron McPake
Joe Morrison
Hannah Murphy
Peter Nixon
Keir Pearson
Katie Pickering
Charlotte Reeves
Katie Reid
Ellie Robson
Molly Ross
Sumaiya Salehin
Jonathan Sampson
Meli Shannon
Ellie Shercliff
Christopher Smith
James Spencer
Jonny Stubbs
Hannah Sugden
Alice Taylor
Matthew Thorp
Clare Vlissidis
Isabel Wilkinson
Jenny Wilson
Rachel Withington

Special Prizes

Head of Foundation's Prize,
Senior Orchestral joint Prize

Amy Matthewson

School Prizes (all age groups)

Sainter (for scientific research),
Biology, Physics, Chemistry,
Mathematics (Mechanics),
Development Trust Scholarship
Major Award
Maimi Wright for Computing
Ben Davies (Poetry)
Dr Norman Maurice *Arclex* Prize
Selwyn Russell Jones Sports Prize
Thornber Chemistry Development
Prize, General Studies (T B Cartwright)
Marcall- Costello Award for Endeavour
in German
Ken Brookfield Elizabethan Prize,
History, English and Religious Studies
(Thorneycroft) Prizes
I A Wilson Economics Scholarship

Sarah Gales
Robert McGregor
Nick Harrington
Kanza Khan
Katherine Baker
Victoria Berry
Sarah Branley
Kester Banks
Rebecca Craigie

Retiring Prizes

Tom North
Andrew Green
Verna Costello
Gill Parry
Frank Walker

Hiba Kokan
Sophie Vohra
Rachael Bates
Nathan Wanjau
Sarah Regan

Upper School Prizes

Art (Selwyn Russell Jones)
Business Studies joint Prize

Design and Technology
Classics (Wilmot), History (C A Bradley)
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)
Economics (Canon F W Paul) Prize,
English Language, Psychology
English Literature
French (William Broster)
Development Trust
Scholarship Major Award
German (J O Nicholson)
Geography, Geology,
Development Trust
Scholarship Award
History
Mathematics: Statistics
Mathematics Double
Music
Philosophy, Theatre Arts Prize
Politics, Development Trust
Scholarship Award

Olivia Howick
Sophie Usher
Jessica Braddock
Gemma Lord
Joe Barson
Anthony Floyd
Sam Stockwin
Martin Dawson
Howard Shribman

Rebecca Sugden
Zoe Johnson

Alison Smith
Caitlin Scott
Katherine North
Elliot Malkin
Priya Sodha
James Kay

Howard Mayers

Appendix 4 Awards & Prizes

Senior Choral Prize	James Hay
Senior Orchestral joint Prize	Allie Potter
Ron Darlington Jazz Prize	Charles Ormrod Morley
Senior Reading	Alexandra Smith
Simon Schuler Computing Prize	James Gibson
Physical Education Studies	Jimmy Lomas

Development Trust Scholarships

Major Award	Stephen Hopping
Award	Claire Hall Jonty Marshall Matthew Murray

Middle School Prizes (Boys' Division)

Deryck Siddall Cup	Jonathan Marsden
Art & Design	Robin Chatwin
Biology	Keir Pearson
Chemistry	Jonathan Stubbs
Design Technology (Graphic Products)	Timothy Hill
Design & Technology (Resistant Materials)	Richard Bull
French, German, Dual Science	Will Hanson
Geography	Charles Brown
Latin	Sam Ottaway
Mathematics, Music	Tom Baston
Physics	Tim Saxon
Spanish, Macclesfield Grammar School Challenge Cup	Jake Knowles
Theatre Arts, Best All Rounder Cup	Cameron McPake
Middle School Reading Prize, 9KB/JPR	George Walker
Year 7 General Science Prize	Tom Eastgate
Year 8 General Science Prize	Edward Nathan
Year 7 Achiever's Cup	Jamie Edgerton
Year 8 Achiever's Cup	David Marchington
Year 9 Achiever's Cup	Christopher Hanak
Year 10 Challenge Cup, 10CJM, Year 10 Research Major Award	Richard Barratt
Principal's Prize	Elliott Howarth-Johnson
Boys' Division Council Cup	Fraser Lacey

Year 10 Research Prizes (Boys' Division)

Major Awards	Sam Thomas Angus Quinn Yiyu Xiang James Gwatkin
Award	Thomas Stevenson

Lower School Prizes (Boys' Division)

Junior Choral Prize	Aaron Shaughnessy
Junior Orchestral	William Strutt

Form Prizes (Boys' Division)

10DMH, Year 10 Research Award	Sean Wilson
10SHW, Year 10 Research Award	Euan Scott

10DTB, Year 10 Research Major Award	David Ormrod Morley
9AR	Jamie Hammill
9DG	Will Haynes
9GAW	Anton Petho
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)	Jamie Duncan
8PAUT	Isaac Reaney
8JN/RR	Edward Laughton
8ZA	Thomas Cann
8MMA	Richard Southern
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)	Tom Meadows
7JAIM	Dougie Naismith
7LCD	Christopher Noxon
7SLS/CAM	Nick Gale
7FW	Rory Heywood
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)	Alexander Moore

Middle School Prizes (Girls' Division)

Macclesfield High School 'Best All-Rounder' Cup	Rebecca Higginson
Art & Design	
Anne Craig French Prize	Melisande Shannon
Biology	Hannah Murphy
Design & Technology (Resistant Materials)	Alice Taylor
Chemistry	Hannah Sugden
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft), Girls' Division Council Cup, History Essay Prize	Isabel Wilkinson
Dual Award Science, Music	Amy Jacobsen
English, German	Katie Reid
French	Molly Ross
Geography	Charlotte Howlett
History, Latin	Emelia Bell
Mathematics	Rebecca Cann
Physics, Anne Cohen Prize for Astronomy	Alix Barton
Spanish	Rosie Lewis
Theatre Arts	Naomi Gildert
Middle School Reading, Principal's Prize, Jenny Lee Mathematics Prize, Year 10 Research Major Award	Bridie Thompson
Year 7 Endeavour Cup	Mioni Armstrong
Year 9 Achiever's Cup, 9AJB	Hanja Dickinson
Victrix Ludorum Cup (Sports), Macclesfield High School Somerville Challenge Cup	Rafia Aslam
Macclesfield High School Susan Russell Jones Cup for German	Hannah Higham
Macclesfield High School Isobel Day Cup for French	Molly Chapman
Sue Bream Crystal Star	Lara Knowles
Year 7 General Science Prize, Religious Studies (Thorneycroft)	Anusha Shafi
Year 8 General Science Prize	Laura Embrey
	Hattie McCance

Appendix 4 Awards & Prizes

Year 10 Research projects (Girls' Division)

Major Awards	Megan Jackson Elizabeth Jessop Mollie Heywood
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Lower School Prizes (Girls' Division)

Junior Choral	Juliette Gorb
Junior Orchestral	Clare MacKinnon

Form Prizes (Girls' Division)

10ESc	Georgina Lucas
10CHB	Katie Trollope
10HLB	Annie Edgerton
10VCo	Hannah Chadwick
9LFA	Holly E Smith
9REC	Joanne Hughes
<i>Religious Studies (Thornecroft)</i>	Eleanor Boardman
8LB	Charlotte Liebezeit
8DRM	Justine Blake
8SJH	Annie Brooks
<i>Religious Studies (Thornecroft)</i>	Anna Townley
7LAC	Sophie Elton
7CJAF	Jenna Self
7VHS	Hannah Scott

Other Prizes

Robert Batchelor Prizes

Junior Division	Honor Price
Junior Division	Oliver Papadimitriou
Girls' Division	Alice MacKinnon
Boys' Division	Joe Hale

Junior Division Prizes

English: Reading	Matthew Brooks
English: Speaking	Henry Reavey
English: Writing	William Fox
Mathematics	Dmitri Whitmore
Science	Holly Brierley
Geography	Gregg Booker
History	Sophia Bird
French	Alex Blyth
Art, Design & Technology	Emily Roberts
Music	Francesca Rijks
ICT	Joshua Towne
Religious Education	Francesca Robbins
Physical Education	Eleanor Bird
Swimming	Harry Jaques
Games: Boys	George Phelan
Games: Girls	Imogen McCance

Form Prizes

First Form Prize

6JEB	Sarah Laughton
6MW	Robin Laughton
6PA	Alex Krajewski
5AGE	Sameera Lyons
5EDM	Zarin Salehin
5NS	Sam Brindle
4JC	Fionn Carman
4KW/VA	Lauren Hayward
4SEO	Chloë Henshaw
3JP	Thomas Carter
3LC	Harry Wallace
3RJH	Charlotte Wardle

Second Form Prize

5AGE	Amber Murray
5EDM	Eleanor Collett
5NS	Eleanor Toms
4JC	Amy Towne
4KW/VA	Molly Bessell
4SEO	William Laird
3JP	Joshua Clayfield
3LC	Harry Pinches
3RJH	Charlie Toms

Endeavour Prize

6JEB	Louise Marchington
6MW	Hannah Barker
6PA	Imogen Hanson
5AGE	Max Watt
5EDM	Alex Gruber
5NS	Poppy Kirk
4JC	Victoria Richardson
4KW/VA	Rosalind Armstrong
4SEO	James Crummack
3JP	Jasmine Amos
3LC	Izzy Stevens
3RJH	Adele Le Moignan

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

Mrs C J Hulme Y6	Verity Griffin
Musical Production Prize	Millie Turner
Ridings Best All-Rounder Cups	Alex Krajewski Rowena Moores

Autumn Term 2008

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Boys' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Thomas Cann	Alto Saxophone	3	120 Merit
Jamie Irving	Piano	4	131 Dist
Tom Rheinberg	Trumpet	4	127 Merit
Matthew Self	Piano	3	103 Pass
Dom Sheratte	Jazz Alto Sax	2	132 Dist
Kamlesh Sodha	Trumpet	5	113 Pass
William Strutt	Horn	4	133 Dist
George Walker	Clarinet	2	116 Pass
Chris Watt	Piano	1	115 Pass
Edward Whitehead	Euphonium	4	113 Pass
Charles Whelan	Euphonium	3	107 Pass

Girls' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Louise Bates	Violin	4	120 Merit
Elizabeth Jessop	Singing	3	105 Pass
Clare Mackinnon	Singing	5	121 Merit
Victoria May	Singing	5	107 Pass
Sarah Mycock	Violin	5	117 Pass
Lydia Myers	Singing	1	113 Pass
Holly Pinkham	Clarinet	4	100 Pass
Sophie Preece	Piano	2	109 Pass
Katie Robertson	Trumpet	1	113 Pass
Jenna Self	Singing	2	117 Pass
Eleanor Strutt	Cello	4	122 Merit
Rosie Swinhoe	Singing	4	109 Pass
Mary Thorp	Violin	5	116 Pass

Junior Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Imogen Hansen	Singing	1	133 Dist
Chloe Henshaw	Piano	1	116 Pass
Thomas Lawrence	Violin	P	Pre
Ben Lynch	Piano	2	105 Pass
Cameron Mckinnon	Piano	1	124 Merit
Theo Naylor	Bassoon	1	131 Dist
Tomek Pozniak	Piano	1	120 Merit
Daniel Southern	Piano	2	111 Pass
Henry Strutt	Singing	3	121 Merit

Trinity/Guildhall Examinations

Sixth Form

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Michael Buckley	Piano	6	60 Pass
James Kay	Drum Kit	5	89 Dist

Boys' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Joseph Butcher	Drum Kit	3	75 Merit
Lawrence Collins	Drum Kit	2	89 Dist
Jonathan Emery	Drum Kit	3	90 Dist
Harry Frost	Drum Kit	1	87 Dist
Daniel Hinchcliffe	Drum Kit	2	94 Dist
Joshua Keeling	Drum Kit	2	93 Dist
Liam McGivern	Drum Kit	1	93 Dist
James Raval	Piano	3	75 Merit
James Raval	Saxophone	4	77 Merit
Aaron Shaughnessy	Flute	3	83 Merit
Iain Smith	Drum Kit	3	87 Dist

Girls' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Amelia Beresford	Flute	3	75 Merit
Justine Blake	Flute	4	87 Dist

Ellie Boardman	Flute	3	67 Pass
Gabriella Brough	Flute	5	71 Pass
Amy Higginbotham	Flute	6	76 Merit
Rebecca Lowndes	Flute	3	67 Pass
Madeleine Pickles	Drum Kit	4	61 Pass
Holly Traynor	Flute	2	77 Merit

Junior Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Finlay Calder	Drum Kit	1	61 Pass
James Crummack	Drum Kit	1	91 Dist
Callum Evans	Viola	Initial	80 Merit
Jessica Gardiner	Keyboard	1	81 Merit
Ben Lynch	Recorder	3	71 Pass
Helen Lyons	Flute	4	81 Merit
Oliver Macfadyen	Drum Kit	2	84 Dist
Louise Marchington	Flute	2	87 Dist
Helen Moore	Flute	1	83 Merit
Tom Simkins	Drum Kit	1	67 Pass
Sam Stevenson	Keyboard	Initial	84 Merit

Spring Term 2009

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Katherine North	Violin	8	102 Pass
Gemma Lord	Guitar	5	100 Pass
Alison Smith	Guitar	7	110 Pass
Elliot Malkin	Guitar	7	122 Merit

Boys' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Jack Brierley	Trumpet	3	114 Pass
Nicholas Harrington	Trumpet	5	125 Merit
Jonathan Pinches	Horn	2	130 Dist
George Walker	Guitar	2	118 Pass

Girls' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Sacha Allen	Piano	2	120 Merit
Laura Embrey	Piano	3	148 Dist
Amy Jacobsen	Piano	4	121 Merit
Charlotte James	Piano	2	124 Merit
Emily Mort	Piano	1	123 Merit
Charlotte Sampson	Piano	5	133 Dist
Anna Steward	Piano	3	120 Merit
Eleanor Strutt	Piano	5	108 Pass
Mary Thorp	Piano	4	127 Merit

Junior Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Aidan Carman	Piano	Prep Test	
Sam Stokes	Piano	Prep Test	
Fionn Carman	Piano	1	125 Merit
Alex Fray	Guitar	1	125 Merit
Adam Garnett	Guitar	2	116 Pass
Anna Howarth	Piano	2	120 Merit
Thomas Huddy	Trumpet	2	120 Merit
Robin Laughton	Guitar	1	124 Merit
Zarin Salehin	Piano	4	124 Merit
Sarah Stockman	Piano	1	123 Merit

Associated Board Theory Examinations

Name	Grade	Result
Louise Bates	3	70 Pass
Laura Embrey	7	85 Merit
Alexandra Smith	5	73 Pass
William Strutt	5	80 Merit

Appendix 5 Music Examinations

Trinity/Guildhall Examinations

Sixth Form

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Matthew King	Flute	8	70 Pass
Carys Ward	Flute	6	75 Merit

Boys' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
James Atkin	Keyboard	Initial	76 Merit
Harrison Blackaby	Flute	7	82 Merit
Sam Howell	Piano	6	73 Pass
Alex Voysey	Viola	4	78 Merit

Girls' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Niamh Burke	Flute	5	68 Pass
Pippa Forsythe	Bassoon	2	80 Merit
Emma Simpson	Keyboard	3	76 Merit
Issy Shone	Flute	3	78 Merit
Jenny Shone	Flute	3	84 Merit
Amy Tudge	Flute	4	72 Pass
Eve Worthington	Flute	5	90 Dist

Junior Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Ben Amey	Recorder	2	78 Merit
Florence Bradshaw	Violin	Initial	85 Merit
Fiona Hepworth	Oboe	1	82 Merit
Nicole Hughes	Oboe	1	84 Merit
Rebecca Ions	Recorder	1	79 Merit
Bethany Ireland	Flute	1	81 Merit
Alex Krajewski	Keyboard	2	72 Pass
Lucy Miller	Flute	3	76 Merit
Honor Price	Keyboard	1	88 Dist
Grace Pulley	Flute	3	73 Pass
Francesca Robbins	Piano	1	78 Merit
Karl Southern	Flute	1	76 Merit
Amy Towne	Flute	1	87 Dist

Summer Term 2009

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Anna Beesley	Viola	8	132 Dist
Max Elliott	Organ	5	133 Dist
Amy Matthewson	Singing	8	136 Dist
Howard Shribman	Piano	1	128 Merit
Alexandra Smith	Singing	8	122 Merit
Alison Smith	Singing	8	130 Dist
Sophie Vohra	Singing	8	126 Merit

Boys' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Jamie Edgerton	Clarinet	4	133 Dist
Jack Hammersley	Alto Saxophone	1	124 Merit
James Ireland	Trumpet	1	123 Merit
Joseph Murphy	Clarinet	3	122 Merit
Anton Petho	Trombone	1	106 Pass
Tom Rheinberg	Trumpet	5	116 Pass
Daniel Southern	Alto Saxophone	1	125 Merit
William Strutt	Horn	5	124 Merit

Girls' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Josephine Bray	B Flat Cornet	3	101 Pass
Hiba Kokan	Violin	3	117 Pass
Jennifer Lane	Horn	2	112 Pass

Charlotte Liebezeit	Piano	4	110 Pass
Alice Mackinnon	Violin	3	110 Pass
Francesca Millin	B Flat Cornet	2	112 Pass
Charlotte Newton	Flute	3	108 Pass
Sophie Quinn	Jazz Alto Sax	2	127 Merit
Abbie Richardson	Singing	1	120 Merit
Eleanor Strutt	Cello	5	114 Pass

Junior Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Georgina Boden	Piano	Prep Test	
Alex Clarke	Piano	Prep Test	
Daisy Hammersley	Piano	Prep Test	
Elena Boden	Piano	1	115 Pass
Matthew Brooks	Piano	2	112 Pass
Katie Hayward	Clarinet	1	122 Merit
Charlotte Horne	Piano	2	120 Merit
Helen Moore	Piano	2	113 Pass
Rowena Moores	Singing	1	128 Merit
Theo Naylor	Bassoon	2	122 Merit
Alicia Roberts	Singing	1	128 Merit
Henry Strutt	Violin	3	117 Pass

Associated Board Theory Examinations

Name	Grade	Result
Steve Carpenter	5	76 Pass
Elizabeth Marshall	5	66 Pass
Zarin Salehin	3	80 Merit
Eleanor Strutt	5	84 Merit

Trinity/Guildhall Examinations

Sixth Form

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Hannah James	Flute	6	68 Pass

Boys' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Richard Barratt	Viola	5	77 Merit
Joe Hale	Flute	4	77 Merit
Jordan Holt	Flute	5	77 Merit
Tom Lynch	Flute	3	80 Merit
Thom Murray	Keyboard	1	87 Dist

Girls' Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Mioni Armstong	Piano	1	87 Dist
Ellen Barratt	Flute	6	68 Pass
Beth Burrows	Flute	1	87 Dist
Hannah Higham	Flute	7	60 Pass
Rebecca Humphreys	Flute	4	80 Merit
Lydia Myers	Violin	2	61 Pass
Charlotte Newton	Violin	Initial	84 Merit
Emily Pegg	Flute	5	70 Pass
Fleur Robinson	Keyboard	Initial	96 Dist
Sumaiya Salehin	Flute	7	80 Merit
Sophia Sparrow	Piano	1	92 Dist
Rosie Taylor	Drum Kit	3	69 Pass

Junior Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Oliver Andrews	Viola	Initial	85 Merit
Callum Evans	Viola	1	71 Pass
Helen Moore	Flute	2	84 Merit
Timothy Moores	Violin	2	60 Pass
Amber Murray	Flute	2	89 Dist
William Thomson	Violin	2	70 Pass
Olivia Shaughnessy	Flute	1	87 Dist
Elizabeth Stephenson	Flute	1	89 Dist