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The King's School in Macclesfield

I hope that you find this magazine a powerful celebration of the flourishing curricular and extra-curricular life of King's, and of the many and varied achievements of our pupils. The year saw the development of new curriculums in each of our divisions, including an innovative approach to linear A Levels in the Sixth Form. Combined with our new 6-period school day, we have completed a significant updating of our core educational offer. This includes the Learning Challenge Curriculum in the Infant and Junior Division, and the introduction of King's Learning Habits in the Seniors. Unsurprisingly, our pupils have responded well and feedback from students and parents has been incredibly positive, with notably higher engagement by pupils in their own learning and the further development of truly independent learning skills.

One of our school aims is to support parents in raising ambitious and well-rounded individuals. As you flick through the following pages, you will no doubt recognise many of our pupils' efforts and successes. I hope

too that you will take away a sense that King's is an institution that remains as ambitious for its future as we are for the futures of our pupils. Ambition is also much in evidence through the 2020 Vision, our aim to ensure the continuing success of the School by bringing together each of our four Divisions onto a single site adjacent to the Derby Playing Fields.

It is because we are ambitious, that we are continuing to invest in the present as eagerly as we plan for the future. Last year saw the completion of our most recent Strategic Education Plan. As I look back over the past few years, I cannot resist a fleeting moment of pride in the scale of our achievements, but that is soon overwhelmed by the sensation of gratitude to my colleagues who have made so much possible. Physical changes often get disproportionate attention in schools because they are easy to observe and catalogue. This summer, for example, we have completed the Westminster Road Pavilion, the final part of the upgrade to sports facilities for the benefit of

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all our Juniors and Seniors, and we have also refurbished the boys' and girls' showers and changing facilities, along with much else besides. As important as these physical changes, is the progress we have been making in terms of the quality of education we provide. I think this has been tangible.

It is with considerable satisfaction therefore, that I am able to record once again the excellent results achieved by our students in this summer's public examinations. To match last year's school record for success at A*-B at A Level was a special achievement. The

results saw the third successive rise in our value added scores, which attempt to measure the students' results against baseline ability. Of course, what matters most for the Sixth Formers is admission to their preferred course at the university of their choosing. We were delighted that all of our students holding offers for the most competitive courses achieved their grades, including the fourteen individuals headed for careers in medicine, dentistry and veterinary science. At GCSE level, individual successes abounded and, overall, students achieved 83% of all grades at A*-B and 25% at A*.



Not to be outdone, our Year 6 pupils achieved very notable success in their end of year exams. A remarkable third of the year group achieved Level 6 in one or more areas of Reading, Writing and Maths. Of the 58 children, 19% achieved Level 6 in Maths, 17% Level 6 in Reading and 14% in Writing: these results should be compared with national averages of 1%. The success of the Infant and Junior Division is not just measured in levels, or even cups, trophies and West End-style productions, but in its ethos. In a word, it

is a happy place to be. That happens not by accident, but by design. The job the staff do is extraordinary: it is one reason why the Division has seen such an increase in demand for places. Educationalists have long known that investment in primary education has a greater impact on the life-chances of children than investment at any other stage.

Last year, saw the retirement of a number of long-serving colleagues including Chris Maudsley and Phil Colville from the Maths Department, Anne Eardley from the Infant and Junior Division and more recently Learning Support, Stephen Carpenter from Physics and Dr Linda Craig from the History Department. Promotion beckoned for Hannah Barton and Catherine Bailey, both of whom joined Stockport Grammar School. Paula Percival was appointed Registrar at Manchester High School for Girls, whilst Jo Anderson left us to take up the Headship of Bury Girls' Grammar School. Full tributes to these and other colleagues can be found in *Hail and Farewell*.

I would also like to welcome formally, a number of new faces, including Dr Julie Cocker, who joins us as Sixth Form Principal, and Mrs Helen Broadley, who becomes our

Principal of the Girls' Division. In wishing them well, I would like to record the School's debt to Mrs Ruth Roberts for her tireless four-year stewardship of the Sixth Form. Ruth is one of the finest colleagues that it has been my privilege to work with and I am delighted that she will remain with us on a part-time basis as Senior Teacher. New faces on the Governing Body include Cllr Liz Durham, who succeeds Cllr Janet Jackson as Mayor of Macclesfield, Margaret Longden, who brings much business and commercial experience alongside her role as a current parent, and Simon Barriskell, whose financial acumen will find a home on our Finance and General Purposes Committee.

In December, three members of the Governing Body retire on the completion of their terms of office. Brigadier Kim Ross has been a valued member of our Fundraising and Bursary Committee as well as a long-serving supporter of the Friends of King's. Alan McInnes also serves on the Fundraising and Bursary Committee, providing an essential link with the Former Pupils' Association, whilst also helping to raise thousands of pounds through the annual Bursary Golf day. Arthur Dicken started his association with

King's as a consultant, but was soon encouraged to join the Governing Body as the Lord Lieutenant's representative. Over the years, he has given unrivalled service to King's as a former Chair and Vice Chair of Governors. I owe Arthur a particular debt of gratitude as he not only appointed me in 2011, but it was his initial encouragement and enthusiasm that saw the 2020 project launched in 2012.

At Prize Giving in September, I made reference to some of my holiday reading, including Theodore Roosevelt's History of the United States. Roosevelt wrote: 'The life that is worth living, and the only life that is worth living, is the life of effort, the life of effort to attain what is worth striving for.' I hope and trust that this mantra is being instilled in our pupils, from the start of their educational journey right through to when they leave King's for new lives beyond. We remain committed to challenging every one of our pupils to aspire to great things, take risks, work hard and to seek to enjoy themselves along the way.

Simon Hyde



Creative Work

Jessica Cooke Pre-School

Jessica painted this beautiful picture of her Grandma because she is a very special person.



Olivia MacCormack Reception

The reception children were very excited to show each other what they had done during their half term holiday. They painted pictures of themselves and wrote a sentence to tell everyone where they went.



I Went to the beach at Anglesey.
By Olivia

One day in an African jungle there was a Hyena who was called Harisar and she had a magnificent harp. She was proud, boastful and mean. One day the sky God Nyame came to get the harp. He asked if he could have it but Harisar boomed and said "No!" Nyame disappeared completely. The next day Rose the butterfly came to get the harp. Harisar said "Looking for me Rose? Rose said "Err... No just admiring your extraordinary harp. Rose fluttered away. Next the polly polly bird Polly flew to get the harp. Harisar said "Looking for me? Polly squawked "Err... No just admiring your amazing harp. Polly swooped away. Early the next morning the Rino Horny went to get the Harp. Harisar said, "Looking for me Horny? Horny said "Err... No just admiring your stupendous Harp. He stomped away. Next day the clever spider Scuttle Bot came to get the harp. He said to Harisar "Nyame has a bigger harp. Harisar said, "What!" "Well I can fit in my harp." said Harisar. Harisar got tangled up. Scuttle Bot pushed the harp the way to Nyame. Nyame was very proud of Scuttle Bot. He played the harp with its beautiful music and they all had a fantastic dance. Scuttle Bot asked for his reward which was hairs for his legs and Nyame gave them to him.

Cora Seth Year 1

This is an un-edited piece of creative writing from Cora, showing her mature level of punctuation, content and story-telling.

Poppy Fletcher Year 2

Year 2 learned how to use silk paints and gutta to produce fabulous bright pictures for their Indian topic.



Connie Roden Year 3

Egyptian Cartouche

Year 3 found out about Egyptian writing and made their own papyrus paper before writing their names in hieroglyphics enclosed in a cartouche, which makes them as important as a Pharaoh.



Oliver Creighton Year 4

Oliver wrote a fearsome description of the monster Grendel, from the Anglo-Saxon epic tale of Beowulf. He created some fantastic images using similes and adjectives.

Smoke as purple as the essence of death from the devil's vile soul, teeth as razor sharp as glass. Poison dripping from the skin, claws like legendary dragon teeth. Ears that hear for miles. He moves sluggishly, rarely he moves faster than the strike of lightning. He is as quiet as the deepest, darkest area in space time. Into the swamp it flunked with a savage smash of its enormous grey body into the green bog. Floating in rage it fell and swirled.

Madi Baxter Year 4
Viking Shield

Year 4 looked at the Sutton Hoo ship burial during their topic on the Anglo-Saxons in Britain and painted detailed pictures of the amazing artefacts found there. They then moved on to the invasion of the Vikings and designed shields using Viking 'ribbon' swirl motifs.



Louis Lau Year 5

As part of his learning challenge on Aztec Mexico, Year 5 pupil Louis Lau produced this stunning mask following his studies of Aztec artefacts and craftsmanship in turquoise.

The Lost Soldier

His hands covered in dry blood,
Paralysed with fear,
Parched lips open as if in silent prayer,
A muffled squeal escapes him,
My shaking arm reaches out,
But he's gone, slipping down the side
of the trench,
Never to be seen again.
Now it's me who's paralysed,
And all I can see in my mind's eye
Is his fretful face,
His shirt snagged with barbed wire,
The mud plastered on his trousers,
And the wooden hole that gave him
shelter.

To all you boys who long to be soldiers,
To do your bit in the war
T'is you who ought to go
And undo every wasteful wish,
To be a soldier lad.

Emma Graham Year 6

Emma's poem received a special commendation from the Imperial War Museum North.

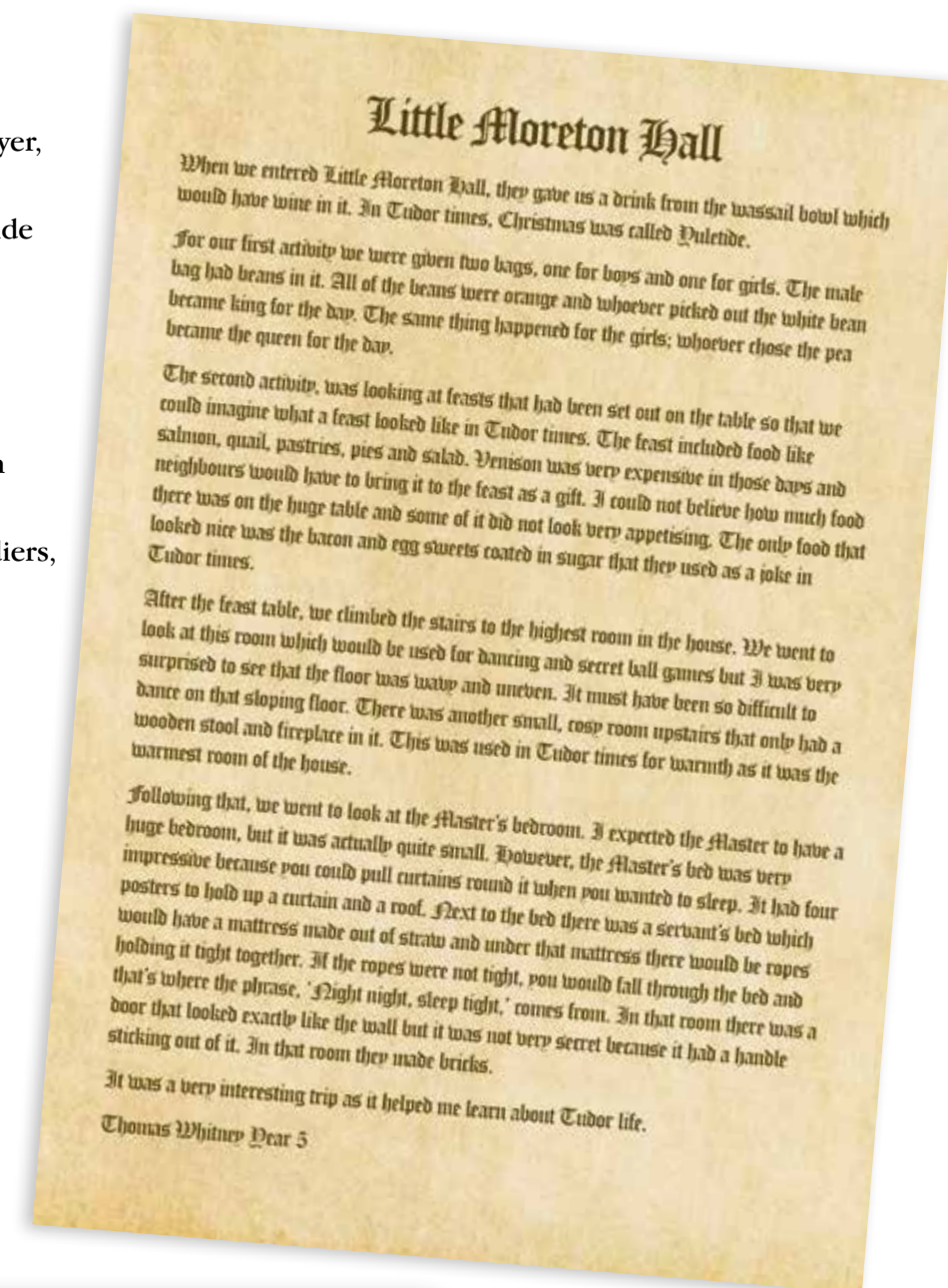


Thomas Whitney Year 5

In the autumn term, Year 5 investigated what life would have been like in Tudor times. Part of this topic included a visit to Little Moreton Hall where pupils experienced first-hand Tudor life. Upon his return, Thomas wrote this report of his visit.

Sam Danson Year 6

Year 6 studied the ways in which erosion and other natural forces shape the coast. They looked at the landscape paintings of Claude Monet and then sketched their own interpretations of a coastal scene, using the effects of light and shadows that Monet used in his impressionist paintings.



The Promise

The Stone had always been there. Even in myths and legends, the Stone and the Promise had always been mentioned. It had always been that way.

I could see the Stone from my bedroom window, the top floor of the tallest tower. It was a large stone slab in the hillside with the Promise inscribed upon it. The Stone scared me slightly - mainly because it was my job to continue the Promise as Queen of this country. My one job: do not break the Promise. When I was eighteen I was crowned - both my parents died when I was six (I can barely remember them) so on that day, though surrounded by my many hundreds of subjects, I had never felt more alone. Now, I was twenty; in three months' time, when I became twenty-one, my court would finally take me up to the hill to see the Promise. Until then I could only guess.

There was a gentle tap on my door, as if the person on the other side was afraid of what was inside. They probably were. 'Your Majesty?' I didn't know that voice - a boy's, about the same age as me I thought, though I couldn't say until I saw him. 'Um... I have a message for you...' - this was something I could hazard a guess on: *the court is waiting for you*. I opened the door with a frustrated sigh. 'Let me guess,' I said. 'The court is

wai-'; my voice caught in my throat when I saw him. Blond hair, blue eyes - the opposite to me. He wasn't handsome, but had a spark of adventure in his eyes. I had a fleeting image of the two of us climbing trees and river walking in the forest at the base of the hill. 'Um... your Majesty? I'm your new manservant, my name's Luke.' 'Call me Jane', I heard myself say. 'I was just looking at the hill - well the Stone - you know - the Promise I mean - and I was thinking, sun's bright today isn't it? But not too bright - well, yes it is bright - but cold as well - oh God, I'm talking about the weather...' Luke smiled and I blushed, kicking myself for jabbering on like that. 'It is bright, and cold but thankfully no wind. Good day for tree climbing,' 'You climb trees?' We went downstairs, into the grounds to the forest. I suppose you could say I had the best time of my life there, climbing to the top of the forest's highest trees, picking and eating the different fruits under the emerald canopy. It was so nice to have a real friend, not one of those stuck-up duchesses who want a boyfriend or a pretentious count that spends his time organizing his week. Luke was a kind, funny and awkward baker's son who a Queen shouldn't spend time with. We were out for hours, and it never occurred once to either of us that I was supposed to go to court to

discuss the wellbeing of my subjects. I know now that was the worst decision I could have ever made.

It started the day after we had gone out - there was panic in the city (called Capitalia) because no one was getting any bread. As Queen, it was my duty to go and see what the matter was. Upon arriving at the bakery, my guards had to push through the crowds to get to the door. A woman - the baker's wife - was clutching the body of a boy to her chest and sobbing. The baker was sitting with his arms around her, tears falling silently. Neither looked up when I entered. I left my guards standing at the doorway and approached the couple. She looked up at me, her wide eyes red and puffy. 'Is that your son?' I asked. She didn't answer but the tears falling faster at my words told me I was right. 'May I see him?' The woman moved her arm enough to let me see the boy. I gasped. I could recognise those stunningly blue eyes staring, unseeing, anywhere. Luke was dead.

A week later there was an earthquake, killing hundreds and turning the once-beautiful city to rubble. The palace lost the servants' quarters. I don't know how many servants died. There were billions of pounds' worth of damage done. Exactly one month on, I went to a parliament in a city called Albove to

discuss the problem of drought. An hour into the meeting, everyone had to be evacuated because of a flood. Only the rich citizens got away: most of the poor drowned. On the train back home, the hot discussion was why the flood had happened. There had been no rain for months, no river nearby and the sea was miles away - besides, none of the areas in between the ocean and Albove had been affected. It was a lightning storm next. Three weeks from my birthday, a bolt of sharp lightning hit Capitalia in the most important places - the meeting hall, the food shops, the army centre - before the storm gathered itself and destroyed my tower. Then it left as quickly as it had come.

Finally after years of waiting, my birthday came. There was a Parade through what used to be a shining beacon of a city, but now all of Capitalia had bigger problems. It was a hot day, so on the walk up to the Stone I was sweating like a sinner in church, but it finally appeared on the horizon. The court stopped, to let me walk up alone, for only the reigning queen was to see the Promise. I squinted at the weathered rock trying to make out the Latin inscription. I read it and translated it. Then my heart went cold.

Nunquam aliquem in iudicio

Never put anyone before the court.

The Promise was broken.

Julia Harman Year 8

Julia was chosen from a field of 2,500 entrants to win the National Short Story Week competition with 'The Promise'. King's received a special commendation for the outstanding quality of entries, which were organized by Girls' Division Librarian, Olivia Walwyn, who provides advice and encouragement to the many talented writers in the Girls' Division.

An anthology of the winning entries is now available, with all proceeds donated to The Teenage Cancer Trust.



A Fox in the Summer Night*Inspired by the 'Thought Fox'*

A fox, a fox in the summer night,
Softly, silent sounds,
The pad of paws on earthen floors,
A creature of the ground.

Time stands still; the burning night
Paints a silhouette of rust,
Slender in the tepid air,
Feed it will, as feed it must.

Scratching up against the bins,
A beggar's feast amongst the scraps,
The staring phantom feeds at last,
Sheltered in spangled shadow.

It is gone as it came, silent,
Swallowed up by trees and stars,
Slinking away into a lonely void,
Into the summer night.

Julia Trier Year 8**Elin Rands Year 7**

Elin's painting explores complementary colours, tints and tones based around the initial of her first name. She has experimented with pattern and mark-making, using both brushes and cardboard tools to apply the paint to the surface.

Champions of England Twenty Times

Earth has not anything to show more fair:
Dull would he be of soul who could pass by a
Spectacle of brick, steel and majesty
Without being in awe of the history of victory
This red fortress now doth, like a metal moon,
Wane in the midnight cool. Screams of joy.
All bright and glittering in the summer depths
That heat the sparks of glory.
Never did the sun more beautifully steep as the red
Hot brick bubbles in the midday bake.
Never saw I, never felt a warmth in the heart
So welcoming as the arms of gods.

Kieran Jones 10MRW

*A Found Poem using William Wordsworth's
'Composed on Westminster Bridge, September 3rd 1802'*

**Jasmine England Year 9**

Jasmine has created a tote bag with her own original batik design. The bag was inspired by the study of non-western art and its colour, pattern and motifs. Jasmine has further embellished it with shapes created using angelina fibres and beads that have been hand-sewn into place.



**Lauren Kitchen Year 11**

Lauren designed and manufactured this beautiful bedside unit as part of her GCSE coursework project. She was keen to utilise her skills and practised many manufacturing methods before finalising her design solution. The execution of the design is exceptionally good and the product would not look out of place in many furniture stores. Lauren's success gained her a place to study product design at A Level at King's.

**Georgia Cooper Taylor Year 11**

Georgia's mixed-media panel incorporates her own photographs of central Manchester with collage and machine embroidery. She has captured the changing colour and light in the rainy city in response to the GCSE examination theme of 'Time'. This work was selected for exhibition at Jobling Gowler Solicitors in Macclesfield.

Tim Phillips Year 11

Tim designed and manufactured the Moroccan style candle holder and packaging as part of his GCSE coursework. The design was developed through CAD sketching and refinement and the parts were carefully manufactured on the CNC machines. The outcome is a high quality product and an excellent example of an A grade project.

**Sean Odell Year 13**

Sean designed and manufactured this modular bookcase responding to a brief set by his grandparents who were moving home. Each of the three sections can stand alone or be layered as shown. The units have internal moving dividers which allow users to organise books as they wish.



Matthew Peers Year 13

Matthew responded to a need to design a creative chair which incorporated a reading light. The design and development of the product was hugely successful and a statement of Matthew's considerable talent. Matthew completed the manufacture of the curved sections using the bag press equipment, which was cut to size and shape following the drying process. The project was awarded an A* and Matthew's A* overall was a superb outcome. He is now studying Industrial Design at Loughborough University.



Scott Pavitt Year 12

Scott has become a very accomplished potter as part of his A Level studies. This vessel has been thrown on the potter's wheel and is inspired by the natural landscape. A range of Scott's pots were selected for exhibition at Jobling Gowler Solicitors in Macclesfield.



Hannah Scott Year 13

The Mud Kitchen was designed and made by Hannah as part of her A Level coursework project. She was heavily involved with ensuring that the Mud Kitchen would be suitable for the pupils and would be a viable product. Hannah visited the children and teachers a number of times to show them her ideas: the product is in constant use by the infants. It's a fantastic example of the co-operation between the different school divisions.



Performing Arts

Early Years Nativity

The Early Years nativity was 'Away in a Manger' by Niki Davies. All the children from age 3 to 5 took part in this fabulous production. There were many comedic moments as Maurice the Mule, played by Nathaniel Fisher, was amazed to find an assortment of animals in the manger. The pupils worked hard to remember their lines and the songs whilst having great fun wearing their costumes and delivering the performance. They gave an especially moving rendition of 'Away in a Manger', which parents will doubtless remember for many years.



The Wild Bunch

The Infant summer musical, 'The Wild Bunch' had an environmental theme, featuring 'really wild weeds' such as the hip 'n' cool toadflax, the rather creepy bindweed and the highland-dancing thistle. The weeds live next to a hedge, and when it is threatened with being uprooted, they decide to protest. However, some children discover that one of the 'weeds' is actually a bee orchid, a protected species. So their habitat is saved! The pupils particularly enjoyed the protest scene and singing 'Photosynthesis' which explains the process in a musical way!



Performing Arts

Hoodwinked

In the Year 4 Pantomime, a lively, musical version of 'Hoodwinked', Robin Hood led the Sheriff of Nottingham a merry dance. There were plenty of corny puns, dramatic action, rousing songs and intricate dance routines, but in the end, all wrongs were righted. The children impressed with their clear and expressive acting, their concentration and their beautiful singing; the harmony singing in particular was a real treat. Thomas Danson, Cicely Homer and James Hartley delighted as Robin, Marion and the Sheriff but all Year 4 pupils were an important part of the action, appearing in a variety of roles.



The Little Mermaid

In March, Year 6 pupils presented three performances of Disney's 'The Little Mermaid', the story of Ariel, an adventurous mermaid who is fascinat-





ed by humans. Year 6 pupils appeared in a variety of guises: seagulls, courtiers, sailors, underwater creatures and created the effect of a storm and a whirlpool with large-scale choreography. There were some very professional and passionate performances, as Disney's well-loved characters were brought to life. Special mention should be made of the main characters: Sophie Scott (Ariel); Archie Abraham (Sebastian); Jeremy Herpin (Prince Eric) and Maddy Holder (Ursula) who gave mature and convincing performances.

Junior Concerts

In December, 6ST entertained the residents of Harry Lawson Court in



Macclesfield, presenting a short performance which included songs, instrumental items and Christmas jokes. The children led carol singing with audience participation and performed 'Jingle Bells' with eleven sets of sleigh bells. Musical items were performed by: Ella Jones and Isabella Johnson (vocal duet); Harry Owens (baritone); Mackenzie Blackaby (viola); Emma Graham (guitar); Georgie Devon (dance); Georgia Bills (piano); Toby Gray and Katie Barr (flute), whilst Aaron Crawford and Will Bray were jolly joking jesters.

Also in December, a choir of Year 6 pupils sang at a special concert given to celebrate St. Paul's Church's 170th year. The four songs included, 'The Pipes of Peace' with a confident and

musical flute solo by Toby Gray, and an exciting rendition of 'The Rhythm of Life'. The choir sang this difficult song with ease and very clear diction, impressing the audience.

Our Christmas Concert showcased the talents of our instrumental and vocal ensembles. Highlights included the Year 3 and 4 Choir singing the beautiful song 'Holly and Mistletoe' and a comic rendition of 'Give your Granny a Kiss!'. Woodwind Wonders performed 'Pack up Your Troubles' and StringStars played 'Keep the Home Fires Burning' in recognition of the commemoration of WW1 whilst Year 5 and 6 Choir performed 'The Pipes of Peace'.

At the Junior Carol Service, items were sung by both choirs and by each year group. Year 6 pupils delivered Bible readings and 6SC performed a short sketch. 6ST attended the opening of the Macclesfield Charity Christmas Tree Festival held at Macclesfield URC. The festival was opened by Councillor Wesley Fitzgerald and 6JEB led the carol singing on the church steps before the ribbon was cut. Inside the church, the children performed songs which included 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer'.

At the Easter Service, Years 3 and 4 performed 'Easter Children' by Sheila Wilson. Year 4 pupils read clearly and with expression and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed Sheila Wilson's modern cantata, singing with great enthusiasm. Year 3 and 4 Choir performed a song and Woodwind Wonders played Bach's 'Minuet'.

Our Summer Music Festivals were held over four mornings. There were 129 entries in total with a wide varie-



ty of instruments played and styles of music being performed. Year 3 pupils impressed in their very first festival and all performed with confidence. It was also pleasing that so many from our Year 4 entered the Ensemble class, which included an oboe duet - a first for the festival. Year 5 performers represented all the musical families, whilst Year 6 displayed an impressively high standard in their final Junior year. Our distinguished adjudicators were Mrs Barratt, Mrs Pyatt, Mrs Beesley and Mr Crawford and their kind and encouraging words were much appreciated.

We concluded our musical year with a sizzling Summer Concert - literally, as the weather was extremely hot. Our ensembles were in fine form and their performances showed the amazing progress they had made during the year. The Year 5 Dance Group performed complicated choreography to 'Uptown Funk' and Woodwind Wonders demonstrated why they were awarded First Prize at the Alderley Edge Music Festival when performing a varied programme which included 'Theme from Wallace & Gromit'. StringStars played several tunes including the catchy calypso, 'Mango Walk'. Team Brass displayed super ensemble playing and Guitar Ensemble, which included pupils from Years 3-6, also impressed with their varied programme. Year 6 Competition Choir delighted the audience with their items, 'Singin' in the Rain' and 'One

Voice' which featured solos from Ridley Partridge and Emma Graham.

In 'Samba Reggae', Super Samba played intricate, syncopated rhythms with confidence and Year 3 and 4 Choir sang Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah' as part of their set. These were interspersed with items from our Year 6 Music Festival Class winners who performed their solo and ensemble pieces. Year 5 and 6 Choir performed 'Disney Dazzle' and the performance was enhanced by flute, violin and drum kit accompaniment from Mrs Browne, Mrs Pelling and Mr Black. It was a fantastic evening's entertainment, showcasing the talent and commitment to music of King's Junior pupils.

Thank you to all the visiting Instrumental Teachers who work with pupils each week; to Junior Music Department Staff, Mrs Lea, Mrs Barratt and Mrs Pyatt, and to members of staff who run or support ensembles each week: Mr Black, Mr Batchelor, Mr Brown, Mrs Merriman, Miss Costanda, Mrs Cunliffe, Mrs Browne, Mr Thomas and Madame Johnson. But of course, the biggest plaudits go to the children who astound us with their ability and confidence and delight us with the obvious enjoyment they get from being King's young musicians.

AJL

Senior Music Concerts

Since joining the school last September, I have never ceased to be

impressed with the boundless enthusiasm of King's musicians and by the outstanding feats of music-making they achieve under the guidance of their inspirational teachers.

Large-scale concerts in November and April celebrated the range and depth of instrumental music-making at King's, with students from Years 6-13 fearlessly tackling works ranging from Baroque concerti to a riotous Big Band stomp. One of the undoubtedly highlights of the year for me, was the opportunity to join in and play with the new Chamber Orchestra, expertly rehearsed and conducted by Jo Beesley, in performances of major orchestral works such as Sibelius' 'Finlandia' and Schubert's 'Unfinished Symphony'.

If you have never been to King's Swings, please put Wednesday 4th May 2016 in your diaries straight away. This year's event was (as ever, I am faithfully informed) a fantastic evening with the Cumberland Street hall being transformed 'cabaret-style' and the Big Band and Jazz Band (led by Kevin Dearden and Gareth Brown) taking centre stage.

Choral Music at King's continued to thrive this year. Two new lower school choirs were formed: Songbirds (girls, pictured below) and Cambiata (boys). In May, the Songbirds (led by Jo Beesley and Linda Pyatt) came top of their class at the Alderley Edge Music Festival, whilst earlier in the year the Cambiata (boys' changing voices) group joined forces with other Cam-



biata choirs from across the region (nearly 200 boys in total) to rehearse and perform as Cambiata North West. At Christmas, the Foundation Choir's vibrant and committed performances of carols from the medieval period right up to the present day were the highlight of not only a memorable concert with the Northern Chamber Orchestra but also carol services at Chester Cathedral and St Michael's Parish Church. Our final concert of the year, King's Sings (a fundraising concert for East Cheshire Hospice and the Nepal Earthquake Appeal) saw all three choirs perform to a packed audience at Macclesfield URC. The concert ended with a poignant performance of Fauré's 'Requiem' from the Foundation Choir (soloists: Eleanor McKenna, Henry Strutt and Henry Reavey) and accompanied by a chamber ensemble of staff and students.

Throughout the year, our Music at Mike's programme of informal Friday lunchtime concerts at St Michael's saw a steady stream of individuals and groups, including the Songbirds, String and Chamber Orchestras, give outstanding performances in front of a friendly, enthusiastic local audience. As well as performing as members of a group, it is so important for individuals to have the opportunity to perform solo in whatever genre they choose, and this year's audiences

were delighted with the innovative and eclectic range of music on offer including jazz, bossa nova, folk singing and 20th century concerti. This season of Music at Mike's came to a triumphant end in June with the annual Year 7 Boys' Choir & Friends concert, masterminded by Jane Barratt and featuring a massed choir of Year 7 boys, older students and staff. The sight of so many individuals making music together (and having a whale of a time doing so) was just one of many special moments from the last year that I shall remember for a long time to come.

As ever, there is never enough space in these reports to mention every single concert, performance or musical contribution to school life that took place this year. What I can say for certain however is that each and every one of those contributions succeeded in surprising and delighting those who heard it. Thank you to everyone involved for continued dedication, hard work and support of King's music.

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String Orchestra

It was an iconic year for the String Orchestra. Blessed with an abundance of talent from girls and boys across the whole senior age range, the orchestra embarked on some challenging

repertoire. The autumn programme featured Kate de Campos as the soloist in Telemann's vibrant Viola concerto. Her virtuosity and musicianship were thrilling and inspired the orchestral players to accompany with real panache and sensitivity. It is a great privilege to be able to offer concerto opportunities to burgeoning instrumentalists, and their achievement brings great joy to performers and audience alike.

Laura Embrey concluded her outstanding reign as leader of the orchestra by joining forces with Year 8 violinist Timothy Parkinson, to perform Bach's famous Double Violin Concerto. Their musical and technical interplay was both impressive and expressive, with Timothy gaining great experience from Laura's maturity and accomplishment. Once again, it was no mean feat for the orchestral players to master this difficult music. They can be very proud of fine performances, enhanced, not least of all, by Juliette Gorb's fine 'cello continuo playing.

The efforts of the String Orchestra are greatly motivated by the fun of fancy dress, camaraderie and cake! The long-established biannual rehearsal weekends were much enjoyed by all, and return trips to Ilam Hall (below) and Trigonos are already in the diary for the forthcoming year.

JB



Lower School Choirs' Tour

King's choir tours to Cartmel Priory have long been the stuff of legend and this year we set off for our ninth annual weekend away. Tradition states that we head straight for Blackpool and the Pleasure Beach, where members of both lower school choirs (Songbirds and Cambiata) had a fantastic day getting soaked on the log flumes, drying off on the rollercoasters, relaxing on a wide range of other rides and enjoying an almost entirely sugar-based diet. Afterwards, both groups headed to their Youth Hostels at Windemere and Arnside for a relaxing evening in beautiful lake-side settings.

The next morning, we met in Kendal where members of 7TDC took great delight in driving their form tutor up the (climbing) wall. Finally, we headed for Cartmel Priory, a beautiful 13th-century church where we had been invited to give an afternoon recital for family, friends and local residents. Both groups performed a wide range of music (including classical, folk, pop and jazz), impeccably accompanied by Mrs Pyatt (Songbirds) and Mrs Barratt (Cambiata). In between choral pieces, the audience enjoyed fantastic solo instrumental performances from Sam Andresen (trumpet); Aisling Day ('cello); Georgina Bloomfield (violin) and Ben

Sneddon (piano). The concert was a great success, with a retiring collection raising funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust (King's chosen charity).

Huge thanks must go to the members of both choirs for their hard work and enthusiasm, their families and friends for coming to support them at Cartmel, and to the teachers (Mrs Beesley, Mrs Pyatt, Mrs Barratt, Miss Crockart, Mrs Smith and Mr Cawthorn) without whom this trip would not have been possible.

IJC

Year 8 Creative Evening

The Boys' Division Year 8 creative evening took the commemorations of World War 1 as its theme, and was a collaboration between the Art, Music, Drama and D&T departments.

The musical presentations began with a version of the poem 'In Flanders Fields' sung by the entire year group. Class items each covered different themes: 8LCH incorporated two enthusiastically sung songs from the war, 'Pack Up Your Troubles' and 'It's A Long Way To Tipperary' into a poignant instrumental piece called 'Remember Them'. Form 8JAIH were inspired by form member Thomas Robinson to perform a piano and keyboard-led instrumental piece, 'To Fly, To Serve', paying tribute to the Royal Air Force. Form 8SLQ gave a

thought-provoking rendition of an artillery bombardment using a variety of drums playing complex rhythm structures. The evening concluded with vocal item, 'No Wars Will Stop Us Singing' performed by all the boys.

Drama presentations included commedia dell'arte style improvisations, similar to the shows that entertained the troops on the Western Front. There were also some powerful and moving improvisations on the theme of conflict.

In Art, each boy researched the life of one of the 85 former King's pupils who died serving in the Armed Forces in World War 1. Research was presented not only in sketches and biographical information but also on poppy-decorated ceramic tablets designed to represent the life of the fallen soldier depicted.

The Design & Technology department set the boys the challenge of creating a ball-bearing maze game. The inspiration for designs came from images of weapons, medals and war machines. The games were developed through hand sketching before being transferred to CAD designs. The final objects were imaginative coasters with a challenging game embedded.

All Year 8 boys were involved in preparing work for the evening, presented for a very appreciative audience of family and friends.

Joshua Howdle 8JAIH



The Visit

This year's main production was the strikingly atmospheric 'The Visit' by Friedrich Durrenmatt. The plot centres around the powerful and psychologically disturbed character of Claire Zachanassian – an elderly, wealthy woman, hell-bent on reaping her cool, very calculated revenge on the man and the small bankrupt town of Guellen, that drove her to leave many years earlier. The townspeople place all their hopes and expectations in the possibility of her granting them a generous financial donation; this she does, but at a great price: namely the death of Alfred Ill - the man she believes was the root of her ruination. This sets up a wonderfully theatrical dilemma. Do the people reject her offer and preserve their moral core, or are they tempted by the material wealth and prosperity her money would create, at the expense of one of their most esteemed and honourable citizens? You'd think the answer would be obvious, but the brilliance of Durrenmatt's writing creates a tantalisingly dramatic exploration of a community's individual and collective sense of morality. All this is accomplished not entirely without humour – albeit of a dark and gruesome flavour.

This was a challenging piece of work for all involved and they certainly rose to the occasion. Emma

Maxwell as Claire Zachanassian, created a mature and convincing portrayal of an extremely high-status, bitter and determined woman. As her former sweetheart and the man with the death-threat hanging over him, Ollie Muir powerfully communicated the growing desperation of a man who becomes increasingly aware that he is unable to escape his fate. Ben Lynch and Abbie Richardson also produced psychologically truthful performances as the town's Mayor and Head of Education respectively, through whom the moral confusion of the town was most clearly expressed. This piece had to be performed as a true 'ensemble' in order that the townsfolk, Claire's entourage and Ill's family, might successfully represent the strangeness of the dilemma at the heart of the story. It's to their great credit that the whole cast succeeded in doing just that, along with a thoroughly committed and skilled back-stage crew co-ordinating and creating lights, sound, costume and set, enabling the piece to glow wonderfully with satirical and menacing intent.

Special mention should go to Alex Moore, our stage-manager extraordinaire who, as ever, worked his organisational magic to glue everything and everybody together - as he has done so many times before. This was Alex's final show before moving on to develop his wonderful talent at

The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff. We wish him every success and thank him profusely for all his passionate commitment to the cause of Drama at King's.

Auditioning and preparations have begun on the next momentous undertaking 'Les Miserables', which will be an exciting joint production with the Music Department and Boys' and Girls' Divisions combined.

Anything Goes

The Girls' Division production of Cole Porter's musical comedy, 'Anything Goes' involved actors and singers from Years 7 – 11 in a kaleidoscope of magical music, slickly delivered farce and old-fashioned romance. Cole Porter's classic score cannot be bettered and this tale of the meeting between the aristocracy and the underclass show-cases some of the 20th-century's most enduring popular songs. With the zingy King's Jazz Band in full swing, the memorable numbers came energetically and it was 'De-Lovely' to hear 'You're the Top' and 'I Get a Kick Out Of You' played with precision and punch by our talented musicians.

Special mentions go to the wonderful Fiona Beeston, Alex Clarke, Lauren Hayward, Emily Jacques, Olivia Hamblyn, Kate Marsh, plus Tess O'Connor, Alice Carter, Molly Chalfont, Rachel Anderson and Helen Nixon.



Snow White

This is the fourth year we've produced and performed a boys' pantomime (oh yes it is!) and each year they become sillier, funnier and attract bigger audiences. Once again, we must thank Alex Moore for providing us with a heartily ridiculous version of the well-loved story, full of extremely eggy jokes. Year 9s' very own stand-up man, Harry Wallace, chipped in with more awfulness. The cast of Year 8 and 9 boys worked tirelessly for three months during lunchtimes and after school to master many a mirthful routine. The plot was too silly and random to outline, but the cast managed to get to grips with it and deliver four joyful performances for parents and friends.

Theatre Visits

Students managed to experience much excellent live theatre this year. Trips included visits to The New Vic Theatre in Newcastle-under-Lyme to see a particularly powerful production of 'Dracula' featuring 'Foley' sound (where the actors use a variety of objects to create live sound effects, as in radio drama) and John Godber's hilariously gritty, 'Bouncers'. We went to The Lowry - twice - to see 'Slava's Snowshow', a wonderfully surreal tragic-comedic, visual feast, as well as

a spectacular production of 'Wicked'. We also went to The Palace Opera House to watch an affecting production of The Theatre Royal Stratford East's, 'Oh! What a Lovely War'.

We were delighted to join forces with the German Department in hosting a visit from the renowned touring Theatre Company 'Blah, Blah, Blah'; they performed their participatory work 'Messerschmitt and Spitfire' to Year 9 students in the Drama Hall.



This was a richly-textured piece, performed bilingually in German and English, that provoked much thought and reflection upon the Second World War, nationalism and memory, to name but a few of the themes it explored.

DAF

University destinations

King's Sixth Form was again humming with top musical and stage talent this year.

Pictured (back, from left) are Kate De Campos, who received an offer to study the viola at London's Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Kate is a member of the National Youth Orchestra. Singer Sacha Allen, had offers from both Royal Holloway and the Royal Northern College of Music to study Popular Music Performance. Laura Embrey, will study the violin at the Royal Northern College of Music before taking up her offer to read Mathematics at Clare College, Cambridge. Bassoon player Jenna Self, had offers from Royal Holloway and Goldsmith's College to study Music.

(Front) Darragh Burke also had an offer from the RNCM and is a guitarist with the multi-award winning Wigan Youth Jazz Band. Next to him is Alex Moore, who had an offer to study Stage Management at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and had already been on a prestigious summer placement at The National Theatre.

CJ

Spotlight on Infant & Junior Learning Challenge

Following changes in the new Primary Curriculum for Maths and English, we redesigned our curriculum to allow more time for these subjects whilst leaving sufficient time for Humanities. To this end, we introduced the Learning Challenge Curriculum, aiming to make learning more engaging, to promote reasoning and problem-solving, to develop critical reasoning and offer opportunities for enrichment and independent enquiry. This was greeted with great enthusiasm by our pupils.

The whole Division topic in the Autumn Term was, 'How did the First World War change people's lives?' This was a huge success, with significant pupil engagement and enthusiasm. It was also embraced by parents who shared family histories and supported pupils' learning. Further questions included, 'Would you rather live in England or in Kenya?';

'What do you have to do to get your picture on a banknote?'; 'What was life like in Ancient Egypt?'; 'Weather: friend or foe?' and, 'Should humans intervene in natural processes?'. A particular highlight was our Outdoor Learning Focus, as pupils learned about the environment through a variety of exciting cross-curricular activities. Workshops and activities introduced them to new aspects of the natural world. We were fortunate to have sessions with Tina Hanak (of Nature Stuff/RSPB) to help us become Citizen Scientists. This involved the children completing surveys about which mini-beasts lived in the different micro-habitats in the Ginkgo Meadow. The children loved using the bug-ticklers, sieves and magnifying tubs to collect and log specimens. All their results were collated, then fed into the Natural

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from a pony. The children learned about how to look after a horse and how to put on the tack. The visit finished with rides for all, which was very exciting. Reception and Pre-School also had a camping day in the meadow. The children put up tents, made their own dens, played jungle games in the long grass and ended their adventures with delicious barbecued sausages.

Like Incy-Wincy famously climbing his spout, Outdoor Learning Week began with over three-quarters of Year 6 getting soaked while doing their Bikeability Level 2, before drying out nicely in the sunshine. This year for the first time, participants also spent a half-day doing bike maintenance, learning how to make simple adjustments and what to do to fix a puncture. Classroom sessions on road safety and The Highway Code completed the course.

Year 2 enjoyed a workshop on 'Birds, Beaks, Eggs and Nests'. Pupils heard about the different beaks that birds have and then practised picking up corn, rice, wiggly worms and

caterpillars with chopsticks, tweezers, spoons and pegs. This hands-on experiment illustrated how different birds' beaks are adapted for the foods they eat. All children enjoyed working in pairs to make a nest using natural materials found in our Ginkgo meadow. On completion, each nest was tested to see if it could safely hold a couple of eggs and consideration was given to whether it was strong, comfortable and camouflaged enough.

One Divisional aim this year was to work together as a community to promote environmental awareness and to this end, a group of Junior pupils took part in the national initiative, 'The Big Tidy Up'. They visited Victoria Park, where they enthusiastically set about making the environment a tidier, cleaner place for others to enjoy.

CJHM



Spotlight on Learning Habits

2014-15 was a significant year in terms of changes to our academic curriculum. We launched our new Senior School day with six lessons per day, our new Senior curriculum and also the King's Learning Habits, which we initially introduced to pupils in Year 7. The months of planning and preparation paid off, and all three changes were very successful.

Critical Thinking Skills

Critical Thinking is now a timetabled subject on the curriculum for Year 7 pupils. Lessons this year engaged pupils in debating thought-provoking subjects such as the monarchy and its role; developing ideas about creating their own country; reading and discussing texts which explore injustice, and reflecting on injustice in their own lives.

Perhaps the most pleasing response, though, was the uptake of our King's Learning Habits and the enthusiasm for them from both staff and pupils. So, what are they and what are the benefits?

King's Learning Habits

About twenty years ago, Professor Guy Claxton created a list of the 'learning habits' which good students needed to develop. They included Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness, Reciprocity and Resilience and also had further sub-groups of skills within them. At King's - and in the true spirit of an independent school - we decided to put our own twist on them and created our five King's Learning Habits. These are:

Resilience: that is emotional toughness when dealing with situations we find difficult.

Reasoning: being careful, methodical and logical, this is the cognitive element of learning.

Questioning: having lively, enquiring minds to ask good questions and then investigate them, and being prepared to question and challenge ideas.

Reflecting: learning from mistakes and reflecting on successes to improve continually, and to plan ahead. This is the strategic element of learning.

Collaborating: working together to help us learn. This includes teamwork and the skills of listening and empathy and is the social element to learning.

The learning habits build on the approach in our Infant and Junior Division, where our Learning Challenge Curriculum cultivates similar investigative learning habits, giving us a coherent approach to learning throughout the School.

Changing the educational experience of pupils

We initially introduced the teaching

of Learning Habits in Year 7, so that, as well as delivering usual subject content, teachers also targeted one or more of the habits, delivering lessons to make pupils think more; challenge them more; give them more independence and choice and allow them more opportunities for collaboration. At the end of the academic year, Year 7 pupils left their normal timetabled activities to take part in a 'Learning Challenge'. This involved working collaboratively on an open, research-based task, resulting in a presentation. During the three days, all five of the learning habits were actively

developed as pupils worked together to research and answer the question, 'How Can we Save the World?'. Cross-curricular links were made within a range of subjects including English, Geography, Science, ICT, Citizenship/PSHE, plus other subjects specific to the project pupils chose to complete.

In the academic year ahead, we will introduce the learning habits throughout the rest of the Senior Divisions. Our introduction of the Global Perspectives IGCSE will help to embed these habits in the Sixth Form, as it is a qualification which encourages independent research,

reflection and group work. It is, of course, in the Sixth Form where this is the most valuable, as students prepare for the demands of higher education and the workplace.

Benefits of the learning habits

Think about the way that elite athletes use the gym to target particular muscle groups so that when they play competitively their performance is enhanced. We are developing the key learning muscles in our students, so that they can become more engaged, confident and independent: in short, happier about their learning. This

should then have a positive effect on their general performance, including (of course) in examinations, but it is also about more than that. Martin Luther King said, 'Intelligence plus character is the goal of true education', and that is also our goal at King's. We know that the habits we are developing will not just help students whilst at school, but also in life and in workplaces where they will need skills which allow them to adapt to changes and become lifelong learners.

RJG

Resilience



Reasoning



Questioning



Reflecting



Collaborating



Spotlight on French

René Descartes said: 'Ce n'est pas assez d'avoir l'esprit bon, mais le principal est de l'appliquer bien' - in other words: 'It's not enough to have a good mind; the most important thing is to use it well.' The study of French offers challenge and excitement, and certainly rewards those who not only bring a good mind to their study, but are also prepared to use it well. This year, opportunities abounded for pupils to follow and develop their interest in the French language and culture, both within and beyond the classroom, and to find significant reward in this.

Trips to France

We take Descartes' point seriously, valuing language use in a practical

context. We are committed to giving pupils first-hand experience of French language and culture, and to this end took groups from Years 10 and 11 to Paris at October half-term, Sixth Form students to Nantes for work experience at Easter, and Year 7 to Normandy for an exciting activities holiday in July.

Paris trip

Thirty students set off for the journey to Paris: pupils had heard of the wonders of this remarkable city but the reality surpassed their expectations. The programme kept everyone busy as we enjoyed the artists in Mont-

martre, the views from the Montparnasse tower and the gorgeous stained windows of Notre Dame Cathedrale. Following visits to the Louvre and the Pompidou Modern Art Museum, lively discussions were shared on the purposes of art. Culinary discoveries



were one of the highlights, as slimy creatures and odorous cheeses were sampled, whilst friendships blossomed and memories were made.

Work experience in Normandy

For the third year running, we offered a week-long work experience trip to Sixth Form students. These brave individuals spent a week surrounded by French, whilst undertaking a range of jobs. This trip also coincided with the final phase of their preparation for their oral examinations. We were impressed by the maturity and good cheer shown by all the students, as work experience for the first time in a foreign language is a great challenge. The evenings allowed some time for relaxation and enjoyment of the city of Nantes. Grateful thanks are due to Mme Schué for her meticulous organization and leadership of both this and the Paris trip.

Château trip

Around forty pupils from Year 7 experienced the delights of Normandy on this year's Château trip. On the first day, they visited the market in Combourg, Brittany, where they bought the ingredients for the perfect French picnic. There were some outstanding

picnic displays, demonstrating both cultural and health awareness. Later, the group headed for Mont St-Michel, where we admired the combination of genuinely interesting history with tacky tourist shops, under the blazing July heat.

The second day was spent on a high-ropes course in woodland near the Château in Cérences, where pupils accomplished some daredevil feats. After this excitement, the party headed to the Château to engage in some bread making: the results were consumed by the hungry masses at supper the same evening. The following two days were spent in activities at the Château. In orienteering, teams were sent on assignments around the sprawling and beautiful grounds, characterized by woods, hills and lakes. All sampled fencing, archery, and the hugely exciting aeroball, a combination of trampolining and volleyball. On the final day, groups

were in action on the lake, some with canoes and others in building their own rafts. Instructors used French throughout to lead the activities, so that pupils returned home with a significant number of new words and phrases.

Other activities

In October, Mme Schué organized a trip to a very special concert of French music given in Leeds, which was enjoyed by all who participated. Sixth Formers enjoyed an intensive film studies afternoon run by Dr Isabelle Vanderschelden from Manchester Metropolitan University. Students examined the work of Jean-Pierre Jeunet in detail and looked carefully at themes and cinematography, all within the French language. Mme Seth organized a series of enrichment seminars for Year 12 languages pupils to help prepare them for competitive university applications, and these sessions included some on conflict in literature, Romanticism, linguistics, Magic Realism, and Portuguese. We launched new 'Expo' courses in Years 7 to 9, supplementing these with material from a daily children's newspaper, 'Mon Petit Quotidien'. This proved to be most successful and enjoyable among the Junior Division and Year 7 pupils. Junior Division pupils built and improved their dictionary skills in dealing with new and unfamiliar language through tackling these magazines.

MFL wider activities

French students were involved in some of the many MFL enrichment activities offered during the year. These included the North West Modern Languages Debating Competition in November, the UK Linguistics Olympiad in February, in which Juliette Gorb, studying both French and Spanish, gained a Gold Award, followed by our internal debating competition organized by Mrs Houghton in July. This year saw a series of House competitions in the Girls' Division, in which students of French held their own and achieved well.



Spotlight on General Science

This year saw exciting changes in the world of General Science at King's. The department embraced the introduction of the King's Learning Habits and the new scheme of work was received with great enthusiasm by Year 7 students, who enjoyed this eclectic introduction to science which covered a range of subjects. Of course, this is King's Science, so pupils had fun smashing bananas frozen in liquid nitrogen, creating their own chocolate rocks and even making fire extinguishers.

To aid students' progress and to equip them with transferable skills,

the department joined the CASE (Cognitive Acceleration in Science Education) Programme. This practical scheme involves students completing a thinking skills lesson based around practical science every two weeks for two years, with the aim of improving their ability to make predictions and draw conclusions based on data, as well as helping them to analyse information. The students embraced these lessons and it was wonderful to see the sharp improvement in the Year 7 exam results as they answered data-based questions with great skill. Year

8 pupils also enjoyed an incredible range of topics: they explored space; watched sound being converted into fire with Mr Illingworth's Rubens' Tube demonstration; designed super diseases and discovered which bacteria actually live on their hands.

National Science Week was celebrated in style with whole-school science quizzes within the Girls' and Boys' Divisions, whilst all of Year 7 took part in the great catapult challenge. This week-long epic of engineering-based problem-solving produced some wonderful Heath Robinson devices capable of accurately propelling ping pong balls over 1m high barriers. The winners, Luke Stevens and Marcus Williams, came up with the most original designs we had ever encountered and proved themselves to be worthy champions.

In line with the Learning Habits ethos of students taking charge of their own education, the lower school

science club members were given the freedom to choose their own experiments this year. This resulted in one of the most diverse years the club has ever had. Students discovered how thixotropic liquids react to being placed on a speaker (dancing figures made of custard), created writing out of fire and constructed their own rockets. These were successfully launched at Fence Avenue; the spectacular footage can be seen on our twitter feed @KingsMacScience. This just goes to prove that at King's, it is rocket science.

SMP



Spotlight on Geology

Geology has been taught at King's for years: soon after I arrived, Dickie Haresign (retired Master of French and former School Historian) gleefully told me that he had discovered a reference to a lesson that would now be called Geology being taught in the Savage Chapel in St Michael's Church. 'This was at a time when Chemistry was not taught at King's - if it had

been, it would have been alchemy! You can claim to be the oldest science department', he said, with a twinkle in his eye. The long tradition of educating King's students in Geology and Earth Sciences at A Level continues to this day.

Another great attribute – and a marvellous teaching resource – is the Department's specimen collection,

which contains artefacts collected by dedicated staff and through generous donations, over many years. It is always much admired by visitors: prospective pupils stand wide-eyed as they peer into display cabinets and open specimen drawers to discover the delights inside.

At some point, most children discover the fascination of fossils, dinosaurs and volcanoes: in a fortunate few, the fascination grows and they become geologists or palaeontologists. At King's, pupils' first taste of Geology begins in the Infant & Junior Division, as pupils investigate rocks and fossils. A visit from Dr Fitz, with

a selection of his favourite specimens and his explosive volcano mix, helps to bring the field work experience into the classroom. Geology continues in Years 7 and 8 General Science and in Geography, when some of the most exciting elements of Geology – earthquakes, volcanoes and plate tectonics – form a popular part of the curriculum.

The highlight of the first year of A Level Geology is the Year 12 Field Course to the Isle of Arran. On this special island, students visit deserts, tropical swamps and lagoons, vast river systems, volcanoes and mid-ocean ridges, all within a few kilometres of



each other. Walking in the footsteps of giant millipedes and early dinosaurs, they encounter the secrets of these preserved environments,

locked in the rocks, just waiting for discovery. Students meet the challenges of three-dimensional geological problems in the field, sometimes in weather that can really test their resilience. By careful observation and recording of data, they learn to think logically about the evidence preserved in the rocks and landscape to deduce the palaeoenvironment and the processes that were in operation hundreds of millions of years ago. They begin to understand the vast expanse of geological time and appreciate not only how much the processes that operate on our planet can affect life, but also how the interaction of life with the planet has had profound consequences in the past, and will do so again in future. The geological pilgrimage to Arran provides the opportunity to catch up with a former student who, now researching for his PhD at Cambridge, accompanies and instructs the first year-undergraduates who share our field centre.

Studying Geology opens one's eyes to the world around. Past and present students comment on the fact that they can never encounter a rock outcrop without at least thinking about what it is or how it formed.

Local areas provide many opportunities for geological study. The 'deserts' of Alderley Edge and the 'coral reefs' of Winnats Pass and Cavedale provide opportunities for Year 13 coursework. King's Infants always enjoy their trip to meet Stan, the T. rex at The Manchester Museum. Earlier this year, Manchester University, in conjunction with the Geological Society, hosted a lecture programme and revision day for A-level students. Opportunities such as these broaden and deepen our students' knowledge, whilst building confidence in subject material.

Looking to the future of our planet and the mineral and energy resources we utilise, the role of the geologist is as important as ever. From water supply, mining of minerals and metal ores for manufacturing, to finding and extracting hydrocarbons for energy, geologists will be essential to sustain the quality of life we now experience – and may possibly be exploring and surveying another planet, one day. At King's, the Geology Department will continue to educate pupils and sow seeds for the future.

JAF



The centenary of the start of the First World War provided a poignant focus for many of King's activities at the start of the academic year and allowed several departments to work together on exciting cross-curricular learning experiences. An agreed series of learning objectives and activities ensured that all pupils were able to understand the impact of war on society in general and, in particular, on arts and literature in the last century.

Infants and Juniors

Our Learning Challenge topic in the first autumn half term was 'How did the First World War change people's lives?', which captured pupils' imaginations and gave a powerful focus to a wide variety of activities, trips and visits.

Reception pupils experienced wearing a gas mask whilst Year 1 dressed in clothing from the time, recreated World War 1 propaganda posters and learned how to bake a trench cake. Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a visit from homing pigeons and learned how the birds were used to send coded messages. They also visited the Imperial War Museum North, where they took part in a drama workshop set in 1914.

Historian and former King's teacher, David Hill, delivered talks to the children and brought 'hands on' objects for pupils to investigate. Key Stages 1 and 2, led by the Education Group, took part in a workshop focused on the role of women in the war.

Year 4 pupils planted snowdrop bulbs around the site as part of Manchester's 'Snowdrop City' campaign and also enjoyed learning to create French knitting, using a special 'dolly'. Year 5 visited Stamford Military Hospital at Dunham Massey where they learned about the facilities for wounded soldiers and they also presented the BBC drama, 'Archie Dobson's War' in assembly.

Years 4 and 6 visited the War Memorial in Macclesfield: Year 4 'planted' poppies on which were written names taken from King's Roll of Honour, whilst Year 6 pupils were guided around the site by Former Chairman of Macclesfield's Royal British Legion, Mr Len Johnson. Following involvement in the Macclesfield



War Graves Project, the Division was given responsibility for tending the grave of the McKay family.

On Remembrance Day, thirteen pupils from Year 6 took part in laying a wreath at the grave of the McKay family and pupils met a surviving relative of the McKay family. A wreath was also laid at an on-site memorial, given to King's by the Macclesfield War Graves Project. Friends of King's Infants and

Juniors provided funding for a memorial garden in which to house it.

Two entries by King's pupils received special commendation in a competition organised by the IWM North. They were a picture of a field of poppies by Year 1 pupils, and a poem entitled 'The Lost Soldier' by Year 6 pupil, Emma Graham, (see the Creative Work chapter). Both were exhibited at the museum, whilst pupils and their families were invited to a special award ceremony to mark these achievements.

Inspired by the Poppy display at the Tower of London, poppies made by pupils in remembrance of those who fell in conflicts across the world, and particularly King's fallen, were exhibited in the Entrance Hall.

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Seniors

A special commemorative event was organised involving every year group and several speakers were invited to the Senior Divisions as Remembrance

Day approached. For Years 7 and 8, former teacher David Hill spoke about the McKay family from Macclesfield, whilst military historian Rob Thompson spoke to pupils in Years 10 and 11 about life in the trenches. Sixth Form students benefited from a talk by Professor Christopher Godden from The University of Manchester. For Year 9, a cross-curricular project was undertaken by the English and History departments focusing on the war poets and their experience, which culminated in a trip to IWM North.

In Art, each of the Year 8 boys researched one of the 85 former King's pupils who died in World War 1 and created a ceramic plaque in their honour. The plaques, each designed to portray the life of the fallen soldier, were on display at the Year 8 Creative Evening, a collaboration between Music, Drama, Art and D&T departments, on the theme of War.

In a further collaboration, Year 9 Drama and German students enjoyed a bilingual play 'Messerschmitt v Spitfire'. The show was a challenging piece of participatory theatre that centred on the memories of a Frankfurt-based artist, Clara, and her sister, both of whom lived through the British bombings during World War 2.

This year, the Percyvale Essay Prize was established; this is an award, in each Division of the school, for an extended piece of writing or a creative production completed in pupils' own time. Students were invited to relate the topic of war to their studies, so for example, on 'medicine and war' or 'the economics of war'; a significant number of students took on the challenge.

McKay Medals donated

The story of the McKay family of Macclesfield is a deeply moving one about Mary Ann, her husband Robert and their six sons who served their country over a period of nearly 100 years. The father and eldest son died during the Boer War; five sons served in the Cheshire Regiment in the First World War and the youngest son was killed in Burma in the Second World War. Two daughters also died in the worldwide influenza pandemic at the end of World War 1. Five of the sons attended Macclesfield Grammar School (now King's) and at the Remembrance Day service in November, Mrs Anthea Fairholm, daughter of the youngest McKay son, presented the McKay family medals to the school

CJ



Events & Activities

Infant Trips and Visits

Infant pupils experienced a wide range of trips and visits which reinforced the curriculum and challenged them to look at the world in different ways. It was wonderful to see informative reports about animals seen at the zoo, thought-provoking poetry and art as a result of visiting the Imperial War Museum, and role-play areas turned into Dinosaur museums, vets and garden centres, amongst other things.

The Pre-School had a particularly wonderful day out as part of their transport theme. They travelled to Prestbury where they walked into the village and learnt to cross the road using a zebra crossing. They visited the church and walked to the park for a picnic. Following this, they walked to Prestbury station to catch the train back to Macclesfield. The train driver

was very friendly and welcomed them onto the train via the intercom and, as the train departed, he blew the train hooter which made everyone jump.

Reception pupils visited places such as the Manchester Museum where they were wowed by the size of dinosaurs and Tatton Park farm where they built dens and cared for animals, but they had a particularly fabulous countryside day out in Alderley Edge. Whilst there, the children found lots of interesting features that told them much about Alderley Edge and its history: the beacon, the caves, stone circle, the golden stone, castle rock and stormy point, to name but a few. They also found the wishing well and the wizard's face carved into the rock face. After a delicious picnic, the children had the opportunity to test their balancing, climbing and den-building skills in this natural playground.

In Year 1, pupils enjoyed a myriad

of local field trips to explore the difference between town and country. They took a beautifully snowy walk to Swanspool and compared this with a busy and noisy trip into Macclesfield where they were also able to visit the museum and Silk Mill. They learned a lot about the local artist, Charles Tunnicliffe, and created their own gallery upon their return to school.

The visits and experiences of Year 2 are too numerous to list completely, but a highlight for them was their visit to Chester Zoo, where they were able to explore fully their learning about animal classification. After a visit in school from 'Corner Exotics', which allowed the pupils to handle animals ranging from hedgehogs to scorpions,



the children were able to appreciate exactly how each animal is adapted to live within their habitat. Pupils were amazed that they were able to walk amongst butterflies and we were very proud of those who faced their fear of the dark to walk through the bat enclosure.

Years 1 and 2 spent the day at the Imperial War Museum North as part of the World War 1 topic. This really did bring the topic to life for them, as they were able to experience some of the sights, sounds and smells from the time. They enjoyed looking at artefacts and taking part in drama workshops set in 1914. All of the children were able to demonstrate their detailed knowledge and the workshop leaders were very impressed with what the children knew. It was clear that this was a powerful learning experience as the 'looking logs' the children created were full of close drawings, observations and notes that they then used to inform their classwork.

ELW

The Best Trip Ever

In April, some Year 5 pupils went on an amazing trip to the Château du Broutel situated on the edge of the small historical town of Rue in Northern France. We were accompanied by Mme Johnson and six other members

of King's staff. We had a fun-filled week, packed with lots of interesting day trips, followed by activities at the Château in the evening. Our trips included visits to Nausicaa Aquarium, a working farm where goats' cheese is made, a snail farm and the Somme Battlefields.

For me, the most memorable part of the trip was the visit to some of the Somme battlefields, because we learned how so many thousands of soldiers were lost during the Battle of the Somme in 1916. We visited the trenches, the Thiepval Memorial to the 72,194 missing soldiers without a grave and also the Lochnagar Crater, the largest man-made mine crater.

The most interesting part of the trip for me was our visit to the snail farm because it was fascinating to learn how the snails are bred and the different ways in which they are eaten.

The most exciting part was when we spent the day at the beach and were able to practise our French by interviewing some of the local residents. It was a lovely sunny day and a few of us had a go at building a sand car.

Sitting round the camp fire on the last night is one of my favourite memories from the trip, as I really enjoyed toasting marshmallows and telling jokes. It was so nice for us all to be together as one big group and it

was a perfect end to an amazing week which I'll never forget.

I think that it is really important for young people like me to experience different cultures because we live in a society with people from lots of different countries, so it is important that we understand about each other to help us get on well together.

Edward Gandy 5SM



Year 6 Formby

Who cares about the weather on a school trip? Well, Year 6 did when they were blessed with Spring sunshine and light winds while visiting the National Trust's Formby Point. Roger and Kate, our experienced rangers, wasted little time in getting the children yomping up dune and along strand, foraging for strand-line treasures and evidence of caravans long-since swallowed by the fast-moving sand. A fascinating habitat study followed, with the children analysing the differences in vegetation between the beach, the mobile dune area and the fixed dune area. Our knowledgeable guides regaled us further with bonus anecdotes about local asparagus farming and prehistoric hunters. With the talk turning to food, inevitable and growing questions about lunch were soon answered reassuringly with 'Now' and 'Here'. Five minutes silence followed. Sadly, there was no time after lunch to enjoy Formby's sun-soaked strand before the return, musically-challenged voyage to Fence Avenue.

Pictured below are Will Bray and Joe Bathurst with whelk egg casings, bone fragments, 3 types of razor clam, cockle shells and sandworm casings.

SPCT



Year 6 Hollowford Centre

Fifty intrepid thrill-seekers slipped on the sunscreen and headed off to Costa del Castleton for a weekend of views, rays, nerves and laughs. Steak pie and chips were wolfed down before the most challenging and complex task of the entire trip – making a bed.

With this one life skill at least 'mastered', some groups began their activity programme.

Potholing:

I was so anxious about the small spaces in Giant's Hole cave, I backed out at first but the second time I did it!

Georgia Bills

I was extremely nervous about the caving but after we were all kitted up and reassured by our instructor, I conquered my fear and had an amazing time! I especially enjoyed squeezing through everything even though I bashed my head and got drenched in mud.

Holly Burke

I really enjoyed the caving, as I loved looking at the flowstone's structure and crawling through the gaps.

Mackenzie Blackaby



Hiking up to Hollins Cross and Mam Tor was surprisingly enjoyable. Bugs were taken as pets, reed bazookas were fired and dead sheep were scrutinised. With the sky reddening over Kinder Scout, implications of the 1932 mass trespass were even discussed: I found out lots of facts about the wildlife and the different mountains. It was hard work walking up. We were all relieved when we reached the top, and that we had a minibus to take us back.

Izzy Moores

Our instructor showed us a plant that miners used as wicks for their candles.

Maddy Holder

Mam Tor was very steep and rocky so we had to watch our footing. We were told how to eat a nettle safely but unfortunately I still got stung.

Oscar Robinson



The 70-foot abseil off Millersdale Viaduct on the Monsal Trail offered terror and euphoria in equal measure:

I felt so scared and nervous but when I got further down it felt amazing: one of the best things I've done in my life.

Henry Smith

The scary bit was climbing over the fence. At the end of it, I was very proud of myself and glad I had actually done it.

Charlie Oakes

With the temperatures rising from early on Saturday morning, the rafting pond seemed a good place to be:

When I found out I was doing rafting, I was terrified. I hate water and hate getting wet, but when I had finished I had experienced the time of my life.

Oliver Hall

I really enjoyed building the raft and we were able to go for a swim afterwards.

Jack Bray

For many, inching their way along high-wire cables or clambering into a standing position on top of a wobbly telegraph pole at the high-ropes course proved the most daunting challenge:

Each time I watched someone do the leap of faith, I got more and more nervous. The pole was wobbling in the wind when I reached the top. I bent my knees, leapt and my fin-

gertips touched the trapeze. I'm so pleased I had a try.

Henry Noble

I am terrified of heights and I found it really hard to get to the top. It was so windy. Once I had jumped, I felt great and I really enjoyed the leap of faith.

Ridley Partridge

The final afternoon's Round Robin Team Challenge was won convincingly by Izzy Moores, Maddy Holder, Emma Graham, Georgia Bills, Ollie Thomson, Oliver Muirhead, Jack Bray, Corben Holland and Santi Houghton – the original Dream Team. Thank you to all the staff who accompanied the trip and gave up their weekend to help create so many fantastic memories for the Year 6 children.

SPCT



House Activities

The Boys' Division House competition produced not only another very close finish with Gawsorth pipping Tatton to the title, but also a wider range of events than in previous years. Over the course of the year, House events raised close to £1000 for the school's charity, The Pulmonary Hypertension Association. Highlights were the inaugural Charity Christmas fair, which looks set to become a firm favourite and featured a nerf gun shooting range, hoop-la, spin it to win it and milk shake stalls, to name a few of the imaginative money-raising schemes, and the cake baking competition where there were four categories of sponge cake to enter. The cakes were later sliced and sold for charity. Another great success was the University Challenge competition, which is always closely fought; Adlington was victorious and went on to cap their win by defeating an experienced Senior Management Team in a charity play-off.

New initiatives were the photo competition, based on the theme 'Outdoors', which received a large number of entrants and was won by George Holden with a magnificent photo of a sea eagle, and the Christmas card design competition; the four winning entries were printed and sold, again for the school charity. The individual winner was Sion Davenport.

Once again, sports competitions were well-supported, with basketball, football, speed climbing and dodgeball all producing good competition and a great deal of fun. Highlights were a new speed climbing record

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on the mighty North East face of the Physical Sciences building for Paul Suarez and an attritional, hard-fought Year 11 dodgeball competition, eventually won by Tatton, in which no prisoners were taken.

Congratulations were offered to the many boys who participated in the various competitions whilst gratitude is due to the House Prefects, who were simply outstanding.

PJP

The Girls' Division was a hive of activity as the House system flourished to provide a wide range of activities for girls, as twenty eight exciting competitions took place this year.

Mathematicians enjoyed Sudoku, Kakuro and the Killer Quiz whilst sportswomen fought hard in House Hockey, Netball, Rounders and on Sports' Day. Girls bounced in synchronisation on trampolines and flew through the air in cheerleading.

Musicians warbled, strummed and tooted in various musical competitions including a hugely popular Karaoke competition; watch out for a staff entry next year! Culinary artists put their creative skills to good use as they decorated huge cakes with House themes. Numerous 'Bake Offs' saw beautiful cake creations on a variety of themes which were sold to raise lots of money for charity.

The quick and agile raced to the cups in the Speed Stack - twice - as the first event was so popular. Book lovers relished their involvement in the Book Quiz and World Book Day celebrations whilst scientists flooded to the Hall for the ever-popular Science Quiz and linguists for the Language Quiz.

The Photography Competition, Easter Egg Hunt and House Debating

added further breadth and variety to our annual itinerary. Academic excellence, hard work and extra-curricular involvement were rewarded with thousands of House Points too.

Amongst all these we have enjoyed the Fence Avenue tradition of the Gym Competition which allowed 'King's Collaboration' at its very best! The themed 'Movies' Fashion Show was quite breath-taking, very entertaining, extremely funny and the outfits created were exquisite.

Tatton was the champion House, winning twelve of the twenty eight events: that's an impressive 43%! However, all should be congratulated for their efforts and achievements, especially the House Captains, who were brilliant and will be a hard act to follow. House Captains were: Eleanor Holder and Emily Naismith for Tatton; Eleanor Collett and Kelly Corcoran for Gawsworth; Sophie Decker and Lauren Kitchen for Capesthorpe; Fiona Cornish and Billie Carter for Adlington whilst House Prefect was Elena Boden.

HLB



Jersey Sports Tour

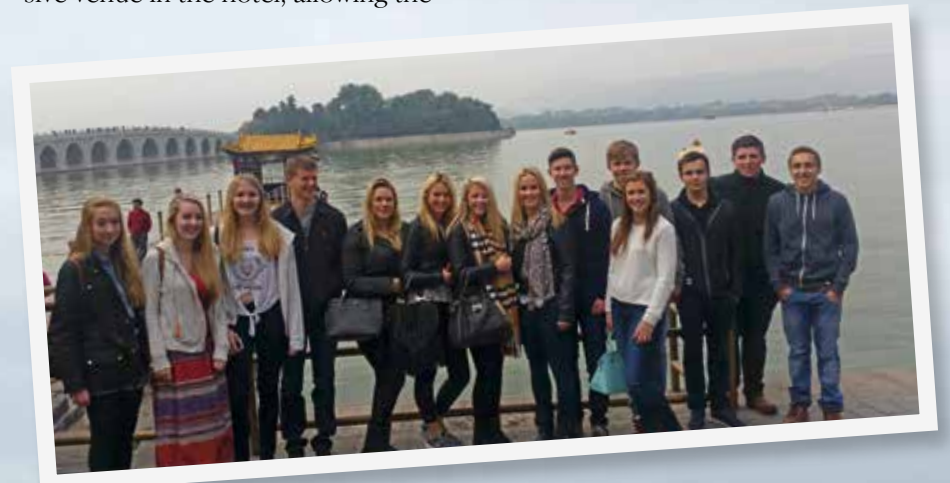
Thirty nine children and six staff enjoyed an action-packed tour to Jersey during the Easter break. Enthusiastic and energetic tourers coped brilliantly with all the sport and leisure activities throughout the week. All soon settled into the routine of an early (but wonderful) breakfast, a morning of sport, enjoying both netball and football coaching, followed by a picnic lunch and a variety of afternoon visits.

The girls brought back 'The Jersey Games' Netball trophy and played extremely well throughout the week. All made new friends and improved and developed their skills. The boys enjoyed their football sessions and came up against some very tough opposition but still managed to finish a creditable 3rd place in their Jersey Games final tournament. The focus was very much on participation and enjoyment and all received medals for their positive contribution to the success of the Jersey Games.

The weather did not spoil any activities: afternoon visits to the Aqua Splash water park and to the beautiful

Greve de Lecq beach on the north coast of the island, were both great fun and proved very popular. The Gerald Durrell Wildlife Centre was also a special afternoon excursion and children enjoyed learning about the conservation ethos driving the work at the centre, as well as visiting the animals and seeing them thrive in very natural settings. Our adopted otter, Bintang, appeared happy and well and was keen to be seen.

Evenings were spent in an exclusive venue in the hotel, allowing the



children to enjoy a Welcome evening, Bingo, a Quiz night, and finally a Presentation event to celebrate the successes of the week. There was also an opportunity for some 'en masse' formation dancing to round off every evening.

There was never a dull moment: the children were a credit to King's and all helped to make Jersey 2015 a happy and special trip.

DCB

China

During October half-term, a party of 14 A Level pupils studying Economics and Business Studies, plus two teachers, made King's first-ever trip to China. The 10-day tour of the world's economic powerhouse allowed students to see business growth on the grandest of scales and examine how Britain might benefit in years to come.

The key point of the trip was to witness the speed and scale of Chinese growth and analyse how a country emerging from Mao's Cultural Revolution became the world's number one economy in under 25 years.





The students began their trip in Shanghai, going to see the VW factory, an industrial steel plant and the Shanghai Bund, a waterfront development which fuses the traditional and the contemporary and is now a global tourist attraction.

They then took a bullet train to Beijing to see the Coca Cola factory and how traditional pearl and silk industries have been extensively modernised, much to the envy of many Maxonians. The party also visited Tiananmen Square and the Great Wall of China.

The economists were impressed by the speed and scale of Chinese growth but also recognized that, though Shanghai and Beijing look and feel like New York, there is still a great disparity between the haves and the have-nots. Remarkable statistics staggered the students: for example, if the 1.4 billion people in China all want to be car owners, manufacturers would be making cars for the next fifty years. The visit opened pupils' eyes to the scale and speed of development: they learned that, in Shanghai alone, there were at least thirty new skyscrapers, plus another thirty under construction, which is probably more than across the whole of Europe.

German Exchange

In September, twenty four young

Germans from the Gymnasium Salvatorkolleg, Bad Würzach were hosted by King's families. The young Germans were unified in their love of Macclesfield and its people. They enjoyed both town and countryside, though were surprised to find pupils in uniform, which is not a practice adopted in Germany. Their visits included the plague village of Eyam, Chester, the Beatles Museum and the Museum of Science and Industry. They also had an audience with the Mayor of Macclesfield and toured the Paradise Mill and Heritage Centre, where they participated in a re-enactment of a Victorian classroom scene.

At the heart of the exchange is the intention to promote greater cross-cultural understanding and to promote lifelong friendships between the exchange students.

JAIH

Bad Würzach Exchange

Having been reunited with our German friends, our group of 24 students spent the first morning of our exchange at the Salvatorkolleg.

This presented us with one of the most linguistically challenging episodes of the week, as we tried desperately to understand lessons such as Biology and Classics. These are topics which, for some, would have been perplexing enough even in English. After a regional pasta dish,

Maultaschen, we headed to Ulm, the birthplace of Albert Einstein, where we enjoyed a short tour of the city before many of the group determined to climb Ulmer Münster. 768 steps later, we could corroborate that, at a staggering 530 feet, the church boasts the highest spire in the world.

The following morning took us to BMW world, Munich which, contrary to our earlier reservations, proved to be one of the most memorable parts of the exchange. Back in the city centre, we enjoyed the Hofbräuhaus, or Royal Brewery, where we encountered a brass band and locals in traditional Bavarian dress.

The last of our coach trips took us to Lindau and Ravensburg, whilst our final morning was spent at a reception with the Mayor of Bad Würzach, who spoke of the town's history, and then on a tour of the Ried, the largest raised bog area in central Europe.

A week of total immersion in the German language was, at times, exhausting but this practice improved our vocabulary and enhanced spontaneity and confidence. Staying with host families, we experienced German life with a remarkable degree of authenticity and we believe that in our German partners we now have friends for life.

Elise Boothroyd 12IED

Outdoor Activities

Taking advantage of the prolonged spell of good weather, twenty seven pupils (a record number) and five staff journeyed to the favourite Anglesey camp site at Blackthorn Farm for some water-based activities and orienteering in Newborough Warren. Many new faces joined the trip, especially Year 7 girls, and they all enjoyed a day of kayaking on the inland sea or coasteering (pictured) around the area near Trearddur Bay. The weather was perfect for camping and all enjoyed the usual fish and chip supper laid on by the campsite kitchen. On the second day, Mr O'Donnell set up a particularly fiendish course for the orienteers, which many struggled with, especially Mr Street! Nevertheless, the usual Manhunt activities in the sand dunes proved as popular as ever and a happy group made the return journey to Macclesfield in warm, sunny conditions.

After October half term, the warm

and settled autumn weather came to a very abrupt end with a lot of heavy rain just prior to our caving trip to Yorkshire. The start of the weekend was unpropitious, as we sat in a queue on the M66 in pouring rain on Friday evening. However, fish and chips at Boundary Mill restored flagging spirits and the bunkhouse was as comfortable as ever. Despite the poor weather, everyone managed to do at least one caving session, with the usual novice trip to the Ribbleshead caves then a double dose with Valley Entrance into the spectacular Kingsdale Master Cave followed by Yordas for the older pupils. The sun shone briefly on the walkers, who managed Pen-y-ghent in the morning dry and conveniently sat out the rain in the café at lunchtime before attempting Whernside from Kingsdale in the afternoon. On Sunday morning, the sun shone, the winds were light and a second attempt at Whernside was successful, this time direct from Chapel-le-Dale. The cavers did



Browgill to Calf Holes and back again as a result of missing equipment but all enjoyed their time underground.

For a change of scene, in January the group headed off to Coniston Copper Mines and took over the Youth Hostel there. It was a cold, clear Saturday so we headed off to climb the Old Man in wintry conditions. As we climbed higher, the mist came to join us and the wind increased. It was very icy in places with plenty of snow, so we took the opportunity to test out the crampons, the first experience of using them for many of the group. The summit was notable for its lack of view and we pressed on to Brim Fell in a very strong cross wind, across an icy and wind-scoured landscape. Once there, the first group split took place, with Mr Thompson and Miss Aspinall heading off to Goat's Water with three Year 7 girls, who had to work hard to stay on the ground! Everyone else headed off to Swirl How and reached it successfully, apart from replacing the odd errant crampon and dealing with some blisters. Shortly before the summit, we passed the last people we would see for the rest of the day, an amazing state of affairs for the Lake District.

It was an interesting and snowy descent down Prison Band to the low point on the ridge to Wetherlam, where we emerged from the cloud and the second group split took place, with the tired and blistered descending to Levers Water. The remaining few carried on to the icy summit before heading down the snowy and slippery grass slopes of Red Dell, from where a muddy path led to the mines and the final slopes to the hostel just as the light was fading. Sadly, mild and damp weather returned on Sunday so we packed up and followed Miss Aspinall on an interesting circuit of Loughrigg Fell, made all the more interesting by the mist and strong wind. A game of Virus was played near to the summit, with even Mr Thompson showing a turn of speed as he chased the 'Healthy' victims around the rocky knolls! Mr Edgerton and Dr Fitzgerald took a direct line from the summit so that the van and pupils could rendezvous near to Rydal Bridge, whereupon they commenced the homeward trip.

In March, the sun shone (some of the time) on a canoeing weekend in Wales. A group of eighteen Year 11 pupils took advantage of calmer

weather and stayed in Cwm Pennant from where they undertook canoeing expeditions on the lake at Llyn Glas, near to Beddgelert, in largely sunny conditions. Still, with cool temperatures and a brisk wind, it was a test of resilience in the face of adversity, especially with splashing water around: seventy percent of the canoes did not remain upright! On Sunday, those in the party preparing for their Silver DofE expedition did more canoeing, whilst the rest of the party headed off to Anglesey and walked through the woods by diverse routes, not always correct, and out to the coast near the dunes, finishing on the tiny Llandwyn island before returning to the minibuses and the journey home.

PME

Bay of Naples and Sicily

On a fabulous, unforgettable spring tour to Italy and Sicily, forty nine pupils from Years 7 – 9 encountered some of Europe's most iconic sites. The first day took them to the slopes of Mount Vesuvius: the trip, via a lane lined with orange and lemon trees, took them to the summit on foot, where they met impressive views, both into the crater of the volcano and over the sprawling city of Naples. From Vesuvius, the group went to the ancient Roman city of Pompeii. The stunning colours on the walls, the wheel marks in the roads and the world-famous plaster casts of the bodies, transported the visitors to the sense of a bustling Roman town.

On the second day, pupils visited Sorrento for a brief tour of the town and an exploration of its market streets, before travelling to the north



of Naples, to the Campi Flegrei, Europe's super-volcano. The visitors entered the Solfatara crater to the smell of rotten eggs: as they moved around this awe-inspiring place, they witnessed boiling mud, smoking fumaroles, and a natural sauna built into the rock.

That night, an overnight ferry from Naples transported the group to Sicily, for the second leg of the tour, where the first destination was the Alcantrana gorge. Walking through this spectacular gorge, cut through lava flows from Mount Etna and carved further apart by earthquake activity, the group saw some spectacular basalt columns.

The next day, as the group prepared for a trip up Mount Etna in bright sunshine and a temperature in the high teens, it was almost impossible to imagine what would greet the

visitors. However, after a trip in a cable car and a series of 4x4 jeeps, the pupils emerged to ten feet of snow and a cold wind, which ably demonstrated the impact of altitude. The views from the top were stunning and the scale of the volcano even more impressive than at first realized, making Vesuvius seem like a small model.

The final morning was spent in the beautiful town of Taormina, the jewel of which is its Greek amphitheatre, which features Etna as its back drop. The pupils enjoyed their time in the town: ice cream was consumed and a local pizzeria yielded the opportunity for lessons in pizza making, followed by a delicious meal of authentic Sicilian pizza.

The pupils' behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the tour were exemplary; they were a credit to King's.

TDC



Barbados

In October, twenty six pupils and four staff spent just under two weeks on a truly memorable hockey and netball tour. As anticipated, the Bajan teams the girls encountered were very powerful with a huge desire to show how seriously they regarded their sport. The atmosphere and context of the games were often hostile, always highly competitive, and played in extremely challenging sporting conditions. The beautiful country and settings provided a stark contrast to the facilities and attitude of the opposition, who were determined to put King's firmly in second place. Also, alternating days of netball and hockey fixtures required that girls who played both sports had to be at the peak of fitness, if they were to withstand punishing climatic conditions.

We arrived at the University of West Indies to view the hockey venue and to begin the process of acclimatizing to the shocking humidity and heat. Hockey fixtures were to be 8 a-side, requiring adjustment from the more familiar 11 a-side games.

The first netball fixture against Newbury was 'in the back of beyond': the team was hostile and very aggressive on court. Although both our U15 and U17 squads were beaten, King's played some stunning netball, giving the Bajans hard-fought matches.

Our first hockey fixture was against Combermere School at the University of West Indies. The game was at 4pm, and it was still humid: it quickly became apparent that the girls couldn't play at 100% intensity for much long-



er than ten-minute spells. Although a well-organised team, the opposition was not incredibly strong and the final score ended at 9-0, which was a great way to start the tour.

As they settled in, our players were better prepared for the second netball fixture against Sion Hill, though, once again, they were slightly intimidated by the surroundings. Mrs Coleman's umpiring skills were severely tested and many decisions were questioned, requiring penalties because of dissent.

King's played an outstanding and memorable game of netball against the Barbados national schools' development squad. The Bajans were superb, displaying stunning levels of agility, co-ordination and athleticism, yet King's girls responded well, giving them great games in the blistering heat. Though the Bajans won both games, King's girls enjoyed a unique experience, as they were pitted against players, who, no doubt, will be playing for their national squad in the very near future.

The final netball fixture against

Alexandra School was one of the most pleasant experiences of the tour. Some of the girls joined in a number of classes, gaining a taste of school life in Barbados and Mrs Coleman led a coaching session, which included twenty five of Alexandra's school-girls. The two fixtures played against the school ended in wins for King's, completing a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

As well as the sporting fixtures, there were many wonderful opportunities to appreciate the breathtaking sights of Barbados. Highlights included a catamaran cruise along the coast with some deep-sea diving, during which the King's tourists were lucky enough to catch glimpses of sea turtles. The girls also enjoyed a trip to Harbour Lights, where they saw some indigenous dancing and enjoyed an enormous Bajan BBQ, whilst a morning at the Boatyard Beach Party was spent dancing in the rain, in true British style. These memorable excursions were only possible through the generous contributions from sponsors, Thorneycroft and WJ Linkline.

The Barbados tour was a remarkable experience, providing, alongside the challenging sporting fixtures, many opportunities to encounter others and to foster understanding of different cultures. Sincere thanks go to all involved, but especially to Lisa Booker, Caroline Coleman and Sarah Hopkin for their invaluable help throughout. We are now looking forward to our next tour, with younger year groups, to Spain and Gibraltar in Easter 2016.

JLD



Bolivia 2015

The month-long summer expedition saw twenty students visit South America to explore the diverse, high altitude country of Bolivia. The two teams flew into La Paz airport, the highest in the world, situated at 3800 metres above sea level. The teams were met by Jenaro, our guide for the month. He gave us a drink to help with altitude, a mixture of local coca leaves and lemon, and packed us onto the funky 'Turismo' bus to take us to our hotel. Driving from the airport to the hotel was breath-taking as the teams enjoyed stunning views of La Paz, a mass of buildings and busy roads surrounded by mountains. After arriving at the hotel, both teams were keen to explore, so set off to find the Witches' Market, leather goods and, of course, somewhere good to eat. After a busy first day, both teams retired to the hotel for some well-deserved

rest and to prepare for the month ahead.

Day 2 saw the teams visit La Paz again to explore the hustle and bustle of the very busy city while Esteban Herpin and Miss Graham went to El Alto, a suburb of La Paz, to arrange for materials to be delivered to the project. Esteban's Spanish came in very useful as the hardware owners spoke very little English – we even learnt the term for 'corrugated iron'! Materials bought, Esteban and Miss G returned via the world's highest urban funicular and packed up ready to re-locate to Lake Titicaca the following day.

The next day the teams travelled to Isle de Sol where Team 1 waved goodbye to Team 2 as the teams split up for the acclimatisation trek. Team 1 trekked from Yumani to Challapampa and Team 2 trekked the opposite way. Lake Titicaca is spectacular and both groups enjoyed stargazing and watching the sunrise over the water.

Team 2 even went for a dip in the lake. Acclimatisation over, the teams parted ways again for the remainder of the trip: Team 1 were to undertake the project and the trekking phase in the Altiplano whilst Team 2 went to the Salt Flats

School Project

Both teams worked at the same project, helping to build a toilet block and a wall around the school. The school had never had a proper toilet block and the wall surrounding the school needed fixing to keep wild dogs out of the playground. Educativa Condoriri has 15 local pupils and both teams made a significant contribution to developing the schooling of these children. As well as the building work, both teams painted the classrooms, taught the children some English and played games with them such as Duck, Duck, GOOSE (or Duck, Duck COW as we weren't sure of the word

for goose!) We also donated toys, pens, paper and a parachute game which the children loved. The project was immensely rewarding and both teams really valued the experience of working with the local Bolivian community. The people were extremely hospitable, inviting us to a potato festival and a trout ceremony.

Trekking

After the school project, the teams went to Condoriri base camp ready to summit Pico Austria. At 5300 metres, the mountain was challenging but both groups agreed the views from the summit were worth it. Team photos (and a selfie or two later) the teams headed down for a much-needed cup of tea and a rest before another two days of trekking out of the base camp. Both teams agreed that there was one thing they were all really looking forward to after the trek phase – a shower.

Rurrenebaque

The jungle was part of the trip all students and staff were really anticipating. We had heard about the chance to swim with pink river dolphins, see monkeys, go anaconda hunting and try to spot caiman eyes, but the reality was even more remarkable. The wildlife on the jungle tour was incredible and both teams swam with dolphins on more than one occasion. Miss Barton took taking a selfie with animals to a whole new level as a monkey landed on her head. Team 2 found anacondas while sadly Team 1 were not so lucky. The sunsets over the Amazon were spectacular and both teams agreed the jungle phase helped them fully to appreciate Bolivia's remarkable diversity.

Salt Flats

If you google 'Salar de Uyuni' a whole array of weird and wonderful pictures appear. The Salt Flats are literally

miles and miles of perfect white salt, formed following the drying of a lake thousands of years ago. The landscape makes for some amazing illusion pictures, such as someone about to stamp on another person and a whole group fitting into one person's hand. Both teams loved experimenting with these pictures, trying out different angles and filters to get the picture just right. The rest of the salt flat tour included seeing a smoking volcano, geysers, hot springs and staying in a hotel made from salt. Again, the Salt Flats highlighted why Bolivia was such an interesting country to explore for a month and no two phases ever felt the same.

With the last few souvenirs (and some precision packing) it was sadly time to head home. All students and staff had an amazing time and came away with plenty of stories to tell of their South American adventure.

SG



Challenge & Enrichment

Infant and Junior Division

This year's changes to the curriculum were greeted with great enthusiasm by our pupils. In a questionnaire, one pupil described the new curriculum as providing, 'challenges to enhance and enrich pupils' learning chances through ethical teaching'. With this in mind, we employed additional challenges to embrace and further enhance these changes.

iPads were integrated into lessons as well as forming part of the ICT curriculum. They were used to enhance learning, particularly during research and presentation activities. In Shakespeare Week, Year 5 made good use of the iMovie app to create some stunning Shakespeare-themed movie trailers.

It was another busy, musical year with many public performances. Both Year 4 and Year 6 productions were outstanding. Pupils gave performances way beyond their years, excelling in singing, dancing and acting. The Summer Concert showcased our

wonderful musical ensembles and choirs. As ever, the standard of playing was exceptional, bringing forth, as soloists, the class winners of the Year 6 Music Festival.

Competition is a main area of focus in our Enrichment Programme. In-house competitions such as the termly art competition and the Times Tables Championship (pictured), serve to encourage pupils to broaden their knowledge in order to compete with their peers. Our Challenge Monitor, Emma Graham, provided the Junior Department with weekly challenges of a variety of genres, stimulating higher order thinking skills in both pupils and staff alike.

Alongside inter-school musical competitions, a choir of Year 6 pupils and our Woodwind Wonders Ensemble entered classes at the Alderley Edge music festival; our singers were awarded a third place certificate and our instrumentalists a cup for first place.

We take every opportunity to enter our mathematicians and budding

young writers into the national arena. Details of The British Library World War 1 writing competition winners are in the WW1 chapter. Further academic success was achieved when Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took the Primary Maths Challenge, and many of our children performed exceptionally well, with Emma Graham, Lewis Johnson, Mackenzie Blackaby, Oliver Hall, Fay Fitzmaurice and Dominic Townsend receiving a gold certificate.

Our sporting achievements were also outstanding. In addition to in-house sports competitions, there were a number of other significant achievements made regionally and nationally; details can be found in the Sports chapter.

King's Chess team (below) had one of its best years at the AJIS Chess Championships with 1st and 3rd places in the U10 B section for Sam Parry and Angus Rutherford, whilst Christian Tattum was crowned U9 Champion. Christian was also successful in the Northwest Chess Finals and, along with Sam Parry, competed in the

Northern Final of the UK Chess Challenge. Although Christian narrowly missed the UK final by half a point, he qualified for the national plate competition.

The Year 5 Christmas Shop formed part of an enterprise week, as pupils designed and made items to sell for charity, working out the profit and loss on each item and evaluating their ideas, and some demonstrated significant entrepreneurial talent. Year 6 had an opportunity to showcase this talent at the Summer Fun Friday event, where they organised and ran stalls for the rest of the Division.

In addition to this, the Junior School Council, alongside Charity Monitors Ella Jones and Isobel Watkins, were involved in running a variety of charity fund-raising events.

To challenge our most academically capable Year 6 pupils, we prepared and entered a large number for Level 6 papers, where King's pupils achieved outstanding results.

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Physical Education

A Level PE students were lucky enough to be the first school group to enter the new Birley Campus at Manchester Metropolitan University. Students used a state-of-the-art biomechanics laboratory and worked with lecturers who are at the cutting edge of this field. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to enrich their understanding of the mechanics of movement.

In the summer term, King's cricketers received a masterclass in batting, bowling and fielding skills from former England fast bowler, James Kirtley. Steve Moores, Head of Cricket, said: 'Our young cricketers can learn so much from those who have performed at the elite level. Day in, day out, James was one of the most disciplined cricketers on the county circuit, deservedly winning his England caps and making the very best of his talents. We want our young players to emulate that attitude and reach their own personal milestones.'

Modern Foreign Languages

The MFL faculty saw success in a range of challenges this year. Sixth Form students competed in the Cheadle Hulme annual debating competition where the Year 12 German team, competing against Year 13 students, reached the semi-finals. Sixth Form linguists also achieved success in the global 'Juvenes Translatores' competition, aiming to complete the best translation of a set text. In February, MFL students secured a Gold award, two Silvers and a Bronze in the prestigious UK Linguistics Olympiad, an annual competition in which students are required to use their linguistics skills to crack codes and decipher previously unseen languages. Our top linguists also created the new and vibrant modern languages magazine, 'Linguavox', highlighted by the Goethe Institute, London as an example

of best practice in language learning in secondary schools.

Languages in the Workplace

In January, Year 10 pupils were treated to an interactive and thought-provoking session within the Modern Languages Department's Languages in the Workplace Fortnight. Sarah Scott (pictured) shared her insights from an exciting career in international finance and recruitment, and talked of the enjoyable years she spent living in France and Germany. She discussed the way in which living in a country significantly speeds the learning of that country's language and she emphasized the enhancement to language fluency. Pupils responded with many intelligent questions relating to languages in the workplace and the nature of learning a language whilst living in the country.

Business and Economics

Business and Economics students experienced success in a number of national competitions this year. Year 13 Business students Isaac Brough, Jonny Jones, Douglas Naismith and Jack Salem finished 22nd in the country in the Student Investor Stocks Challenge. This is an exceptional accolade given the 10,000+ teams that enter each year.

Six exceptionally promising Year 10 girls - Alice Gregory, Bethany Marlow, Beatrice Tann, Hannah Ruskin, Tilly Davis and Natalie Stevens - made it



to the final of Manchester Airport's Young Enterprise Competition after securing investment for their Christmas gift idea. Six of our most able Business and Economics students - Oliver Wilks, Rheanne Beresford, Jamie Murray, James Sudweeks, Christopher Noxon and Sophie Quinn - came second in the ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants for England and Wales) base accountancy regional competition. The department's 'King's of Commerce' magazine grew in size and developed further, with some wonderful articles from many gifted Business and Economics students.

Music and Drama

This year's main school production, Friedrich Durrenmatt's 'The Visit', was a testing challenge to students, not only in the grasping of some pretty dense and philosophical content, but in the high performance level required in order to communicate the complexities of a range of characters successfully. Professional actor and director Richard Ellis ran a workshop in school on 'archetypal performance' and choral acting techniques, helping greatly in inspiring and equipping the cast to rise to the challenge.

In the summer term, world-renowned drummer with Elbow, Richard Jupp, gave a masterclass to young King's percussionists. More



than 20 would-be drummers learned the secrets of rhythm and beat from one of the world's best. Richard, who has been with Elbow for 21 years, ran a series of sessions with the boys and girls about using a mindful approach, having an awareness of your breath, thoughts and using positive self talk to help to focus the mind.

Senior Mathematics Challenge

Once again this year, some of our most exceptional mathematicians - Laura Embrey, Alistair Thompson, Matthew Harden and Dmitri Whitmore (pictured) - competed in the Senior Mathematics Challenge at Manchester University. The team solved a series of demanding mathematical problems coming second amongst thirty teams.

English

'Evocative, powerful and heart-rending' were the words used to describe Lauren Hayward's poetry recitals. She beat young reciters from top schools across Cheshire with her recital of three great poems in the prestigious Poetry by Heart competition. Having taken 1st place, she then joined forty two other county champions at Homerton College, Cambridge for the national finals.

In January, a group of our most exceptional Year 8 English students visited the John Rylands Library in



Manchester to take part in a Gothic writing workshop, while renowned Manchester poet Mike Garry visited the school to deliver an inspiring talk and workshop for Sixth Form English Literature and Language students.

Science

Two of our most able scientists, Hannah Ruskin and Ellie Fielding, worked in their own time to complete a GCSE in Astronomy with Mr Carpenter. They learnt about planetary systems, stars, galaxies and cosmology and the solar system. An important part of the course is an independent project that forms part of the final GCSE. The students constructed a sun-dial and took regular measurements over a four-week period.

When the solar eclipse occurred, Hannah and Ellie joined a group of Year 11 boys observing and taking measurements of this amazing event. Mathew Jackson, who completed and obtained an A grade in his GCSE Astronomy last year, took some excellent pictures to record the event. A telescope was used to project an image onto a screen and the reflection was seen in a bucket of water.

Hannah is keen to become an astrophysicist: she arranged work experience at CERN, Switzerland in order to gain more experience and to be a part of innovative research in physics.

Aspire

The Aspire programme is now a well-established feature of Sixth Form life and is open to all students who want to challenge themselves in a diverse range of subject areas, outside and

beyond the curriculum. In the first term, weekly sessions were offered for Year 13 as they finalised their university applications. As many of them faced Oxbridge and other interviews, the sessions explored topics such as responding to challenging questions, showing an astute mind at work and how to discuss their wider reading in the context of an interview. During one session, the students were invited to give short presentations on their wider reading, after which they faced a grilling from their peers. Some described this as far more terrifying than their actual interviews. Another session featured a debate on arts and sciences: following a training session from Deputy Head, Richard Griffiths, an impassioned discussion of the topic emerged.

Later in the year, Year 12 students were invited to join the sessions. At this point, colleagues offered a series of talks on a wide range of subjects as diverse as economic theory, language change, political theory and radical thinking: these were approached through a series of demanding 'What if...' questions. The students continued to throw themselves into discussion with energy and insight; running the sessions was a source of great enjoyment for teachers.

At the same time, we continued to challenge Sixth Formers with the Extended Project Qualification, which remains very popular with students and university Admissions Tutors alike.

Inspirational Speakers

Our Inspirational Speakers' Programme welcomed a number of highly successful speakers to the Girls' Division. The objective of Speakers' Club is, in conjunction with our school aims, to develop lively and enquiring minds and to create ambition and drive amongst our girls. We aim to open the girls' eyes to the vast array of opportunities available to them.

A high court trial was conducted by Judge John Phillips whilst speaker Esther Harper talked about her work as a translator at the Sochi Winter Olympics. A leading orthopaedic surgeon, Mr Waseem, told potential medics they would have to work hard and have a real desire to communicate with people if they wanted to become a top surgeon. He described how we



must treat people indiscriminately and without prejudice but always with empathy. He used a mobile ultra-sound system to allow the girls to see their own working joints.

We were delighted to welcome back former pupil and successful businesswoman Carrie Green to speak to current pupils about dreaming big. Founder of the Female Entrepreneur Association, Carrie is dedicated to championing success amongst female entrepreneurs. She was appointed as an ambassador for the government's initiative on start-up businesses and has worked with James Caan of Dragons' Den fame. Carrie spoke passionately about her personal journey to success and her message to pupils came through loud and clear: dream big, decide what you want and go for it. She spoke of the importance of a positive mind set and using failures as stepping stones to success.

We were delighted to welcome some of our own high-flying Year 13 students to Speakers' Club in December. Katie Fray, Anja Knudsen and Aaron Shaughnessey talked to the girls about university applications. They offered sound words of advice about relevant work experience, the importance of participating in a broad array of extra-curricular activities, the value of involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme and how maintaining high standards in all



academic studies is vital in achieving a successful application.

German and History

A Holocaust Exhibition

King's hosted a major exhibition on post-war Germany's confrontation with the Holocaust which highlighted inhumanity towards others and examined not only the causes of past atrocities, but also what is happening in the world today.

After visiting King's, the exhibition took pride of place in the House of Commons and subsequently at the University of Birmingham, Nottingham Trent University, and the University of Copenhagen, as well as having a partner exhibition in Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg.

The exhibition was accompanied by a series of lectures for students and staff by historian Dr Stephan Petzold. The talks focussed on 'Germany's recent shift towards victimhood and the de-emphasis of German responsibility' and, for A Level German students, the talks were delivered in German.

The exhibition tracked Germany's descent into industrial barbarism from the reparations for the First World War, Hitler's seizure of full powers, the development of an efficient state killing machine and also Germany's post-war responses to the Holocaust.

Head of German, Jessica Houghton said: 'I was intrigued to see how the younger generation responded to the question: what is it to be German? Our students were very willing to engage with the deeper questions of defining cultural identity, and the discussion of how to remember past events provoked a fascinating range of thoughtful responses.'

RWA

Community Activities

Charitable work

This year, our pupils and staff engaged in a wide range of activities to raise £25,000 for charities close to home and further afield. Pupils were directly involved in choosing the charities, often reflecting concern for children in the UK and abroad and supporting a range of health-related charities. It is to our pupils' credit, that they embrace the opportunity to help and support others beyond the school community.

Infants and Juniors

In the autumn, donations from Infant & Junior families to the Division's Harvest Celebration were delivered to the Silklife Church's Foodbank. Beautifully decorated boxes of food were distributed to residents of the Harry

Lawson Court by representatives from Year 2 and also to Macclesfield Cradle Concern.

In support of their maths and PSHE curriculum, Year 5 classes ran a Christmas shop, selling festive items and confectionary. An impressive total of £698 was raised, which was sent to the Macclesfield War Graves Project.

In order to support our friends at Destiny Garden School in Kenya, Infant & Junior pupils took part in a sponsored Christmas Run. The children enjoyed racing around the grounds dressed as elves and other Christmas characters. Also, Year 4 children operated a Christmas Postal Service: they worked very hard to sell stamps designed in-house and to collect, sort and deliver mail each day. After the retiring collection from the Junior Carol Service was added to the total, £3294 was sent to DG School to boost their school lunch programme.

Henry Smith (6ST) organised a sale of RSPB lapel pin badges and raised over £70, selling out his entire stock! Comic Relief was supported with a non-uniform day and a second-hand book sale, raising £335 for the charity and a Cake Sale was organised in aid of the Nepal Earthquake Appeal, raising £268.

The final charity event of the year was organised by Year 5 who offered stalls and activities such as cake sales, guess the bear competition and a football penalty shootout. The event generated £273 for the RSPCA.

Including non-uniform days and other charity days held during the year, the final total raised by the Infant & Junior Division was an impressive £6012.

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Girls' Division

In the Autumn Term, the girls opted to support the Neonatal Unit at Macclesfield Hospital. This small, local charity has a big impact on the lives of many, including our own pupils. After launching the project in Assembly in September, the girls organised a myriad of events to raise money for this worthy cause. Major fundraising events included the disco for all pupils in Years 7 - 8, the Year 7 Santa Dash and the sale of Christmas cards. By Christmas, the girls had raised £4218, which is an astonishing effort. In January, we welcomed Fiona Doorey and Julie Green from the NHS to an Assembly for the presentation of the cheque. It was a privilege for our Charities' Prefects, Lauren, Lydia and Kate to visit the Neonatal Unit in March. This gave the girls an opportunity to see for themselves the amazing work which takes place there on a daily basis and to discuss the equipment to be provided. The girls chose to purchase breathing equipment for



the babies in the unit. The inscription on this equipment reads: 'With love and best wishes from all the girls at The Girls' Division at The King's School'.

Later in the year, the girls continued with their fundraising, most notably for The Teenage Cancer Trust by holding a concert of wonderful music in June and they wore House colours on Sports Day to raise £97 for The British Paralympic Association.

Boys' Division

The Division raised £1800 for the Pulmonary Hypertension Association, a charity dedicated to supporting those who suffer from this debilitating condition. The PHA was chosen for its special significance to the Division, as pulmonary hypertension has touched our community in recent years. In September, Charities' Prefect Adam Garnett addressed the boys in assembly and explained to them the devastating effects that the condition has on the lives of sufferers. The boys rose to the challenge and worked tirelessly throughout the year on a range of fundraising activities, including a Year 7 disco, a rap battle, a bake-off and a sponsored silence. The support of the House system was invaluable, with boys from each of the Houses collaborating to organise a Christmas Fair and to design and sell Christmas cards. In May, Dr Dan Reed,



Thanks from the PM

Charity fundraiser Harry Norton got a personal thank you from the Prime Minister for his heroic efforts to support The Seashell Trust. Courageous Harry has helped to raise over £60,000 for the world-renowned charity which cares for those with severe mental and physical disabilities, including his two brothers, Reims and Cayman. Harry's sensational fundraising activities include a host of sponsored activities, public speaking engagements and the auction of his wonderful watercolour paintings, and earned him The Seashell Trust's nomination to attend the Downing Street party.



Runway on the Runway

In March, King's fashion-forward teenagers took to the runway, under the wings of Concorde, to raise thousands of pounds for The Teenage Cancer Trust. In the North West, more than 500 young people are diagnosed each year with cancer,



Community Activities

yet awareness remains the lowest in the UK. Joining their counterparts from other schools, King's pupils entertained and enthralled a packed audience, showcasing fashion from BCBGMaxazria, courtesy of Harvey Nichols, and the UK's top shoe retailer, Kurt Geiger.

The teams spent many hours rehearsing during lunchtime, after school and at the weekend, in an attempt to perfect eye-catching, show-stopping routines. Behind the scenes, students wrote reports, took photographs and organised fundraising opportunities. Two highly talented



items and sold them for charity. The event proved popular and profitable. The final total for The Teenage Cancer Trust was just short of £5000, an astonishing sum of money and, in recognition of their efforts, King's was awarded the 'Stephen Sutton Thumbs Up Award'.

HLB

Sixth Form Fashion Show

Sixth Form students turned on the style for a night of glamour with their annual fashion show in aid of The Christie. The young models wowed a packed audience and raised £3,535. Organiser and student Sacha Allen said: 'We have been working on the show for three months and that hard work certainly paid dividends with the kind of night that I think we will remember for the rest of our lives. Many of us have already been touched by the effects of cancer and deeply appreciate having such a world-class centre of excellence in the region.' King's would like to thank retailers: Boo-Chic, Emma Beaumont, Pure, Fab Boutique, SOS, Runway, John Douglas, Burton and Dorothy Perkins for kindly donating the clothing for the event.

musicians, Jamie Edgerton and Megan Huddy, were invited to perform, demonstrating the very best of King's musicianship.

Runway on the Runway, organised by Margo Cornish, offered pupils the opportunity to gain a wealth of new experiences and they worked together with enthusiasm and resilience.

King's pupils worked tirelessly to smash their fundraising target of £2000, for example, by giving up Saturday morning activities to participate in bag packs at Sainsbury's and Tesco. This, together with numerous cake sales, sweet sales and chocolate tombolas, bingo games and bucket collections at school concerts, kept them all very busy.

In March, the Girls' Division also organised a Raid My Wardrobe event as students donated pre-loved fashion



Charitable Rugby Matches

Pupils donned a variety of fashion accessories during fundraising rugby matches to raise money for Cancer Research, The Brain Tumour Trust and The Christie. The First XV were



joined by around 60 boys and girls from the Seniors and Sixth Form, plus a host of staff, for three charity touch rugby matches which also had a sporting outcome.

Guy Mason explained: 'During the summer break we like to keep up our skill levels by playing non-contact rugby and it has become a tradition that we raise money for good causes at the same time. In the first match, all 70 players wore hats and caps to raise money for the Brain Tumour Trust. The second match saw all players in pink for Cancer Research UK and in the final match players wore shirts from the commonwealth of rugby nations to raise money for The Christie.' The matches raised over £300 for the three good causes.

Ghana connections

King's links with Connecting Kids Education Foundation (CKEF) in Ghana is continuing to benefit many children in the West African country.

The first consignment of books, chairs and tables (from King's Junior Department) were put to good use by hundreds of nursery and school children in the towns of Kissi and Anum. The books and furniture were allocated to St Peter's Nursery and to



Kissi Bisease Primary School, the latter of which now has its first-ever fully furnished library.

The sports equipment and kit donated by King's staff and parents was distributed to the different schools. The football team of Kissi Bisease School was delighted to give its new kit a first outing against a select team of teachers and former King's student Harry Hayward, who was spending a Gap year working with CKEF.

The last consignment of books donated by King's Infant & Junior Division arrived in the autumn and was shared between schools in Anum, Kisse Bisease and a new project location in a remote part of Brong Ahafo region.



Athletics

Boys

The athletics season started well with a 2nd place finish in The King's School Relays Meeting at Macclesfield Leisure Centre. In the junior boys' (Year 7 and Year 8) English Schools' Track and Field Cup, King's came 2nd of ten teams in the first round but did not get through to the North West Finals. The inter boys (Year 9 and Year 10), showing great improvement, came 1st out of nine and qualified for the A Final at Robin Park. Going into the North West Final, King's School was ranked 8th out of twelve but with some excellent performances on the day, finished a respectable 5th in the North-West. Top performances came from Cameron Redpath, who ran a fantastic time of 36.9 seconds to win the 300 metre event; he also jumped 11.49 metres in the triple jump. Joe Moores also won both his events: he ran 24.7 seconds for the 200 metres and threw 11.17 metres in the Shot Putt. The season was in full flow when King's Boys' Division finished 1st in a triangular fixture, beating Cheadle Hulme and Stockport Grammar.

Throughout the season there were some remarkable individual improvements made. Oscar Johnson jumped a huge 1.73 metres in the high jump - his personal best and qualification for the England Athletics Age Group & IPC Championships. Benjamin Kersh threw the javelin 35.38 metres in the Minor County Track and Field Championship to finish 10 metres ahead of the second placed. Also in the Javelin, Sion Davenport and Charlie Toms made big improvements, consistently throwing over 30 metres. Will Fosbrook clocked a personal best of 38.99 seconds for the 300 metres. Samuel Worthington and William Davies were both outstanding performers throughout the season, with Sam taking a fantastic 2nd place out of twenty one in the U13 Manchester Young Athletes Quadrathlon.

SCB

Girls

The teams enjoyed another successful season and there were some excellent performances.

The Macclesfield and District Athletics Championships kick-started the season with Junior and Intermediate teams (Years 8, 9, 10 and 11) both finishing in 2nd place out of the nine competing schools. Lulu Griffiths produced an impressive run, to win the 1500m. Olivia Moores was 2nd, and Jessica Krajewski 4th in the 75m Hurdles, whilst Chantelle Carroll came 2nd in Javelin. In the Intermediate team, Sophie Decker won the 80m Hurdles and was also 2nd in Triple Jump. Eleanor Toms won Javelin, Victoria Blackwell was 2nd in Long Jump and Annabel Hebb came 3rd in the 200m. These performances secured the girls' selection to represent Macclesfield at the County Championships, along with Senior Girls, Lucy Snelson (1500m), Sophie Quinn (Long Jump) and Evie Hancox (Hurdles).

At the Cheshire Schools' Athletics Championships, Sophie Quinn gained County selection by jumping exceptionally well, achieving National Qualifying standard in the Long Jump.

Year 7 girls quickly established themselves as talented athletes when they competed in the Minors' District Championships, finishing 3rd as a team overall, with some excellent individual performances. In particular, Olivia Hunter proved to be a fast sprinter in the 100m and she was selected to represent Macclesfield at the County Minors' Championships. She thoroughly enjoyed the experience and though relatively inexperienced against coached athletes, she showed a great deal of potential for the future.

Athletes competed with flair and determination in the ESAA Schools' Cup competition. The Junior girls (Years 7 and 8) came 2nd out of ten teams in Cheshire East with 253 points, whilst the Intermediate team (Years 9 and 10) won the team prize

with 263 points. Both teams went on to represent Cheshire at the Regional B Finals in Warrington, where the Intermediates increased their points total to 278, with impressive performances from Annabel Hebb, Victoria Blackwell, Antonia Bianchi, Olivia Moores and Ffiona Booker, thus placing the team in 4th position in the North West.

There were some wonderful performances from all the athletes this year, but the highlight of the season was seeing Sophie Quinn compete for Cheshire at her third English Schools' Athletics Association National Finals in Gateshead. This is the fourth largest annual athletics event in the world and it brings together the best athletes from each county in England. Sophie finished in 7th place in the Senior Girls' Long Jump event, which bodes well for her future athletic success.

LB

Junior

Sports Day was a thoroughly enjoyable day of top class athletics and all pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part to score points for their House. Field events included the conventional Long Jump and Javelin and the less conventional, such as the ever-popular Tug of War. Athletes impressed spectators with excellent racing in a range of events including the entertaining egg and spoon, skipping and sack races. Over 80 highly competitive races were concluded with the 4x100m relays (with double points at stake); Capesthorne were the overall winners and House captains Isabel Moores and Oliver Muirhead were proud to collect the cup on behalf of their team.

The athletics team trained hard throughout the season and were unfortunate to miss some opportunities to compete due to bad weather. However, a meeting at Stockport Grammar School was a good rehearsal for the AJIS Championship in mid-June and our athletes went on to acquit themselves very well at this competitive event in Wigan. Athletes made very many finals with 'golden boy' James Payne topping the pile by becoming U11 Ball Throw Champion with a magnificent throw of 46.9m. Silver medals were won by Lottie Dennett (U11 Ball Throw); Sam Danson (U11 150m); Jake Leech (U10 600m) and both the U10 and U11 Girls' 4x100m relay teams. Further successes came

with the U11 Boys' 4x100m relay, Serena Panton (U10 150m) and Isabel Moores (U11 150m), who secured well-deserved bronze medals.

The Macclesfield and District Athletics event concluded the season on the hottest day in July since records began. Athletes coped brilliantly and were delighted to win the Girls' Team Trophy, the Boys' Team Trophy and the Combined Team Shield. The 4x100m relay races rounded off a fantastic evening of athletics in fine style and both the U11 girls' quartet (Scarlett Brough, Lottie Dennett, Sophie Scott and Isabel Moores) and the U11 boys' quartet (Charles Morrison, Jake Leech, Lewis Johnson and Sam Danson) became Macclesfield and District 2015 Champions. Holly Burke was the U11 600m Champion and Lottie Dennett the U11 80m Champion.

Thank you to athletics captain, Sam Danson.

Athletics Colours were awarded to: James Payne, Lewis Johnson, Sam Danson, Charles Morrison, Isabel Moores, Holly Burke, Lottie Dennett, Sophie Scott and Scarlett Brough.

DCB

Basketball

Teams entered the U17 and U18 England Schools Competitions. In the U18 competition, with a pool of six, the team had a competitive chance. The opening game against Tytherington HS was a tight match, with King's winning by 10 points only. The win came from a combination of tight defence and utilising all of our players to score, as our principal scorers, Captain Dima Rukazenzov and Esteban Herpin, were neutralised by the two best players of Tytherington.

The second match, a win against Congleton HS, was again closer than expected, but easier winning at 48-31. Olly Nowak and Joe Martin, ably assisted by Alex Norton, controlled both defensive and offensive boards, enabling fast breaks and multiple shots, with aggressive offensive rebounding. The third game result was a narrow loss to a very good team at Cardinal Langley in Manchester and King's also lost by 20 points, to Alsager HS.

The women's team played the former pupils, which the former pupils won by a considerable margin.

BB

Cheerleading

Fantastic results were achieved at the National School Cheerleading Championships in June at the Manchester Velodrome. Each team was placed in the top two in the country, with three of the four, crowned National Champions.

King's Kittens (Year 7) were 2nd; King's Cubs (Year 8) 1st and National Champions; King's Lions (Years 9 and 10) were 1st and National Champions; King's Allstars (Years 7-13) were 1st and National Champions.

King's cheerleaders continue to strengthen their skills and achievements and, as this year came to a close, we said 'Farewell' to Bethany Burrows, who has captained seven Cheerleading teams to National success throughout her King's career.

Bethany has been a great inspiration to cheerleaders, trampolinists and sports women generally. We wish her well for the future, both academically and in the field of sport.

HLB

Twenty-five pupils qualified to represent the UK at the European Champi-



onships held in Croatia in June. These pupils achieved fantastic results with all teams placed in the top five in Europe and the Junior co-ed stunt group and Senior co-ed team placed first and third respectively.

Following these excellent results, several pupils were selected to compete for Team UK in the biennial World Championships, to be held in November in Berlin. Pictured, from left, they were: Susie Moores, Rowena Moores, Beth Burrows, Fiona Cornish, Izzy Stevens, Antonia Bianchi and Sophie Jackson

Congratulations also went to pupils who passed the Level 1 and 2 coaching examinations and are now qualified assistant coaches.

RBJ

Cricket

1st XI

Optimism was high at the start of the 2015 cricket season with several quality players reaching their final year at King's. These senior players were the mainstays of the team, which could be seen in an excellent low scoring game at Leeds, where the three leading run scorers and all the wicket-takers were Year 13 boys.

Given the impact and number of Year 13 players, it is surprising then that this was one of the youngest 1st XIs ever. Almost certainly a unique event occurred against Manchester Grammar School, when there was one boy from Year 8, three from Year 9 and two from Year 10 in the team.

In a season when 25 players represented the 1st XI, it is impossible to mention them all but it is important to recognise the contribution made to the team from those senior players who are leaving the school. As a group they were not just good cricketers, but also excellent characters, who were fundamental in the successes of school teams over the years.

The Player of the Season award went to Tom Key. Tom is a tall, fast bowler with a fantastic action who will continue to improve in the coming years. He scored runs throughout the year but it was during the last two weeks of term that he came into his own as a bowler. He picked up four wickets against the MCC and the following day a brilliant five wickets against Merchant Taylors'.

Another ever-present member of the team was Ben Winrow. Ben's control and swing made him a huge asset



with the ball and, as a batter, Ben scored valuable runs down the order.

Archie Thorneycroft is the type of sportsman all teams want. He never gives less than 100% in everything he does. He throws himself around in the outfield, bats with real aggression and bowls fast left arm over the wicket deliveries that are capable of getting the best players out.

Callum McIlveen is a top order batter and opening bowler and has the ability to score runs and take wickets against the very best teams, but in the final tally, his statistics did not do him justice. By any measure, Callum has been a very successful schoolboy cricketer who will get better and better.

JJ Goldfinch's hard hit 61* almost created a victory opportunity from an impossible situation against Barnard Castle and his burst of 3 wickets for 21 against Leeds did the same. Both games were lost in the end, but JJ's contribution in both showed the best side of his cricketing ability. When JJ finds consistency, he will be a fine and exciting cricketer indeed.

It is hard to sing the praises of the Captain, Finlay McCance, highly enough. He led the team well both on and off the pitch. Finlay had an excellent season as wicket keeper (21 catches and 5 stumpings) and also with the bat with 453 runs. Although unable to reach his run tally from last season, Finlay's 85 in a T20 game against National finalists Sedbergh showed what a quality player he is. Finlay won the Most Valuable Player of the season award.

So what of the future? Will Hodgson, who for the two previous seasons won the Most Valuable Player award, will be back from injury to Captain the side. As a captain, he will have a number of spin options available to him; his own leg spin will see

him as the first choice slow bowler but off spinners Zachary Howdle (who had an excellent season with 18 wickets including 5 for 28 against Stockport Grammar) and Will Dowd (5 for 53 against Rossall) will also be available. Harry Elms also emerged as a young leg spinner of real quality and Jos Collier, a third 'leggie' will add to the competition in the spin department.

Somewhat carelessly, the school lost their five main seam bowlers from 2015, as all were in Year 13 and replacing these will be a major challenge. Angus Thomson, who opened the batting for much of the season, and Owen Jones who also played as a batter, will be increasingly relied upon with the ball.

The three leading run scorers (McCance, McIlveen and Key) all leave but there is still real batting talent in the squad. Will Hodgson has the potential to score a lot of runs and I'm sure he will have a good season. Angus Thomson, as a maturing U14, has the technique that can cope with the best quick bowling and Archie Phillips, another of last year's U14s, batted very well in the second half of the season. Harry Elms has the potential to score quick runs. U15 Jos Collier and Cameron MacKinnon both did well when they played. Of all the batters, it was the arrival of Owen Jones that proved most exciting. He hits the ball very hard and scores his runs at a naturally quick rate. His explosive 50 against Merchant Taylors' was a real quality innings; he will certainly be one to watch over the next few years.

We wish all those players leaving King's all the best with their cricket in the future. We will start again next season with a much-changed team. I am sure the squad will be a large one but, more excitingly, a young one.

SM

2nd XI

This year's season is best described as eventful. It did not get off to a good start; two resounding losses against strong Stockport Grammar and King's Chester sides indicated that it was time for us to turn on the heat. The following game against Cheadle Hulme was brilliant for many reasons. An outstanding 103* from Dan Crosby, supported by a solid 35 from James Hodges, contributed to an impressive total of 164-1. However, what was to follow, none of us could have prepared for. Cheadle Hulme got off to a relatively normal batting performance, struggling to hold their own against bowlers Michael Abrahamse and Jacob Percival. But as the game progressed and more wickets fell, we became more unsure of the opposition's tactics in the middle. One Cheadle Hulme batsman even went as far as to appeal for his own wicket; whether this was because of his uncertainty of the rules, or just because he fancied going home, we are still unsure. Regardless, the game finished with King's winning by a respectable 72 runs. For both entertainment purposes and performance appreciation, many regard this game as one of the year's highlights.

The tightest game of the season was one on a dark evening at Manchester Grammar School. With the light playing havoc, many of our top-order batsmen fell short of the mark, putting pressure on the middle order to perform. Fortunately, Todd Leddy and James Hodges took it in their stride: Todd Leddy contributed a quick 22 off 23, and James Hodges a useful 24 off 39. However, with only

104 on the board, it was going to be a struggle. We were fortunate enough to have spin-twins Will Dowd and Zachary Howdle with us. Will verified his deadly consistency, taking four wickets for just fourteen runs. Zach was selected to bowl the last over: Manchester Grammar needing just twelve runs to win. With a wrist like a rattle snake, Zach gave just four runs away in the final over, leading us to victory and giving himself outstanding figures of 4-11.

Another highlight of the season was a Friday night fixture against the Staff All-stars. The All-stars brought level-headed Miss Dunn and big-hitter Mr Sanders on as openers, who got the team off to a great start. Dark horse, Mr Maudsley was also responsible for many of the All-stars runs and wickets. Unfortunately, King's was unable to step up to the mark, and as a result suffered a loss of 36 runs.

Fortunately, our final game against Bolton was a win, ending the season on a high. The Bryning brothers were on fire against Bolton, Josh with the ball and Sam with the bat. However, no-one could match Paul Roberts this game, gaining the team four wickets for just eleven runs.

Over the season, King's 2nd team developed immensely. Captain Jacob Percival flourished, leading the team by example with some impressively technical slip catches. James Hodges was consistent as ever, scoring twenties or thirties when the team was in sticky positions. Will Dowd never failed to impress with the ball and Will McIlveen was one of the most improved players of the season. It was a season of both good and bad, how-

ever the resilience and character that we demonstrated as a team is undeniable. Most importantly, we all enjoyed working with each other and playing good cricket. Thanks to Mr Moores and all the coaches who helped out.

Oliver Quinn 12HLC

U15

The season started with our annual fixture against Denstone College. Team spirits were high and every player was desperate to start with a win. Jos Collier captained the King's team and elected to bowl first, thinking the pitch would get better over time. The King's spin bowlers took six wickets between them before a dominant batting display, including 64* by Max Turner, enabled King's to win the game with 7 wickets in hand.

This was followed up with Brine Lees away in the Cheshire Cup. We suspected their team to be quite strong, when their two best batsmen contributed 33 and 44 to put in a solid total of 127 off 20 overs. However, a powerful batting performance from the King's top order, highlighted by Jos Collier top scoring with 64 off 34 balls, resulted in the Brine Lees score being knocked off in quick succession and King's hitting the required total in half their allotted overs.

The King's openers made an extremely poor start at home against Cheadle Hulme the following week-end, but an outstanding performance from Owen Jones led to King's posting a season best of 212-4 in 25 overs. His 142* took the game out of sight and Cheadle Hulme eventually fell 73 runs short of the King's total. Owen's stroke play and powerful hitting



will be remembered by the Cheadle Hulme bowlers for a very long time.

The Lancaster away game was played in unforgiving conditions and King's started their batting innings slowly as wickets fell for very little reward. The middle order rallied and George Barker hit a steady 33* to ensure that King's made a respectable 123-9 off 30 overs. Unfortunately, some poor King's fielding assisted Lancaster to victory in a tense final over. Angus Homer, who produced season best figures of 6-32 off 6 overs, deserves a special mention.

An impressive all-round performance by Jack Willcock helped King's to victory against local rivals MGS. He took three wickets as King's restricted the visitors to 121 and then followed with 38* as King's eased home with 5 wickets to spare. The team was in a buoyant mood as players faced Sandbach in the next round of the Cheshire Cup; however they left deflated after Sandbach recorded a deserved win by 27 runs and they progressed into the Cheshire Cup Final.

Unfortunately, the team didn't recover from the Cup setback and finished the season with a 40 run loss against Stockport GS; only Ben Turner showed some form with 25 hard fought runs.

On the whole, this was a most enjoyable season, aided by some dry weather and lots of good competitive cricket played. The team should be complimented on their approach to both games and training sessions. There were many cricketers who sadly did not get a chance to represent the school and I hope they will remain engaged in the game and push for a place next season.

GAJM/Jos Collier (Captain) 10PW

U14

The U14 team had a very good season and played seventeen matches, with twelve wins and just five losses. Unfortunately, one of those losses came in the final game as the team were runners up in the Cheshire Cup. The excellent win/loss record achieved by the boys is made to look even more impressive when considering that for many of the matches the team were below full strength. Many of the Year 9 cricketers were amongst the most talented within the school and this was demonstrated as Angus Thomson, Archie Phillips and Harry Elms became regular members of the 1st XI side.



The team began the season with magnificent victories over strong oppositions, including Denstone College, Stockport GS and Cheadle Hulme. Skipper Sam Buckingham started strongly, amassing runs in the early matches including a 21 ball half century where he blasted 8 sixes. Meanwhile, the opening bowling partnership of Sam Cheetham and Will Fosbrook proved very damaging, with both consistently picking up wickets. Cheetham finished the season with twenty wickets, including a brilliant 5 for 18 versus Cheadle Hulme. Supporting these two were seamers Charlie Toms and Louis Gruber as well as spinners George Connolly and Harry Elms. As the season progressed, Sam Crosby scored plenty of runs and formed a formidable partnership in cup matches with Angus Thomson. Sam finished with 308 runs including a magnificent 78 against RGS Lancaster. Tom Carter consistently chipped in with valuable runs as did the ever-improving Charlie Fogg. Will Davies also contributed runs late to cap off a good all round season.

The team was fortunate to play most weekend matches and some very enjoyable mid-week fixtures on the main school grounds, with a significant number on the school front field. Highlights included the season opener against a Cheshire Women's side and hosting Montrose School, a touring side from South Africa.

The boys had a fun season together and Sam Buckingham did a great job as Captain. I am sure this talented group of boys will win many more cricket matches for King's in future seasons.

CAMS



U13A

This was a successful season for the U13A team, which culminated in triumph in the Cheshire Cup Final (pictured above). George Holden captained the team excellently, and led from the front as a free scoring opening batsman who amassed an impressive 377 runs at an average of 53.9 runs per innings. He also picked up crucial wickets (11), including a vital 4-10 in 3.2 overs as King's avenged an early season defeat in beating Cheadle Hulme by 12 runs in the Cheshire Cup Final. Jack Mayfield (276 runs at 30.6) and Joey Chong (234 runs at 33.4) were also crucial batting contributors, and they showed all their qualities in unbroken century partnership in victory at Denstone. Joey Chong was also excellent as wicket-keeper throughout the season, and James Davis showed his improvement with 40 retired at Merchant Taylors'.

Murray Redpath (136 runs at 19.4) got better and better as the season wore on. His unbeaten 49, in partnership with Tom Davies (20*), in the cup quarter-final against St Ambrose provided evidence of excel-

lent running between the wickets and great instincts. Redpath also performed well as an opening bowler who moved the ball away from the right-hander at a decent pace. Tom Davies was highly successful with his off-spin: he played a key role in the middle overs and his 13 wickets at 17.15 runs apiece were pivotal. Matthew Warham bowled lively right-arm seamers and had the happy knack of picking up key wickets, as his thirteen wicket haul testifies. George Muirhead showed promise in opening the batting, and also enjoyed success with his leg spin bowling: his eight wickets hint at a bright future.

Remy Miller was another important all-rounder whose contribution included seven useful wickets, one more than Jack Mayfield, who showed genuine pace at times. Josh Wyatt bowled better than his wicket tally would suggest, and Oliver Payne and Jamie Moule did not disappoint when they were given an opportunity.

This was a squad with a number of bowling options as emphasised by Griff Roberts who earned selection in the second half of the season. In addition to the Cup Final success, eight other victories were secured over: Denstone College, Macclesfield Cricket Club, Stockport Grammar School, Altrincham Grammar School, St Ambrose (twice), Merchant Taylors' Crosby and King's Chester. Defeats came at the hands of Merchants, Cheadle Hulme, Lancaster Royal Grammar School, Manchester Grammar School and Birkenhead.

CST

U13B

The team had a good season, winning five of the ten matches played. There were some team highlights along with many of the players showing their individual potential. This included some amazing batting and bowling figures such as 50 off 24 balls from Josh Laniado-Green and 4 for 9 by Fin McKeever, both in the match played against MGS.

There were solid batting efforts all season with Ben Calvin, Aidan Carmen and Josh Howdle all hitting big scores. Josh Howdle was consistently good and was only dismissed by the opposition three times. The bowlers also performed well, with the rewards being shared. Big Yorkers coming at your feet from Cubby Callaghan saw him pick up many wickets and be awarded the Bowler of the Year.

The most exciting match of the season must have been against St Ambrose, when the team hit the winning runs with just over 2 overs to go and 2 wickets in hand. The match against MGS was also a highlight, with the team scoring 140 runs in 25 overs and included five batsmen reaching retirement.

This was a great season, with some amazing cricket played and our thanks go to Mr Maudsley, for coaching the team.

Harry Brough 9MTH

U12A

The start of the new cricket season saw over forty Year 7s attending after school cricket sessions and showing great enthusiasm for the game. Our first fixture was at The Grange: after posting 148 runs (Charlie Boddy 53) we were in a strong position. Ben Kersh opened the bowling and soon tore through the top order and The Grange ended up 43-9 (20 overs). This was a great start.

Denstone was next and again a good performance saw another win; however, against Stockport the game could have gone either way. Will Davies scored 50 whilst tight bowling at the end saw both sides scoring 119 (25 overs) and the match was tied. Cheadle Hulme showed they had a good side and unfortunately we were not able to take many wickets and suffered our first defeat. Runs dried up for the side and we only managed to score 77 against Sandbach and 44 against Lancaster, both resulting in defeats for King's.

St Ambrose got the boys back in the runs: with a mid-week fixture we had Joey Chong back from the U13s, scoring 50 before being retired and Kersh 52 and 2 for 12 off 4 overs. MGS proved another stumbling block with the bat and this time in the field. They posted 180-2 off 25 overs and unfortunately we showed little resistance, being bowled out for 54.

Newcastle, Bolton and King's Chester were our next fixtures: wickets and runs from Will Davies, Ben Kersh, Alex Davies, Charlie Boddy and Josh Rajendran saw us beat all three sides. Merchant Taylors', the last game of the season, saw the team restrict Merchants to 66 runs and able to knock them off five down. The boys had a great cup run, beating Bridge-water, West Hill and Altrincham GS. A coin toss in the semi took us to a final against Sandbach, who scored a good

103-1 and we couldn't quite reach the target.

Congratulations go to Charlie Boddy for Batsman of the Season and to Will Davies for Bowler of the Season.

RL

U12B

The boys began the season with an away fixture against Stockport GS on what was the first of several rainy Saturdays! This was very much a 'finding your feet' game as the team was newly formed and discovering the team dynamics. Despite this, the boys played very well and only lost narrowly in a pairs game.

Taking confidence from this into their next match against Cheadle Hulme, the boys put in a real team performance, to win by a similar narrow margin.

They won the next fixture by overcoming Sandbach and, though RGS Lancaster promised to be a tougher test, yet again, with a great team effort, victory was achieved.

St Ambrose were defeated in the Cup but this success was followed by two difficult games: firstly, against a traditionally strong MGS team which resulted in a 15 run defeat and then a disappointing Cup performance losing to Newcastle-under-Lyme GS.

Despite being rained off against Birkenhead GS, the boys bounced back with a victory over Bolton GS by 5 wickets and finished the season with a brilliant tied game with Merchant Taylors'.

This was a good, positive season, which augers well for next year. The whole team contributed throughout, with some excellent performances in all the games. The team was a pleasure to be with, they were always good company and their conduct was impeccable at all times. I very much look forward to coaching them next season.

CFS

Indoor Cricket

Once again, King's entered the National Lady Taversners' Indoor Cricket Competition.

The U15s team, composed of many Year 9s, played very well but came up against some big hitters and did not make it through to the next competition.

The U13s blazed their way through the local competition with Ella Thomson scoring over 40 in an eight over game: she had the spectators div-

ing for cover at one point. The U13s went on to represent Cheshire East against eight other teams in a very well organised competition led by Cheshire Cricket Board. They came third overall and showed the future of girls' cricket is very bright at King's: it is especially pleasing that Imogen Collinson (pictured) was selected in the Derbyshire Training Squad.

JLD

U11

The U11s started their season with a 'pairs' game against Macclesfield Cricket Club. After William Worswick won the toss and elected to bowl first, Macclesfield were restricted to a total of 262, after starting on 200. In reply, King's appeared to be on course to surpass this score; despite a slight wobble in the last four overs, King's was victorious by 7 runs.

After both A & B teams were defeated by Stockport Grammar, King's A team travelled to face Newcastle-Under-Lyme School in the 1st Round of the AJIS Cup. King's bowled first in this 15 over match. From the outset, it was clear that Newcastle had one outstanding player in its side and this proved to be the difference between the two teams. Newcastle scored a total of 82-3 in their allotted overs, with the lynchpin of the team accruing 66 of those runs after opening the batting.

In reply, King's appeared to be cruising to victory, as they reached 45-1 in the 8th over; however, King's fell 14 runs short in reaching 68-7. This was a disappointing defeat, although some consolation can be gained from the fact that Newcastle would go on to win the competition.

After half-term, King's hosted Birkenhead Prep School in both A and B team fixtures. In the A team fixture, the boys started well, taking early wickets to restrict the flow of runs and were in control heading into the final overs. Some aggressive batting towards the end of the 20 overs resulted in a respectable Birkenhead score of 75-9. In reply, the King's top order batted sensibly in defence, and, with almost four overs to spare, Captain William Worswick struck the winning boundary as King's reached 76-4 to win by 6 wickets. In the B team match, King's had the honour of batting first. Unfortunately, it was a nervous start and with some very good bowling, King's was reduced to 227 runs off the first 8 overs. How-



ever, two very good partnerships between Ben Piper/Charlie Sudweeks and Dominic Townsend/Jack Bray led the King's fightback and the score finished on 250. King's needed a very good start and were rewarded by an excellent opening spell of bowling from Ben Piper and Isabella Johnson, both taking two wickets apiece. The bowling and fielding continued to be of a very high standard, so that Birkenhead needed 25 runs from the final two overs; however Isabella Johnson and Jack Bray held their nerve to give King's victory by twelve runs.

In the final game of the season, King's travelled to Bury Grammar with both A and B teams. Once again, the A team performed well, restricting their hosts to 69-5 from the 15 overs, with some outstanding catching in the outfield. The team started well when chasing the 70 runs required for victory, with both James Payne (retired 25) and Harry Owens (21*)

laying the foundation for an excellent win by 6 wickets in the 15th over. The B team was involved in a closely fought contest against the same opposition, with King's scoring 226 to win narrowly by 2 runs.

The U11s finished the season with the Reeman six a-side tournament at Stockport Grammar School. Unfortunately, two very narrow defeats in the opening matches proved costly and despite a crushing victory in the last match against QEGS Blackburn, the team failed to progress into the semi-finals.

U10

The U10s made the transition to using a hard ball this year, playing three competitive fixtures. In the first A team match against Stockport, King's won the toss and elected to bowl first. However, Stockport's main batting threat was still to come and although King's continued to bowl some fan-

tastic overs, the opposition reached a total of 279.

A very steady partnership from Noah Reaney and Leo Chinae-Rodriguez meant King's needed 30 runs from the final 4 overs. The last pair of Daniel Williams and Tyler Keefe did a fantastic job and with King's needing 19 off the last over there was a chance of victory, however King's fell just short of the required total.

The B team dominated their match against the same opposition and were comfortable winners by 58 runs.

The U10 A team played their second match of the season against Bury Grammar School and dominated from start to finish. Bury were under pressure in the first over as Sam Heath took three wickets. Some outstanding catching in the outfield continued to limit the opposition's score. In reply, each of the King's batting pairs made a good contribution to the run-chase, with the destructive batting by Harrison Milner and Louis Finnegan taking the King's score well beyond the winning total in the middle overs, as they reached 257 to win by 37 runs.

The final fixture involved a long trip to face Birkenhead Prep School. The B team game proved to be an exciting match. At the completion of the 15 overs, King's had added 65 runs after starting on 200. In reply, Birkenhead made a slow start, however their innings gradually gained momentum and they managed to scrape over the line to win by 2 runs.

In the A team game, King's faced a strong opposition and despite their best efforts were defeated by 40 runs.

MW/NB/ST

Cross Country

Boys

The season started with the ESAA English Schools' Cross Country Cup at Warrington. King's had thirteen runners, with eight representing the Junior Boys (Years 7 and 8) and 5 in the Inter Boys (Years 9 and 10). Archie Phillips stood out, finishing 9th in the Inter Boys and Peter Goodfellow finished 11th in the Junior Boys. The Juniors finished 7th and the Inters 5th overall.

A strong group of senior boys represented the school at the Macclesfield and District Cross Country. The ground was fairly heavy going and wet in parts, but the boys showed great strength and determination.

There were a total of 38 boys running in the Minor Boys' category (Year 7): Alex Davies finished 2nd, Will Davies 3rd, Jimmy Foxton 5th and Sam Worthington 8th, so that King's secured 1st place out of 6. Junior Boys (Year 8) had 44 runners: Peter Goodfellow finished 5th and Fin McKeever 13th, giving the team an overall place of 6th of eight. The final category was the Senior Boys with a field of 25. An impressive performance from George Barker saw him finish 9th.

Alex Davies, Will Davies, Jimmy Foxton, Sam Worthington, Tom Moorhouse, Peter Goodfellow, Fin McKeever and George Barker were chosen to represent Macclesfield District at The Cheshire Schools' County Championships. Here, competing against the best runners in Cheshire, three King's boys gave good performances. James Foxton and Tom Moorhouse ran for the Minor Boys, finishing 21st and 23rd of 65 runners. Peter Goodfellow ran in the Minor Boys, competing against boys older than him, and finished 23rd place out of sixty.

RL

Girls

Two teams of keen runners began the season in the first round of the ESAA Schools' Cup Cross Country Competition in October. This was held in the picturesque gardens of Walton Hall in Warrington and was a flat and leafy course which ran very fast, to produce exciting and competitive races.

The Junior Girls' team (Years 7 and 8) was placed 4th position out of eleven. Individually, Lulu Griffiths had an excellent race, finishing 5th. Jodie Foxton, Susie Moores and Alex Brooks also ran well. In the Inter Girls' race, Georgina Boden had an exceptional run, finishing 7th whilst the team finished 4th position out of eleven schools, with good performances from Olivia Moores, Antonia Bianchi and Ffyona Booker.

Later in the term, the runners performed well at the Macclesfield and District Cross Country Championships. In the Year 7 race, Susie Moores finished 5th, with Charlotte Smith, May Broadley, Florence Thompson, Felicity Bailey and Isabella Whittle contributing to the team score and placing the team 3rd out of seven. In the Junior Girls', Lulu Griffiths, Olivia Moores, Jodie Foxton, Ffyona Booker, Chantelle Carroll and Alex Brooks achieved 3rd place as a team and Lulu, Olivia and Jodie were selected

to represent Macclesfield at the County Cross Country Championships. Georgina Boden ran for the Inter Girls, finishing 4th and Lucy Snelson won the Senior Girls' race. Both were selected to represent Macclesfield in the County Championships.

At the Cheshire Cross Country Championships at Winsford in January, Lucy Snelson finished 9th in the Senior Girls' race and Georgina Boden was 20th in the Inter Girls. In the Junior Girls' race, Jodie Foxton was 34th and Lulu Griffiths had a great race, finishing 8th. She was selected to represent Cheshire at the ESAA National Cross Country Championships. This was a great achievement and a fantastic experience for Lulu, running for the County in a field of approximately 350 runners. She needed sharp elbows to get out of the starting pens and displayed courage and resilience, running through very muddy terrain against girls who were mostly a year older.

LB

Juniors

The AJIS Championship was held at Rossall School in October and involved a team of seven competitors representing each school for each age group. The standard was very high and all raced hard to try to achieve their best position for the team total. Year 6 Girls were very proud to be placed 2nd; they were Izzy Moores (6th); Lottie Dennett (10th); Holly Burke (11th); Scarlett Brough (13th) and Sophie Scott (34th), supported by Katie Barr and Sophie Miller. Jake Leech, Louis Finnegan, Izzy Moores and Lottie Dennett each achieved top ten places out of a large field of up to 140 competitors in each race; all gained great experience in managing such a congested start line.

The Macclesfield and District race series was also an excellent standard and King's performed consistently well in all age groups. Championship Day in March proved to be highly competitive and Year 5 and 6 Boys and Year 5 and 6 Girls were thrilled to be overall winners. Jack Bray (7th), Jake Leech (9th) and Sam Heath (17th) supported by William Worswick and Louis Finnegan were the Boys' Gold medallists and Holly Burke (3rd) Izzy Moores (5th) and Lottie Dennett (7th), supported by Rebecca Foster and Katie Barr were the Girls' Gold medallists. Cross Country Captains, Jack Bray and Holly

Burke led their respective teams (pictured) home with gritty and determined runs: the very best of efforts from the whole team secured top spot. Katie Barr and William Worswick were recognised for their endeavour throughout the season.

All pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed competing in the House Cross Country events. Capesthorpe was this year's champions, with the following runners winning their events: Year 3 - Alistair Fitzmaurice and Connie Roden; Year 4 - Edward Roden and Iona Whaley; Year 5 - Jake Leech and Lara Tabachnik and Year 6 Jack Bray and Holly Burke. Cross Country Colours were awarded to: Jack Bray, Holly Burke, Izzy Moores and Lottie Dennett.

DCB

Forest Trail and Fell Running

During the summer months, a seasoned collection of fourteen Year 11 and Sixth Form boys and girls embarked on a gruelling term of forest trail and fell runs in and around Bollington, Macclesfield Forest and the Peak District. The group worked exceptionally well, whether taking on a sprint relay challenge up Nessit Hill from Ridgeway Reservoir in sweltering heat, or making the arduous ascent of Shutlingsloe in thick mist and driving wind and rain. There was always great spirit and much humour, accompanied by a gritty desire to succeed and never give up. The pick of the runners were Alex Richmond, Lucy Snelson and Tabitha Green, all experienced fell runners in their own right, but both Eleanor and Sophia Bird, Abi Johnston, Matthew Peakman and Tom McClusky all ran exceptionally well. Emerging from the chasing pack of Year 11s, were Hector Tomlinson, Peter Thorp, Ieuan Sanders, Tom Higginson, Tom Botham and the effervescent Mike Jones – all of whom we hope will continue with the sport next summer.

GAJM/JPB

In September, twelve pupils from each of the senior divisions took part in the English Schools' Fell Running Championships, at Calder Valley High School, on an extremely demanding, steep and technical, traditional fell running course.

Year 7s ran 3 km. The results were: William Davies (21st), Sam Worthington (32nd), Bryn Barker (39th),



Charlie Boddy (41st) and Ben Kersh (45th). They did amazingly well in a strong field to finish a creditable 7th team overall.

Years 8 and 9 followed a demanding course over 5 km. King's finishers included Daniel Batt (33rd) and Peter Goodfellow (37th) in the boys and Lulu Griffiths (24th) in the girls.

Years 12 and 13 ran an even more challenging course over 8 km. Athletes Lucy Snelson (10th) and Evie Hancox (14th) secured the best performances of the day.

King's came 16th overall, though with incomplete teams, and intend to build on this very creditable result next year.

KLB

Football

The U8 and U9 football teams enjoyed their first taste of school football, participating in two tournaments at the end of the Spring Term. In the Macclesfield Primary Schools' Festival, King's fielded three teams. Each team performed well, displaying excellent team work throughout and improving their passing as the morning progressed. The A team experienced a particularly successful morning, contesting some very fast-paced games. The highlight was the last game against Marlborough when, having already lost 2-0 in their second

game, King's produced their best performance and were rewarded for all their pressure with a winning penalty, moments before full time.

The U10 football team enjoyed an outstanding season, remaining unbeaten throughout. Resounding wins were recorded against Stockport Grammar (6-0), Bolton (8-0), Birkenhead Prep (6-1) and Bury Grammar (8-4). The boys particularly impressed the watching spectators with their fluent, passing football and this augurs well for next year.

The U11 team began their season by hosting a tournament involving seven other independent schools. After winning their group containing Stockport Grammar, Cheadle Hulme and Altrincham Prep schools, unfortunately King's was defeated 2-0 by King's Chester in the semi-final.

King's performed exceptionally well in the Macclesfield Primary Schools' Cup, held at Derby Fields. After a comfortable win against St Alban's, the boys faced Prestbury in the final. In this match King's enjoyed the majority of the possession and territory, although a few missed opportunities sent the game into another penalty shootout. After both James Payne and Oscar Robinson had scored and goalkeeper Lewis Johnson had made a crucial save, William Worswick stepped up to score the decisive, winning penalty.

As the winners of this trophy, King's represented Macclesfield in The Cheshire Cup, held in Crewe. In the Quarter-Final, King's was victorious in extra-time, after a Mablin Lane defender directed a William Worswick corner into his own net. This set up a Semi-Final match against a strong and well-organised Westbrook team, which proved to be one game too far for the boys. Despite their best efforts in taking the match into extra-time, they were defeated 2-0.

The U11 footballers participated in the local Macclesfield Primary School league, with both A and B teams representing the school. The B team enjoyed mixed fortunes, winning two of their six matches, whilst the A team performed extremely well to win the league, remaining undefeated through the league campaign.

The season was completed at the Reliance Sevens' Finals. In the Final against Upton Priory, King's took the lead with a powerful header by Oscar Robinson from a William Worswick corner and, despite a few nervy moments, held on for a narrow win to claim the trophy. Overall, this was an excellent football season, with the boys winning 'The Treble' of The Cheshire Cup Qualification Tournament, Macclesfield Primary School League and Reliance Sevens trophies, a feat which has not been achieved by any school in recent years.

MW/NB/ST



Hockey

Boys

1st XI

The 1st XI had a very successful season. In addition to the benefits of a splendid new training facility, the players were very motivated and determined to improve, which showed in their training and play.

With an established and experienced group of players, the many new boys to the squad had a strong group of older players to look to for guidance and leadership. The fluidity and cohesion between the new and old players took time to come together, but that did not stop them getting some very exceptional early victories. Notable results included wins against Cheadle Hulme 8-0, Birkenhead 5-0, Wirral Grammar 6-0 and Newcastle-Under-Lyme 5-0. Some hiccups in establishing a consistent defensive structure during some of the early matches allowed the team to concede easy goals to oppositions whom they would later thrash in second encounters.

The only time the team fell short of their ambitions was during The County Cup. With a victory in the first round against Merchant Taylors', they faced Sandbach to qualify for the Final. In a hard-fought match, they eventually drew 1-1 at full time. A penalty flick shootout followed; sadly the team lost 3-4 on strokes, causing great disappointment. There were also several matches against tough opposition when the team struggled to convert winning opportunities, including encounters with Solihull, Denstone College and Sedbergh.

Within each unit, there were some outstanding performances. In the defence, Tom Lynch set himself up as an impassable force for attackers; he was supported by clinical tackling from Ed McKee and intelligent distribution from Jordan Grocott and Keeran Manoharan. In the midfield, the superb work rate of Jamie Edgerton, Todd Leddy, Chris Taylor, JJ Goldfinch and Christian Harrop diffused many attempts by the opposition to gather momentum.

Meanwhile upfront, the pace of James Ireland and Sean Neary, and the silky skills of the McIlveen brothers (Callum and William) allowed us to run circles around the oppositions' defence; they collected countless goals between them. Callum McIlveen captained the squad with great deter-

mination, leading from the front in both the defence and attacking zones of the field. In goal, Harry Booton was consistently on top form during this debut season in the 1st XI.

The team rounded the season off with a successful and action-packed weekend tour to Taunton School for their hockey festival. A large group of boys was taken, including some from the younger ranks of the King's hockey collective. It was our most successful trip to the festival with key

victories against Calday Grange and Taunton as the high points.

It will be a much younger squad next year with some key roles to be filled as the experienced Sixth Form leavers move on. The excellent example they have set this season will no doubt serve as a powerful role model for the new squad's aspirations.

SFM



Christian Harrop, Charlie Toms, Sean Neary and Sam Buckingham – have all made it through to the Junior Regional Performance Centres (JRPC), the equivalent of North West regional squads, and are now hoping to be selected for the High Performance Assessment Centre (HIPAC), which is the equivalent of the North of England standard.

2nd XI

The team enjoyed a good season, displaying an enjoyable atmosphere and playing some fantastic hockey on occasions. A mixture of players from Years 11 and 12 comprised the squad, which worked well as a whole throughout the season. The team played ten games, with seven lost, one won and two drawn, but this was not a good reflection of their ability: many players such as Dan Allmand-Smith, Will Harris, and Oliver Macfadyen gave outstanding performances.

The most important factor in assessing a season lies in how much the team and individual players progressed. By the end of this season, despite the rigours of school life, the team was hungry for success, which caused a rise in the level of performance as skill and talent were already present in the team. Ball distribution improved throughout the season and played a large part in the decisive 3-1 victory over Sandbach, as it put Will Harris and Paul Roberts in on goal.

Will Harris was both top scorer with three goals and Player of the Season, which reflected his excellent skill level and pitch awareness. Oliver Macfadyen captained the team well and proved invaluable in central defence along with Harry Meadows. Ben Lynch also proved to be a very consistent player in many different positions and Ashley Barrett played well as a striker. Tom Andresen was the most improved player whilst Dan Allmand-Smith played well in the midfield: his movement and passing were crucial for the side. A number of U16 players such as Rhys Bowen, Jonathan Provis and Ben Salisbury contributed well and Mike Jones gave some good performances as keeper.

The entire season was memorable as the whole team performed well and the atmosphere during training and in matches was convivial and light-hearted. The victories over Sandbach and the 3-3 draw with Manchester Grammar School were both excellent performances from the team.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr Sanders, Mr Mattingly and Mr Moores for their work with the squad in both training and in matches. I would also like to thank Olly for captaining the side and helping to organise the team.

Harry Meadows 12IED

U15

The season was a success, with the team winning six of their eleven games. They showed maturity both on and off the field, which was demonstrated in their attitude towards training and their fluid style of play.

The top goal scorer was Sean Neary, with seven goals in as many games. The team also saw the introduction of many new faces, including Ben Robinson, Henry Ives, James Jordan, Usman Qureshi and Marcus Wesley, all of whom proved their worth throughout the season. The U15's best win was the 7-0 demolition of Newcastle-under-Lyme, which included a Neary first-half hat-trick.

The defence consisted of team Captain Keeran Manoharan and Joe Laughton, who both showed composure and security at centre-back. Wingbacks Marcus Wesley, Kieran Jones and Oscar Jackson provided the team's main outlet of width in both attack and defence. Anchor-man Max Ridings shielded the defence, allowing midfielders Callum Snook and Cameron MacKinnon to push forward. Wingers Sean Neary, James Jordan, Michael Naismith, Ben Robinson, Usman Qureshi and Henry Ives created chances using their ability to read the game to open up and use space; they provided numerous chances for strikers Max Gillson and Daniel Bergman. Despite the whole team progressing as players, Max Ridings was arguably the most improved player throughout the season, proving himself a vital player from the season's start. The quality in the U15 team was evident, and was proven by Callum Snook, Max Ridings, Keeran Manoharan and Sean Neary all representing the U16s, and the latter three also stepping up for the First XI.

Keeran Manoharan 10GRB

U14

The U14 team had an impressive season achieving ten wins in fifteen fixtures. The year started well, with a 6-0 victory against Merchant Taylors'. Many players contributed to the team's forty seven goal tally for the season, but Sam Buckingham was the stand-out scorer; he achieved the impressive total of seventeen goals. Charlie Toms in the centre of midfield provided many assists. Tom Carter stiffened the strong defence as a secure goalkeeper; he made many good saves, including those in his man-of-the-match performance

against Sandbach School in the cup. In defence, Will Harrop and Tom Dennett, two experienced and valued players, were strong in the tackle. The team's incredible 8-0 victory against a strong Rydal School side was the best performance, with goals coming from Sam Buckingham, Harry Hehir, Charlie Toms and Archie Phillips.

The team reached the North West finals, but unfortunately only won a single game. It came as a blow, but was also an opportunity for reflection, which will lead to more improvements in seasons to come.

Thomas Carter 9SEJ

U13

This season was not only extremely enjoyable, but also very successful. With the new astro in full use and plenty of new players joining the team, we managed to get a lot of training and plenty of matches into this season. The team's best performance was when it won 6-0 against Hall Cross. It was also unlucky not to progress through to the next stage of the County Sevens Championship, winning two of three matches. The boys competed extremely well on the day and Jamie Shuttleworth managed the goal of the season with a magnificent tomahawk from the baseline.

The side made tremendous improvements, with teamwork showing promising signs for next season. Individual progress was also shown by many and Tom Robinson was voted the Player of the Season. Several U13s also trialled for the JDC East Cheshire hockey, with six being admitted. The successful players were Jonny Murray, Mark Stevenson, Sam Jones, James Davis, George Muirhead (also our top scorer this season) and George Dickinson. The team thanks Miss Waller for her tutelage and looks forward to another good season next year.

Sam Jones 8SLQ

U12

The U12s had a very enjoyable season of hockey, filled with plenty of goals, good wins and narrow losses. The squad was large and enthusiastic, with a range of ability from those who are club players through to beginners. Numbers regularly swelled to more than thirty on a training night and by the end of the nine fixtures, over forty Year 7 boys had represented the school in an A, B or C match.

The first matches took place in December with both the As and Bs

suffering one goal defeats to King's Chester. The A team narrowly lost their next fixture as well, before recording a 5-2 victory over Rydal and a 6-0 win over Denstone. These were the standout matches and with the talent on show, there are some great signs for the future. Whilst all the boys played some terrific hockey, Jack Ancell, a very natural shot stopper, was voted the Player of the Season. Nial O'Neill also proved himself to be deadly in front of goals with a total of nine for the year.

U12B also managed some fantastic wins versus Newcastle-under-Lyme and Sandbach. However, they saved their best performance for a strong Rossall side compiling a 7-3 triumph, with many boys showing that they may have the skills to push for the top team in the coming years. The highlight for the U12 group was when all three teams travelled to Sandbach in January. Three great games were played with the As drawing 2-2, Bs winning 2-1 and the Cs 8-3. All the boys had a great time and represented the school brilliantly on their first away hockey trip. With continued hard work and their brimming enthusiasm, the hockey future at King's looks bright with this year group.

CAMS

Girls 1st XI

It was great to be able to field a Senior Girls' hockey team this season; as Year 11 girls were also eligible for selection this allowed depth within the squad. The players improved throughout the season, which was evident in the score line against opponents.

The team played some strong opponents with games against Stockport Grammar, Wilmslow and Rossall. The team grew in confidence: after losing the first three games, which were the toughest oppositions of the season, they came up against NULS at home. There was some great attacking hockey and this game ended in a 5-0 win, which put smiles on the players' faces and enhanced confidence.

The most memorable game was away against The Grange. The team consistently attacked throughout the game and very rarely did the opposition get the ball into our defensive quarter. It was great to see the attackers diving in on posts to score goals; our midfield tore up the pitch with their individual skills and linked up well with the forward line to get

results. This was an amazing team effort; they fought till the end and did not give up even though they were ahead, showing true determination to finish off the game as they had started.

Following this game, the team came up against King's Chester, a well-drilled, organised side. This game resulted in a 3-1 loss; however this certainly did not reflect the performance from the King's team. It was end-to-end play, both teams had chances and unfortunately King's Chester took theirs, leaving our girls disappointed.

As the weather improved, King's came up against NULS again but this time it was an away fixture, in gale force winds. The team went into the game with confidence and there was a lot of attacking play, down both sides of the pitch. The defence transferred the ball well and worked it out of the back, with the midfield and attack linking up well. Goals came from both open play and short corner routines and the game finished 5-0 to King's.

There were some impressive performances throughout the season with many players receiving player of the match. Eleanor Toms was outstanding: her presence on the pitch was invaluable, she gave complete dedication and effort at all times and her defensive skills were excellent. The most improved player of the season was left half, Holly Kitching. Her commitment to training was outstanding and she always worked hard. The season was a great success; the team pulled together and all the girls were completely dedicated.

SAH



U16

The U16 team excelled this season, showing more complex and successful set pieces due to the development of a strong bond created on and off the pitch during their five years at the Girls' Division. Their first game against Rossall started the season well, with an easy 1-0 victory; the girls then took on local rivals Fallibroome and beat them 2-1, with outstanding play from player of the match, Eleanor Toms.

The team (pictured) entered the U16 National Schools' Tournament: the spine of the team consisting of Allana Buckingham, Charlotte Horne, Annabel Hebb, Eleanor Toms and Natalie Stevens, along with their team mates, proved hard to beat. In the semi-finals, they beat Lymm 2-0, and met Queen's Chester, for the second time that day, in the final. Building on their success in the previous games, the team played strongly to win 2-0 in a very physical game. The outstanding play from the attack proved too much for the Queen's defence and the intense passing from Bryony Phillips, Charlotte Horne and Victoria Blackwell forced error after error. This was a truly memorable game as the team finished the tournament, making them winners of the County round. They finished 4th in the North West round after a hard fought competition at Timperley.

In the Cheshire tournament the girls faced Queen's Chester once again; this time the tables were reversed as the team was narrowly knocked out of first position by one goal difference.

At the end of the season, the girls

were set on first place position at the Stonhurst College Annual Tournament. They took the opposition by storm, comfortably beating Lytham High School 5-1, Lancaster 4-2 and Rossall 2-0, then drew 1-1 to Austin Friars. For the final game against the hosts, King's came under additional pressure, but still took a well-deserved win of 3-1.

This year Allana Buckingham represented Cheshire and JRPC (North of England); Eleanor Toms also represented Cheshire and JRPC (North of England) and went on to Trial for England U16 at Futures Cup.

VLJ

U15

The U15 team had another outstanding hockey season. Their first fixture took them to Denstone College, always the toughest fixture of the year. The hockey from both teams was tremendous with the defence absorbing strong attacks from Denstone, resulting in Molly Robinson being presented with Player of the Match. Denstone took a well-deserved victory but the team bounced back as the results from the next two games – 4-0 against St Edwards and 4-1 against Rossall, both very skilful and tenacious teams - demonstrated. The next match against Stonhurst College, another force to be reckoned with, ended in a 1-1 draw; the team showed excellent set plays with fabulous skill and several well-saved chances from player of the match Alex Clarke and Victoria Blackwell.

There was continuous outstanding play from the whole squad throughout the season under the excellent captaincy of Annabel Hebb, who led the team with drive and determination. They finished the season with continued success and exceptional play from Natalie Stevens, who represented not only Cheshire, but also trained and competed as part of the North of England squad at JRPC. Further representatives of King's were Annabel Hebb and Victoria Blackwell, who both reached the County squad.

VLJ

U14

The team made the significant step from playing seven a-side; they enjoyed having more space and used this to their advantage. The season produced a mixed set of results; the team lost a few but drew against Rydal, Manchester High and King's

Gloucester, and won games against The Grange, Liverpool College and Weaverham.

With new players developing and others becoming more experienced, the team grew in confidence and began to play some great attacking hockey. There was a core of players who showed huge commitment and were noticeably keen to develop their game and learn new skills.

The most memorable game was against King's Gloucester, a touring side who came to play. The game ended in a draw; however the team played some outstanding hockey and showed its determination. It was very close and the girls fought hard to get the draw.

The player of the season was Olivia Moores, a true athlete whose work rate is incredible. She plays as a left midfielder and has developed her skills to dominate the left side. The most improved player was Ffiona Booker; she also became more confident and was very keen to improve her game.

SAH

U13

The team had a slow start and October sprang upon them with the Denstone Tournament, where they faced strong opponents. The girls were well prepared and were placed a very respectable 3rd. Other matches included St Edwards, The Grange and Manchester High, who gave close games, which King's lost narrowly by one goal.

In November, the team travelled to Rydal to face strong opponents. The hockey played was exceptional, both in attack and defence and the team came away with a 7-0 win; this was definitely one of the most memorable games of the season. Their confidence certainly grew, and the team started to gel more.

After cancellations for bad weather, the team came fighting back in February, when they played in the In2Hockey Minis Tournament. With one win, three draws and only one loss, the team came 3rd with some of its best hockey.

There were many impressive performances over the season, however the player of the season was Alex Cairns, who is an extremely tenacious centre midfielder and a committed team player. The most improved player of the season was Chantelle Carroll; after being selected for Cheshire



for the first time, she excelled in her skill levels and became a dominant and invaluable player.

SAH

U12

The U12 team had an unforgettable season, making great progress throughout; they attended extra hockey sessions to prepare for tournaments and showed amazing enthusiasm and dedication for the game.

The season started off well as they beat Denstone 7-2, followed by a win against St Edwards, which gave the team confidence moving into the next game. Over the entire season this team only lost one game against Manchester High, which is an exceptional achievement and well deserved.

There were a few memorable achievements during the season: coming runners-up in the Denstone Tournament out of eight teams, which is the best place any U12 team has achieved (pictured above); winning against Rydal 5-4 after being 4-1 down at half time, and most notably of all, the St Edwards Invitational Tournament where the girls played six games, won six, scored eleven goals and conceded none. This was a marvellous team effort with a clean sheet provided by Bethany Henshaw in goal: it was certainly the highlight of the season.

The player of the season was Florence Blackwell, a very skilful right midfielder who always dominated this area of the pitch. The most improved player of the season was Felicity Bailey; having started in the B team, her potential was quickly evident and she just got better throughout the season. Every player in the squad made considerable improvements, and there was competition for places. The B team had two fixtures, which resulted in a draw against Denstone and a 2-0 win against Fallibroome. This U12 team has great potential; they are

close-knit with a huge passion for the game which bodes well for the future.

SAH

U11

The U11 hockey team enjoyed their most successful season ever and should be congratulated on their contribution to training and their commitment to improving. Girls were able to train on the Astroturf facilities at Cumberland Street, where they also received expert coaching input from Sarah Hopkin; training alongside older and more experienced players was certainly a great motivator and added a maturity to their game.

Ultimate success did not come without some disappointments and narrow defeats in initial tournaments. Finishing as runners-up to Kirkham School at the AJIS Championship was, in itself, a very commendable achievement and was King's Juniors' best-ever finishing position in this challenging event. The girls, however, had high expectations and a belief that this could still be a winning season.

Players remained positive and were determined to improve and extend their skill sets. Advancing in the national In2Hockey competition, representing Cheshire in the North West and then the North of England finals in Leeds was a huge adventure.

The standard of opposition had never been higher and success required a concerted and disciplined approach to every match. The girls were a match for Kirkham on this occasion and were thrilled to become North of England In2Hockey Champions; an unprecedented achievement for King's Juniors and a cause for great celebration.

Team members Katie Barr (GK); Sophie Scott and Holly Burke (defence); Sophie Miller and Lottie Dennett (midfield); Isabel Moores and Scarlett Brough (attack) and 'super sub' Harriet Bailey from Year 5, all made major contributions to this success and have precious memories from this special day. Lottie Dennett was an excellent Captain throughout the season and always played a pivotal midfield role, leading by tireless example. Lottie and Holly Burke also forged new standards when both were chosen for the Cheshire U13 Development Squad. Both show great potential to succeed at county level and beyond.

Hockey colours were awarded to Lottie Dennett, Holly Burke, Sophie Scott, Katie Barr, Isabel Moores, Scarlett Brough and Sophie Miller.

DCB/JEB

Netball

Seniors

This was an exciting and successful season. With training twice-weekly on the wonderful new netball courts, competing in the Macclesfield District League, Cheshire County Tournament, National Schools' Tournament and others, plus a heavily-laden diary of fixtures, the team had a very busy season.

The seniors put out solid performances in the Macclesfield District Netball League, winning an impressive eight out of nine fixtures: particular highlights were wins of 41-2 and 51-2 against Poynton and All Hallows respectively. Our toughest competition came from Fallibroome, who have such strength and depth within their squad. The Seniors were runners-up within the league, which was a pleasing result reflecting hard work, commitment and teamwork.

The Cheshire County Tournament provided an extremely high standard of netball. Though the squad played some brilliant, competitive netball, they narrowly missed a medal by one goal on goal difference.

November saw the National Netball Schools' Tournament which proved to be a challenging day of fast, furious and fierce netball in a round robin

format. The weather had its say and we fought in hail, gale force winds and extremely cold conditions. The winds caused havoc with our shooters, Imogen McCance and Sophia Bird. King's finished third, narrowly missing out on qualifying by goal difference.

A mention of outstanding commitment must go to Emily Mort who has not missed a single training session. Fantastic shooting was seen from Victoria Provis, Imogen McCance and Sophia Bird. Jenny Mercer, Abigail Johnston, Nikki Hughes and Sophie Quinn covered the centre court with strength whilst Lucy Snelson and Beth Burrows displayed some impressive intercepts. The defenders Ellie Bird and Anja Knudsen together prevented many goals from being conceded.

Wednesday afternoon fixtures again produced some outstanding netball, as the team beat prestigious netball schools such as Lymm, Newcastle-Under-Lyme, St Bede's, The Grange, Withington, Manchester High and Birkenhead. The only game the Seniors lost – by one goal – was to Cheadle Hulme.

The squad ended the season on a particularly high note at the Stonyhurst Invitational Tournament. With a full day of fixtures, King's got off to a great start, winning the first match

with a goal difference of twenty, but, after an injury, were down to seven players for the remainder of the day. The team rallied to play some of the best netball of the entire season and without losing a single game were duly awarded the Winner's Trophy. This was a fitting end to a fabulous Senior netball season.

CJC/Sophie Quinn

U16

This has been a dedicated, committed team for several years and that keenness did not desert them in their final year at the Girls' Division.

Sadly, they had a dismal time at the National Schools' Tournament and morale sank - the disappointment at repeated defeats was clear to see. However, the players took a mature approach, adopting a new attitude to training and a determination to go for the win in the remaining games. This meant they had a much more enjoyable County Tournament where they won 2, drew 1 and lost 4.

The squad consisted of a very strong circle defence in Rebecca Quinn, Olivia Shaughnessy and Georgia Cooper Taylor; linking play from defence to attack was Tanisha Orchard (Captain), Katie Berry, Esther Wain, Ellie Rogerson and Alicia Roberts and in the attacking circle Emily

Naismith, Bethany Ireland, Danielle Siddall and Rachel Catlin, who played Regional Netball for South Yorkshire.

Some of the highlights included four players - Georgia Cooper Taylor, Freya Kapadia, Rebecca Quinn and Danielle Siddall - joining the Netball and Hockey Tour to Barbados.

Another highlight was the Inter-House Netball Competition, played with determination from the squad. It was a fitting finale for a very committed group of girls.

The Player of the Year was awarded jointly to Emily Naismith and Rebecca Quinn, both with very important roles to play, which they did with efficiency and consistency.

The Most Improved Player was awarded to Olivia Shaughnessy, who undertook a complete change of position and in which she produced some excellent performances. Freya Kapadia was also much improved: she gained grit and determination, showing an unrecognisable confidence in the latter few matches, which secured her a well-deserved Player of the Game award from the Stonyhurst team.

Tanisha Orchard did a fantastic job as Captain: she worked hard to motivate, organise and make decisions with total commitment and efficiency.

CLB



King's girls gaining County selection to play for Cheshire U14 and U16 netball squads: Olivia Moores, Sophie Jackson, Natasha Salem, Antonia Bianchi, Saffron Milner, Chantelle Carroll and Frances Gurney.

U15

This team consisted of some very talented individual players and the squad enjoyed much success this year. The team had a formidable circle defence in Lauren Hayward, Frances Gurney (Captain) and Maddie Dawson. Working hard to link the play from the defence into attack via the centre court were Antonia Bianchi, Mollie Gallagher, Katie Hastings, Grace Heywood and Sophie Jackson who also completed the band of very able shooters, Charlotte Cramp and Natasha Salem. There were also some very capable fringe players: Nicole Fahey, Tilly Stott, Jess Pettit and Amy Preston.

The season began with the squad playing the first half of matches in the Macclesfield and District Netball League, winning all the games but with some tough opposition to play later in the season. There were added training sessions for the nine girls who joined the Netball and Hockey tour to Barbados. This was a very successful tour and the girls who travelled had a great experience, learning to play a more physical game of Netball.

The season highlights included winning the Rydal Tournament and - winning three and drawing one of the final half of the Macclesfield and District League - they finished as joint winners with Wilmslow HS. At the Cheshire County Tournament, they had a slightly less successful day; the shorter matches cost the team, resulting in three losses and only one win.

The Coaches' Player of the Year went to Frances Gurney, who won the most Player of the Game selections from opposition teams. The Most Improved Player and Players' Player went to Sophie Jackson who ended the season as the most significant asset to the team, being able to combine energetic centre court performances with superb displays of shooting.

CLB

U14

This was a season of mixed results: the team generated some excellent court craft with solid circle defending from Katie Hayward, Ffyona Booker, Zara Shutt and Katie Murphy; intelligent centre court link play from Olivia Moores, Hannah McCormick, Fiona Beeston, Anna Kaczmarczyk and Grace Gudgeon, with the final responsibility of putting the ball in the

net falling to Sophie Moss, Adele Le Moignan and Lizzie Adams. The team won five out of eight Macclesfield and District League matches beating Poynton, Macclesfield Academy, All Hallows, Eaton Bank and Alderley Edge. They also won four of seven Saturday fixtures beating Withington, Stonyhurst, Cheadle HS and Altrincham GS.

At the Cheshire County Tournament, despite getting off to a slow start, losing to Helsby HS 1-4 in their first match, the team went on to win some tough games against the likes of Christleton, Bishop Heber and Lymm. They narrowly missed the chance to play in the semi-finals, losing out on goal difference to Helsby.

Olivia Moores and Ffyona Booker won Player of the Year jointly: each was selected four times as Player of the Match by the opposition. Ffyona was also a reliable Captain, leading by example.

The Most Improved Player of the Year was awarded to Katie Hayward, who is now a formidable circle defender, and Ffyona Booker was chosen as the Players' Player.

The team looks forward to next season, when they will build their skills and strategies and conclude the season with a tour to Spain and Gibraltar in Easter 2016.

CLB

U13

The U13s began the Macclesfield and District league very well, with huge wins against Poynton, Macclesfield Academy, Tytherington and All Hallows. Stockport Grammar proved to be more challenging in the National Schools' U13 Cup game, and the team lost 15-29 but went on to have further success against Eaton Bank and especially Alderley Edge, with a victory of 40-13. However, later in the season they lost narrowly to Wilmslow and also to Fallibroome in a most competitive and intense game. Consequently, they were placed 3rd in this league overall. In February there was a loss against Withington, followed by a win against Manchester High School.

At the U13 Rydal Invitation Tournament in March, the team played determined and impressive netball, battling against gale force winds. They won all their games impressively, against St Mary's Hall B, St Edward's and Denstone, which put them through to the semi-finals. A great win against St Mary's Hall A team,

made them well-deserved Winners of the Tournament.

The team progressed successfully throughout the rest of the season and gained confidence from a successful game against Altrincham Girls'. The team was well prepared for the County Tournament at the end of the term, where they played against ten other teams. In their first game against their nemesis, Fallibroome, the girls played some excellent netball to secure a great win. Despite seven further wins and two losses, the team finished in 4th place on goal difference.

Chantelle Carroll captained the team and enjoyed representing the County this season: she was awarded Coaches' Player of the Year. All players made excellent progress in their individual netball skills and certainly developed their team play. Great defending from Francesca Sawyer, Sarah Abrahamse and Georgina Bergman and accurate shooting skills from Alex Cairns and Chantelle Carroll enabled several victories. However, it is the centre court players, Mollie Pettit and Ellie Morten, who improved the most. The team has the potential to be exceptional, as they progress through the school.

LB

U12

The season began with the Macclesfield and District Netball League, with both the U12A and B squads winning their first match against Poynton. This excellent winning form continued, beating Macclesfield High, Tytherington, All Hallows and Fallibroome. These wins gave the girls confidence and this continued success carried through into the second quota of fixtures so that they beat Alderley Edge, Wilmslow, Eaton Bank and Knutsford. The U12A squad was outright winners of this League and U12B came third in their division.

After Christmas, the team lost the first fixture against Newcastle-Under-Lyme. They went on to narrow defeats against Withington, Manchester High and The Grange, but then beat Cheadle Hulme and Altrincham Grammar. The team improved significantly, with great shooting from Natasha Fahey and Lauren Harbige and superb defending skills from Florence Blackwell and Elin Rands.

The girls were well prepared for the Cheshire County Tournament: they won most of the matches but lost to Fallibroome and Bridgewater



and were unable to qualify for the semi-finals.

The U12 squad showed huge potential, with some extremely able, committed and enthusiastic girls. They were a delight to coach and I am sure that the squad will continue to develop and gain in confidence.

CJC

U11

The U11 netball team (pictured) became AJIS Champions this season, which was a thoroughly deserved triumph, reflecting a dedicated approach to practice, which ensured that the girls had the tactics, teamwork and skills to beat the strongest of opponents. Parent helper, Mrs Moores, continued to volunteer time to help develop netball at King's Juniors and this was much appreciated by players and coaches alike. The victory at the AJIS tournament over closest rivals, The Grange and Oldham Hulme, was the highlight of an undefeated season and the girls were also the Macclesfield and District League Division 1 Netball winners.

Captain Isabel Moores was also thrilled with selection to represent the Cheshire U12 team.

Netball colours were awarded to all players in this very successful team: Isabel Moores, Lottie Dennett, Holly Burke, Fay Fitzmaurice, Sophie Miller, Sophie Scott and Scarlett Brough.

NS

Rounders**U15**

There was a tremendous amount of enthusiasm within this squad and twenty five extremely capable girls

regularly attended training sessions. This made it competitive for team selection and the squad proved to be exceptional.

The first fixture against Denstone was a resounding success at 18 to 8.5. King's demonstrated excellent fielding skills with Alex Clarke delivering fast, furious bowling and an outfield of accurate deep throws by Tilly Stott and Annabel Hebb. Sophie Jackson played at second base and achieved Player of the Match with her accurate throwing, catching and stumping Denstone out on her base. This was a fantastic first match performance.

Yet another team faced Newcastle-Under-Lyme but once again a tremendous team performance provided another outstanding win 16.5-8.5. Fabulous rounders were scored by Verity Griffin, Alex Clarke and Evie O'Brien. Player of the Match was given to Frances Gurney for her excellent backstop work and accurate, strong bowling.

The fixture against Tytherington produced yet another easy win with 9.5-5 rounders. The squad fielded exceptionally well and Evie O'Brien was rewarded with Player of the Match after playing an excellent backstop and producing the catch of the season. Captain Annabel Hebb scored 2 of the 9 rounders in another brilliant team performance. Once again, the U15 team was unbeaten all season.

CJC

U14

Although only a short season, the U14 team embraced training sessions and worked hard to become an effective and competitive team.

They won three out of four

matches, with impressive wins against Denstone, Tytherington and The Grange. However, Newcastle-Under-Lyme School had a number of big hitters in the team, who proved to be too effective for our fielding team on the day.

Throughout the term, Ffyona Booker became a consistent and formidable bowler, delivering fast and accurate balls that were difficult for the opposition to hit and score from. Her agility and sure hands enabled her to give valuable support to 2nd and 3rd post. Hannah McCormick displayed quick reactions as backstop, together with slick accurate throws to Olivia Moores on 1st post and Sophie Moss on 2nd post; their sound catching skills stumped batters out and prevented them scoring half rounders. In the match against Tytherington, Katie Hayward caught out three batters in the same innings with impressive reactions and catching skills that earned her Most Improved Player. Grace Gudgeon proved to be the most successful batter, scoring the majority of rounders both for the U14s and also for the U15s, when they were short of players. She was awarded Coaches' Player along with Hannah McCormick whilst Adele Le Moignan was awarded Players' Player.

LB

U13

The members of this squad were really keen, ever-present and eager to learn. They started the season at Denstone with A and B teams. The A team had a close-fought match, winning by two rounders, with some very slick fielding which prevented Denstone from scoring. Connie Ward was awarded Player of the Game for some excellent deep fielding and scoring three rounders. The B team had a more convincing win, beating Denstone 21.5 - 13.5 with Georgina Bergman playing an energetic 2nd base and scoring four rounders. The next opponent was Newcastle-Under-Lyme, who played a very organised match: this was the only defeat of the season at 7-15. Player of the Game was Ellie Morten who played a very efficient 4th base.

After half-term, a fixture against Tytherington resulted in another very convincing 14-2.5 win. Frankie Sawyer and Alex Cairns were joint Players of the Game for superb performances on 2nd base and bowler respectively.

The final fixture was against The

Grange on a fine Saturday morning at the end of June, and the play from both teams matched the weather. There was an excellent display of both batting and fielding with two very close innings. The girls managed to win the game 23.5-22 but it came down to the last few balls. Player of the Game was Imogen Collinson, who played a strong 2nd Deep in one innings and bowled the other and scored five rounders. The Coaches' Player of the Year was awarded to Frankie Sawyer for consistency both in the field and with the bat and the Most Improved Player of the Year was awarded to Georgina Bergman, whilst Ellie Morten was Players' Player.

CLB

U12

This year we had a big turnout of girls at weekly practice: their commitment to training and developing their game was outstanding. Although a very excitable group of girls, they were a pleasure to coach.

Unfortunately, only four of the six fixtures were played. First was Denstone with both A and B teams. The A team was a little inconsistent with their fielding skills and decision-making, ultimately losing the game to a well-drilled side. The B team showed some promising batting with Lauren Harbige and Charlotte Smith scoring a large number of the rounders and also receiving Players of the Match. The game finished closely, with King's winning 17.5-14.

After a couple of losses, the team strove to improve their game and the fixture against Tytherington resulted in an easy win for King's at 8.5-1. The team produced some amazing fielding skills: the bowler, Felicity Bailey, controlled the fielding team and was extremely composed throughout the game.

The final fixture against The Grange produced the closest game of the season, resulting in a win for King's of 9.5-8. Freya Shaughnessy was very consistent with her batting, scoring many half rounders; Ella Thomson received Player of the Game for her quick reactions and for taking a hard catch, and Felicity Bailey dominated the field. The season was a great success; the girls improved hugely, becoming a more composed, tactically aware and well-drilled team.

SAH

Rugby

1st XV

After the excitement of the South Africa tour, much was expected of the 1st XV and they certainly did not disappoint. Emphatic victories over MGS (44-7), Lancaster RGS (52-0), Adams GS (57-5) and Woodhouse Grove (41-12) in September and October were accompanied by workmanlike performances to grind out well-deserved wins against QEGS Wakefield (away) and both Nottingham HS and Denstone College at the resplendent Derby Fields - now in its 30th year and looking as good as ever. Exciting and attacking rugby was complemented by a gritty and well-organised defence that meant they were a hard side to beat both at home and on the road. What the pack lacked in size, they made up for in tenacity. The back line threatened at every opportunity and were able to carve open gaps and put key runners through: at times they were simply unstoppable.

Unfortunately, both Sedbergh and Wilmslow (NatWest Cup semi-finalists) won at King's. They dominated the game and enjoyed more possession and territory than they should have been allowed. The 1st XV suffered two defeats in three games: a rare sequence of events and a real blow. The annual Sedbergh game was, once again, a showpiece of schoolboy

rugby and the final scoreline of 39-10 was a fair reflection of the game. Defeat to Wilmslow in the Cup, was a more bitter pill to swallow. This was not so much for the eventual scoreline of 26-29, as Wilmslow deserved to win, but more for the slight lack of mental toughness in some of our Senior players, when it was needed most.

There were further good wins against St Ambrose and Stockport; a nail biting draw against Lymm (NatWest Cup quarter finalists) and a fantastic game of rugby against Kirkham, who finished the season as the top performing 1st XV in the country.

The 1st XV played eighteen, won twelve, drew one and lost five. This impressive record meant that the side was ranked 12th in the country, which is a superb achievement.

Johnny Hammill captained well and led by example: his leadership was ably supported by Archie Thorneycroft, Dan Greer and Joe Hale. Other leavers who contributed much to the team's success were Harry Jackson, Toby Bianchi, Huw Ravenscroft, Alec Mantel, Tom Lucas, Finlay McCance and Jake Hughes. Joe Murphy was the worthy recipient of the James Painton Trophy for his outstanding contributions, whilst special mention should also go to Tom Fairclough, who completed four seasons of 1st XV rugby that included his horrific leg injury in 2013.



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A number of Year 12s made impressive debuts at 1st XV level and some went on to play throughout the season. Will Hodgson, Stewart Gurney, Harry Blackwell, Tom Belt and Tom McClusky will have the opportunity to start in next year's backline, whilst Oliver Kenny, Jacob Percival, Jack Rogers, Callum Lavelle and Matt Peakman will provide the physical presence up front. Sam Worthington made the step up from U16 to 1st XV with great ease and looks every part a class act already. On occasion, Sam was accompanied by fellow U16s Jamie Dunkerley, Simon Ridgway, Tim Phillips, Owen Thomas and Jack Hudson.

In conclusion, the boys - and their parents - made this season exceptionally memorable and I hope they will continue to play rugby to the highest standard possible. At times, they have been an interesting and challenging group to coach but they also have a great appetite for the game. I would like to thank them for all their energy, dynamism, hard work and very good humour.

1st Sevens

Quite simply the boys had a scintillating Sevens season, reaching two Cup finals in total and winning the Bowl at Solihull. They played the game at pace, with intelligent structure and shape, complemented by moments of individual brilliance. For the second time in three seasons, the team reached the Stonyhurst Cup final, only to lose to the hosts in a magnificent game of rugby. Perhaps the most complete day of sevens came at Solihull, where the side only lost one game all day - to Warwick (who won the Cup). They played superbly to beat everyone else comfortably, including Bedford Modern (who won the Plate). The final against Adams GS was a one-sided affair with King's scoring over 40 points. With almost a full squad available for Rosslyn Park, the side arrived in good spirits and played some great rugby throughout. The only disappointment came with a refereeing decision that allowed Prior Park to beat King's and sneak the top spot out of our hands. Still, the boys remained positive and were able to reflect on what was a truly magnificent end to a very long season.

GAJM/JPB

2nd XV

The 2nd XV recorded a wonderfully successful year: they started well and

gained in confidence as the season progressed. Early results were encouraging with victories against QEGS Wakefield, MGS and significantly RGS Lancaster, the first at this level for many years; the only defeats of the whole season came at the hands of Lymm (0-7) and more emphatically Sedburgh (5-29).

The team returned after half term with immediate resounding victories against Nottingham and Adams, then beat Stonyhurst, Denstone, Solihull and Kirkham, in very close encounters. Post Christmas, the side swept everyone before them, adding four further wins against Stockport, St Ambrose and the 1st XVs of Sale and Fallibroome, finishing with a total of fourteen victories from sixteen games.

Whilst some practice sessions occasionally lacked a degree of focus, there was no doubting the commitment, skill and tenacity of the team on match days. The side had a solid forward platform: Dan Trueman, ably assisted by Toby Sanderson and Jack Corcoran, locked the front row, allowing Jack Laing to perform the hooking duties with a degree of ease. Matt Price, supported by the dependable Jack Bradbury, guaranteed a good supply of line out possession and the back row combinations including Tom Lucas, rightly promoted to 1st XV duties from mid season, the indefatigable duo of Jamie Cunningham and

Jack Qualtrough, alongside Harry Lumsden and Doug Naismith, were prominent in loose play. Adam Russ showed promise, as did Rory Wallace and Alex Barlow before their appearances were curtailed.

Behind the pack, Kieran McKeever at scrum half was a constant thorn in the opposition's side, sniping and box kicking to excellent effect. At fly half, newcomer Tom Belt impressed from the outset, whilst Finlay McCance, Jake Hughes and Huw Ravenscroft were very strong centre combinations when not required for 1st XV duties. Such was the strength of the squad this year that sound players of the quality of Jonny Jones and Will Horton could not be guaranteed a regular place in the starting XV. Competition for places was just as strong on the wing, where Ed Austin, Will Fairclough and Alex Krajewski were often rotated during matches. At full back, Joe Turner was an absolute rock, displaying good defensive technique and providing a powerful attacking threat.

Thanks go to Finlay McCance, Tom Lucas and Jack Qualtrough for their sterling efforts as Captain on various occasions. Toby Sanderson was presented with the 2nd XV Player of the Year award, rightful recognition for a player who worked hard in practice and gave his all for the team in games. Without a doubt, this was a fine year; one which made one slightly ageing coach very contented.

RGD/TSJ



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U16

This was a fantastic season for the U16s that ended in Cheshire Cup final success against Altrincham Grammar School, a fitting way to complete their two-year preparation for senior rugby. Throughout the year, the boys demonstrated an excellent approach in training and on match day, and many put in hard work outside the regular training hours.

The season began with a hard fought 12-17 defeat at QEGS Wakefield, where the boys arguably deserved better. The only other defeat came against Sedbergh (7-15) in a match where they dictated terms and entered the last five minutes ahead. Unfortunately, the composure and control that was a feature of the rest of the season briefly deserted them and 'The Browns' scored late to sneak victory.

Twelve wins were recorded in total. At home the successes came against MGS (25-17), Lancaster RGS (26-5), Woodhouse Grove (58-0), Adam's (56-0), Denstone (52-0), Kirkham (49-0) and Calday Grange (55-0) in the semi-final of the Cup. Away from home, victories came at Nottingham High School (12-5), Wilmslow HS (38-14), Stonyhurst (22-7) and Solihull (30-0), where the performance demonstrated how far the squad had developed. Solihull heaped pressure on King's for the first twenty minutes, but were repelled by some organised and heroic defence, epitomised by Guy Harrington's try-saving corner tackle. Eventually the King's forwards took control, with Captain Owen Thomas and No 6 Jack Hudson

outstanding. The front row of Simon Ridgway, Daniel Crosby, James Scott and Sam Bryning 'bossed' their counterparts, and the tireless Ben Tatton and Alex Galbraith worked hard to control possession, ably supported by Charlie Mellard. The centre pairing of Tim Phillips and Peter Thorp gave no space to the opposition and eventually found gaps themselves, linking well with Toby Sayle and Finlay Calder. The versatile Hector Tomlinson provided good ball to fly-half Tom Higginson, who underlined his pleasing development with another assured and controlled display. Excellent tries were scored by Daniel Crosby, Ben Tatton and Tim Phillips in a tremendous victory.

The boys produced some good performances on the Sevens circuit, but ultimately a lack of clinical finishing in attack and defensive lapses counted against them. However, the highlight of the season was undoubtedly the memorable 17-6 Cheshire Cup victory at Macclesfield Rugby Club. Sam Worthington, back from 1st team duty, was exceptional and scored two tries in a dominant forward display against last year's NatWest Vase winners. Jack Hudson also scored and Tom Higginson converted once, to enable skipper Owen Thomas, a strong performer all year, to lift the Cup. During the season, Jamie Dunkerley, Michael Abrahamse and Sam Brindle underlined their importance to both the 15 a-side and 7 a-side squads. Matt Calvin performed well in the second row and on the flank, whilst Harrison Blake and James Thomas (who made

the last tackle in the final) deputised ably. Winger William Thomson's qualities were characterised by his crucial try at Stonyhurst, and William Allen showed a range of skills in a number of positions. The unfortunate Ollie Quinn again watched most of the season from the side-lines. Scotland U16 representative, Cameron Redpath, displayed his skills and athleticism whenever he was available, and he was joined in the Cup Final squad by fellow Year 10 Teddy Leatherbarrow. This squad was a pleasure to coach, and I look forward to seeing them perform strongly in senior rugby.

CST

U15

The U15A had a successful but also challenging season both in fifteen and seven a-side rugby. It was apparent from previous seasons that the squad had pace and athleticism, but were not a physically big side and could sometimes struggle to manage and win games. This process of 'finding a way' was reflected in the narrowness of losses to good sides: QEGS Wakefield reached a Daily Mail final and we lost by ten points.

Narrow losses were also recorded against St Ambrose and the improving Stockport, who reached the latter stages of the Daily Mail Vase. Only against Wirral, in a disappointingly poor cup performance and in a mixed A and B team against Solihull, did any teams pull away from us. The side was very close to beating some of the best teams of this age group in the country. Similarly, in sevens, a quarter-final and two finals were reached which suggests a high level of ability and competitiveness. Ten games were won without a try point conceded and the majority of wins were by forty or fifty points. Most pleasing amongst these victories was a 15-0 victory over Sedbergh and a 39-0 defeat of Kirkham.

The pack developed well over the season, becoming competitive at breakdown and improving as ball-carriers. Teddy Leatherbarrow and Will Peakman in the back row developed into effective Jackals and support players. Furthermore, the team improved in the scrum where Jack Wales, Rob Devon and Conor Wordley, supported by Miles Barton, made good progress in the front row. One of the strengths of the side, was the lineout and ball carrying where James Crummack, Jos Collier and

Owen Jones, supported by George Whitehurst, were effective operators and were capable of winning ball and getting over the gain line consistently.

The backs had pace and some flair with Cameron Redpath having devastating speed and strength, whether he played at full back, centre or stand-off. He had some good performances at full back and with increased awareness and experience could develop into a very fine player in this position.

Tom Blackwell and Sean Neary played in the centres and ran determinedly with James Simmonds, Harry Kay, Kieran Bailey, Dan Gale and Will Mattison all effective in the back three. A special mention must go to Tomos Rands here; he covered a number of positions in the backs with skill and determination. Half back was at times a problem position; Hamish Burke moved from hooker to scrum half and showed considerable potential, competing for the position with Josh Burke. At stand-off, Ollie Stevenson made great progress and worked very hard at his game, improving kicking and awareness, but his season was limited by injury. The back division as a whole could be extremely threatening, but against a strong defence could lose shape, stop communicating and begin to play as individuals. It was a pleasure to work with this squad: keen and enthusias-

tic, they played attractive rugby in fine spirit. There is also now a collective realisation of where improvements need to be made and this augurs well for the future.

A very pleasing aspect of this season was the development of the players in the U15Bs: many featured for the A team at times and the side developed considerably, playing some very effective rugby. The pack contained strong ball carriers and they were effective at scrum and lineout with Callum O'Shea, Fionn Carman, Luke Smith, George Graham, Max Turner and Ed Mellard being the core of the forwards; they were joined later in the season by Ollie Prior. They all made significant improvements in skills and fitness. In the backs, Alex Fray, Sammy Chong and Harry Aldrich competed strongly for the scrum half slot and George Barker cemented the fly half position with some mature and controlled displays. Tomos Rands, Angus Homer, James Quinn, Jack Willcock and Noah Rogerson were the back line regulars; they all ran with conviction and made great steps forward in their defence and overall awareness. Marcus Nowak, prior to his injury, had made the change from back row to wing and was developing into a strong runner and useful finisher.

After a close fought defeat to QEGS

Wakefield, the side embarked on a run of one draw and eight victories, during which they played with flair and determination. The boys should be particularly pleased with good victories over MGS and Kirkham and a tough 17-all draw with RGS Lancaster. The boys should be very proud of their commitment and approach: we look forward to following their progress in future.

PJP/DT

U14A

This season exceeded all expectations. The first two games were good wins but this was followed by four straight defeats. Two of those losses came against a good Woodhouse Grove team and Sedbergh. After half term, the team went on a fabulous winning streak of thirteen games, culminating in victory in The Cheshire Cup. During those victories, the team showed fantastic resilience and willingness to play, becoming a very tight unit.

Apart from The Cheshire Cup Final, the highlight of the season was a fantastic performance against local rivals, Wilmslow High School. The calibre of rugby that was on show that day was far better than the boys had produced over the previous two years. The score line was a whopping 54-14.

The Cheshire Cup Semi-Final was against a strong Lymm team; King's won and went on to a great Final evening, where they saw off St Ambrose 20-17 at a packed Macclesfield RUFC, to become Cheshire Champions. Inspirational Captain, Sam Higginson, set the tone, galloping over for the first try inside two minutes. This was closely followed by King's second, scored by Man of the Match, Angus Thomson. St Ambrose rallied well and never let up the pressure. However, a further try from Henry Collinson, as well as a conversion and a penalty from full back William Davies, ensured that King's lifted the cup.

At the start of the season the U14s had two welcome additions to the squad in Will Fosbrook and Tomasz McNulty. These two boys were ever-present when fit and both had good seasons. Toby Moule moved position to be our fly half and had a great season. Other stand-out performers were Angus Thomson, who made the step up from B team rugby and cemented his place in the back row and won the MOTM award in the Cup Final. Harry



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Wheelton and Sion Davenport both led the way with some really dominant performances in the pack. In the backs, Angus Fiennes did well and has really come on with his defence and skill level and Will Davies kicked ably from hand and for points, none more so than in the Cheshire Cup Final.

The team improved in strength and determination, with one boy leading the way in his approach and performances. Sam Higginson was a pleasure to coach and his progression as a rugby player is something that King's can enjoy for many more years. Sam also represented the Independent Schools' Lambs U14s this season and toured Portugal.

SCB/TSJ

U14B

Results alone hide what was a season of transition and improvement. Despite results not always going their way, the team remained positive and battled until the end, never giving up. Only in one of the nine games did they fail to score.

Over the season, 153 points were scored and there were two fantastic wins amongst those nine games with one away at Adams GS (32-29). The other win came in the last game of the season at home against St Ambrose (24-22).

Training after school was always well attended and standout performers were: Alex Watkins, Sam Bray, Freddie Sass, Josh Clayfield and James Downes. These boys always gave one hundred percent in training and their

attitude was absolutely first class. All five of the boys were pushing for A team places by the end of the season and they played their part in the successful Cheshire Cup winning side.

Other players who showed superb commitment and attitude were: Matt Ellison-Brown, Dominic Corner, Jack Crichton, Joe Gardner, Alex Mason, James McCall and James Wolstenholme.

The B team was composed of a mixture of players: some had played a fair amount of rugby, whilst others had not played a great deal at all. This team can become a very good side, if

they believe in their own ability and take the effort they put into training into every Saturday game.

RJ/SCB

U13A

Of the eleven block fixture games the U13s played this season, they won twelve. The season started very strongly with good victories against QEGS Wakefield and MGS. Lancaster RGS proved to be a tough opposition, but King's put in an outstanding performance to claim a memorable 14-12 victory thanks to a great kicking game by Murray Redpath and great chases

by wingers Tom Barker, Nico Caplin and Oliver Payne.

The leadership and maturity from Captain Oliver Leatherbarrow ensured that all were switched on before the game and at training sessions. The strength in the forwards, led by James Warr, Jack Mayfield and Max Hine, broke the gain line constantly, giving the team plenty of 'go forward', whilst the back row cleared the ball out well. The forwards were solid in defence, often sending other sides backwards and allowing room for plenty of turnovers by individuals such as James Davis, Ike McCormick and Isaac Salisbury. In scrums, Josh Laniado-Green not only won our own ball but often the opposition's, and he threw well at the lineout.

The half back partnership of Remy Miller and Murray Redpath allowed the backs plenty of time due to excellent handling skills. In the centres, Fin McKeever was an elusive runner whilst Charlie Ward relied on awareness to spot gaps and strength to break the tackle. This centre partnership was not only first class in attack but also in defence. Full back Sam Stevenson entered the line well in attack, tackled well in defence and was sound under the high ball.

Overall, the team scored 400 points whilst conceding only 131. The lads also had success in Sevens, winning the Nottingham Sevens and winning the bowl in the Solihull Sevens, with the likes of Oliver Payne coming into his own on the wing.

Player of the Season went to Oliver Leatherbarrow for being an all-round outstanding player and leading the team by example, both on the pitch and in training. The lads were a joy to coach and should be very proud of the terrific season they had.

OK

U13B

The U13B team had a good season, with some close victories and last-minute comebacks. The season got off to a great start with convincing wins over QEGS Wakefield and MGS. However, all were brought back down to earth when a trip to Lancaster did not end well. Despite the heavy defeat, the way the boys conducted themselves was pleasing to see. Led by Harry Norton and Josh Wyatt, the team never gave up but fought right to the final whistle.

Winning ways returned with a last-minute try giving victory against

Lymm. Powerful running from Harry Norton saw the team create opportunities but it was the dominance of the forward pack that turned the game around. Adam Humphreys, Reggie Booth and Matthew Warham carried strongly, making the gain line at every opportunity and Peter Goodfellow and Josh Allmand-Smith also made significant contributions.

The dominance of the forwards showed again at Nottingham. Oliver Payne, whose pace and quick feet caused opponents problems all year, scored an early try. However, the Nottingham kicking game caused problems and they scored a number of tries. Even strong tackles by full back Harry Brough and strong ball carrying by Matthew Warham and Josh Wyatt were not enough.

The close-fought nature of the games continued at Adams, where King's won by two points in the final play of the game. This was a performance of which the whole side could be proud. Every player on the pitch stepped up and contributed to what was the highlight of the season: it was also the most tense few minutes I'd experienced in rugby coaching.

In all, the season was a successful one, as every player gave generously and developed skills along the way. This was demonstrated by the number of A team call-ups to which our players responded this year.

TDC

U12A

The A team had a mixture of players: some had played together as an undefeated Junior team, whilst some

were new to King's, but expectations were high.

Our first game was a friendly fixture against Lancaster GS and was an impressive start, with King's scoring 100 points to Lancaster's 0. Several away games followed and the team went to Lymm, MGS and Woodhouse Grove. The great start to the season continued: in the first four games, the team scored 145 points and conceded none.

The next game was probably the hardest fixture, an away trip to QEGS Wakefield. The team did not start the game well and found itself two tries down at half time. They reacted bravely, scoring the first try of the second half but a slip in defence saw a further concession and, unfortunately, the team lost 19-12.

After this reality check, the team took the rest of the season by storm: Nottingham High, Adams GS, Wilmslow High, Stonyhurst, Denstone and Solihull were next in the firing line, with the boys showing what they could do, scoring an impressive 268 points and conceding seven. Two local fixtures to finish the season saw the boys beat both Stockport 68-07 and St Ambrose 40-0. This was an incredible season for the U12s, scoring 537 points and conceding 34.

The Sevens competitions brought a first tournament at Nottingham High, where the team showed great pace and spread the ball well, winning the competition easily. Warwick was next and after a nervous first game drawing with Wimbledon College and extra time in the quarter-final, the team met Millfield in the final. This was a



very tough game and unfortunately, in spite of their best efforts, the team lost 12-07.

Every member of the squad played his part and I am immensely proud of all of them. Special mentions go to: Captain Ben Kersh showed impressive foot work, ball carrying and distribution; Hayden Heath put himself on the line when it mattered and our Player of the Season, Sam Worthington, was dynamic and quick in attack, strong in defence.

RL

U12B

This season was the most successful for many years, with all ten games won. Impressively, 338 points were scored and only 39 conceded.

From the outset, the squad trained with enthusiasm and commitment, eager to improve their skills and knowledge of the game. It was a pleasure to work with them and witness such a dramatic improvement in the space of just one term.

The opening game was worthy of mention as the squad responded so positively to the highly charged atmosphere; beating Lancaster GS 52-0 does not happen very often. Two other games stick in the memory as the King's team was forced to come from behind to master physically stronger opponents, namely MGS and Solihull. The disciplined, aggressive and virtu-

ally error-free forward play in the latter match marked the season's zenith, and a fitting way to end the term.

Many boys contributed to the success and displayed courage and energy through the whole season. Ted Buckwell and Archie Cracknell led the forwards by example and set the platform for many a victory. Behind the scrum, Matthew Suarez was an aggressive, intelligent fly-half who controlled the backs with quiet authority. Tom Moorhouse supported him ably, showing great versatility to play effectively in a number of positions. A mention must also go to Mohammed Ashtar who improved significantly, rising from the ranks of the C team and catching the eye with his rampaging runs and excellent ball presentation at the breakdown.

PW

U11

In the opening fixture against Birkenhead, the U11A team was dominant, scoring tries at will and winning by 68 points to 7. The B team contested a very even game, with both teams showing great enthusiasm and growing stronger to draw 20-20.

The A team faced both Arnold King Edward School and Kirkham Grammar at Lytham St Anne's in cold and windy conditions. They made a good start against Kirkham's B team, winning 20-5, but then were defeated

by a powerful AKS Lytham team, 35 points to 25. Kirkham A also beat King's, four tries to nil.

Shortly before Christmas, the boys faced Merchant Taylors' at home. The A team showed great determination to overcome spirited opponents, eventually winning by 7 tries to 4. The B team also enjoyed a competitive fixture against the same opponents, but were ultimately defeated by slightly stronger boys, losing by 40 points to 20.

The U11s started their AJIS Cup campaign, hoping to defend the trophy they had won the previous season. In the opening game, the boys hosted Newcastle-Under-Lyme School and were dominant from the first whistle, as they scored 13 tries to win 89-0. After defeating The Ryleys School 87-0, King's faced King's Chester in the Quarter-Finals. In difficult conditions, the boys started well, scoring an early try and converting to lead 7-0, but squandered other good opportunities, giving their opponents the opportunity to build their own pressure and eventually they levelled the score at 7-7. Both teams had periods of pressure in the 2nd half, but unfortunately a try for Chester proved to be decisive, and they won 14 points to 7.

The season finished with the AJIS Sevens competition, held at Merchant Taylors', Crosby. The boys began the

defence of the trophy won last year with two very tough pool matches against Kirkham and AKS Lytham. After a narrow defeat against Kirkham by 21 points to 7, King's needed to secure at least a draw against AKS Lytham to progress into the Quarter-Finals. Unfortunately, the boys were overpowered and had to settle for a place in the Bowl Competition after losing 14-0. This failed to test the boys sufficiently, as they swept both Cheadle Hulme and Rossall aside (38-7 and 52-7 respectively) to win the Bowl Final. Despite the disappointment at not progressing in the main competition, this was a great way to finish the season.

U10

The U10s began their school rugby career with a fixture against The Grange. In the A team game the opposition started brightly, putting the King's boys under pressure, while also attacking with pace and power: at half-time The Grange led 20-0. The second half proved to be a more even contest, with King's showing much more aggression in forcing mistakes; they were rewarded with an excellent try by Sam Heath towards the end of the match, which was an encouraging end to the game. In the B team game, King's started nervously, however some strong running from Archie Little and Leo Chineza-Rodriguez led

to the first try. Thereafter, missed tackling enabled The Grange to keep adding to the scoreboard. At half time King's trailed by four tries and, whilst King's play became more spirited, they could not stop The Grange winning by 60-30 (12 tries to 6).

MW/NB

Sailing

King's continued its happy association with Redesmere, a flourishing sailing club which has, over several years, provided encouragement to King's sailors. The school is especially grateful for the significant support of Brenda and Gary Lowe in running sailing activities.

Fourteen junior memberships enabled King's to continue the maintenance of a range of boats, suitable for all ages and abilities. Single and double-handers are available, so that beginners and more experienced sailors can be accommodated. Many junior sailors are Redesmere members and enjoyed the courses and events organised by the Club.

Year 10 boys sailed during Tuesday games sessions, whilst Years 11, 12 and 13 continued to enjoy the opportunity on Wednesdays, typically in groups of about ten. The Saturday sailing club provided a more relaxed chance for sailing. Mark Thomas, parent of James and Zoe, has provided

steadfast support to the club for many years, along with other parents. Teachers Steve Carpenter and Andrew Prideaux also assisted throughout the year. Pupils from Years 6 to 13 attended and participated.

Forty pupils joined a five-day expedition to Cumbrae where they sailed Dart catamarans, Laser Picos and Stratos, as well as enjoying windsurfing and cycling. Each member of the advanced group achieved RYA Level 4 and six Year 10 pupils achieved Power-Boat Level 2, whilst all achieved significant markers in their RYA progress, as well as having a great deal of pleasure on the water. Six Year 11 pupils attended the centre in parallel and successfully completed their DofE Silver expedition on the 37-foot yacht, 'Santa Vey' as well as receiving the Competent Crew award. Tom Hammonds also received the accolade of a Day Skipper Certificate.

BE

Swimming

Junior swimmers continued to enjoy opportunities to compete and their enthusiasm for swimming was easily demonstrated in the annual House Swimming Gala. All Year 5 and 6 pupils were given the opportunity to compete and over one hundred pupils took part in more than fifty events. Capesthorpe house was the



eventual winner and House Captains Isabel Moores and Oliver Muirhead were proud to receive the Swim Trophy on behalf of their very talented team. The Lower Juniors also competed for a House Cup and took part in individual races and relays during a hectic and exciting Race Day; Gaws-worth house was the proud winner of this event.

The swim team also competed in a number of friendly galas against local schools. Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 had the opportunity to compete and our swimmers continued to improve and impress. Year 4 rising stars Raphael Pfister, Oliver Jones, Josh Makin and Otis Hughes made a formidable relay team and showed exciting potential.

The AJIS swim event held in April involved swimmers from Years 5 and 6 who competed at Darwin Leisure Centre. King's was represented in fourteen finals and talented newcomer, Reece Grady, was unfortunate to finish in 4th place in the highly demanding 4x25m U10 Individual Medley Relay final as was James Payne

in the U11 50m Breaststroke final. Scarlett Brough was our only medal winner: she received Bronze in the U11 25m Butterfly. King's swimmers raced with great determination; congratulations to all. Swimming colours were awarded to swim Captain, Scarlett Brough.

DCB

Trampolining

King's trampolinists continued to enjoy great success at regional and national level. The gym was packed with young trampolinists from all four Divisions on three nights each week and their hard work paid off.

The trampolinists delivered a hat trick of national team titles in the Schools' National Trampoline Championships in March, following their great success in the qualifying North West and Zonal Championships.

The U14 Elite Boys - Harry Wallace, Harry Pinches, Harry Collett and Paul Suarez; the U11 Intermediate Girls - Isabel Moores, Isabel Watkins, Amy Willock and Scarlett Brough and the

U11 Novice Boys - Elliot Naylor, Ted Broadley, Toby Gray and Oliver Jones all won their respective team events.

Rowena Moores came 3rd in the U19 Elite Individual Girls' Event and Isabel Moores came 4th in the U11 Intermediate Girls' Event.

The standard of competition was extremely high with Olivia Moores scoring in the 9.0s for her routines, which is outstanding at National level.

Other teams were: U11 Novice Girls - Sophie Fletcher, Millie Crum-mack, Cara Holliday and Jessica Burton (4th); U14 Elite Girls - Olivia Moores, Susie Moores, May Broadley and Izzy Stevens (6th); U19 Elite Girls - Rowena Moores, Antonia Bianchi, Katie Fray and Beth Burrows (4th) and U19 Intermediate Girls - Eleanor Collett, Ellie Holder, Fiona Cornish and Amy Johnson (4th).

We are very proud of all the pupils, not only for their achievements in qualifying for regional and national finals, but also for their brilliant individual performances and successes throughout the year.

HLB



Hail & Farewell

Hail

Welcome to the following members of staff, who joined King's during the academic year 2014 – 2015:

Giles Barker joined as Head of History having spent three years teaching at Bolton School. He studied at the University of Glasgow where he gained an MA (Hons) before completing a PGCE at Manchester Metropolitan University. Giles enjoys a wide range of sports but especially football and cycling, through which he completed the Fred Whitton Challenge in the Lake District. He also has a strong interest in music, having been heavily involved in student radio throughout his time in Glasgow.

Scott Barrow joined King's in 2011 on a voluntary basis to assist with rugby coaching. At the time, Scott was still a full-time professional with Leeds Carnegie, playing in the Championship. From there, Scott progressed to part-time and then moved to full-time as a rugby coach. Scott brings a wealth of experience, having played professional rugby league with St Helens and professional rugby union with Worcester Warriors, Orrell, Glasgow Warriors and Leeds Carnegie in the Premiership, Championship, Heineken Cup and the Guinness Pro 12.

Ian Crawford joined King's as Director of Music, having spent four years teaching at Merchant Taylors' Boys' School as Assistant Director of Music and Head of Year 8. After graduating from Christ Church, Oxford where he read Modern History, Ian spent several years working for music and theatre organisations in London. He holds an MA in Cultural Heritage from University College London, and a PGCE (Music) from Roehampton University. In his spare time, he conducts and composes for choirs and youth theatres.

Nadine Gravett joined the Science Department working as a General Science Technician. Nadine previously

worked locally at AstraZeneca for 12 years in the Quality Assurance laboratory and plant-based roles, before taking an extended career break to have a family. She has two daughters aged 7 and 4 who keep her busy in her spare time.

Ciaran Houghton-Barcoe, an ex-King's boy, joined as an apprentice in the IT Department. After leaving education, he went backpacking around Russia and the Baltic states. During this time, he did activities such as bob and dog-sledding. He also spent time in several workplaces, including as security at music festivals and working in Finance for Barclays. Ciaran enjoys travelling, discovering new places and different cultures.

Jayne Johnson joined King's as a Finance Officer. Previously, Jayne worked as a Practice Manager for a niche law firm in London, where she was responsible for Finance, IT, Business Development, HR and Premises. Jayne enjoys reading, digital marketing, cooking, watching her sons play rugby and walking her two dogs.

Lucy Mildon, who has a BA in Modern Languages (French & Italian) from Manchester University, joined the Modern Foreign Languages Department. She spent a year studying at the Université Paris Sorbonne as well as living near Milan for six months. Lucy plays saxophone and clarinet and helps out on both Bronze and Gold Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

Guy Montgomery, who joined the Mathematics Department, is a graduate from Southampton University and King's College, London where he took his PGCE. He enjoys a wide range of sport including badminton and cricket and helps coach mini-rugby at Crewe and Nantwich Rugby Football Club.

Rachael Penn joined the External Relations Department as Admissions & Marketing Officer. She is a graduate

in Media Studies from the University of Ulster and joins King's from Cheadle Hulme School where she was Junior School Administrator. Prior to that, Rachael worked for three years at Wilmslow Preparatory School. Rachael has two daughters and is a keen photographer, a movie lover and is currently learning French.

Matthew Perriss, a former pupil, joined the Geography Department having taught at Stowe School, Abingdon Boys and Lord Wandsworth College. He graduated from the University of Edinburgh where he studied Economic and Political Geography, whilst he completed his PGCE at Oxford University. Matthew enjoys a wide range of sports, such as rugby and all equestrian disciplines; he also plays polo at various clubs around the UK.

Andy Prideaux joined the Physics Department having spent six years teaching Physics and Electronics A-Level at Cheadle and Marple Sixth Form College. He is a graduate from Salford University where he studied Physics with Space Technology before moving to Manchester University to complete a PGCE. In his spare time, Andy is a keen amateur sailor and active in the world of 3D computer-aided design and visualisation.

Ciaran Sanders joined the PE and Games Department as a Hockey and Cricket Coach. He is originally from Perth, Western Australia where he graduated from Edith Cowan University with a Bachelor of Exercise & Sports Science and a Graduate Diploma in Education. Ciaran has a keen interest in many sports and is currently a member of Alderley Edge Hockey & Cricket Club.

Suzanne Smith joined King's as a full-time teaching assistant in the Infants, having previously worked on a supply basis and as a volunteer while studying for her Grade 3 qualification. Suzy has three children, who attend

King's Senior Divisions, as well as two cats, a Labrador, two rabbits and nine chickens. In any spare time, she enjoys running and cycling.

Temporary staff

We are also grateful to a number of temporary staff who assisted us this year: **Lyndsay Barwell, Paul Halewood, Peter Illingworth, Tim Andrew, Geoff Shaw, Sam Jones** (volunteer), **Jonathan Reti, Molly Ross, Eustace Wabo, Peter Wilcox, Kirsten Hinds, Anastasia Mekket-iche, Romana Muhl, Oscar Kenny** and **Nick Bertus**. We thank them all for their contribution to King's and wish them well for their futures.

Farewell

Joanne Anderson

Jo became the fourth Principal of the Girls' Division in September 2011, joining King's from The Manchester Grammar School where she had been Deputy Head of Sixth Form. She immediately threw herself into the life of the school, asking questions and challenging received wisdom. If there was a way of doing things better, Jo wanted to find it and it was sometimes difficult for colleagues to keep up.

Jo set immensely high standards and expected pupils and staff to live up to them. She demanded nothing less of herself, as pupils in her classes would immediately testify. A modern linguist by training, Jo thoroughly enjoyed teaching French and Italian and even found the odd moment to rekindle the Headmaster's O-Level French in their weekly meetings. Parents and pupils found Jo a tireless advocate for the school and someone with their best interests at heart. If this meant that sometimes difficult messages had to be communicated, then one knew that Jo would not dodge the issue. Her approach to education was motivated by the best interests of individuals and, whilst one could always count on Jo for a strong and considered view, care and compassion underlay all of

her dealings with pupils, parents and colleagues. Deriving great pride from the successes of the Girls' Division, Jo put an enormous amount of effort into celebration assemblies: she made sure that no one was overlooked and transformed opportunities for leadership within the Division. Academic success was important, but so too was activity outside the classroom - the opportunity to accompany an ensemble on Jo's flute was rarely missed. As our Designated Safeguarding Lead, I think it is fair to say that she revolutionised our approach to this vital aspect of school life and fully integrated the role of the school nurses into the work of our pastoral teams. Jo's restless energy and ability always ensured that she would go on to run her own school. Like two of her three predecessors, she leaves us after four whirlwind years to take up a Headship. We wish her all the best for her time at Bury Girls.

SH

Claire Aspinall

Claire started teaching at King's in 2011 as an NQT in the Physics Department. She immediately immersed herself in an enormous number of activities, such as outdoor trips, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and Physics Club. Her organisational skills were very apparent from the start and she went on to organise and lead the Silver Duke of Edinburgh students. She led the popular Year 9 Physics Club which inspired many students to study Physics and Engineering. She was always prepared to give up time to help students outside lessons and she worked closely mentoring a number of students. Her contribution to life at King's was immense and she will be much missed in the Physics Department. We wish her every success in the future as she builds her business.

SJH

Catherine Bailey

Catherine was part of the Infant and Junior Division for over nine years and in that time she became a key member

of the team. Initially, Catherine ran her business, 'Magical Tales', whilst also working part-time in Year 2 and we were lucky that she made the decision to work full-time at King's. Since moving to Pre-School and taking over the Early Years Manager role, Catherine worked tirelessly to ensure that the Early Years Department met the constantly changing requirements of the EYFS documentation. Her hard work and extensive knowledge of her field resulted in the outstanding provision we now have. Moving on to Stockport Grammar and embracing her promotion is the right move for Catherine as she is ready for bigger challenges. We wish her every success, but she will be a very tough act to follow.

CJHM

Hannah Barton

Hannah joined the Psychology Department in 2008 from Bryn Hafren School in Barry, South Wales: as a Yorkshire lass, she wanted to move closer to God's own county. During her time at King's, she was involved in a fantastic range of extra-curricular activities, such as expeditions to Borneo, India, Morocco, China, Bolivia and Namibia. She helped with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme; various outdoor activity and surfing trips; running club; Amnesty International, and as front of house at dramatic productions. Hannah was also Child Protection Officer, Senior Tutor in the Sixth Form and Head of PSHE. Within the department, she was an outstanding teacher who commanded the respect and affection of both students and colleagues and students benefitted hugely from her knowledge and enthusiasm for the subject. Hannah left to take up a Head of Department post at Stockport Grammar School: she will be missed and we wish her well for the future.

MJB

Nicola Butterworth

Nicola was at King's for almost nine years and was a very valued member of the support staff, working initially in

the Finance Department, then in the Main Office and, latterly, in Reprographics. She was an incredibly hard-working, flexible and well-respected member of staff who always carried out her roles with a smile and great efficiency. Nicola has joined Aquinas College, within Student Information Services: she will be greatly missed by her colleagues and friends, and we wish her well for the next chapter in her career.

CJ

Stephen Carpenter

Steve joined King's in 2004 to teach Physics, based at Fence Avenue. He demonstrated his knowledge of Physics and everything else you might wish to know. His contributions to King's were highly significant: he led a juggling club, taught GCSE Astronomy, and assisted with trampolining, cheerleading, outdoor pursuits and unicycling. Outside lessons, he was always prepared to help students and his enthusiasm for Physics inspired many students to continue the subject at degree-level. As a form tutor, Steve gave up a considerable amount of time to support his students and to ensure that they were well prepared for the challenges they faced. His contribution to the Physics Department was greatly appreciated and we wish him all the best in what is sure to be a very busy retirement.

SJH

Tom Cawthorn

During his two years at King's, Tom grew to be a central and recognisable figure to all staff and pupils, not only for his Geography teaching, but also for his contributions to the School as a whole. Joining from Merchant Taylors' in 2013, Tom's passion and expertise in Geography were evident from the outset, and he delivered innovative and enjoyable lessons. His contribution to the strategic development of the faculty was immense, as he assisted with re-writing marking and reward policies, while also running

many fieldtrips, including the highly successful venture to Naples and Sicily. Any pupil who passed through his classroom will have noticed his gentle, yet fun, nature: his lower school tutor groups benefitted in particular from his coaching and instruction. He contributed as a Rugby Coach to the U16 and U13 teams, as well as to the Cricket 2nds. Tom returns to his childhood roots; he will be greatly missed and we wish him much success at The Grantham Grammar School.

ASP

Jane Chapman

Jane joined King's in 2007 as a part-time Library Assistant at Cumberland Street until 2009. She then moved to be an integral part of the Admissions function of the school and was the Admissions Secretary for six years. During this time, Jane played an important role in a small team, attending to all the administrative matters of the busy Admissions Department and helping to organise multiple Open events, taster days and entrance exam rounds. Jane was a valued member of the team and will be missed by colleagues and friends. We wish her well in her new ventures, including setting up her own business.

CJ

Phil Colville

Phil arrived at King's in September 1997 to replace the retiring Ian Warburton as Head of Maths. Originally from Aldershot, he received a First in Maths from Leicester University before undertaking a PhD. He was attracted away from this to teach in Norfolk just after marrying his wife Sue. After stints at Gresham's, Oakham and Teddies Oxford he came to King's.

Phil was an outstanding Head of Department. As an IT wizard, he brought the department through the millennium in every sense of the word. He strove for increased computer usage in the department and always led from the front with new initiatives. He introduced spreadsheets and charts

for analysing pupil progress as well as pushing for improved mathematical software in the classroom. Modular A-Levels, Maths Clinic, revision 'beanos' and full sets of past paper booklets were also due to him. Phil was also an extremely able mathematician and teacher who had the pupils hanging on to every word as he explained in easy, clear steps how to multiply or integrate. His lessons were always beautifully prepared with great slides and animations. Quick-witted and jovial, his manner was appreciated by pupils and colleagues alike. Phil loved to be creative in his solutions and the job gave him full rein to apply his skills, whether in administration within the department or for the benefit of his pupils in the classroom.

Once the department was running to his satisfaction, he became involved with orienteering and, more recently, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, and finally restarted and ran the Squash Club. As a keen squash player himself, Phil intends to continue in retirement, as well as embarking on a programme of DIY: he is intent on re-landscaping the garden and refitting the house. You can sense his ferocious work-style from these plans for retirement. He will also travel, 'fix the Fells', learn the guitar, brew ale and aims to write a book! After 99 terms of teaching you would think Phil would want a rest. No, just a change. We thank him profusely for all his efforts and wish him a long, healthy and well-deserved retirement.

CJM

Margaret Connor

Margaret joined King's in 2001 as Girls' Division Secretary, working initially with the then new Principal, Liz Spence, and making significant contributions to the welcoming, happy atmosphere of the Girls' Division. More recently, Margaret took up the post of Boys' Division Secretary, based at Cumberland Street. Margaret leaves King's for an exciting opportunity as Admissions Secretary at Stockport

Grammar: she will be much missed by her many friends at King's and we wish her well for the future.

CJ

Marta Yerpas Cordoba

Marta joined King's in 2012 and breathed a sense of madrileña marcha into the department with her infectious smile and positively Spanish outlook on life. She spent equal amounts of time supporting the girls, boys and Sixth Form pupils, always seeking to draw out of them Spanish of the highest quality. Her love for Spanish culture and all things Madrildian shone through in all her lessons. She will be deeply missed by the department and pupils. Not only did she support A-Level and GCSE pupils in their quest for the perfect Spanish accent; a number of staff were lucky enough to spend a few precious minutes every week chatting away in castellano and picking up wonderful examples of the latest language from Spain. Marta leaves us to return to sunny Spain where she is to get married to Marco. Buena suerte Marta, y iviva los novios!

TDs

Linda Craig

Linda taught at King's for eleven years, initially in a part-time capacity as a History teacher at Cumberland Street. The school quickly recognised her talent; Linda was made full-time and was asked to take on SST responsibility for History in the Girls' Division. Linda brought creativity, passion and intellectual challenge to her students and in return they achieved outstanding results, showing loyalty and enormous affection for her as a teacher with star quality. Most recently, Linda was appointed as acting Head of Department on the promotion of Mark Robinson.

As a Year 7 Tutor, Linda participated in numerous Thorpe Farm trips: she loves walking so always regarded it a treat to escape school and head for the hills. Linda's dressing-up skills are legendary. Open Day for the History Department and History Club quickly

became an opportunity for role-play, with students and staff dressed as Puritans on one occasion and as World War One nurses on another. Linda's roles at Fence Avenue were many. She was a successful Head of House who led her House to glory in the Fashion Show and Gymnastics Competition. In recent years, she also performed alongside the students in the Christmas Carol Competition, using her dressing-up kit to good effect.

Linda was generous in her contributions: she led and accompanied numerous History trips including the Battlefields trip, Russia and China on Sixth Form trips, and the Munich trip, and created brilliant teaching resources for the department. It is clear why we will all miss Linda: in all respects, she has been an invaluable teacher and colleague and we wish her every joy and happiness in her early retirement.

EPO

Anne Eardley

Anne joined King's in 1997 as a Year 1 teacher in the newly formed King's Infant Division where she quickly earned a reputation for being a kind and caring teacher.

In 2004, Anne moved into the Junior Division as a Year 5 teacher and is fondly remembered as a nature lover who, with the help of Mrs Jane Roberts and the grounds staff, turned two acres of unused land on the Fence Avenue site into the Ginkgo Meadow, a place which still provides much pleasure to staff and pupils. In addition, her classroom was always home to an array of animals, including chicks, guinea pigs, geckos and snakes. During her time in the Infant and Junior Division, she started many clubs for the students, including the Nature Club; Horse and Pony Club; Remote Control Car Club; K'NEX Club and the Boys' Jazz Dance Club.

During the last 18 years, Anne gained a reputation for encouraging those children who needed a gentler teaching regime. In 2013, she joined the Learning Support Department so

that she could focus her attention on those very pupils to whom she offered a calm and patient approach. King's is losing a wonderful teacher but our loss is her husband's gain: we hope that he and Anne will enjoy the exciting adventures that retirement brings.

NSD

Judith Hargreaves

Chemistry welcomed Judith into the department in September. She taught a number of classes in the Sixth Form and Girls' Divisions, as well as Boys' General Science. She was also an EPQ mentor to Year 13 students. She left us at the end of the Spring Term to take up another teaching position. We are grateful to Judith for being part of the department this year and wish her well in her future teaching career.

LCW

Sarah Hearn

Sarah Hearn was a long-standing member of the support staff, looking after pupils, parents and colleagues in the Main Office at Cumberland Street since 2007, firstly as telephonist and more recently as Administrative Assistant. Sarah's enduring smile and cheerful nature were a familiar feature of King's and we are all sorry to see her go. She is taking (very) early retirement and we wish her a long and happy future, no doubt packed with lots of overseas travel.

CJ

Lesley Hollis

Lesley left King's to move to Wales to be nearer family, and to start a new role at Cardiff Cathedral School as Examinations Officer. She was at the school for sixteen years, and in that time she fulfilled a variety of roles, including overseeing staff in the Main Office, coordinating trips, Examinations Officer and Coordinator of Staff Cover. Alongside these main roles, Lesley also supported other areas of school life, such as organising Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme events and the annual

ski trips. To all of these roles, Lesley brought an impressive work ethic, a careful eye for detail and the ability to plan meticulously, which ensured that these key areas of school life ran smoothly and efficiently. She was known for her shrewd, no-nonsense approach, coupled with a friendly and down-to-earth manner. Lesley was a key part of the King's family, and watched as her children progressed through the school. She has our very best wishes as she moves on to a new chapter in her life and the life of her family.

SMH

Chris Maudsley

Chris came to King's in 1995 after ten years at William Hulme's, followed by a brief career change! He obviously loved his time here because he sustained a 20-year stint, perhaps being one of the last of the 'stalwarts'. Teaching? What started almost as an idle thought became a vocation, for which his many pupils will be forever grateful. Chris always put the quality of the teacher-pupil relationship at the heart of the educational process, being both progressive and pragmatic while still retaining many 'schoolmastering traditions'. Anyone who has glanced at his small library (in M12) knows that he is passionate about maths and physics; not content with just one degree, he took an OU third-year course in General Relativity and Cosmology, followed by a five-year MSc in Maths. It is remarkable that he found the time and dedication to do all this while being in a demanding teaching position - seeing this in an active member of our profession is truly inspirational. Was he spreading it thin? Not a bit of it - Chris gave generously of his time while at King's. He did the cover and invigilation (seven years); was in charge of canteen matters (six years); in charge of table tennis (since its inception, ten years ago), actively promoted and organised recycling for many years; as a volunteer, bolstered many a school trip (both at home and abroad); ran a

cricket team (twenty years); re-invigorated staff football; was one of the maths 'deputies'.... the list goes on. In times of change, his mutual respect for the pupils in his care remained his core value. Chris also dealt Gore-Tex a blow, preferring an umbrella as the weapon of choice while walking in the Peaks on Year 9 camps!

Never one to let his roots grow too deep, he has purchased a small olive grove and stone cabin in Spain and will be found spending time enjoying the warmer, sunny outdoors over there whenever possible (alongside fixing the leaking roof, establishing a floor, and the like). Good luck in all your escapades Chris - have a long, healthy and well-earned retirement.

PJC

Paula Percival

The school was very sad to lose one of its stalwart administrators when Paula left us at Easter. She joined King's in 2000 to work in the Reprographics Department but soon moved on to fill many different roles, always with a smile and all with an equal and unparalleled level of dedication, commitment, reliability and willingness to help. Most notably she became the School Office Manager, covering for absences and supporting the office staff in all Divisions in many ways, coordinating the school calendar, looking after parent communications, hosting NQT conferences, organising staff and pupil photographs, assisting with external examinations, helping with the endless administration involved in school trips, particularly rugby, and trying to unite boys and their lost property (she was even known to take home smelly games kit to wash before doing this!). We wish her well in her new role as the Registrar at Manchester High School for Girls.

LH

Sarah Robinson

Sarah left King's after seven very productive years. Although she was officially a part-time member of staff,

she contributed to an impressive range of academic and extra-curricular activities. In addition to being a well-respected form tutor, Sarah was an inspirational History and Politics teacher and, for the last two years, led the Government and Politics Department. She also acted as a Law Adviser for Sixth Form students. Outside the classroom, she organised trips to London, accompanied a History Department trip to Munich and ran the Lower School Debating Club. Sarah also gave up time in the evenings and at weekends to organise the front of house for musical events and assisted with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Sarah was a cheerful and supportive colleague who is missed greatly and we wish her every success in the future.

GRB

Samantha Tsang

Sam came to King's in 2008, following several years of study at the University of Manchester, for her degree in Modern Languages and then for her PGCE. Sam taught both French and Spanish and was a well-respected form tutor and pastoral mentor. Over the years, Sam developed an excellent rapport with her students, who often felt able to approach her to discuss matters of concern or interest, either relating to their language work or not.

Sam made significant contributions to departmental discussions and ideas. They included looking after the Language Assistants and always giving of her time to help and support students. Those who know Sam will know of her sporting interests and her enthusiastic involvement in netball at club level, as well as her passionate lifelong support of Manchester United. Her help on the netball courts was also significant, as she coached the First VII and the Year 7 squads, and umpired matches both at home and away. We wish Sam well as she enjoys time with her young family before returning to teaching French and Spanish in the future.

IED

Awards & Prizes

Distinctions in Public Examinations

A Level

Pupils with 4 A*/A grades

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| Jamie Edgerton | Jasper Rossi |
| Laura Embrey | Jennifer Shering |
| Esteban Herpin | James Sudweeks |

Pupils with 3 A*/A grades

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| Rheanne Beresford | Tom Lynch |
| Toby Bianchi | Finlay McCance |
| Jack Bradbury | Edward McKee |
| Elisabeth Clivery Adamson | Alexander Moore |
| Katherine Fray | Emily Mound |
| Juliette Gorb | Jamie Murray |
| Tabitha Green | Melissa Oakes |
| Jonathan Hammill | Aaron Shaughnessy |
| Daniel Hinchcliffe | Jennifer Shone |
| Rebecca Hughes | Ailbe Smith |
| Catlin Jacobsen | Victoria Tann |
| Anja Knudsen | Charlotte Taylor |

GCSE

Pupils with at least 10 A*/As

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| Michael Abrahamse | Sameera Lyons |
| Benjamin Allmand-Smith | Tanisha Orchard |
| Lilian Breese-Tovey | Timothy Phillips |
| Sam Bryning | Rebecca Quinn |
| Georgia Cooper-Taylor | Oliver Quinn |
| Daniel Crosby | Olivia Shaughnessy |
| Alexander Galbraith | William Thomson |
| Bradley Greatrex-Jordan | Peter Thorp |
| Freddie Hayward | Eleanor Toms |
| Lancelot Herpin | Esther Wain |
| Ellie Hopewell | Samuel Wallace |
| Zachary Howdle | Alexander Welsh |
| Katie Hughes | |

Pupils with at least 9 A*/As

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| Alex Blundell | Amy Johnson |
| Elena Boden | Ella Keen |
| Rhys Bowen | Poppy Kirk |
| Henry Brett | Jack Lucas |
| Sam Brindle | Kate Marsh |
| Anna Cartwright | William McIlveen |
| Rachel Catlin | Olivia Phillips |
| Eleanor Collett | Paul Roberts |
| Adam Garnett | Ieuan Sanders |
| Al Hurd | Emily Underwood |
| Matthew Jackson | Daniel Welch |

Special Prizes

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| Headmaster's Prize, Joint Senior Orchestral Prize | Juliette Gorb |
| Headmaster's Prize, Theatre Arts Prize | Alexander Moore |
| Principal's Award, Selwyn Russell Jones Sports Prize | Finlay McCance |
| Principal's Award, Geography Prize | Mariya Kuzova |

School Prizes (all age groups)

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| Sainter Prize for Scientific Research | Alibe Smith |
| Maimi Wright Prize for Computing | Alistair Thomson |

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| Ben Davies Poetry Prize & Product Design Prize | Georgia Cooper-Taylor |
| Dr Norman Maurice "Arclex" Prize | Joseph Martin |
| Ridac Cup, Canon F W PaulEconomics Prize | Sophie Quinn |
| Thornber Chemistry Development Prize | Ben Cree |

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| Marcall-Costello Award for Endeavour in German | Olivia Watkins |
| Ken Brookfield Elizabethan Prize, History Prize and Spanish Prize | Victoria Tann |
| I A Wilson Economics Scholarship | Brendan Jacot |
| Alex Anderson Memorial Quaich | Thomas Belt |
| David Pook Poetry Prize | Lauren Hayward |
| Boys' Division Robert Batchelor Prize & the 7TDC Form Prize | Finlay Blakemore |
| Girls' Division Robert Batchelor Prize | Elizabeth Kemp |
| Junior Division Robert Batchelor Prize | Oliver Muirhead |
| Junior Division Robert Batchelor Prize | Isabel Watkins |
| Infant and Junior Division Enquiry Prize | Samuel Wain |
| Highly Commended | Toby Denton |
| Highly Commended | Archie Little |

Retiring Prizes

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| Phil Colville Prize | Dmitri Whitmore |
| Stephen Carpenter Prize, Girls' Division Best All-Rounder Cup, Music Prize | Rachel Catlin |
| Linda Craig Prize | Charlotte Abbott |
| Chris Maudsley Prize | Thomas Higginson |
| Anne Eardley Prize | Joshua Tolchard |

Former Pupils' Association Prizes

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| Alan Cooper Prize, EPQ Prize, Joint Senior Orchestral Prize | Aaron Shaughnessy |
| Alan Cooper Prize | Katherine Fray |
| TT Shaw Sixth Form Prize, C A Bradley History Prize | Rebecca Hughes |
| TT Shaw Sixth Form Prize | Joseph Hale |
| TT Shaw Boys' Division Prize | Daniel Crosby |
| TT Shaw Girls' Division Prize | Sameera Lyons |

Upper School Prizes

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| Selwyn Russell Jones Art Prize, Senior Product Design Prize | Matthew Peers |
| Biology Prize, Psychology Prize | Charlotte Taylor |
| Business Studies Prize | Holly Keen |
| Chemistry Prize, Joint Ron Darlington Jazz Prize | Jamie Edgerton |
| Wilmot Classics Prize | Emily Mound |
| English Language Prize | Jessica Stuart |
| English Literature Prize | Jennifer Shone |
| T B Cartwright Extended Studies Prize | Victoria Provis |
| Joint William Broster French Prize | Holly Kitching |
| Joint William Broster French Prize | Sarah Laughton |
| J O Nicholson German Prize | Zoe Richmond |
| Geology Prize | Archie Thorneycroft |
| Mathematics Single Prize | Jasper Rossi |
| Mathematics Double Prize, Music Prize, Physics Prize | Laura Embrey |
| Physical Education Prize | Ed Austin |
| Politics Prize | David Lees |
| Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize | Emma Maxwell |
| Joint Ron Darlington Jazz Prize | Darragh Burke |
| Senior Choral Prize | Henry Reavey |
| Senior Reading Prize, Boys' Division | Oliver Quinn |
| Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize | Joseph Murphy |
| James Painton Cup | |

Middle School Prizes (Boys' Division)

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| Head Boy's Prize, French Prize, Dual Award Science Prize | Michael Abrahamse |
| Principal's Prize | Max Watt |
| Deryck Siddall Cup, GCSE Physical Education Prize | Timothy Phillips |
| Best All-Rounder Cup, Music Prize | Ben Lynch |
| Macclesfield Grammar School Challenge Cup, German Prize | Alexander Galbraith |
| Boys' Division Council Cup | Freddie Hayward |
| Year 7 Achiever's Cup, Year 7 General Science Prize | Finlay Ross |
| Year 8 Achiever's Cup | Timothy Parkinson |
| Year 9 Achiever's Cup | Henry Pinches |
| Year 10 Challenge Cup | Angus Homer |
| Year 8 General Science Prize | Matthew Hall |
| Art & Design Prize | Ieuan Sanders |
| Biology Prize, Physics Prize | Zachary Howdle |
| Chemistry Prize | Lancelot Herpin |
| Joint English Language Prize | Rhys Bowen |
| Joint English Literature Prize | Ben Salisbury |
| Geography Prize | William Thomson |
| History Prize | Sam Bryning |
| Latin Prize | Bradley Greatrex-Jordan |
| Lower School Reading Prize | Rowen Sutton |
| Mathematics Prize | Alexander Welsh |
| Product Design Prize | Finlay Calder |
| Theatre Arts Prize | Aarian Mehrabani |

Lower School Prizes (Boys' Division)

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Junior Choral Prize | Dominic Corner |
| Junior Orchestral Prize | Sam Stokes |

Form Prizes (Boys' Division)

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| 10GRB | Thomas Blackwell |
| 10JN | Sean Neary |
| 10MRW | Kieran Bailey |
| 10PW | Alex Fray |
| 9CST | Charlie Toms |
| 9GAJM | Sam Higginson |
| 9MTH | Angus Thomson |
| 9SEJ | Harry Wallace |
| Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize | Robin Mackillop |
| 8JAIH | Sam Wright |
| 8LCh | Kieran Cullen |
| 8SLQ | Jonathan Murray |
| Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize | Harri Bowen |
| 7KB | Bryn Barker |
| 7SJR | Wadoud Charbak |
| 7SLH | Tom Knight |
| Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize | Michael Higham |

Middle School Prizes (Girls' Division)

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Head Girl's Prize, Biology Prize | Olivia Shaughnessy |
| Principal's Prize, Religious Studies(Thorneycroft) Prize, Joint English Prize, Theatre Arts Prize | Kate Marsh |
| Year 7 Endeavour Cup | Ella Thomson |
| Year 8 Achiever's Cup, Year 8 General Science Prize, Junior Orchestral Prize | Aisling Day |
| Joint Year 9 Achiever's Cup, Macclesfield High School Susan Russell Jones Cup for German, Middle School Reading Prize | Megan Whiteley |
| Joint Year 9 Achiever's Cup | Beth Whiteley |
| Victrix Ludorum Cup, Macclesfield | |

Awards & Prizes

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|---|---------------------|
| High School Somerville Challenge Cup, Dual Award Science Prize, Latin Prize | Eleanor Toms |
| Girls' Division Council Cup | Eleanor Hopewell |
| Jenny Lee Mathematics Prize | Hannah Wilcock |
| Macclesfield High School Isobel Day Cup for French, History Essay Prize | Esther Wain |
| Sue Bream Crystal Star, Spanish Prize, Geography Prize | Emily Underwood |
| Joint Anne Cohen Prize for Astronomy | Hannah Ruskin |
| Joint Anne Cohen Prize for Astronomy | Eleanor Fielding |
| Anne Craig French Prize, Art & Design, Prize, History Prize, Joint English Prize | Poppy Kirk |
| Joint Year 7 General Science Prize | Olivia Hunter |
| Joint Year 7 General Science Prize, Year 7 Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize | Molly Robertson |
| Chemistry Prize | Katie Hughes |
| German Prize, Physics Prize | Lilian Breese-Tovey |
| Mathematics Prize, Modern Languages Prize | Tanisha Orchard |
| Physical Education Prize | Allana Buckingham |

Lower School Prizes (Girls' Division)

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Junior Choral Joint Prize | Sarah Catlin |
| Junior Choral Joint Prize, 9LuH Form Prize | Emily Foster |

Form Prizes (Girls' Division)

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| 10JLD | Charlotte Green |
| 10RAR | Francesca Southern |
| 10TSJ | Beatrice Tann |
| 10VHB | Liberty Kirk |
| 9TSJ | Lauren Hayward |
| 9GBS | Katie Murphy |
| 9LAT | Katie Hayward |
| Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize | Charlotte Wardle |
| 8EB | Ella McQuillan |
| 8LB | Jodie Foxton |
| 8SJH | Alexandra Brooks |
| Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize | Lottie Thomas |
| 7HMC | Sarah Turner |
| 7LAC | Charlotte Warren |

Infant & Junior Division Prizes

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| English: Reading | Lottie Dennett |
| English: Speaking | Archie Abraham |
| English: Writing | Emma Graham |
| Mathematics | Mackenzie Blackaby |
| Science | Dominic Townsend |
| Geography | Oliver Hall |
| History | Fay Fitzmaurice |
| French | Cara Holliday |
| | Jeremy Herpin |
| Art, Design & Technology | Maddy Holder |
| Music | Madeline Holden |
| | Toby Gray |
| ICT | Alex McCall |
| Religious Education | Henry Smith |
| Physical Education | Oscar Robinson |
| | Sophie Scott |
| Swimming | Scarlett Brough |
| Games: Boys | James Payne |
| Games: Girls | Holly Burke |

Awards & Prizes

Form Prizes

Academic Achievement Prizes

| | |
|--------|-------------------------------------|
| 5SM | Rebecca Foster Toby Denton |
| 5MW | Millie Crummack Jake Leech |
| 5NS | Harriet Bailey Madeleine Johnson |
| 4JC | Jenny Wallace Fraser Day |
| 4VA | Madi Baxter Thomas Danson |
| 3CK/LC | Tasha Clark Sebastian Fitzgerald |
| 3EM | Frances Green Thatcher Nulty |

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| Year 4 Young Artist Award (Mrs P J Aspinwall Trophy) | Jessica Morgan-Hoole |
| Mrs C J Hulme Y6 | |
| Musical Production Prize | Georgina Devon |
| Cricket Trophy | Harry Owens |
| Chess Trophy | Harrison Milner |
| Robert Batchelor Prizes | Oliver Muirhead Isabel Watkins |
| Ridings Best All-Rounder Cups | Lewis Johnson Isabel Moores |

(and the Martin Badger Cup for All-Round Endeavour)

Music Examinations

Autumn Term 2014

Associated Board Practical Examinations

| Sixth Form | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------|-----------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Eleanor McKenna | Singing | 8 | 136 Dist |
| Rosana Wardle | Piano | 4 | 117 Pass |
| Boys' Division | | | |
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Joe Gardner | Jazz Piano | 1 | 120 Merit |
| Sam Stokes | Trombone | 5 | 121 Merit |
| Sam Andresen | Singing | 5 | 134 Dist |
| George Connolly | Guitar | 4 | 100 Pass |
| Oliver Rushton | Singing | 1 | 137 Dist |

| Girls' Division | | | |
|---------------------|------------|-------|-----------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Emily Foster | Viola | 2 | 114 Pass |
| Emily Jaques | Piano | 4 | 113 Pass |
| Eleanor Collett | Oboe | 6 | 110 Pass |
| Alexandra Clarke | Flute | 7 | 128 Merit |
| Sophie Vlissidis | Singing | 3 | 112 Pass |
| Lilian Breese-Tovey | Singing | 4 | 110 Pass |
| Mila Waseem | Singing | 1 | 118 Pass |
| Saffron Milner | Singing | 4 | 134 Dist |
| Ella Thomson | Singing | 1 | 118 Pass |
| Mollie Fyfe | Piano | 3 | 104 Pass |
| Phoebe Gleave | Piano | 2 | 111 Pass |
| Phoebe Kettle | Flute | 3 | 126 Merit |
| Beth Whiteley | Flute | 3 | 132 Dist |
| Megan Whiteley | Oboe | 3 | 126 Merit |
| May Broadley | Piano | 3 | 110 Pass |
| Beth Whiteley | Eb Horn | 4 | 123 Merit |
| Daisy Holden | Bassoon | 1 | 126 Merit |

| Junior Division | | | |
|------------------|------------|-------|-----------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Edward Gandy | Saxophone | 3 | 116 Pass |
| Sophie Bird | Singing | 1 | 115 Pass |
| Ridley Partridge | Violin | 2 | 118 Pass |
| Fay Fitzmaurice | Singing | 2 | 120 Merit |
| Joe Bathurst | Clarinet | 1 | 109 Pass |
| Toby Gray | Flute | 4 | 121 Merit |
| Raphael Pfister | Oboe | 2 | 100 Pass |
| Oliver Carter | Recorder | 2 | 102 Pass |
| Oliver Sapey | Recorder | 2 | 103 Pass |
| Eve Carter | Flute | 2 | 116 Pass |

Associated Board Theory Examinations

| Name | Grade | Result |
|----------------|-------|---------|
| Lucy Gosnay | 5 | 73 Pass |
| Stefan Weidner | 5 | 79 Pass |

Trinity/Guildhall Examinations

| Sixth Form | | | |
|--------------|------------|-------|---------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Helen Lyons | Flute | AC | 92 Dist |
| Zoe Richmond | Flute | 8 | 88 Dist |

| Boys' Division | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------|----------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Archie Phillips | Saxophone | 5 | 81 Merit |
| Jonathan Provis | Drum Kit | 6 | 87 Dist |
| James Smith | Drum Kit | 4 | 79 Merit |

| Girls' Division | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------|----------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Katie Hayward | Flute | 6 | 82 Merit |

| Junior Division | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------|----------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Rudi Abraham | Drum Kit | 1 | 75 Merit |
| Samuel Wain | Drum Kit | 1 | 88 Dist |

Spring Term 2015

Associated Board Practical Examinations

| Sixth Form | | | |
|------------------|----------------|-------|-----------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Oliver MacFadyen | Jazz Saxophone | 4 | 127 Merit |
| Elise Boothroyd | Trumpet | 5 | 125 Merit |
| Sacha Allen | Singing | 8 | 124 Merit |
| Sarah Laughton | Guitar | 6 | 114 Pass |
| Jonathan Pinches | Horn | 6 | 120 Merit |
| Jonathan Pinches | Piano | 6 | 111 Pass |

| Boys' Division | | | |
|----------------------|----------------|-------|-----------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Harry Pinches | Jazz Trombone | 5 | 130 Dist |
| Harry Collett | Jazz Trumpet | 4 | 141 Dist |
| Daniel Crosby | Jazz Saxophone | 5 | 125 Merit |
| Sam Andresen | Jazz Trumpet | 1 | 138 Dist |
| Misha Higham | Singing | 3 | 109 Pass |
| George Reavey | Singing | 4 | 121 Merit |
| Aidan Carman | Piano | 5 | 124 Merit |
| Harry Pinches | Piano | 4 | 115 Pass |
| Ben Lynch | Singing | 6 | 122 merit |
| Aarian Mehrabani | Singing | 5 | 128 Merit |
| Freddie Higginbotham | Guitar | 3 | 128 Merit |
| Ben Sneddon | Piano | 4 | 134 Dist |
| Thomas Carter | Trumpet | 5 | 111 Pass |
| George Dickinson | Trumpet | 1 | 118 Pass |
| Lancelot Herpin | Piano | 2 | 108 Pass |

| Girls' Division | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Rachel Catlin | Jazz Saxophone | 5 | 122 Merit |
| May Broadley | Singing | 4 | 109 Pass |
| Jasmine England | Singing | 4 | 131 Dist |
| Isabella Whittle | Singing | 2 | 115 Pass |
| Katie Wray | Singing | 5 | 121 Merit |
| Emily Friston | Singing | 2 | 120 Merit |
| Flossie Blackwell | Singing | 3 | 110 Pass |
| Chloe Henshaw | Piano | 7 | 122 Merit |
| Fiona Beeston | Singing | 5 | 122 Merit |
| Alexandra Clarke | Piano | 7 | 133 Dist |
| Charlotte Warren | Piano | 2 | 117 Pass |
| Aisling Day | Cello | 6 | 132 Dist |
| Agnes Homer | Singing | 3 | 118 Pass |
| Amanda Vel | Oboe | 3 | 120 Merit |
| Elise Boothroyd | Trumpet | 4 | 127 Merit |

| Junior Division | | | |
|--------------------|------------|-------|-----------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| William Roxborough | Cornet | 2 | 124 Merit |
| Maddie Baxter | Piano | 1 | 123 Merit |
| William Roxborough | Piano | 3 | 128 Merit |
| Derrin Scott | Piano | 2 | 114 Pass |
| Madeline Holden | Piano | 4 | 130 Dist |
| Frances Green | Guitar | 1 | 120 Merit |
| Lewis Johnson | Guitar | 2 | 116 Pass |
| Toby Denton | Guitar | 1 | 109 Pass |
| Matthew Hastings | Guitar | 1 | 117 Pass |
| Emma Graham | Guitar | 3 | 125 Merit |
| Christian Tattum | Singing | 1 | 121 Merit |
| Madeleine Holder | Singing | 2 | 114 Pass |
| Lucy Evans | Singing | 3 | 118 Pass |
| Thomas Danson | Singing | 2 | 114 Pass |
| Lydia Hine | Flute | 1 | 130 Dist |
| Elliot Naylor | Piano | 1 | 102 Pass |
| Mackenzie Blackaby | Viola | 3 | 108 Pass |
| Jessica Burton | Singing | 1 | 124 Merit |
| Eddie Waters | Singing | 2 | 120 Merit |
| Neil Waterson | Recorder | 1 | 123 Merit |
| Ruby Callaghan | Singing | 2 | 121 Merit |

Awards & Prizes

Associated Board Theory Examinations

| Name | Grade | Result |
|------------------|-------|----------|
| Maddie Townley | 5 | 87 Merit |
| Caitlin Jacobsen | 5 | 71 Pass |
| Rachel Catlin | 6 | 72 Pass |
| Oliver MacFadyen | 6 | 75 Pass |
| Frances Laker | 6 | 70 Pass |
| Darragh Burke | 8 | 70 Pass |
| Ben Lynch | 8 | 67 Pass |

Trinity/Guildhall Examinations

| Sixth Form | | | |
|-------------------|------------|-------|---------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Aaron Shaughnessy | Flute | AC | 75 Pass |
| Scott Pavitt | Saxophone | 6 | 60 Pass |

| Boys' Division | | | |
|----------------|------------|-------|----------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Mason Bell | Keyboard | In | 77 Merit |
| Richard Smith | Keyboard | 4 | 70 Pass |
| Sebastian Bye | Flute | 4 | 65 Pass |

| Girls' Division | | | |
|-----------------------|------------|-------|----------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Helen Nixon | Flute | 5 | 65 Pass |
| Emma Nockton | Flute | 5 | 77 Merit |
| April Johnson-Parsons | Flute | 3 | 79 Merit |
| Emma Gosnay | Clarinet | 7 | 76 merit |
| Kat Bennett | Flute | 2 | 61 Pass |

| Junior Division | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------|----------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Alex Diedrick | Flute | 3 | 83 merit |
| Katie Barr | Flute | 2 | 60 Pass |
| Serena Panton | Flute | 2 | 71 Pass |
| Jake Leech | Keyboard | 2 | 75 Merit |

Summer Term 2015

Associated Board Practical Examinations

| Sixth Form | | | |
|------------------|------------|-------|-----------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Caitlin Jacobsen | Singing | 8 | 121 Merit |
| William Fox | Organ | 8 | 117 Pass |
| Jenna Self | Piano | 5 | 114 Pass |
| Maddie Townley | Trumpet | 6 | 112 Pass |

| Boys' Division | | | |
|--------------------|------------|-------|-----------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Josh Clayfield | Singing | 4 | 109 Pass |
| Ben Lynch | Saxophone | 6 | 123 Merit |
| Oliver Rushton | Singing | 2 | 140 Dist |
| James Haywood | Trumpet | 3 | 103 Pass |
| Harry Wallace | Singing | 3 | 125 Merit |
| Josh Laniado-Green | Trombone | 3 | 116 Pass |
| Joe Lerner | Cello | 2 | 125 Merit |
| Sam Baker | Guitar | 4 | 101 Pass |
| Ben Lynch | Jazz Piano | 3 | 134 Dist |

| Girls' Division | | | |
|---------------------|------------|-------|-----------|
| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
| Daisy Holden | Bassoon | 2 | 135 Dist |
| Felicity Bailey | Bassoon | 1 | 127 Merit |
| Emily How | Singing | 3 | 127 Merit |
| Sarah Abrahamse | Clarinet | 1 | 135 Dist |
| Aisling Day | Piano | 6 | 116 Pass |
| Iona Lovatt | Flute | 1 | 126 Merit |
| Daisy Holden | Piano | 5 | 125 Merit |
| Mila Waseem | Singing | 2 | 110 Pass |
| Emily How | Violin | 3 | 111 Pass |
| Francesca Sawyer | Violin | 4 | 115 Pass |
| Beth Whiteley | Eb Horn | 5 | 135 Dist |
| Georgina Bloomfield | Violin | 8 | 145 Dist |

Awards & Prizes

Junior Division

| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
|--------------------------|------------|-------|-----------|
| Molly Bridgewater | Singing | 2 | 130 Dist |
| Toby Fraser | Saxophone | 1 | 121 Merit |
| Eve Carter | Flute | 3 | 123 Merit |
| Emily Currie | Recorder | 2 | 112 Pass |
| Ella Jones | Singing | 1 | 126 Merit |
| William Roxborough | Trumpet | 3 | 132 Dist |
| Ridley Partridge | Violin | 3 | 132 Dist |

Associated Board Theory Examinations

| Name | Grade | Result |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|
| Timothy Parkinson | 6 | 80 Merit |
| Sam Stokes | 5 | 67 Pass |

Trinity/Guildhall Examinations

Sixth Form

| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
|------------------------|------------|-------|---------|
| Isobel Lovatt | Saxophone | 6 | 70 Pass |
| Oliver MacFadyen | Drum Kit | 8 | 69 Pass |

Boys' Division

| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
|--------------------|------------|-------|---------|
| James Thomas | Singing | 8 | 64 Pass |

Girls' Division

| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
|--------------------------|------------|-------|---------|
| Freya Shaughnessy | Drum Kit | 1 | 64 Pass |
| Olivia Shaughnessy | Flute | 7 | 63 Pass |

Junior Division

| Name | Instrument | Grade | Result |
|---------------------|------------|-------|----------|
| Samuel Wain | Drum Kit | 2 | 83 Merit |
| Maddie Holden | Drum Kit | 2 | 82 Merit |

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