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The King's School in Macclesfield

I hope that you enjoy King's *Illustria*. This is the magazine's third edition under its new title, succeeding the *Annual Review* in 2013, which in turn succeeded the *Annual Report* in 2011. I have to confess that I was uncertain about *Illustria* as a title when it was first proposed by Mike Houghton, our Head of Classics. It was a clever idea, but I wondered whether it would suit King's. How wrong I was! Like most changes in schools, two years after their introduction they are routine and, a year after that, they become cherished institutions to be tampered with at your peril.

The earliest surviving ancestor of *Illustria* in our archives is the *Macclesfield School Report* from December 1836. Besides listing the Governors (14), teaching staff (4) and naming H.M. The King (William IV) as the School's Visitor, the 1836 Report contains little more than a list of prize winners, class orders (rankings) and an outline of the timetable and curriculum.

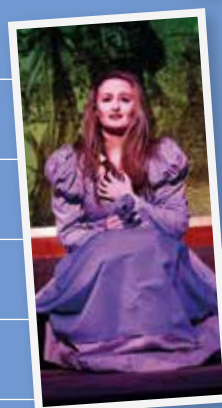
As an historian, I am inevitably

fascinated by the interplay of continuity and change that accompanies our lives and the institutions that surround us. Many of us are creatures of habit and wary of change. For young people, on the other hand, so much in the world is new and exciting, hence their propensity not only to welcome change, but to experiment and innovate. This edition of *Illustria* opens a window onto the School in the twenty-first century that is as revealing as its nineteenth-century equivalent. I hope you will agree with me that our horizons have broadened and that the School is in a far better place!

The most long-anticipated event of 2015-16 was our inspection. We could not have hoped for a better outcome. The team of twelve inspectors published a glowing endorsement not just of where the School was, but of the broad direction of travel we have been engaged upon over the last few years. In 1959, inspectors arrived at Cumberland Street 48 hours after a major fire had destroyed the school hall. The report congratulated staff

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Headmaster's Report

and pupils upon the 'calm manner in which they carried on the normal programme.' In 2015, we faced a lesser calamity when a burst pipe threatened classrooms at Fence Avenue, but in true British style, staff and pupils carried on, whilst Peter Jackson's department worked furiously behind the scenes.

I was enormously proud of the School that week, which is always a rather surreal time for a Head. One can never be entirely certain that effort and progress will be recognised until one sees it in the flesh. To achieve 'excellent' in each category and across every section of the School could never be taken for granted. The achievement owes much to the dedication and hard work of my colleagues on the teaching and support staff as well as the responsiveness of our pupils and the unstinting commitment of parents.

So, this magazine reflects a great year for King's. The curricular and extra-curricular life of the School continues to flourish as we fulfil our aims to 'challenge our pupils to aspire, work hard and achieve', and to 'develop lively and enquiring minds'. The year saw the embedding of new curriculums and the further development and extension of King's Learning Habits. In the Infant & Juniors, colleagues responded to new national frameworks and prepared to report on 'assessment without levels'. In the Sixth Form, we saw the start of a two-year return to linear A Levels.



Another of our aims is to 'support parents in raising ambitious and well-rounded individuals'. You will no doubt recognise efforts and successes in this area as you flick through the subsequent pages. Whilst parents are less in evidence in these pages, they remain a vital element of school life and we are grateful to the many parents who devote time and energy to the School, whether it be helping with sporting activities, organising the many exciting fairs and events that our children enjoy, or through our Friends of King's committee. I

would like to thank Mel Toms and Frances Naismith in particular for their service as Chair and Treasurer of Friends of King's.

The ambition we have for our pupils is matched by our aspirations for the School itself. 2016 brought us several steps closer to realising our 2020 Vision for King's as our planning applications were approved by the Cheshire East Council and then confirmed by the Secretary of State. Given the inclusion of two greenbelt sites, this was no mean feat and I would like to thank Jeremy Hinds and his planning team from Savills in particular for their tireless work on the project. Jeremy is among a number of Former Pupils assisting us

with the project and I hope to write a little more about that help next year.

Whilst the 2020 Vision is important, we never forget our responsibility to the current generation of pupils in the School. We are therefore continuing to invest in the present as eagerly as we plan for the future. 2015-16 saw the opening of a new sports pavilion at Westminster Road, refurbishment of the changing facilities at Derby Fields and the Sports Hall at Fence Avenue, further improvements to our Infant & Junior playgrounds and new class sets of iPads and tablet devices, to name but a few.

I am delighted to be able to record the excellent results achieved in this summer's public examinations. To exceed last year's success at A*-B at A Level was special. The A*/A rate was in excess of 50% and around 23% of grades were A*. 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 those with offers from Oxford and Cambridge. At GCSE level, individual successes abounded and, overall, students achieved 85% of all grades at A*-B and 60% at A*/A. I am immensely proud of their achievements which are borne of hard work, diligence and attention to detail over a number of years.

Our Year 6 pupils also achieved notable success. In the areas of Reading, Writing, Maths and Spelling/Grammar, the percentages of our pupils achieving or exceeding the expected national level were significantly above the national average. Of the 71 children, 96% achieved or exceeded the expected level in Maths, 93% in Reading, 89% in Writing and 96% in Spelling/Grammar: these results should be compared with national averages of around 70%.

Finally, we welcome a number of new faces as we bid farewell to others. July saw the retirement of a number of long-serving colleagues including Jo Beesley and Linda Pyatt from Music and Eileen Olsen from

History. All three have made outstanding contributions to King's and will be greatly missed. Full tributes to these and other colleagues can be found in the Hail & Farewell section, but I also want to welcome a number of new Governors (pictured). Mrs Ayesha Chowdrey is a BBC Executive with extensive digital media knowledge; Professor Neil Hanley joins us from the University of Manchester, where he is Professor of Medicine, and Jonathan Watkins (right) is a partner of a global law firm, also working from Manchester. They join a school much changed since the 1836 *Report* mentioned above, but no less ambitious for its future.

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Straight A grade A Level students on results day



Creative Work

Creative Work

Edward Forrester Pre-School
Self-portrait painted during the dinosaur topic.



Lorenzo Roncaroli Pre-School
Painting done as part of the Pre-School transport topic.



Harry Boddy Year 1
Children looked at the proportions of faces and used pencil to draw self-portraits.



Tewdr Jones, Scarecrow
Alice Burton, Sheep
Reception

Modelling creations made and painted as part of the Reception project on farms.



Nina Harney Year 1
Still-life picture in oil pastels, created as part of the Year 1 topic on growing.





Rory Horne Year 2
An arrangement of Indian images in silk batik, part of the Year 2 Learning Challenge on India.



Evalina Henshaw-Lawson Year 2
Still-life painting on the theme of plants.

Poppy Fletcher Year 3
After looking at works by Joan Miró, Year 3 made studies in their sketch books of the shapes and colours he used in his paintings.



George Friston Year 5
A portrait of Henry VIII in the style of Hans Holbein, created as part of the Learning Challenge topic 'What was life like during the Golden Age of Exploration?'



Sebastian Fitzgerald and Sophie Clegg Year 4
Roman Chariots. A Design Technology project exploring wheels and axles, as part of the Learning Challenge topic 'Why did the Romans want more?'

The Classroom

Spilt glue scattered over table tops forming an island of whiteness. Pencil shavings all over the place sticking to the drying glue.

The whiteboard was full with words like the trail of a snail but pure black.

A football boot is left behind stinking in the corner as the mud slowly comes off.

The sound of the furious vacuum sucks up mess like a dishonoured king. Gobbling paper, sucking water and paint, eating pencil crayons.

And then it stops.

As something tiny gets stuck inside the giant, noisy machine.

Thomas Danson Year 5

Amelia Robinson-Stanier Year 6
Watercolour landscape in the style of Claude Monet's coastal scenes.



Girls' Year 8 Birds

This project began by making drawings of feathers and creating patterns inspired by exotic birds as cardboard relief pieces. Girls then developed their own individual, 3D sculpture using a range of cardboard construction techniques. Finally, they added oil pastel rubbings to the sculpture in black and white created from their own original, relief designs.

Claudia Freedman



Flossie Blackwell

Martha Squire

Phoebe Gleave



Car Journey

I look out of the window
I see the world whizzing by as a blur
On the road I can see tiny reflective cat's eyes
Peering at me through the glass

I see the houses ranging from terraced to detached
The light from them flooding the road
The moon, bright and shining overhead
Lighting up the night

As cars go by, headlights flood the roads
On the dashboard are the speedometer and the illuminated clock
Their lights blossoming in the car
Filling the empty space.

Abigail Breese-Tovey Year 7

Light

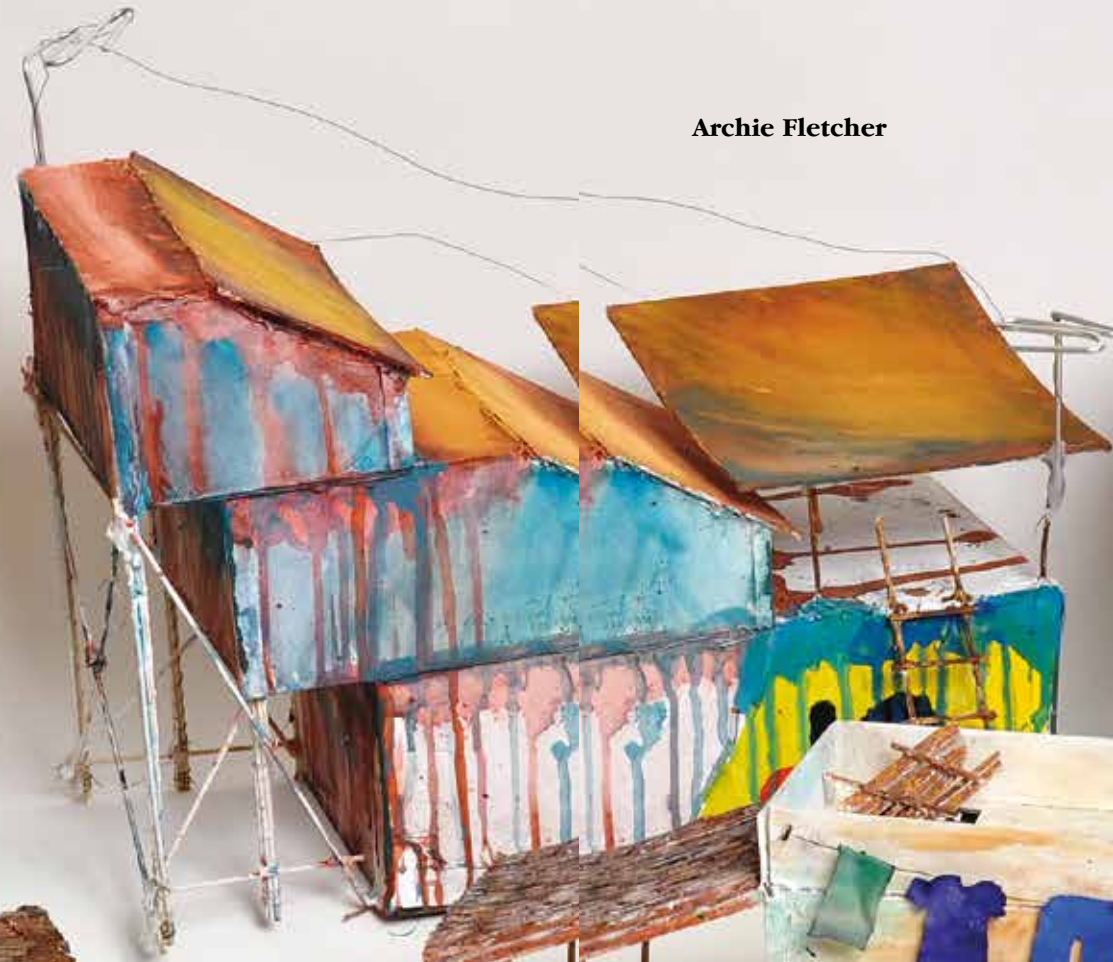
The moment when I was in the light
I thought to myself, is this right?
Should I be here with such delight?
It was not anything special, it was just another night
It was all dark but then there was me in the light
I had waited all of my life
Just to see what was bright
Is this the secret to everyone's life?

Finlay Blakemore Year 8

Murray Redpath



Archie Fletcher



Jamie Shuttleworth



Sam Wright



Sam Jones

Boys' Year 9 Favelas

Year 9 studied the historical, social and visual aspects of the favelas of Brazil, following which they designed and produced their own individual favela from card, found materials and acrylic paint. All of the sculptures eventually came together to create a new, miniature favela community.

The Vintage Photograph

She breezed into my office one cold September morning; her wind-swept hair carefully crafted, her immaculate figure screaming danger. I tried to stand to attention but it was like her bulging eyes and two-inch heels had me under lock and key. I could only imagine what news the pages of documents, which she clutched so desperately, might reveal. As her bright red lips started to move, I began to sweat and my head slipped into a dizzy state. I attempted to listen to her words, but it was like trying to break out of a labyrinth blindfolded whilst being chased by a pack of blood-thirsty wolves. She brought a faded polaroid photograph out of her pinstriped Henry a la Pensee dress pocket. This man looked like a crook. A short scar upon his higher left cheek told stories of his rough upbringing. His pointed elf-like ears were wide open, listening out for his next vulnerable prey; his beaten right eye swollen shut from unimaginable events. The tied back, scruffy hair could fool any wise man into giving up their most precious jewels; his deceiving lips able to bewitch any naive victim. His unnerving personality was reflected in his fleshless, sunken chest

which was accompanied by a bold, serpentine tattoo that could make even the bravest man wither at one glance. His lower torso paraded the epithet: "Die or live to kill".

I finally managed to open my mouth to mumble out the words, "What has he done?". She stared at me with her devil eyes, in expectation. I was confused: my head was still not up to date. She said in a deadly monotone: "He's the one that stole my grandmother's 1920s' diamond necklace!" I was stuck in a trance; my mind still captivated by her stunning looks. The sweat now dripped onto my stained collar as I replied, "How do you know he did this?" The cryptic woman leaned over my desk and gripped my crumpled silk tie firmly and with a serpent-like look she screeched the words, "Bring justice or I will!" She dashed out of the room leaving no trace but the photograph of the repulsive man. As I fixed my tie I realised I had no trace of this woman: no name, no address, no nothing. I hastily scrambled for clues, files scattered across the room. I inspected the photograph. I turned it over to see her name etched on the

back, alongside that of the man in the photograph. His name started to ring a bell. I stayed all night at the office checking all my previous cases. He was the one to ruin my immaculate record. I started to sweat again; the temperature rising and the air as thin as paper. As I loosened my tie, I knocked over my black ink pot and as my meticulous notes began to blur into a sea of confusion, my mind wandered back to the period of regret...

There I stood: a twenty-four-year-old, newly-qualified, anxious detective, full of potential. As I entered the world of hard work and late nights, I got thrown in at the deep end. The phone rang; my reactions were quick and I answered eagerly. A scratchy but soft voice whispered into the crackle of the bad reception. It was Mrs Edwards in an unusually nervous voice. She wanted to report the stealing of her late husband's gold-plated watch. I spent the next six months pursuing this man with only his description for help. The man was untraceable with his devious ways and distracting eyes. He got away. I almost gave up my detective career: I thought my life was over with no hope of being a successful detective ever again. But history will not repeat itself.

Alex Watkins Year 10



Natalie Stevens Year 11

This handcrafted Art Deco-inspired Valet Stand represents hours of hard work and commitment for Natalie's GCSE coursework. It demonstrated extremely high-level making skills and precision and was rewarded with an A* grade.

Verity Griffin Year 11

Verity's beautiful Art Nouveau-inspired lamp table also represents many hours of hard work. It was very rewarding and also resulted in an A* grade. Verity's love of STEM subjects has continued through to A Level and she hopes to pursue a STEM-based degree at university.



Jennifer Young Year 11

Jen created this large-scale self-portrait as part of a triptych for her GCSE Art coursework. Her idea was inspired by facial expressions and the illustrations of contemporary artist, Vince Low.



Claire Dixon Year 13

Claire explored the theme of 'stellar phenomena' for her final exam. She used handmade paper and silver leaf to create a series of bowl forms inspired by the surface of the moon, leading to a series of illuminated installation pieces.

**Maddie Townley Year 13**

Maddie explored the contrasting landscapes of Greece and Snowdonia to develop a series of felt studies, culminating in a reversible embroidered tunic which brings together the two contrasting environments.

**Elliot Keen Year 12**

Elliot produced an elegant 3D printed light shade using sophisticated CAD software to create the curved section. When added to the other components it creates a superb light with striking impact. The overall effect is based on simplicity of form which allows the light to function in its purest form.

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Early Years Nativity

To promote Christmas cheer, Pre-School and Reception children gave a sparkling rendition of 'The Sleepy Shepherd'. Tewdr Jones, as the shepherd in question, found it difficult to stay awake but when an angel (Emilia Gravett) appeared to tell him the good news he set off on a long journey to find the baby Jesus. Mattie Morrison gave a beautiful solo rendition of the song 'Sleepy Shepherd' which brought a tear to the eye!

Pre-School were a wonderful supporting choir, singing each song with enthusiasm.

Infant Christmas show

KS1 pupils performed 'Straw and Order' in which a court case concerning an overcrowded stable makes the Judge aware that a baby king has been born. Year 1 appeared as stars and sheep and everyone danced and sang with confidence. Year 2 covered a vast array of characters, some children

having more than one role. It was a very entertaining and humorous production.



Cinders

The Year 4 Pantomime 'Cinders' did not fail to deliver the expected corny jokes, dramatic action, rousing songs, rhythmic percussion accompaniment and intricate dance routines. The children impressed with their clear and expressive acting, their concentration and their beautiful singing, particularly the harmony singing. The lead characters showed great comic timing when delivering the humorous script. Mention must be made of the children's extremely funny dance to the Adam & The Ants hit 'Prince Charming' which left the audience weeping with laughter! All of the children were an important part of the action, appearing in a variety of roles. It was a joy to see them enjoying themselves and performing with such confidence.



The Lion King

In March, Year 6 pupils presented an outstanding performance of the musical 'The Lion King' and were ably assisted by an enthusiastic Year 5 choir. Ruby Callaghan appeared as Simba with Harrison Milner as King Mufasa. Lily Cook was the wicked Scar and Reece Grady, Zac Spencer Pickup

and Cordy Kight, the hyena henchmen. Edie Waters and Jamie Pearce, as Timon and Pumba encouraged Simba to have the philosophy of 'Hakuna Matata' but Simba was brought to his senses by the help of friends Nala, Zazu and Rafiki, played by Millie Crummack, Toby Denton and Lucy Evans. The musical was performed

with vibrancy and enthusiasm and the performers and audience loved the songs and choreography, based on African dancing. Our Super Samba group added African rhythms to the songs using djembes and gourd rattles. The 60-strong chorus performed with vibrancy and enthusiasm throughout, appearing as animals of the Pridelands, the grasslands, as lionesses and evil hyenas.



Seaside Spectacular

Infant pupils presented 'Down at the End of the Pier' as their summer production. The story of a family on their summer holiday provided ample opportunity for story-telling, singing, dancing and lots of humour, including a Strictly Come Dancing ballroom final! Year 2 delivered the speaking roles with great confidence, whilst children from Reception and Year 1 showed off their dance moves and singing prowess.

Junior Music Concerts

It was a busy and successful musical year in the Juniors with pupils demonstrating their musical and dramatic talents to their peers, their family and in the community.

Our Harvest Festival was enlivened by several musical contributions. Woodwind Wonders and Stringstars joined forces to provide a rendition of 'We Plough the Seeds and Scatter' and our choirs combined to give

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a foot-tapping rendition of 'Harvest Samba' accompanied by our very own Super Samba.

The Carol Service at St Paul's was a beautiful occasion. Year 3 sang 'Traveling', Year 4 performed, 'Follow the Star', Year 6 sang of the 'Angels in the Sky', while the Year 3 - 4 Choir sang a poignant song, 'This Christmas Time'. The Year 5 - 6 Choir and the choir of Year 5 pupils sang songs in three independent parts, thus instantly fulfilling an end of KS2 requirement.

Over 150 pupils were involved in the Junior Christmas Concert. Choirs, instrumental and dance groups performed to an exceptional standard. The Year 5 - 6 Choir worked exceedingly hard to learn the beautiful Spanish carol 'La Nanita Nana', performed in Spanish, of course.

During the same week, performance in the local community was the theme: 6ST visited Harry Lawson Court to entertain the residents; 6JEB sang at the opening of the Macclesfield Christmas Tree Festival and, at the request of the Mayor of Macclesfield, a Year 5 choir sang at the Hospital Carol Service at St Luke's Chapel.

The Festival of Easter was celebrated with a service at St Paul's Church. Years 3 and 4 led us through

the events of Holy Week in words and song. They sang with great commitment and their energetic actions added greatly to the enjoyment of the service. Items were also performed by Stringstars and the Year 3 - 4 Choir.

In May, Junior musicians performed at the Alderley Edge Music Festival. The 22-strong Woodwind Wonders performed 'Yellow Bird', 'Lavender Blue' and the theme from 'Wallace and Gromit'. They demonstrated their versatility in presenting music that expresses different moods. The adjudicator commented on their good sense of ensemble, their listening skills and well-balanced sound.

The 8 members of Stringstars played a programme comprising the folk tune 'Dingle Regatta', 'Pizzicato Polka' (which many a professional orchestra find tricky!) and 'Londonderry Air', with a lovely cello solo from Thomas Bailey. King's achieved first place and a silver cup in both classes, which was definitely well-deserved.

There were 120 entries in the Junior Music Festival this year which made for four busy mornings. Adjudication was provided by Senior Music staff and much praise and helpful comment was offered to the children. All the musical families of instruments

were represented and there were many highlights during the week as the children were well-prepared, confident and eager to perform.

The Summer Concert brought our musical year to a close with items from all of the ensembles that rehearse throughout the year. Woodwind Wonders played a special tribute to mark the Queen's 90th birthday which they had also performed at the street party in June and Year 6 class winners performed expertly at what was for them, their final Junior musical event.

Senior Music Concerts

Once again, large-scale instrumental concerts have highlighted the range and depth of instrumental music-making at King's. November's Autumn Concert included performances by all our instrumental ensembles, from the flute and clarinet ensembles to the Chamber Orchestra and Big Band. The String Orchestra, expertly directed by Mrs Beesley, gave a stunning performance of Bach's 'Brandenburg Concerto no. 4'. Zoe Richmond and Helen Lyons (Y13) played the concertino flute parts with style and grace, whilst Georgina Bloomfield (Y8) played the fiendishly difficult violin solo lines exquisitely. The concert also included a world premiere, with the Brass Group performing Mr Brown's 'We Wish You a Merry Jazzed-Up Christmas' to tumultuous applause.

In March, the Big Band (pictured right), led by Mr Dearden, participated in a national concert organised by the Merchant Taylors' Company at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool. Such events are a fantastic opportunity to join together with other schools. Our Big Band was the toast of the evening with a stunning performance that kept the audience on the edge of their seats and featured some fantastic solos from Alex Clarke (Y11), Olly Macfadyen, Henry Reavey, Tom Voysey and Will Fox (Y13).

In April, the Spring Instrumental Concert featured a huge range of ensembles performing at an exceptionally high level. Highlights included the Jazz Band's performance of three different numbers, each piece featuring a different pianist. Ben Sneddon and Sam Rosser (Y8) made their debuts on piano, joining Nancy Xia (Y11) to form a hugely talented triumvirate of piano/bass players. The Big Band paired a storming performance of



Herbie Hancock's 'Chameleon' with the world premiere of the outstanding GCSE composition by Alex Clarke (pictured), entitled, after much deliberation, 'Razzin' It' (it's a saxophone thing). Henry Strutt (viola, Y13) and Chloe Henshaw (violin, Y11) were the featured soloists in the String Orchestra's performance of Grieg's 'Holberg Suite' whilst Henry Reavey (Y13) joined the Chamber Orchestra to perform Shostakovich's 'Second Piano Concerto' (movements 2 & 3). Playing from memory, Henry was just as at home in the lush lyricism of the second movement as he was in the dazzling syncopation and changing metres of the third. It was a bravura performance both by Henry and by the orchestra, led by Zarin Salehin (Y12) and conducted by Mrs Beesley.

Once again, King's Swings was the perfect musical tonic for performers and audience members alike. This annual highlight of the musical calendar featured full sets from both the Jazz Band and the Big Band with memorable solos not only from individuals new to the bands but also from those playing with them for the last time.

String Orchestra

This has been another amazing year for the String Orchestra, which is made up of players of all standards, from relative beginners to Grade 8



with distinction.

The focus of the Spring Term was the wonderful 'Holberg Suite' by Grieg. This featured a variety of solo opportunities, with Chloe Henshaw (violin) and Henry Strutt (viola) mastering the difficult solos in the final movement and a lovely cello and bass quartet (played by Rachel Catlin, Aisling Day, Frances Laker and Sarah Catlin) in the slow movement. We performed this piece both at the lunchtime 'Music at Mike's' recital and at the Spring Instrumental Concert and received glowing feedback.

As always, the highlight of this year was the intensive, but immensely sociable, rehearsal weekend at Triganos.



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This included some serious music making but featured a tribute to Mrs Pyatt and Mrs Beesley, who are both leaving this year, in that the theme for the fancy dress competition was 'Legends.' Some fabulously inventive costumes were seen, but the eventual winners were Sarah and Rachel Catlin, dressed hilariously as Mrs Pyatt and Mrs Beesley. It was a fitting tribute to both of these amazing teachers.

Aisling Day

Senior Choirs

King's choirs had an exceptionally busy year. Over the summer holidays, four members of the Cambiata Group (Sam Jones, Oliver Rushton, Dominic Corner and Sam Andresen) joined others from Cambiata North West to perform at an international choral conference in Manchester where they received a standing ovation.

In September, the Foundation Choir was requested to sing at the Civic Service celebrating the appointment of the new Mayor of Cheshire East, Hilda Gaddum. In December, the choir was invited once again to join the Northern Chamber Orchestra for their December concert at the Heritage Centre where they sang a range of Christmas music from medieval to modern times, culminating in a spine-tingling close harmony arrangement of 'Have Yourself a

Merry Little Christmas'. The end of term carol services featured all three King's choirs, with the Songbirds and Cambiata Group giving effervescent performances of Britten's 'This Little Babe' and 'The Huron Carol' respectively.

The Spring and Summer terms saw both the Songbirds and the Cambiata groups singing away from home. Following their stunning success at the Alderley Edge Music Festival last year, the Songbirds, conducted by Mrs Beesley, mounted a robust defence of their title and came an excellent second. The Cambiata Group again took part in workshops and a concert with Cambiata North West whose final performance (nearly 200 singers) broke the UK record for the largest singing group made up of boys whose voices are changing. In May, the Lower School Choirs Tour to Blackpool and Cartmel (King's 10th) once more combined rollercoasters, climbing walls, a concert at Cartmel Priory and copious amounts of sugar to outstanding effect.

At the end of term, King's Sings once again showcased all three King's choirs performing a mix of sacred and secular works. Highlights included the Songbirds' performance of Stanford's 'The Blue Bird', accompanied by Mrs Pyatt and with a beautifully clear solo sung by Georgina Bergman, a poignant 'Daydream Believer' from the Cambiata Group accompanied by Mrs Barratt, and the Foundation Choir's performance of

two pieces from Chilcott's witty setting of 'Aesop's Fables', accompanied by Mr Dalglish. King's Sings also included a final performance from the Barbershop Quartet. Now in Y13, Messrs. Strutt, Fox, Reavey and Jacot are a hugely talented and entertaining quartet who will, we hope, continue to sing together and who have certainly started a tradition here at King's that others will continue.

Staff and students have worked tirelessly to make music in a wide range of further settings. The String Orchestra continued to enjoy residential weekends away at Ilham Hall (November) and Trigonos (March), whilst our annual series of lunchtime concerts at St Michael's, 'Music at Mike's' continued to showcase the very best of King's music (including Y7 Boys & Friends, masterminded brilliantly by Mrs. Barratt).

Cartmel Priory Tour

In May, the Songbirds and the Cambiata choirs enjoyed an action-packed weekend that culminated in a performance for a supportive audience in the beautiful ancient Priory in Cartmel.

The weekend started with a visit to the Blackpool Pleasure Beach and a dizzying few hours flying round the theme park. The choirs then went their separate ways, to stay at youth hostels in Windermere and Arnside. The girls' evening rehearsal consisted of singing on the steps of the hostel

in their pyjamas! The boys evidently had a great time too, including an evening stroll by the sea.

The choirs met again on Sunday morning to experience a couple of hours of fun at the Kendal Climbing Wall, before journeying to Cartmel. The singers were delighted to be met in the Priory by a wonderful audience of families, friends and local people, who enjoyed an uplifting concert of choral music and instrumental solos.

A sincere and massive thank you goes to Mrs Beesley, Mrs Pyatt, Mrs Barratt and Mr Crawford, who year after year make this trip possible and even more special than the one before.

Daisy and Madeline Holden

Senior Music Competitions

We enjoyed two music competitions this year. In the Spring Term, all musicians in Y10 upwards were invited to come and play/sing as part of a series of informal heats. Ten students were then invited to play in an informal evening concert with a prize on offer for the best performance. Our external adjudicator this year was David Francis, Head of Academic Music at Manchester Grammar School. Mr Francis was hugely complimentary about each of the performances and gave each student detailed, considered feedback. The competition was fierce, but on the day, the prize was awarded to Will Fox (Y13) for his energised, risk-taking performance.

In the summer term, the Lower School Music Competition (a House competition masterminded by Mrs Pyatt) saw soloists and ensembles from Years 7-9 perform in front of their peers. A number of students were then invited to perform again as part of the Lower School Competition Soirée. Once again the range of performances was outstanding, including memorable solo performances by Georgina Bloomfield (violin) and Isaac Salisbury (drums), a hugely entertaining performance of Rossini's 'Duetto Buffo di due Gatti' (or 'Cats' Duet') by Emily Friston and Mila Waseem and fantastic, peer-directed performances by groups from two Year 7 forms: 7SMP ('Let Her Go') and 7JAIH ('Seven Years'). In total, the competition lasted over three weeks and was a magnificent celebration of lower school music making.

This year we are saying goodbye to staff (please see Hail & Farewell) and pupils who have given everything to King's Music; they leave us with our heartfelt thanks and best wishes for everything they do in the future.

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Foundation Choir Prague Tour

In July, 40 members of the Foundation Choir enjoyed a fantastic five-day tour to Prague. Performances included an early-evening concert in the art nouveau central hall in the spa town of Mšené-lázne just outside Prague and a lunchtime mass in the Church of Our Lady in Týn, a huge 14th century Gothic church whose twin spires dominate the Old Town skyline. It has one of the finest acoustics in Europe and its pipe organ is the oldest in Prague, dating from 1673 and tuned to a Werckmeister (III) temperament. After singing Rachmaninov, Tallis and Duruflé during Mass, we then performed a short recital of choral works by Mozart and Maxwell-Davies plus Pachelbel's 'Choral-Partita', dazzlingly played on the organ by Mr Dalglish. Our final recital of the tour was at the Church of the Holy Saviour, just round the corner from the Old Town Square. Music sung earlier in the week, combined with further choral works by Mendelssohn, Rutter, Chilcott and Bernstein, plus two solo performances

from Henry Strutt and Ellie McKenna, was enthusiastically received by a large local audience.

On the final day, our brave choristers gave several impromptu performances of different pieces in public places (Charles Bridge, various train stations), which was an awesome experience.

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Poets & Players

Pupils delighted a packed Main Hall with their own original compositions including classical quartets, modern guitar solos and comic studies, during a night of poetry and music masterminded by English teacher Samantha Quinn. The event showcased pupils' immense creative instincts with musical performances from Henry Reavey, Olivia Hamblyn, Blake Richardson, Zarin Salehin, Henry Strutt, Will Fox and John Daly as well as poetic recitals of works from boys in Years 8 and 9. The event also raised over £200 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust charity.



Les Misérables

Victor Hugo's epic tale of unrequited love and compulsive hatred, *Les Misérables*, was given a glorious technicolour treatment by King's actors and musicians in our biggest-ever single production.

The stage and cinema classic offers a succession of tense, tear-jerking moments, spectacular tableaux and rousing calls to action and demands touching humility, dour courage and overweening exuberance from its players.

We began our exciting and ambitious journey back in June 2015 with musical and acting auditions. Eight months later *Les Misérables* was successfully performed over four nights to packed and tremendously appreciative audiences, having doggedly and defiantly negotiated the inevitable challenges such a venture conjures up. There had been much to juggle: songs to be learnt and indeed re-learned; many of them were so well known and ingrained, they had to be wiped clean and re-interpreted within the context of the whole story in order to avoid the temptation of simply creating an evening of very hummable tunes, without allowing those tunes to honestly and powerfully tell the story of each character as well as the historical moment of which they are part. There was a great deal of technical choreographic exactness to master individually and as an ensemble. Each and every member of the cast and backstage/technical team committed themselves wholeheartedly to the process.

The King's production proved to be memorable on all counts with a cast of 42 young actors from both the Senior Divisions and Sixth Form together with an orchestra of 18 players working hard to perfect the spectacle each night.

With star performers Henry Reavey playing the humanitarian Jean Valjean; Ben Lynch the repressed Javert and the tragic Fantine played by Ellie McKenna, it was a cast that inspired, engaged and enthused its audience, the actors moving skillfully between the extremes of the dramatic narrative to give convincing, heart-rending performances, drawing both sympathy and disgust from those watching.

At the heart was Cosette played in her younger days by Fiona Beeston

and as a woman by Olivia Hamblyn. Her encounters with both the steely-eyed Ben Lynch and the heroic, handsome victim of happenstance Henry Reavey reached out to every emotion.

As Cosette's lover Marius, painfully torn between love and revolution, Aarian Mehrabani gave a performance full of commitment and passion. The flood of tears was compounded by Madeleine Philip's performance as Eponine. She maturely and movingly portrayed a young woman desperately and selflessly in love with the unattainable Marius.

Emma Maxwell and Dominic Corner both contributed hilariously and menacingly as Madame and Monsieur Thénardier, the husband and wife landlords only ever out for their own self-gain. Their dynamic, duet energy and musicianship, supported by a highly focused and engaged chorus, drove the show-stopping number 'Master of the House' to sublime levels of exuberance and humour. Sam Jones and Oliver Rushton, sharing the role of the young revolutionary Gavroche, perfectly found the balance of cheek and juvenile bravery in their scenes on 'the barricade'. They were supported by an ensemble of fiery revolutionaries - Sam Andresen as leader Enjolras with Harry Wallace, Kieran Cullen, Zak Al-Faham, Charlotte Abbott and Henry Strutt as Bamatabois. The latter deserves special mention for also delivering with poise and authority the role of the Bishop, whose altruistic gesture at the start of the tale, allows Valjean

a crucial opportunity to avoid being fatally re-arrested.

Whilst the named parts undoubtedly ensured that the story of the piece was communicated clearly and dynamically, the chorus of some 20 lower school boys and girls was what underpinned this clarity. The months of thorough and at times gruelling ensemble rehearsals was truly reflected in a highly cohesive and wonderfully focused delivery of such well-known numbers as 'At the End of the Day' and 'The People's Song'.

Under the up-beat leadership of Ian Crawford, strings, brass, woodwind and percussion all combined gloriously to deliver a colourfully tricky score.

The professional lighting de-

sign of Danni Vickerstaff, Head of Lighting at The New Vic Theatre, Newcastle-under-Lyme, gave us a wonderfully textured palette that helped throughout in enhancing the moods and atmospheres of the action, as did the collection of period costumes and a set designed and constructed by The Debbies Threlfall and Inman, Tina Campbell and site-staff crew Lee Beaden and Peter Jackson. Lights, sound, costumes were all enthusiastically enabled by a dedicated back-stage crew, carefully corralled by Adam Garnett.

DAF



Spotlight on

Infant & Junior Science Week

Our Learning Challenge Curriculum aims to make learning more engaging, to promote reasoning and problem-solving, to develop critical reasoning and provide opportunities for enrichment and independent enquiry.

To this end, Infant and Junior children enjoyed a wonderful week of spectacular science during our enrichment focus week in January. "Science rocks!" was the universal opinion of our infants and juniors at the end of the week, which saw all curriculum areas embrace exciting activities, talks and experiments.

Infants' Awe and Wonder

Reception pupils had the opportunity to investigate ice, magnets, bubbles and to create fossils. A local vet and her nurse came in to talk about looking after our pets, plus Dr Oliver came in to show the children where our heart and lungs sit in our bodies and answer lots of very interesting questions. Pupils also enjoyed a talk by dentist Mr Hannah about looking after their teeth. The children considered 'What is Science?' and thought about what they may like to do when they grow up.

Year 2 children started the week with a paper airplane competition, then advanced to making paper helicopters and a balloon rocket. One of the children's favourite activities was designing and making a monster which then, with the help of some vinegar, washing up liquid and baking powder, foamed at the mouth. Another highlight was watching Mr Wallwork with a bottle of coke and a packet of Mentos: the two combine to explode instantly. The children made patterns on filter paper with felt tip pens and then added water and watched their designs spread. A visit

from Dr Rajendran and his colleague helped teach the children about the work of a Consultant Microbiologist & Infection Control Doctor and explained about micro-organisms and ways in which to stay healthy. All children had the opportunity to see how clean their hands were using a special machine, learning the importance of good handwashing. A special torch also showed us germs all around the classroom! Dr Vital talked to the children about their bodies. The children made stomachs and watched how food is digested and listened to each other's hearts through real stethoscopes.

Juniors' Thrilling Investigations

In Year 3, pupils were visited by Mr Dawson who taught them about the production of vaccines and how many of them are developed within chicken eggs. Some children were given the chance to dress in the laboratory overalls that are needed to ensure that everything is kept sterile. Furthermore, Dr Williams and Mrs Oliver-Williams introduced the children to 'What is snot?' The children explored the anatomy of the nose and how it is connected to the throat and ears. Through experiments they learned about the effect of smell on taste and how germs spread via sneezing. They also know how to stop a nose bleed!

In Year 5, three parents came in to talk to us about their jobs. Mrs Casson taught the children all about the 'Square Kilometre Array' project in which she is involved. The SKA forms a part of a massive telescope that will be placed in the desert to help scientists search for signs of life in outer space. Mrs Boothman talked to pupils about her job as a pharmacist, explaining about her role and the im-

portance of mixing the right amounts of ingredients in our medicines and why we have to take them in moderation. Finally, Ms Nutter talked to the children about her role developing drugs at Astra Zeneca. She talked about the production of drugs and the bacteria that can be passed on in an unsterile environment. Pupils put on the protective clothes worn by scientists to prevent contamination of their environment, and learned what germs look like under a microscope. Using Petri dishes containing agar, pupils placed a fingerprint in the dish to see which germs would grow over the following week. In addition, Year 5 pupils performed experiments to find out about air pressure, gasses, mould growth on old food, levers, pulleys and gears.

The 'Science Boffins' assembly was a real highlight of the week. Children from Reception upwards participated in the assembly which provided the opportunity to witness and take part in a variety of experiments involving mixing household chemicals, toilet roll and leaf blowers amongst other things!

Year 6 enjoyed a series of 'Flashes & Bangs' shows led by Mr Street, Head of Science. The children participated in demonstrations involving rocket launching, mixing chemicals to create light and sound, freezing flowers and bananas with liquid nitrogen and creating giant bubbles.

A fantastic and enriching time was had by all and I am sure that we will have inspired some budding scientists of the future.

CJHM



Spotlight on Chemistry

A weekly highlight in the Chemistry Department is undoubtedly Friday lunchtime when numerous excited and enthusiastic pupils arrive for the next exhilarating instalment of Chemistry Club. In their opinion, the louder the bang and the brighter the flash, the better! The club is student-led and attendees come up with their own ideas for investigation. Highlights have been the perfection of the largest possible ammonium dichromate volcano and making our own indoor fireworks.

Dr Becky Williams (pictured) joined the department this year and has already contributed a great deal, including establishing our own Twitter feed to showcase the experiments carried out at both Chemistry and Science Club.

Practical experiments are at the heart of our daily teaching in order to stimulate and engage pupils' learning. Balancing a chemical equation comes to life when students try to fill a drinks bottle with methane and oxygen in the correct ratio for complete combustion.

Chemistry is a popular subject at A Level, with many students study-

ing Chemistry and related degree courses, such as Biochemistry and Chemical Engineering at university. The well-resourced department allows our A Level students to familiarise themselves with procedures and equipment that they might meet in an undergraduate lab.

Sixth Form students successfully extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the confines of the A Level specification by participating in external competitions. In February, a group of Year 13 students completed the RSC Chemistry Olympiad, a two-hour paper requiring students to apply their analytical and mathematical skills to novel, yet highly relevant Chemistry problems. This year, students achieved one Bronze award, five Silver awards and, for Dmitri Whitmore, a highly coveted Gold award.

Year 12 students completed the equally testing Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, a paper designed to take Lower Sixth students significantly beyond their course specification and to encourage them to think about Science in the way they would

at university. Eleanor Toms excelled in achieving a Gold award, with the other entrants gaining Silver or Copper awards.

Younger pupils also participated in external Chemistry competitions hosted by the University of Manchester. In June, pupils from Years 7 and 8 took part in the Salters' Festival of Chemistry, which involved a competitive practical activity, a practical investigation chosen by the University and a fun demonstration lecture on solids, liquids and gases. Pupils from Years 8 – 10 also competed in Chemquiz 2016, an annual event sponsored by BASF, which allows students to complete chemical quizzes, laboratory exercises, multimedia competitions and attend a Flashes & Bangs demonstration.

Flashes & Bangs

King's very own Senior Science Technician, Peter Jackson and Jim Street, Head of Science, delivered the Flashes & Bangs demonstration at Chemquiz 2016; just one of the stops on their annual tour! Around 30 schools watched the show, with the highlight being Jim setting fire to methane-filled soap bubbles on Peter's head. Next stop on the Flashes & Bangs tour was the Barnaby Festival, at which King's was given its own performance tent to deliver two shows to the public. The audience particularly enjoyed watching the home-made bazookas fire tennis balls 150 feet vertically upwards, and the spooky effect of pouring liquid nitrogen into a bowl of hot water and watching the vapour spread over the surrounding grass.

Jim Street also took the Flashes & Bangs Show to a number of local

primary schools, ably assisted by Becky Williams and Sixth Form students. The younger pupils enjoy making their own key rings from polymorph and watching the methane and oxygen-filled rockets fly across the room. Such is the success of the King's Flashes & Bangs Show that we have been invited to deliver the prestigious Royal Society of Chemistry Ernest Worthington Memorial Christmas Lecture, which will be attended by schools from across the North West.

LCW



Spotlight on History

This year saw something of a revolution occur in King's History department, as new syllabi were introduced, allowing for a fresh emphasis to be placed upon the way the subject is taught, especially at A Level. A large number of innovative techniques have been trialled within the department, with the aim of increasing pupils' level of engagement with the subject and ensuring that they do not simply become passive observers of the subject and the world around them. The emphasis has always been placed upon higher-order thinking skills and it is fair to say that the traditional task of simply making notes is not one which has been seen in a History classroom this year. Our methods have received a great deal of positive attention through our Twitter feed (@KingsMaHistory) from a number of educators within this country and abroad, and we have recently been invited to contribute to a blog on teaching and learning techniques.

Allied to this approach, we have successfully expanded pupils' involvement with the subject outside the classroom and have introduced a number of competitions throughout the school. Year 13 students had the opportunity to enter the Counterfactual History Essay Competition, which was eventually won by Rosana Wardle for her piece on what might have happened if the two World Wars had not occurred. All 27 Year 12 historians entered the King's History Essay Competition, in which students researched and wrote about a topic entirely of their choosing. The winning entry was submitted by Ellie Hopewell, who produced an outstanding piece on the treatment of mental health illnesses in the twentieth century. The entries have since been published by an editorial board of Year 12 students as the King's Standard, a Sixth Form

history magazine. Pupils in Years 7-9 enthusiastically entered the Anniversary Poster Competition, in which they had to design a poster to commemorate a particularly noteworthy event. Many entries were submitted, with the winning designs coming from Jack Phillpotts (7SMP) and Grace Harrison (9GRM).

The Macclesfield Reflects project was a partnership between the History Department and the local community and was incredibly successful. It involved a group of Year 9 students (pictured below) visiting Macclesfield Library to use original sources to research the stories of a number of conscientious objectors from World War 1 who lived in the Macclesfield area. This project taught those involved some valuable historical skills and provided them with a local context to their classroom studies.

The flagship offering by the department this year has been the History Forum, a series of lectures delivered by leading figures from the Universities of Leeds, Lancaster, Manchester and Edge Hill. Attended by pupils in

Years 10-13, the lectures provided the opportunity to discuss ideas with academics, which not only enhanced understanding of subject areas, but also gave students an insight into university education.

The long-running Munich trip departed in October, with a group of Year 11 students visiting various sites of particular relevance to their GCSE course. Pupils visited the Palace of Justice in Nuremberg,

Dachau Concentration Camp and experienced a tightly packed walking tour of Munich, as well as taking in numerous other sights along the way. As a consequence of changes to the curriculum next academic year, this was the last time for this trip, but the department is already planning a replacement venture.

GRB



Spotlight on

Mathematics

The Mathematics department at King's has seen multiple changes in recent years, with a new GCSE course underway and a new A Level course starting in September 2017. The department has come together to tackle all challenges head-on and ensure a student-focussed provision remains at the forefront of all that we do. Whether it be stretching our most able mathematicians or supporting those who find the subject challenging, we endeavour to enthuse our young mathematicians to enjoy the subject and investigate further beyond the confines of the curriculum. This is evidenced with the high level of achievement in examination results, including averaging over 80% A*-B at both GCSE and A Level. On top of this, several students have gone on to study Mathematics at top universities including three offers from Cambridge, a testimony to the quality of the provision on offer for pupils.

Teaching within the department continues to develop in support of the school's vision to promote King's Learning Habits. Last year the department invited Mathematics specialist and published author, Richard Per-ring, to spend time with staff discussing ideas to further incorporate the Learning Habits into our teaching. Since then the department has continued to develop new resource banks to encourage the Learning Habits as well as to promote variety, student engagement and more teaching by conceptual understanding, alongside traditional Mathematics teaching.

As has been the case for many years, we continue to look for opportunities to stretch our students. Whether it be through classroom extension work, problem-solving tasks or external competitions we are keen to push our students to develop their understanding of Mathematics and become more aware of the variety of scenarios in which their skills can be applied. For our top GCSE set in both the Girls' and Boys' Divisions, we have introduced the AQA Level 2

Certificate in Further Mathematics. This places an emphasis on higher order technical proficiency, rigorous argument and problem-solving skills. The course has been very successful in better preparing our students for the level of Mathematics covered at A Level as well as supporting their GCSE Mathematics. Again, results are outstanding with 87% at A*/A this year.

We have had many successes to celebrate in recent times with a large number of high achievers in the UK Mathematics Trust Challenges. At this year's event, our Senior Team won the Manchester regional heat and went on to compete in the national final in London. In recent years our teams have also won the FMSP (Further Maths Support Programme) Year 10 Challenge and the National Cipher Challenge amongst others.

The department continues to offer extracurricular opportunities either directly within Mathematics or within linked areas. Highlights this year include an inter-house Maths Team Challenge, STEM Club which saw teams of students taking part in the Roller Coaster Challenge, as well as Maths Enrichment Club and Card Club. Chess Club continues to thrive, and recently the players were visited by previous Wales rep-

resentative Jonathan Blackburn, who took on our top player in a very competitive game of speed Chess.

UKMT Challenges

A large number of King's students participate each year in the Mathematic Challenges run by the UK Mathematics Trust. These challenges involve a large amount of problem-solving and mental arithmetic. Taken by school pupils across the country, the difficulty of the papers is always very high. Those who perform very well are graded with certificates ranging from Bronze to Gold. The highest accolade possible for each challenge is to qualify for the British Maths Olympiad; the standard for this is exceptionally high. Only the very best

candidates reach this level and there are subsequent rounds leading to an eventual National Champion.

Three challenges take place each year: Senior, Intermediate and Junior with around 100-150 King's pupils involved in each event.

We had great successes this year in every age group. In the Senior Challenge, King's students were awarded 6 Gold, 24 Silver and 14 Bronze awards. Our Senior team of four (pictured) comprising Ben Lynch, Matt Harden, Eleanor Toms and Dmitri Whitmore, won the Manchester regional heat, overcoming stiff competition from the top attaining schools in the North West. They went on to compete in the national final in

London. Dmitri and Matt managed to score an unprecedented 100% in the Senior Challenge, a first for any King's student. Dmitri, Matt and James Shering also qualified to take part in the British Maths Olympiad.

In the Intermediate Challenge we achieved 14 Gold, 38 Silver and 44

Bronze awards.

In the Junior Challenge we achieved 13 Gold, 23 Silver and 26 Bronze awards. A special mention goes to Rowan Sutton, who qualified for Junior British Maths Olympiad.

SFM



Spotlight on Spanish

This year has been a brilliant year for the Spanish department with a huge range of activities and events taking place including National Poetry Day celebrations, the annual MFL Debating Competition and our new Portuguese Club amongst others.

February saw the Sixth Form Spanish students head away to Madrid with some of our Sixth Form Art students accompanied by Mr Seth, Miss Connaughton and Miss Inman. Visits to the Prado, the Thyssen-Bornemisza and Reina Sofia museums afforded pupils the chance to see culturally significant works of art such as 'Guernica', Goya's Black Paintings, Velazquez's masterpieces, as well as a host of other well-known pieces. After the whole group visited the ornate Palacio Real, the Spanish students visited another palace – that of Real Madrid's Estadio Bernabéu. A lazy stroll in the Retiro and opportunities for shopping in Madrid's well known shops were also on offer. No visit to Madrid is complete without a chance to see Real Madrid in action, and whilst it wasn't in the actual stadium itself, watching them thoroughly trounce Roma away that evening was satisfying enough. The pupils' performance in the Spanish/Art themed pub quiz was not quite as impressive! The final day was spent in the disturbing surroundings of the Valle de los Caídos. This is Francisco Franco's

tomb, and in theory a monument to all those who fell during the Spanish Civil War. Both staff and students were affected by the visit, and it gave some insight into the issues connected to this period of Spanish history that are still to be resolved.

In March, students in Years 9 - 11 had the opportunity to visit a very different part of Spain – Murcia. A group of 35 eager boys and girls (pictured) enjoyed a trip to soak up the language and culture of this delightful part of sunny Spain. Activities included traditional beach games, football with the locals, a Salsa lesson from Leticia, our Spanish group leader, and a tapas tasting at a local restaurant. Mr

Houghton led a fascinating trip to the Roman Theatre at Cartagena and we visited the cathedral to see the floats being prepared for the Holy Week Easter celebrations. The highlight for the students was the afternoon water sports activities - which included sailing and kayaking in the sea – most probably as these gave them the chance to try and get the teachers overboard. The trip was a great success and we look forward to running it again next year.

Other highlights include the whole school celebration of Sant Jordi Day which happens to coincide with the anniversaries of the deaths of great writers, Miguel de Cervantes and Wil-

liam Shakespeare. Dragon bookmarks were made in the Boys' Division and red roses were crafted and shared by the girls (pictured). Year 9 Spanish students joined the members of Spanish Club in the Juniors to read 'La Oruga Muy Hambrienta' ('The Very Hungry Caterpillar') together and share their love of Spanish.

In June, Katie Kitchen and Tasia Osborne from the Girls' Division represented the Spanish Department in the Association for Language

Learning's first ever 'Poetry Out Loud' competition at Bolton School. The girls had to learn selected poems by heart and recite them in Spanish before a panel of judges. Whilst we did not win on this, our first attempt, the girls were fantastic competitors and we look forward to aiming for future success in this competition.

SEJ



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Forest School

Reception children experienced a full day of Forest School activities in our beautiful Ginkgo Meadow. The children collected bugs to examine closely in their bug catchers, before releasing them into their natural habitats. They explored leaves, looking at the vast variety of colours, shapes, sizes and smells. They moulded clay onto trees and created faces and animals and collected natural resources to add features and details. The children particularly enjoyed making stick men from twigs after listening to the 'Stick Man' story earlier in the week. A highlight was roasting bananas and toasting marshmallows on a fire for afternoon snack. The children then set off to build dens, climb trees and search for the nocturnal animals that were hidden in the meadow.

Reception Trip to Manchester

Reception had a very exciting day at Manchester Museum, their main aim being to see the real T-Rex. The first point of call was the Vivarium and here pupils spotted poisonous dart frogs, a green tree python and other interesting amphibians and reptiles. The children were encouraged to remember information about the life cycles of frogs and butterflies and how different they look as adults. They then had a 'hands-on' dinosaur experience, role-playing being real life paleontologists, uncovering genuine dinosaur bones and teeth. Finally, they visited the huge T-Rex, nicknamed Stan, that all the children had been waiting to see – a very exciting and busy day was enjoyed by all.



Gauntlet Birds of Prey

In November, Year 1 children were treated to a wonderful display of owls and birds of prey given by The Gauntlet Birds of Prey Centre. The children saw the owls flying around the hall and some were able to catch the owls whilst wearing a special leather glove. Everyone learnt some fascinating new facts about owls' senses of sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell.



the Spectacled Bear: they were told that it was very rare to see him out and so visible. Towards the end of the day, the children were amazed at the size of Darwin, the aptly named Galapagos Giant Tortoise.

Visit to a Gurdwara

Year 2 studied the culture, geography and religion of India and were fortunate to be invited to visit a Sikh Temple, known as a Gurdwara, in Stoke-on-Trent. Before setting off, pupils looked at a beautiful Sikh wedding dress, photographs of the Golden Temple in Amritsar and also learned more about the Sikh religion. At the Gurdwara they observed a blessing taking place, tasted a variety of delicious food and learned about the 5 Ks



Visit to The Heritage Centre

Year 2 visited the Heritage Centre in Macclesfield to understand more about the Victorian era. They walked across the town, including climbing up 108 steps, stopping to look at the weavers' garrets on Paradise Street. At the Heritage Centre, the children learnt how life was different for a Victorian child living and working in Macclesfield during that time. They experienced first-hand what a Victorian school would have been like, and attempted to write with both slate and ink pens. The children learnt how to weave using paper, string and fabric.

Later in the term, Year 2 learned about the history of silk in Macclesfield by taking a tour of Paradise Mill. They saw some of the machinery working and heard about some of the different jobs which were done; they

found it was shocking to imagine that young children used to work there. The children also enjoyed designing a tile in the style of William Morris and then using it to make a print. The Mill's staff were very impressed with the children's knowledge of the era.

Year 2 Visit to Chester Zoo

As part of their Learning Challenge topic on Animal Classification and Adaptation, Year 2 visited Chester Zoo. The children had a relaxing start as they travelled around the South East Asian Islands in long boats searching for the elusive tigers and the orang-utans' new homes. Next they saw the capybara pups, born only a couple of hours earlier. Another surprise was



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- the articles of faith - and other Sikh traditions. All children sketched some of the artefacts and symbols that they saw. The day was a very special way to deepen their understanding of the Sikh religion.

Visit by Gen Kelsang Sangye

To deepen Year 3's study of Buddhism, staff invited the Buddhist teacher, Gen Kelsang Sangye to visit. They took part in a meditation session, concentrating on relaxing and listening to their breathing to help produce a calm and pure mind. Sangye read the story of 'Angulimala and the Necklace of Fingers!' from a Buddhist teaching on how to gain peace. They watched as Sangye demonstrated one of the offering rituals and understood how trying to have only positive thoughts can help us be happy.

Year 3 Trip to Liverpool

In May, Year 3 visited the city of Liverpool as part of their topic which asked, 'Why is the Mersey important to Liverpool?' They spent the morning at the Museum of Liverpool which included a session about 'Liverpool: Gateway to the World.' They learned about the importance of the River



Mersey for imports and exports such as sugar, tobacco, tea and cotton which came from America, India and China. At the Pier Head they boarded a ferry to enjoy a 50-minute excursion across the river and listened to the famous song, 'Ferry' cross the Mersey'. The ferry ride gave a wonderful view of the impressive buildings along the riverside, which inspired some super art work back at school.

Vikings for a day

Year 4 spent a day at the Viking Village near York. The children donned a Viking dress or tunic and were divided into 'families' with a 'mother' and 'father'; mothers wore aprons and held the keys to the family money box. The accompanying adults became Saxon slaves for the day. The children then learned how Vikings lived very



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Roman Extravaganza

The Great Goddesses Diana and Minerva hosted a Roman Extravaganza for Year 4 pupils, during which they experienced Roman school, a visit to the temple where they submitted prayers and offerings and prepared vegetables for a traditional Roman soup. The time travellers modelled toga wear, tunics and army uniform. The pupils attended the Chariot Races and a Roman banquet of homemade soup, flatbreads, grapes and dates. Following this, the children designed and created their own chariots in their D&T lessons (see page 7).

Year 5 French Trip

A sizeable party of pupils in Year 5 enjoyed a fabulous 5-day trip to Le Château du Broutel in Picardie, Northern France. Activities included visiting the town centres of Étaples for the weekly market, Abbeville to interview passers-by and the beautiful town of Rue to visit a pâtisserie and choose their favourite cake. All the children tried their hand at pétanque and making la mayonnaise à la Française and most were brave enough to try some snail pâté after a trip to the local snail farm. A highlight of the trip came during our memorable day visiting the WWI battlefields of the Somme. At the Thiepval Memorial, pupil Christian



different lifestyles - they were not only raiders but also traders, settlers, farmers and craftspeople.

After looking at a large cross section of a Viking ship, they entered the Viking village and each family went off to begin their Viking life. The children trained as village guards, carried out household chores including collecting wood and grinding grain (hence the 'daily grind'), hoed the fields and made small pots for burning oil. Lunchtime was in the Lord's hall and lunch was accompanied by volunteers telling jokes, dancing and entertaining the Lord. At the end of a busy day of chores, the children gathered in the Longhouse to reflect on how their own home compared to the Viking houses and how the Vikings, although they couldn't read or write, had been clever enough to make their own houses, boats, and grow their food.



Tattum found the location of a lost relative in the directory of the 73,000 soldiers whose names are inscribed on the breath-taking monument.

Stargazing at Jodrell Bank

Year 5 children visited Jodrell Bank as part of their Learning Challenge topic about the earth and beyond. The children learned about the stars at night, whilst in the planetarium they explored the solar system by taking a planet walk, and they visited the planet and star pavilions where there were many interactive displays to explore. A highlight was the Mars Rover Challenge: given only two balloons, sellotape, a straw and a few pieces of paper, the children had to design something that would safely land an egg on Mars (in reality the floor – from the top of a set of ladders). A couple of broken eggs were all part of the fun. The children returned to school with a more in-depth knowledge of our Solar System and an appreciation of the world's third largest telescope on their doorstep.

Jersey Sports Tour

42 Year 6 pupils undertook a Sports Tour to the beautiful island of Jersey over the Easter Break. The 5-day tour included football and netball coaching clinics, a tournament and afternoon and evening excursions and activities. The sports coaching was of a high standard and all developed their skills in a positive atmosphere amongst new friends. The children worked really hard and were commended on their attitude, behaviour



and their abilities.

The final morning of sport saw our teams compete in The Jersey Games, playing in a tournament format against several other English schools and Jersey teams. All received medals for their participation: one of our girls' teams was very proud to win the event and receive the trophy, after winning an exciting final with a golden goal winner in extra time.

Excursions included a trip to the Gerald Durrell conservation zoo, an Aqua Centre, the beautiful Grev de Lecq beach in the north of the island and, of course, a Jersey ice-cream in the sun.

Stockport Air Raid Shelter

In June, Year 6 pupils, staff and several parents 'packed up their trou-

bles', dressed in authentic 1940s-style costumes and spent the day at the Air Raid Shelter and Museum as part of a Learning Challenge topic on World War II.



The children were shown around by two very knowledgeable wardens who provided a detailed tour of the many tunnels, the canteen, the medical centre where you could also listen to the wireless, the bunk beds and the Chief Warden's office.

The children experienced a total 'blackout' and how they could lift up their spirits by singing popular songs from the era: 'Run, Rabbit Run' and 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary'. At the museum, the children were taught by the Billeting Officer, Mrs Hodgkinson and her helper Mrs Grundy, the many jobs that would make them a useful asset to their new family once they had been selected at the Town Hall. The children practised putting on their gas masks and doing chores such as washing clothes, ironing, making rag rugs, beating the carpet and using a range of cooking utensils.

Year 6 Formby Trip

Year 6 pupils went to Formby Point as part of their Learning Challenge focus: "How do natural and man-made changes affect the world around us?" On the exciting trip, pupils were able

to learn first-hand about Formby's fast-eroding coastline and its delicate ecosystems.

Pupils learned about all the different plants and various zones on the sand dunes as well as about wave erosion, seeing where experts think the high tide line will be in 25 years' time.

Walking north along the beach, pupils collected razor clams, cockle shells, whelk egg casings and 'mermaids' purses'. They also learnt about how the caravan park was moved in 1983 because of the fast erosion rate (of around 3-4 metres per year) and how old Christmas trees are buried in the sand in places where there has been a blowout in order to re-establish the dunes. Pupils also saw an artificial pond which was a habitat for the Natterjack toad, under threat because larger common frogs eat their eggs.

Senior House Activities

This year's Girls' Division House events have not disappointed and have shone a light on the 'close-family' feel we have in the Division. This is not to say however that our girls are devoid of competitive spirit:

quite the opposite.

In the Autumn term, the House team joined forces with King's Charity Committee and organised a Bake Off like no other, to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Research. Each House was set the task of organising and running a cake stall in the Hall at lunchtime. The night before the event, students were busily beating batter, chopping chocolate and creaming icing for their cakes. The stalls saw the arrival of cupcakes, caramel shortcakes, fruit cakes and scones to name a few... with no soggy bottoms to be seen. There was a real buzz around the school and each House 'rose' to the challenge in true King's fashion.

In conjunction with National Poetry Day, our girls set to writing their own verses on the theme of 'Light'. It was no surprise that their entries were of an impressive standard. The star poet of this House competition was undoubtedly Sophie Vlissidis; her poem was beautifully crafted and demonstrated superb technical skill.

Christmas came early at the Girls' Division as 40 students from all year groups battled through rounds of



questions on the theme of Christmas traditions in Spain, Germany and France. The girls thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different Christmas traditions and also enjoyed sampling European delicacies while engaging their brains to work out answers.

World Book Day arrived in March and King's Girls celebrated their love of reading with several events, including a book-themed baking competition. Many wonderful and inventive cakes were on display, and some girls had clearly discovered their inner Mary Berry. There were a range of entries from each House creating a variety of different scenes. Mrs Alsop was on hand to judge the competition professionally, which was won by Charlotte Smith, from Gawsorth. Her cake incorporated the special piñata technique for a surprise filling.

This year the House teams have thrown themselves into House netball, hockey, rounders, core-strength (with an outstanding performance from May Broadley who held a 'plank' for an impressive 22 minutes), gymnastics and athletics. There really is no end to our girls' talents.

Due to sheer enthusiasm, resilience and commitment throughout the year, it was Capesthorpe who scooped top place and lifted the House trophy. Led from the top by Sophia Heywood, Emma Gosnay and their Head of House, Miss Christie, it was a deserved win.

HMC

Boys' Division House events encompassed a huge range of sporting, academic and artistic activities. The competition started with the multi-sport morning at the end of the last summer term featuring a range of sports from softball to boules. Lunchtime sports were hard fought with once again football being popular as was the speed climb up the forbidding North West face of the Physical Science building, where the impressive 16-second record was threatened. University Challenge was also well-supported and successful in both upper and lower school and revealed impressive levels of general knowledge. In the final analysis, Capesthorpe came out on top to win the House Cup and Christian Beeston of 8DJD won the Percy Taylor trophy for the most individual House points won over the year.

PJP



Berlin trip

A group of 19 Year 8 linguists, led by Mrs Seth and accompanied by Mrs Houghton, headed for the German capital Berlin in July. After a very early start on the first day, we did a 4-mile walk following the route of the Berlin Wall into East Berlin, finishing in the now gentrified district of Prenzlauer Berg for a delicious and well-deserved ice cream. We saw one of the remaining sections of the Berlin Wall and learnt about people who had successfully escaped from East Berlin into West Berlin, as well as spotting Stolpersteine, installations by artist Gunter Demnig which mark houses from which Jewish families were deported.

On the second day, we visited the main sites in central Berlin, including the Brandenburg Gate, the Topography of Terror and the Reichstag, including its famous dome. The pupils had some hugely interesting discussions about the merits of the Holocaust Memorial in comparison to the thought-provoking Memory Void exhibit in the Jewish Museum. The third day involved a guided tour of the Story of Berlin Museum – including a claustrophobic tour of the nuclear bunker underneath – and a lovely afternoon at the zoo, with many enormous cuddly toys bought as souvenirs.

On the final morning we visited the famous Checkpoint Charlie landmark and museum, which featured escape stories and artefacts such as home-made flying machines to take people over the Wall.

'Kabale und Liebe'

In March, a group of curious Germanists attended the production 'Kabale und Liebe', staged by the German Society at the University of Manchester. The play itself was a modern version of Friedrich Schiller's classical bourgeois tragedy: the tragic romance acted out between two high school students secretly in love. However, the play, true to its original, was mostly written in old-fashioned, sophisticated German. The English subtitles that were projected onto the back of the stage were therefore, at least at some points, very welcome. Even though the story ended in a tragedy, the evening certainly did not, leaving behind a rewarding linguistic experience.

Julian Karrer, Y10

Geography Field trip in Wales

This year, Year 12 and 13 geographers attended field courses at the Field Studies Centre at Rhyd y Creau, near Betws y Coed in North Wales.

Year 13 were blessed with an unseasonably warm, crystal clear day at the coast where they studied the Morfa Harlech dune system including how the dunes form and exhibit vegetation diversity change as they move inland. Pupils worked incredibly hard, working well into the evening analysing the data collected in the field. Of course, as geographers we not only work hard but play hard too. A meal out provided much entertainment and, on the second day, a

high ropes course some 60m off the ground tested the nerves of even the most confident.

The following week we once again ordered the bright and sunny weather for the Year 12 trip. This time the focus was on renewable energy and rivers, with a visit to a community-owned wind farm in the hills above Llanwrst. The next day was spent studying the upper course of the River Conwy, and once more pupils worked into the evening before enjoying a Chinese meal out. The final day saw students in the water, this time braving the icy river for the high-octane activity of 'Gorge Scrambling' as everybody journeyed up a river gorge on foot. Everyone was soaked within the first five minutes of this activity which saw students scrambling up waterfalls, squeezing under rock overhangs and plunging into deep pools.

LAT

Spain and Gibraltar Sports Tour

In the Easter holidays, 26 pupils and 4 staff spent 6 days in Gibraltar and Spain on a successful netball and hockey tour which also incorporated some educational and cultural experiences.

The first three days were spent in Gibraltar where the girls had netball and hockey training sessions and played four netball fixtures on picturesque courts beneath the backdrop of the Rock of Gibraltar. The girls quickly adjusted to their surroundings and acclimatised to the warm temperatures. They played some superb netball against very competitive Gibraltarian teams, winning 3 out of 4 matches. The U15s narrowly lost one of their games by 2 goals, after a closely contested and exciting match.

Whilst in Gibraltar, we enjoyed an interesting and informative tour of the Rock, learning about the history and military importance of Gibraltar. A visit to St Michael's Cave to see the limestone formations provided some geographical opportunities. Amongst the highlights were numerous close up sightings of the Barbary macaque monkeys that inhabit the Rock of Gibraltar and Bottlenose, Common and Striped dolphins whilst on the dolphin safari cruise.

Later in the week, we transferred to the beach resort of Benalmádena in Spain for four days to play the hockey fixtures. The girls coped well with



the heat and played some excellent hockey against teams from Málaga, winning 3 out of 4 matches.

In addition to the sports fixtures, the girls appreciated relaxation on the beach, swimming, playing volleyball, shopping and a cultural tour of the city of Málaga.

LB

New York

A group of 50 Sixth Form students studying Business or Economics visited New York City in October to observe the financial and commercial capital of the world, experiencing all aspects of tourism and work life in the Big Apple.

Staying in Midtown Manhattan, the students' first trip was to walk over the famous Brooklyn Bridge. Beautiful blue skies offered crystal clear views of the Manhattan skyline and plenty of photo opportunities. Further stops were the South Seaport Retail area and then Chinatown for our evening meal.

Day two started with an American breakfast in a nearby café – pancakes, bacon and maple syrup was a popular choice. We went on to explore the streets and buildings in the downtown financial district and learn about life on Wall Street. With the help of two born and raised New Yorker tour guides, we saw the Supreme Courts (stopping to watch filming for an episode of 'Law and Order'), Wall Street

and then the American and New York Stock Exchange. We then walked Liberty Street to see a first-hand account of the impact of 9/11 and the subsequent redevelopment. After stopping off to visit the famous Wall Street bull, we made our way to the Museum of American Finance, before a talk from a finance professional, offering insight into the world of mixed portfolio investments on Wall Street. Then it was back to the hotel for a quick-change as Broadway was calling. Our evening meal was in Planet Hollywood on Times Square, before making the short walk up Broadway, for a sensational performance of 'Jersey Boys' at the August Wilson Theatre.

On day three, some of the group visited the Grand Central Terminal on 42nd St. to observe the hustle and bustle of a New York rush hour, and grab some brilliant time-lapse videos from the balcony. After re-grouping at the hotel, we walked across Midtown towards East River, and visited the UN Headquarters. Here we were given a tour of the facility, including a history of the organisation's role in economic development. This gave students the opportunity to sit in on active UN meetings in the smaller assembly chambers. The students then had their passports stamped to show that we had left American soil upon entry to the building. After lunch, we caught the subway downtown to Battery Park and hopped on the Ferry to Liberty Island to visit the Statue of

Liberty for iconic photo opportunities and an appreciation of the mass-migration that made New York what it is today. The evening was spent at the bustling Times Square, known as 'the crossroads of the world', and the site of so many iconic film moments.

On Day 4, students visited the 9/11 Memorial site. This wonderful museum provided an impression of the scale of the financial, human and economic costs of the attacks, and was undoubtedly the most poignant moment of the trip. The afternoon took the group up to 34th Street for a behind-the-scenes tour of Macy's, the world's largest department store. This was a fantastic insight into the advanced marketing and operations techniques being used across New York. Later that evening, students visited Times Square and the Empire State Building. From the 86th floor observatory deck, the bright lights of Manhattan were laid out beneath us, a sight that will live long in the memory.

The final day began with the Rockefeller Centre and a surprise trip to the Top of the Rock observatory – a fantastic chance to see the beautiful autumnal colours of Central Park. From the Rockefeller we made our way through the notorious shopping district of 5th Avenue, passing the affluence of Rolex, the iconography of Apple and the indulgence of the Plaza Hotel for some free time in Central Park.

DACW



German Exchange

Im Oktober 2015 sind 19 Schüler der King's Schule Macclesfield, England nach Bad Würzach gefahren. Wir sind am Freitagabend in Bad Würzach angekommen, und wir haben das ganze Wochenende lang verschiedene Aktivitäten mit unseren Gastfamilien gemacht. Zum Beispiel sind einige Schüler nach Legoland gefahren, und einige haben ein Fußballspiel gesehen. Das Wochenende war wirklich abenteuerlich und es hat uns sehr gut gefallen, besonders die Gastfamilie kennenzulernen. Am Montag waren wir mit unseren Austauschpartnern in den Unterricht unterwegs, was ein ganz interessantes Erlebnis war. Nachmittags sind wir zum Schloss Neuschwanstein gefahren. Trotz des Nebels gab es einen wunderschönen Blick auf die Bergen und die Wälder. Während der Woche haben wir die Stadt München und die Insel Mainau besichtigt. Wir haben viele Spezialitäten aus der Gegend auch gegessen. Wir fanden die Reise eine spannende Erfahrung, in der wir viele neue Freunde kennen gelernt haben. Natürlich während der Woche haben wir viel Deutsch gesprochen und geübt, jedoch war für mich am wichtigsten die lebenslangen Freundschaften, die wir geknüpft haben.

Lily Breese-Tovey

Outdoor Activities

At the start of the Autumn term, the sun returned for the first Outdoor Activities trip. We managed to exceed last year's record number of pupils (27) for the stay at our favourite Anglesey camp site at Blackthorn Farm, requiring the booking of another minibus and meaning there were many new faces from the younger years, especially from Y7 girls. The weather was perfect for camping and all enjoyed a day of Kayaking on the inland sea and coastering in the swell-free seas around Trearddur Bay followed by the usual fish and chip supper laid on by the campsite kitchen. On the second day, the new pupils were initiated into the ever-popular Manhunt activities in the sand dunes of Newborough Warren and a happy group made the return journey to Macclesfield in warm, sunny conditions.

The dry and warm weather of the autumn came to an abrupt end with the caving trip immediately after half term. Sixteen pupils, mostly girls, travelled to Yorkshire with a dire forecast which proved to be largely correct. Despite this, the walkers managed to do routes from the bunkhouse which tied in nicely with the cavers exploring Great Douk, High Douk Holes and, on Sunday, the Ribbleshead Caves. The cavers managed to go into the Kingsdale Master Cave via Valley Entrance on Saturday afternoon, neatly escaping the torrential downpours experienced

by the walkers on the slopes of Whernside. They also witnessed a pirouetting minibus containing another group, which had to be extracted from the verge in Kingsdale by an obliging farmer with tractor. It was windy both days and it was impressive to see how the pupils coped with the conditions.

January began promisingly, with some winter weather and snow on the Lakeland hills; however, mild temperatures and rain looked set to wreck our plans for Helvellyn until a brief and hard cold spell brought snow, blue skies and strong winds to set the backdrop for our trip to the youth hostel. After overnight snow, the weather turned to wintry showers and we made our way up towards Red Tarn via a devious route which kept us out of the wind for much of the way. Once up high, the strong winds made themselves felt – half the group battled up Swirral Edge to be blown flat at the top, despite the excellent visibility. Undaunted, they battled on like drunken men and did the circuit around to Brown Cove and the descent track. It was an exhilarating experience and one which grew with the telling. The next day, everyone climbed Raise and even sat on the ski tow up there – sadly, without sufficient snow to use skis. The winds had dropped and it was an altogether calmer affair. At the moment of departure, the wind speed was rising so the timing could not have been better.

PME



Challenge & Enrichment

Infants & Juniors

As a school community we have focused on identifying personal targets for growth, embracing the culture of change and seeing every day as an opportunity and a challenge. Our extensive range of musical and sporting opportunities are combined with a full and varied programme of challenge and enrichment activities.

We have continued to develop our Learning Challenge Curriculum and refined the content of lessons according to how the children have responded to this 'topic-based' approach. We have continued to focus on the development of skills to ensure that pupils have both breadth and depth of knowledge. Our child-centred approach focuses on challenging each child to reach his or her potential across the curriculum whilst also comparing their achievements to national expectations.

ICT

Computing has been a major focus for development this year, with a new, more challenging curriculum being introduced. iPads are used to great ef-



fect in lessons and we are grateful to Friends of King's for funding a third set of these devices for use in Years 1 - 3.

The important issue of Internet Safety has also been prominent with three of our Year 5 pupils, Madi Baxter, James Hartley and Jenny Wallace attending a CEOPs-accredited Safer Internet Ambassador training morning at Cheshire Police Headquarters. On National Safer Internet Day, they led an excellent interactive assembly, highlighting the pros and cons of social media.

Clubs

An extensive programme of extra-curricular clubs and activities continues to stimulate the interests of our children, whatever they may be. In addition to the many sports and musical clubs, we have run Coding and Computing Clubs; Latin, Spanish and German Clubs (pictured above); Cookery and Gardening Clubs, to name but a few. Chess Club in particular had a high level of success. Following a highly competitive inter-school chess tournament, Christian Tattum (Y5) and Sam Parry (Y6) both qualified for the National Plate Competi-

tion in September after competing in the North West Megafinal and North Gigafinal stages in the summer. Both competed extremely well in the Plate to score 3 points out of a possible 5 against national standard players from across the country. Christian will be challenged to compete in the AJIS Championship in November as the reigning U10 Champion and Sam will become a formidable member of the Senior chess team.

Year 4 meet author

Pupils from Year 4 went to the Plaza Theatre, Stockport, to hear the author Cressida Cowell talking about the inspirations behind her amazing series of 'How to Train Your Dragon' books. The entertaining, lively speaker shared photos from her childhood holidays on a deserted island in Scotland and talked about the adventures she and her family shared, and the way that the cliffs and old Viking ruins set her imagination going. She explained that all writers were 9 years old once, and so whatever your imagination can come up with could well be the start of something fantastic further along in your life.



Goal-focused inspiration

England Women's football international Isobel Christiansen, the 2016 Women's PFA Player of the Year, visited the infants to inspire them to 'follow their dreams.' The high-profile role model was a real inspiration to the youngsters. She said: 'I could never have imagined when I was your age that I would be able to have a career in football, but every day I have to pinch myself and think how lucky I am. So, whatever your dream, go ahead and make it happen.'

Environmental action

Our Eco Officers have continued to spearhead ways to care for our local environment. In September, representatives from Years 1 - 6 took part in the Big Tidy Up litter pick-up in Victoria Park. Year 6 also experienced the Bin-it Roadshow, which helped them to consider the consequences of dropping litter and challenged them to find ways to prevent littering. Pupils observed 'Switch Off Fortnight' which was introduced via an assembly by 6ST who asked us to 'Switch On to Switching Off' and gave us all some helpful eco tips.

We also supported the RSPB's annual Big Birdwatch and children from Years 5 - 6 joined this year's event in Victoria Park, where they learned to identify different birds. An impressive 17 different species were spotted including a pair of Redwing, a Tree Creeper, a Dunnock and a Nuthatch. Many pupils then undertook their own one-hour birdwatch at home, as part of the Big Garden Birdwatch.



Infants were thrilled to meet children's author Caryl Hart, who explained how to write some simple poems about food using rhyming words. Caryl then set about whipping the young minds into a frenzy about reading and writing and got them excited about opening the next book and turning the next page.

Year 2 studied Beatrix Potter and the interesting characters she created for her books. They went on a walk to Swan's Pool (below) to find inspiration for characters for their own books, which were written in the style of Beatrix Potter and included beautiful watercolour paintings.

Further celebrations to help mark National Book Week included pupils dressing up as their favourite book characters, visiting the library, writing their own short stories and finding out which children's books inspired their parents and teachers when they were young.

Junior pupils also studied the storytelling properties of music. Year 3 listened to Prokofiev's 'Peter and the Wolf' and focused on the instruments which represent the different characters in the story. Year 4 learned about the exciting story of 'William Tell'; they created rhythm patterns which sounded like horses charging into battle and then listened to 'Gallop' from the overture. Year 5 learned about Stravinsky's 'Petrouchka' which retells a Russian folk story through music. Year 6 studied 'The Empress and the Pagodas,' a fairytale written by Marie-Catherine d'Aulnoy in 1698 and set to music by Maurice Ravel in 1917. They learned how the gamelan from Indonesia and the pentatonic scale influenced his music and then they composed music to accompany a section of the story using the pentatonic scale.

Shakespeare Anniversary

Year 6 marked the 400th anniversary of the Bard's death with a 3-week in-depth study of Shakespeare. Pupils were transfixed by the blood, gore, deceit and machinations in Macbeth.

The author Alan Durant visited the pupils to speak about his motivations and drivers as a writer and to get the pupils doing some ingenious creative writing based around an everyday activity – with a horrifying twist. Quizzes and national competitions were also dipped into to provide further stimulus and engagement.

Senior Divisions

Science

In April, Zachary Howdle, Matthew Jackson and Raul Gomez in Year 12 attended the Engineering Education Scheme assessment day at Liverpool University. During the preceding four months, the students had worked on a real-life engineering project with John Blackwell of Opus Technical. At the event the students presented their project to a group of engineers and also produced a poster. They were commended upon their efforts and awarded the best in their section. The students worked at a very high standard solving complex problems in a team and were all awarded a Gold Crest Award for their efforts.

Cognitive Acceleration

The introduction of Cognitive Acceleration through Science Education (CASE) has had a significant impact on improving pupils' thinking skills. CASE is designed to challenge

students to construct knowledge co-operatively, which encourages 'metacognition' - students' reflection on their own thinking and problem-solving processes. Data analysis at King's has revealed that it has hugely improved our students' cognitive growth and helped our pupils achieve thinking levels equivalent to those of much older students. Pupils' thinking levels at the end of Year 8, after two years following the CASE programme, are well above the national average for this age group and are in fact, the level of an average 18-year-old student who hasn't followed CASE. The mean thinking level of our pupils has increased by 1.48 levels in just under two years, compared with a national average increase of 0.5 levels for pupils not following CASE.

Languages Debating Competition

In July, Year 12 linguists participated in a challenging enrichment activity to help hone their linguistic skills. Mrs Houghton encouraged the students to have fun and approach the task with gusto. In the preliminary debates, students contested titles such as 'À l'âge de l'internet, le droit à la vie privée est une idée dépassée' and 'Las estrellas del deporte son inspiradoras y merecen los sueldos que ganan'. Teaching staff were unanimous in their delight at seeing the excellent accomplishments of their students. In the Spanish final,

Tom McCluskey and Harry Meadows debated against Brendan Jacot and Zoe Suarez, with the motion 'Internet es un invento más importante que la rueda'. It was a closely fought contest, leading to success for Tom and Harry. The French finalists, Olivia Watkins and Zoe Suarez against Aiman Aslam and Elise Boothroyd, debated 'à l'école on n'apprend aucune des leçons importantes dans la salle de classe'. Again, it was an exciting match for spectators, and narrowly won by Elise and Aiman.

Debating Competition

Sixth Formers went on to win the North West Schools' German Speaking Competition which sees the best A Level students debate topical issues in German with only 10 minutes to prepare their arguments. Elise Boothroyd, Will Fox and Zoe Richmond were the winning team after debating the topics of "Green is Better than Red", "Nuclear Power is the Best Energy Source" and "Tablet Computers Can Ruin Your Life."

German Stammtisch

German linguists from Years 11 - 13 gathered monthly for Stammtisch Club, which provides students with an opportunity to develop skills and vocabulary not usually explored in the classroom, to work with other year groups, and to be challenged in the language. One Stammtisch was led by Lisa Ostermaier, our German language assistant and, determined to stretch students to the limit, Lisa presented a German variant of Einstein's infamous riddle, 'The Zebra Puzzle', or 'Das Rätsel des Fisches'. Working in groups of five, the race was on to decode the puzzle: five houses and one missing fish. The key was in collating the information effectively; this required pupils to share the individual clues and to ask others for hints. Fun was had by all – und viele Köpfe haben geraucht!

Linguistics Expert Visit

Pupils in Years 7 - 10 enjoyed lively Linguistics Workshops delivered by Dr Kimper, a Linguistics and English Language Lecturer from the University of Manchester.

Dr Wendell Kimper brought in an Ultrasound machine so that we could detect how our tongues move when we communicate. The aim was to learn how different sounds are made and how this can be detected.



We tried many different sounds that would be used all over the globe in many different languages. Another way to see how speech works was Palatography. This involved putting charcoal and oil in our mouths to see what patterns the tongue makes inside the mouth, depending on what words we say. The third activity involved measuring. We can't measure the size of our vocal traps without using electronic systems, so we used a computer and a microphone to record our sound waves, applying a formula to obtain the final measurement. The different activities were fascinating, as none of us had experienced this side of language study before.

Molly Ives, Y9

Sixth Form linguists also received a talk from Dr Kimper (below), this time with a taster of university-level linguistics focussing on expletive infixation. By demonstrating the infixation of 'diddly' into other words, courtesy of Ned Flanders from the Simpsons, Dr Kimper showed us how English speakers have a subconscious knowledge of the language which

does not surface in normal reading or writing. Dr Kimper showed us how we 'learn' and adhere to the rules of a language and apply them both to possible and impossible words. It was a humorous and fascinating experiment, giving an insight as to what the study of linguistics really is, and offered students an interesting look at their own perception of language.

Brad Greatrex-Jordan, Y12

Smashing the Subjunctive

In March, Year 13 students were treated to a whistle-stop tour of the German Subjunctive delivered by a visiting expert in the field: Mr Paul Stocker from the British-German Association. Paul previously worked for 22 years as Head of Modern Languages and Head of German at Uppingham School. However, King's Sixth Formers are already familiar with his name for a different reason: as the author of their German Wort für Wort vocabulary guides.

The Year 13 Germanists warmed quickly to his humorous delivery, and worked with enthusiasm through the tasks prepared for them. Mr Stocker gave the students a number of useful





tricks and succeeded in presenting one of the most complex aspects of German grammar as not only enjoyable but remarkably easy. Proof was in the plenary, as students were able to use their knowledge to report back a variety of activities in all three tenses, without referring to the lesson notes – remarkable!

After the rigorous teaching, Mr Stocker was then able to sit back and enjoy Kaffeekränzchen with the students. This is a weekly break time club, led by Lisa Ostermaier, and provided a much-needed kaffee and a slice of homemade kuchen. Meanwhile, the Sixth Form students had to invent a story, speaking for as long as possible in German before the ticking bomb ‘exploded’, designating the next speaker’s turn. It was a humorous quarter of an hour, as the Easter Bunny suffered a job crisis and looked

for alternative employment.

Mr Stocker then joined the Linguavox editorial team in the lunch break to find out more about the forthcoming issue, which took legend and folklore as its theme.

Linguavox

Linguavox is a trilingual magazine produced by the King’s MFL Editorial Team (pictured), a fortnightly club for Years 10 - 13 pupils led by Frau Houghton. The publication is now in its second year. The autumn term edition focused on the theme of festivals, topical to the Christmas season at the time of print, however, articles explored a wide range of cultural festivals from the annual Indonesian rice cake war, to Halloween in Germany. The French article about Mardi Gras was complemented by a quiz, and there was a mystery word riddle page,

which required translation in three languages. Aside from the traditional languages, there was also the opportunity for Star Wars fans to brush up on their Yodaspeak: ‘Much to learn you have!’

The MFL Editorial Team: Edward Hammonds, Ben Lynch, Brad Grea-trex-Jordan, Lily Breese-Tovey, Tanisha Orchard, Simon Wagner, Tom Carter, John Daly and Julian Karrer. Editor: Callum Evans

English

In March, Year 7 English students enjoyed a visit from multi-award winning children’s author, Harriet Goodwin, who told pupils ‘to read voraciously, keep a diary and learn to juggle,’ if they wanted to be successful writers.

Harriet’s first novel ‘The Boy Who Fell Down Exit 43’ was shortlisted for the influential Blue Peter Children’s



Literature award and since then she has penned another three best-selling books of fantasy adventure in The Hex Factor series. Speaking at both the Boys’ and Girls’ Divisions, her workshops focused on how any writer should capture the imagination immediately with snappy openings which asked questions and left the reader desperate to know more.

In June, Grace Harrison, Year 9, was awarded a Special Commendation for her book review for The Portico Sadie Massey Awards for Young Readers/Writers, in the age 9-13 category. Grace wrote a very mature and insightful review of ‘A Thousand Splendid Suns,’ by Khaled Hosseini, and was invited to the awards presentation at The Portico Library. Altogether over 40 reviews were written for the awards by King’s Year 9 students.

In February, pupil Lauren Hayward won second place in the National Young Writers’ Competition with a powerful essay on sexism in the media. From thousands of entries nationwide, Lauren was picked out for her political insight and persuasive tone, arguing in her 1500-word newspaper-style feature for a complete revision of gender stereotyping which damages both girls and boys from their



earliest impressions.

Lauren (pictured), who last year won the Cheshire Poetry Recital competition, wrote: ‘Humanity has journeyed into outer space and made medical advances that are nothing short of miracles - why not eradicate sexism too? Sexism is dangerous, it is infectious and it so frequently rears its hideous head. But it can, it absolutely must, be destroyed.’

Pupils Millie Brierley and Rowan

Sutton will have their thought-provoking short stories published in an anthology of the country’s best young writers after coming in the top 30 from thousands of entries in the ‘National Short Story Week’ competition. This year’s theme for entries was ‘Lies’ with both Millie and Rowan penning pieces between 900 and 1000 words with twists, turns and dramatic denouement to leave the reader in a state of high suspense. The anthology will be published in November 2016.

Classics

In July, world authority on classical civilisation, Emily Hauser, gave a talk to pupils on the beauty and barbarity of the ancient world. Educated at Cambridge University, with a Fulbright Scholarship at Harvard and now completing her PhD at Yale, Emily said: ‘It is important that Classics remains at the heart of the curriculum because it allows us to look at history through a different lens.’ Emily’s book ‘For the Most Beautiful’, eulogises an ancient time of mischievous gods and mythic heroes, while delving deep into the jealousies, bitterness and sadism of that time. Emily’s talk to pupils focussed on what little is known about the women of that era.



Community Activities

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 themselves helped to choose the charities, often reflecting concern for children in the UK and abroad and 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

Fundraising this year began with an event organised by Year 6 pupils who ran a cake sale to raise money for those families affected by the Bosley Mill fire disaster. This was a devastating event for many local families and our children raised £181.77 for this appeal.

As part of Harvest Festival celebrations, Year 2 pupils and their teachers delivered Harvest Festival gifts to Harry Lawson Court housing care facility. The children chatted to residents and performed some traditional songs such as, 'I'm a Little Teapot' and the residents enjoyed telling the children that they too used to sing this at school. They closed their concert with their Harvest song, 'Let's Celebrate'.

Christmas was a very busy time for charity events. All of the Infants and Juniors participated in a Reindeer Run in aid of East Cheshire Hospice which raised over £3000. Year 4 also organised their annual Christmas postal service, making stamps and delivering 2157 cards around the school, raising £64.71. These events meant that we were able to donate £3,073.53 to East Cheshire Hospice.

A sponsored run by pupils in Year 4 (pictured) also raised £250 for Teenage Cancer Trust.

Year 5 were also busy selling various seasonal items in their Christmas



Shop, and they raised a very impressive £600 which was added to the retiring collection after the Junior Christmas Carol Service, resulting in £1100 being sent to Destiny Garden School in Kenya.

Charity Monitors, Rebecca Foster and Taya Phillips, sold raffle tickets for the prize of a rugby ball signed by Sale Sharks player Mark Cueto. They

raised £133.75 which was donated to the RFU Injured Players Foundation.

For Sport Relief, a non-uniform day and a sports fair raised a total of £479. These events, along with other non-uniform days, meant that the Infant and Junior Division raised a very impressive £5384 for local, national and international charities - a superb effort.



Girls' Division

The Girls' Division undertook a marathon fundraising drive in order to raise £4,239.75 for the Congleton-based charity Visyon, which provides support to children and young people who are dealing with a range of issues, from bereavement and bullying to abuse and self-harm.

The girls' fundraising efforts spanned every year group: Year 7 held a sponsored Santa Dash; Year 8 had a stationery stall; Years 8 and 9 did a 'Make a Pound Grow' challenge; Year 10 held a luxury prize draw and the Year 11 prefects held a Christmas Party. In addition, all girls designed and sold Christmas cards, held cake sales, contributed to a church collection at the end of term and some pupils' art work was displayed and sold in local law firm Jobling Gowler.

In April, our senior girls organised a 'Raid My Wardrobe' event and raised £245 for The Samaritans. Girls also undertook a charity bag pack at the Tesco superstore on a busy Saturday morning and raised £414 for East Cheshire Hospice. The girls were a credit to the school and received lots of positive feedback from shoppers on their good manners and industry.



Boys' Division

This year, the boys chose to support the Cystic Fibrosis Trust after it was nominated by a Year 11 student in support of a close friend of his. A range of fundraising activities were organised, including cake sales, sponsored silences and penalty shoot outs. In October, the inaugural Poets and Players Evening gave students (pictured) the opportunity to organise their first major fundraising event whilst showcasing their musical and

literary talent. The evening was a tremendous success, with a number of particularly memorable poetry recitals from boys in Years 7, 8 and 9.

The annual Boys' Division Christmas Fair raised £706 – a reflection of the boys' ingenuity in inventing an

enticing range of games and activities. The charities prefects also organised their own stall at the King's Christmas Fair, selling Christmas cards designed as part of a House competition.

Literary talent was again in evidence as boys in Years 7 and 8 took



part in a Poetry by Heart competition, performing poems to their classmates for a small fee. Form captains also worked hard to organise a wide range of smaller fundraising events throughout the year, whilst at the same time supporting whole school projects such as the Silk FM Easter Egg Appeal. In total, the boys raised £1367 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Sixth Form Fashion Show

The Fashion Show was a highlight of the winter months. Students raised £3800 for The Christie and a £250 donation from Jaguar Land Rover boosted the final total to over £4,000.

The sky was the limit for the show themed around 'Come Fly With Me' and the hard work put in by all the contributors was extraordinary.

Preparations started in early September with picking a theme, casting the models, singers and the presenters. In the end, Henry Reavy and his overbearing co-pilot, John Le'Moignan and air steward Emma Maxwell, prepared the flight for take-off. What a perfect mix, although rehearsal day seemed to run as smoothly as turbulence on a flight.

Many of our worst nightmares

came from organising clothes for all the models. Hayleigh McCullough managed to obtain all the outfits for the guys at the last minute from M&S, which was an excellent feat and Sammie Rae procured many of the other male model outfits.

The set was designed and manufactured by the Art and DT departments, with many hours contributed by Honor Price, Harriet Rous and the Year 13 DT set.

On the day of the show, the cast turned up suitably dressed for a day's rehearsals; the boys clearly having never spray-tanned before, came in patchy and very orange. The dance moves had clearly been practised as much of it was in time, to the relief of the three choreographers Lucy Miller, Jess Milton Edwards and Mimi Stevens.

The boys' dance, of course, was spectacular as always, with this year including an emotional preview video expressing the boys' love for dance and the seriousness of their training! This was followed by an eclectic mix or tunes in which passion and love was captured in all their dance moves. The highlight had to be Ben 'Titanic' Tatton floating elegantly towards the crowd in a dinghy.

Evie Hancox Y13



Easter Egg Appeal

King's pupils and parents showed their generous sides with their donations of hundreds of Easter Eggs for local underprivileged children in East Cheshire.

Pupils across all Divisions donated eggs of all shapes and sizes as part of the Silk FM Easter Egg Appeal. The response was so enormous that Silk FM named King's as the school that had donated the most eggs and presenters from the radio station presented the school with an award. Three local Children's Charities distributed the eggs to hundreds of local children.

Connecting with Kids in Ghana

At the end of the academic year, we were able to continue our work with Connecting Kids Education Foundation (CKEF), by organising a consignment of well over 3,000 text books and teaching aids to go to partner schools in Ghana. Following changes to national curriculum specifications, a huge number of textbooks have found new homes in a number of schools in villages in southern and central Ghana, where textbooks are often very hard to obtain.



Good to be Green

In September, 26 pupils from the Infants & Juniors gave up their lunchtime to grab litter-pickers and high-viz tabards in order to help tidy up Victoria Park. The Big Tidy Up is part of the Infant & Junior Division's ongoing commitment to being an 'Eco-School.' Eco-monitors Xavier Moore, Theo Adamski and Haroon Abassi were instrumental in organising and leading the initiative, which saw pupils and parents collect 4.6 kilograms of litter.

Later in the year, Senior Girls participated in the national 'Clean for the Queen' campaign organised by the Campaign to Keep Britain Tidy. Blue blazers were exchanged for tabards and gardening gear as girls from Year



7 upwards got busy with their litter pickers and bags around the school's Fence Avenue site and Victoria Park.

International Author

In the summer, pupils from Fallibroome, All Hallows, Rainow and Hurdfield Primary Schools joined King's

girls in Years 5 – 8 to listen to a talk by international bestseller and teen-lit author, Cathy Cassidy. Cathy is one of Britain's most popular writers and has written some 27 books and been translated into 29 languages. Over all, she has sold over two million books worldwide and was full of helpful advice and inspiration for the girls.



Sports

Athletics

Boys

The Athletics season began on a high note with victory in the annual King's Relays meeting - the first time the boys from Years 7 - 10 have won the trophy since its introduction in 2002. Year 10 were outstanding on the day with good performances from Toby Moule, Richard Griffiths and Will Fosbrook.

The inter-boys succeeded in qualifying for the Grade B regional finals and came second overall. The stand out performers included Will Fosbrook in the 300m race with a great time of 38.5 seconds and Oscar Johnson who cleared 1m 65cm in the high jump. In the throws James Warr reached a huge 11m 16cm in the shotput, whilst Angus Fiennes and Harry Wheelton both went over 30m in the discus and Sion Davenport threw the javelin in excess of 35m.

The Junior boys made it to the Grade A regional final against the top 12 schools in the north west. The boys conducted themselves impeccably on the day and competed fantastically well. Stand-out performers on the day were Brandon Morgan with a quick time of 41.6s for 300m race and Sam Worthington who ran a good 200m clocking 24.9 seconds. Sam Danson, Jack Bray, Lewis Johnson and Oscar Robinson performed particularly well as Year 7s in a Year 8 team.

In the Cheshire School Championship for the junior and inter boys, Richard Griffiths, Will Fosbrook, Oscar Johnson, Harry Wheelton, Sion Davenport, Sam Worthington, James Warr and Ben Kersh all competed extremely well. Charles Morrison, Oscar Robinson, Lewis Johnson, Ollie Thompson, Billy Griffiths, Charlie Warr and Sam Danson all competed in the Minor Cheshire School Championship.

Overall a super effort from the boys and the athletics club after school was extremely well attended.

Girls

A wet start to the season caused the Macclesfield and District Athletics Championships to be abandoned but this didn't dampen the girl's spirits as they pursued their 'personal bests' and some splendid performances ensued throughout the season.

King's Girls finished in second place overall by just 3 points against Stockport Grammar, Cheadle Hulme and Withington in the Track Relays; Year 8 team came first and Years 7, 9 and 10 teams each finished in third place.

In the first round of the ESAA Cup competition the Junior Girls' team were third overall out of ten schools, scoring a team total of 261 points. Susie Moores was our top scorer with 32 points from a brilliant 1500m run and High Jump.

Similarly, the Inter Girls' team achieved an excellent points total of 272 placing them in second position out of 10 teams. With 32 points Olivia Moores was our highest scoring

athlete and Lulu Griffiths scored 20 points from her 1500m run alone.

Both teams qualified for the Regional B North West Finals where they improved upon their previous performances. The Junior Girls' team achieved 274 points, placing them in fifth place overall. The Inter Girls' team increased their total by 20 points to 291 and finished in fourth position. Outstanding performances by Olivia Moores in the Hurdles and Triple Jump gained her a personal points total of 41 points, possibly our highest individual score ever.

In the Macclesfield and District Minors championships, the Year 7 team finished in a very convincing first place. Six girls were selected to represent Macclesfield at the Cheshire County Minors Athletics Championships: Izzy Moores, Madeleine Holder, Scarlett Brough, Lottie Dennett, Katie Barr and Ella Jones. Izzy Moores finished in second position in the Hurdles and Madeleine Holder was also second in the Discus. Both represented Cheshire in the Inter Counties competition where they finished fourth and third respectively.

Four girls qualified for the County Championships in June: Lulu Griffiths was third in the Junior Girls 1500m final, Olivia Moores (pictured) was fourth in the Inter Girls 80m Hurdles, Sophie Decker second in the Senior Girls Triple Jump and Katie Hughes was 400m County Champion.

LB



Junior

Junior Sports Day proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable day of top class athletics and all pupils in Years 3 - 6 took part to represent their House. Field events included the conventional Long Jump and Javelin and the less conventional like the ever popular 'tug of war' event. Athletes then competed on the track during the afternoon and impressed parents with some excellent racing in a range of events. Over 80 highly competitive races were concluded with the 4x100m relays (with double points at stake). Tatton were the overall winners and House Captains Lily Cook and Toby Denton were proud to collect the cup on behalf of their team.

The athletics team trained hard throughout the season and were frustrated to miss out on some opportunities to compete due to bad weather. However, a very successful track meeting against Stockport Grammar School and Cheadle Hulme School was a good rehearsal for the AJIS Championship in June. Our athletes went on to acquit themselves very well at this quality meet at Stanley Park in Blackpool. Athletes made very many finals with Oliver Davies top-



ping the pile by becoming U10 AJIS High Jump Champion and U10 AJIS 150m Champion. Thomas Danson had an excellent series of jumps to become U10 AJIS Long Jump Champion and Sophie Fletcher is U10 AJIS 150m Champion. Silver medals were also in abundance with Edward Roden (U10) and Jake Leech (U11) making impressive runs in the challenging 600m event and athletics Captain Lara Tabachnik showing great speed in the U11 150m. Our 4 x 100m Relay teams all made their finals and there were some frustrating 4th places. It was

the U10 Girls (Iona Whaley, Phoebe Thomson, Lucy Bambrook and Sophie Fletcher) who raised spirits with an excellent Bronze medal.

Athletics Colours were awarded to Jake Leech, Luke Wilson, Lara Tabachnik and Rebecca Foster.

DCB

Basketball

This year was a transition period for basketball at King's with the retirement of legendary figure Bill Baxter and the introduction of new Basketball Coach, John Trezvant (pictured below). The students have been given the opportunity to develop new skills and gain greater understanding of the game during their lunchtime and after school sessions. John has introduced a number of internal individual competitions, including 'Hotshot' and 'Ten', to increase competition across the year groups. George Williams finished on top of the leaderboard in all year groups at the end of the Summer with 49 points. Next year, the focus will be on more internal and external competitions to help raise the standard of play as well as the numbers involved.

Cheerleading

The King's cheerleaders performed some of their best routines to date at this year's National Schools' Championships. The Year 7 team King's Kittens performed a flawless routine achieving a score of 230 which is the highest score I have seen in over 10 years. King's Allstars performed the most technically advanced routine ever performed by a school in the championships. The Year 7 team also entered Pom Dance for the first time, where we placed an incredible 2nd.

The pupils were great ambassadors





for the school. The girls all worked incredibly hard in the weeks leading up to the championships to ensure they could perform their routines to a great standard. I am very proud of the girls not only for what they have achieved, but for the immense support they have shown each other in helping to master certain skills and to remember dance, gymnastics and jump sections.

The results were phenomenal with three teams: King's Kittens (Year 7), King's Cubs (Year 9) and King's Allstars all crowned National Champions. King's Cats (Year 8) came 4th and King's Kittens Pom (Year 7) came 2nd.

RBJ

Cricket

1st XI

With seven key players leaving at the end of 2015 this season was always going to be a tricky one and early season defeats did nothing to allay the fears. In the end an excellent set of results in the second half of the season left the final statistics looking very respectable and, in fact, the final tally of wins was considerably better than in the previous year.

A genuine team ethic on match days and hard work in practice combined to give the players hope at first and then victories. As well as victories in all three festival games, the team beat Bolton, Leeds, Merchant Taylors' and a strong Former Pupils' side. Captain, Will Hodgson (pictured here, driving for four) batted at three but it wasn't unusual for other players to move up and down the order on a game by game basis. The difference between the ability of all the players was slight and it was often the batters coming in at the end of the inning who would create the chance of a victory. Josh Bryning, Sam Bryning, Harry Elms and James Hodges all made significant contributions down the order when all seemed to be lost. In the middle order Sam Buckingham hit the ball as well as anyone. Regardless of the situation, Sam batted without fear and struck the ball very hard; he will certainly be a player to watch. As well as Sam, Angus Thomson and Archie Phillips both U15s, played good innings without showing the consistency they would have liked. Time is on their side and they have certainly shown they can score runs against the best bowlers.

Throughout all the batting ups and down it was Will Hodgson that held everything together. People often talk about a captain's innings; Will went out to bat in every game looking to play that innings. He curbed his natural aggression and steered the rest of the batting order in the right direction. His 'risk management' as a batter was excellent. Will's final tally of runs was four times higher than the second leading run scorer which shows how much he dominated the batting. Will is one of only two leavers (together with Will Dowd) who has represented the school all the way up from Year 7, but the hole he will leave will take a lot of filling. At the start of the season the bowlers struggled. Bowlers started to bowl a better line and to set better fields. Instead of striving for wickets they started to strive for consistency and economy. In overs cricket, tight bowling creates pressure on the batters who are then more likely to make mistakes. Sam Buckingham and Josh Bryning epitomized the consistent approach when the onus was on the batting team to score runs and both picked up valuable wickets. James Hodges played a key role in the second half of the season providing consistency and some genuine wicket-taking deliveries. The leading wicket-taker with 27 victims was another U15, Harry Elms. As a leg-spin bowler Harry loves to attack the batsman in his search for wickets but it was the addition of patience to his armoury of leg-spinners, googlies (and quicker balls) that brought him most success.

The team were good fun to be around and Will Hodgson was an excellent Captain, while Oliver Quinn was an excellent deputy. As well as the tactical decisions that had to be made on the field the two were also heavily involved in chasing players and helping to create the atmosphere in the changing rooms that the rest of the side became part of. In the end no fewer than 25 players represented the 1st XI; 23 should be back next season.

SM

2nd XI

The 2nd Team had a mixed season, with only 5 matches reaching a conclusion due to the impact of bad weather.

The season started with a narrow loss by 3 runs at Denstone College; Dan Crosby gained the Man of the Match award with a rapid 54. The team responded with enjoyable suc-

cess against rivals Manchester Grammar School, twice. In the F15 Cup we restricted MGS to 104 off the 15 overs: Finlay Calder the pick of the bowlers with 2 wickets. After a slow start to the reply King's ended up edging the game on the last ball of the match with a blistering innings from Josh Bryning (27 off 9 balls) and good runs from Zach Howdle (23 off 16 balls). In the second match against MGS the game took a similar course with Hashim Maan taking two wickets and James Hodges anchoring the innings well.

Special mentions also go to Michael Abrahamse and Ollie Prior who consistently shaped the ball well, which rewarded them with wickets throughout the season. Also to George Barker who was a bright spark in all areas, consistent with the ball, inventive with the bat, and an asset in the field.

The 2nd team went from strength to strength this season and players improved and made their way into the 1st team. The team also played in great spirits from start to finish and it has been a pleasure to captain them this year.

Paul Roberts

U15

The U15 cricket team had a very successful season. Archie Phillips (54*) and Tom Carter (24*) guided King's to victory against Wilmslow HS in the first round of the Cheshire

Cup, and Sam Buckingham (4-11 in 4 overs) and Angus Thomson (31*) helped to secure the quarter-final win against Cheadle Hulme School. A six wicket victory over Bramhall set up an eagerly awaited final with Birkenhead. Angus Thomson was the top scorer with 39, Harry Elms impressed with the ball, and Louis Gruber took a fantastic catch. With the opposition requiring 17 off the last over Harry bowled exceptionally well for King's to secure a fantastic 7 run victory! The win earned the team (pictured) a place at the North of England Schools T20 finals, where the boys lost out to Richmond, despite runs from Archie Phillips and wickets for Angus Thomson.

During the season the team were unfortunate to lose the really tight games, like the one against Lancaster Grammar School. King's posted a good total after 30 overs, Archie Phillips scoring 74, but sadly it wasn't enough, and Lancaster just sneaked over the finishing line with 4 wickets to spare. Throughout the season the opening bowling attack of Will Fosbrook and Sam Cheetham was excellent - bowling both quickly and accurately. George Connolly led the spin attack and always bowled superbly, including a spell of 5-8 against Stockport.

Sam Buckingham was a good Captain and contributed runs and wickets. Leading run scorer Sam Crosby amassed an impressive 325 runs,



including a top score of 78 not out in victory over Merchant Taylors' where he added 100 in 11 overs for the first wicket with Tom Carter (35). Many other boys contributed with both bat and ball; Charlie Toms, Louis Gruber, Will Davies, Charlie Fogg and Freddie Sass all putting in valuable contributions throughout the season. We would like to thank Mr Mason and the effervescent Mr Dave Thomson, and in the big finals we welcomed the wisdom of Colonel Sanders - thank you.

Sam Buckingham/ Tom Carter

U14

The U14 cricket team had a good season following on from their Cheshire Cup win as U13s. The team won 8 matches but couldn't quite repeat the heroics of the previous season, eventually losing to Birkenhead in the semi-final of the Cup. Many of the boys enjoyed breakthrough seasons and some fantastic individual performances were very pleasing. The team's comradery was as high as ever and, with continued improvement, this group of players should be a strong team again next season.

The side began the season with a loss to Denstone before recording impressive victories versus SGS, Sandbach and Tarporley. The pace bowling contingent led by Murray Redpath and Josh Wyatt proved the strength in these early matches with some extremely accurate outswing bowling. This set the tone and was impressive-

ly followed up by Matt Warham and Griff Roberts. Warham finished the season with 9 wickets while Roberts had a stellar season with 16 wickets at an average of 6 and an incredible strike rate of just 10. Meanwhile spinners Tom Davies and George Muirhead used their limited opportunities to wrap up the tail consistently. The bowling group was supported by the variety of skipper George Holden who switched the bowlers around tremendously showing experience beyond his years.

As the season progressed the batsmen started to have more of an impact and some fantastic partnerships were the key to some successful run chases. Remy Miller and James Davis' opening stand of 92 in just 12 overs was the highlight of the win against St Ambrose. Miller finished the season voted as the best batsman and if he can add consistency to his natural talent, will be a tough proposition for opposition bowlers. The side's best win of the year came against RGS Lancaster as they chased down 147 thanks to the power hitting of Jack Mayfield and George Holden. The two combined to put on 102 before the calmness and clean striking of Joey Chong and Murray Redpath saw the boys home.

Unfortunately for the large squad

there were only two B team games with others rained off. The squad who trained hard were rewarded with some practice matches mid-week but the hope is for more competitive matches next year.

The boys have had a fun season together and it has been a joy to watch them develop. A special mention to George Holden who did a great job as Captain and continues to grow as a leader. Thanks also to the parents for the tremendous side-line support at the matches in all weather conditions. I am sure this talented group of boys will win many more cricket matches for King's in future seasons. Should they collectively push each other to play at their best, another title is well within their grasps.

CAMS

U13A

This was a successful season of development for the U13 A team. Captain William Davies led the team well showing a growing understanding of the game to add to his all-round batting and bowling skills. The season began slowly with a disappointing defeat to SGS after rain forced cancellation against Denstone. However, the boys bounced back to record good victories over Sandbach, Christleton, RGS Lancaster and St Ambrose. Defeat followed

against MGS, despite encouraging performances including three late wickets from Will Davies and good batting from Ibbly Ghaznavi (22) and Tom Moorhouse (14). Further losses came against Bolton and narrowly to Merchant Taylors'. Still, most disappointing was the Cup defeat to Birkenhead after the boys had performed excellently in the field. Consistent and threatening opening bowler Ben Kersh set the tone with two early wickets, as Charlie Boddy and Charlie Murray also claimed two wickets apiece. Some great fielding helped to restrict Birkenhead to a manageable 81-8. Unfortunately, wickets fell regularly, and in the end only Dan Fosbrook (17) and Cyrus Kerfoot threatened to lift King's to an unlikely victory. To their credit, the boys ended the term with a fine 35 run success at King's Chester. Charlie Boddy top scored over the season and registered a season high of 92 not out against Christleton as well as some good bowling figures. Dan Fosbrook became increasingly consistent, signing off with 24 not out at King's Chester, where Hayden Heath, another notable improver, scored an encouraging 20. Josh Rajendran bowled well and recorded an excellent hat-trick against Christleton and also showed promise with the bat. Alex Davies made important contributions with bat and ball, finishing with an excellent spell of four overs 2-4 at Chester. Charlie Murray (48 against Lancaster), Ollie Gandy, Ben Kersh and Tom Knight also played their part with the bat, whilst Cyrus Kerfoot did a good job as wicket-keeper. Joey Chong (20 runs and four wickets against Christleton) was a key team member for cup matches, whilst other valuable efforts came from Jack Ancell, Patrick Lovett and Tate Dawson.

CST

U13B

This was a challenging season for the U13Bs, but their great character and work ethic saw them improve with every game. The season started with the narrowest of defeats with just two balls to go against SGS but they responded well winning by 10 runs at Terra Nova. A cancelled game at CHS was followed by a 4 wicket victory over Sandbach. With confidence growing, the team faced a strong Lancaster GS team only to lose by 41 runs. They then entertained a well

drilled MGS and, despite a determined effort, came off worst by 8 wickets.

With an attitude though that is typical of this team they rallied superbly in their final two matches to finish the season in fine style. Firstly, by defeating Birkenhead GS by 9 wickets and then a comprehensive win at King's Chester. They have come through with a great attitude, worked hard and picked up several well-deserved victories on the way. As ever their behaviour and conduct was exemplary and a credit to the school. In a season when all the players performed well special mention must go to Hugo Chinea-Rodriguez (Batsman of the Year) and Tate Dawson (Most Improved Player) who were outstanding. The boys were a pleasure to coach and manage and always good company.

FS

U12

The U12s embraced cricket with great enthusiasm, with lots of boys attending after-school practices and wanting more net sessions at lunchtime. The enthusiasm continued through the season and it was great having so many boys representing the school at cricket.

There is real potential within the U12s A team and the boys will continue to develop and become a tough side to beat. This year they had a mixed set of results, playing 10, winning 5 and losing 5, but the side battled through some terrible weather and had some great achievements with the bat and ball. Captain Ben Willcock showed lovely technique at the top order scoring an impressive 82 against Birkenhead and getting 50 not out and 3 for 7 with his leg-spin against Altrincham Grammar in the cup. Oscar Robinson chipped in with some good bowling and batting, scoring 50 in his first game. James Payne opened the bowling with pace from a 4 step run-up and demonstrated how he can hit the ball miles, scoring a match winning 72 not out against a very good Lancaster side. Harry Owens, Jake Ogden, James Miller and Ridley Partridge also contributed with bat and ball: Jake getting 3 wickets for 11 against King's Chester; Harry 5 wickets for 10 against St Ambrose; James 2 wickets for 9 against The Grange; and Ridley 3 wickets for 5 against Wilmslow HS.

The U12s reached the Cheshire Cup semi-final but eventually fell short of the target set by Birkenhead.

This team showed great spirit and togetherness and I am confident they will grow individually and as a team.

RL

U12B

The enthusiasm by the Year 7s was fantastic this year and we could have easily put out three teams each weekend. Unfortunately, other schools were unable to field as many teams so the B team this year saw a rotation of players throughout the season. This didn't deter the players and after-school practices were thriving each evening.

To give everyone the opportunity to shine we decided the B team would play the majority of their games as 'pairs' cricket. Some of the pupils excelled in this type of game and showed off their skills in both batting and bowling. However, it was a tough season and we went into the last game of the season against Merchant Taylors' without a win. They boys showed courage and determination and finished the season with a herculean win. There were some notable performances, including two wicket hauls for Jack Phillpotts, Ben Wallace, Daniel Silva-Stafford, Nathan Harrop, William Worswick and Sam Heathcote. Of the batsmen, William Worswick looked good and he top scored with 22 in the win over Merchant Taylors', whilst Santi Houghton and Ollie Thompson also showed promise.

RL

U11

The U11s worked hard to develop their skills throughout the season, showing an excellent attitude in lunchtime and after-school practices, along with their conduct during competitive fixtures. The season began with an annual fixture against Macclesfield Cricket Club. The 'pairs' format helped to give all players an equal opportunity to bat and bowl in readiness for the rest of the season. King's first 'proper' game of cricket was against Birkenhead Prep School in the AJIS Cup. After opting to field first, King's bowled and fielded well to restrict the opposition to only 60-8 from their 20 overs. Unfortunately, in reply the boys lost regular wickets and fell behind the required run rate and could only muster 39 all out. The season took on a familiar pattern after this, with the boys often batting or bowling well, but failing to do so



in the same game. This resulted in a number of narrow defeats, including matches against SGS (by 9 runs) and Bolton School (by 11 runs).

The B team were also involved in a some very exciting 'pairs' games too, with a number of players experiencing their first taste of competitive cricket. The highlight of the season came in an away fixture against SGS, during which time the boys batted, bowled and fielded in a very disciplined way, with the winning margin of 20 runs perhaps flattering the opposition somewhat.

Colours were awarded to Zac Spencer-Pickup and Noah Reaney.

MW

U10

The U10s gained their first experience of hard-ball cricket this season, with regular lunch time, after-school and games practices helping them to hone their skills. Competitive fixtures were played against Birkenhead Prep and SGS, whilst others were cancelled due to bad weather.

In glorious cricketing conditions at Birkenhead, the squad fielded first but struggled to contain the expansive batters of the home team. Captain Oliver Davies and Morgan Davies sent down some testing deliveries, but on the whole Birkenhead benefitted from confident calling and running, gaps in the field and knowing where their short boundaries were. Despite a well-taken run-out by Oliver Davies and a wicket by Morgan Davies, the boys were set a challenging target of 271. Ben Chong and Zak Wright pushed the total along well, but unfortunately two quick wickets from Birkenhead's two talented - and rapid - bowlers put King's very much on the back foot. The final pairing of Oliver Davies and Billy Bridgewater batted confidently but, in trying to go for their shots, they also succumbed to a couple of late wickets. The final total of 241 resulted in a 30 run defeat.

In the B team match, King's batted first and got off to a flying start thanks to some big hitting from Thomas Danson and Christian Tattum. However, the runs started to slow down as the opposition bowlers found the right line and length to bowl and the fielders adapted to the very quick outfield. During the final couple of overs, some quick running and glorious cricket shots from Oliver Creighton got the score to a very respectable

287. Due to some huge cricket shots from the first 4 Birkenhead batters, no risks were needed in the final few overs of the match as Birkenhead made a very impressive 337, even after some very good bowling from Jenny Wallace and Sophie Johnson, who both took a wicket each.

In the next fixture against SGS, the A team were defeated by 22 runs, while the B team were involved in an exciting tied match, after both teams finished on 277.

MW/NB

Cross Country

Boys

A strong group of 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 40 boys running in the Minor Boys' category (Year 7) and the team finished 5th with 66pts thanks to the efforts of Jack Bray (12), Oscar Robinson (13), Charles Morrison (19), Ben Willcock (23) and Billy Griffiths (31). The Junior Boys (Year 8 - 9) claimed first place thanks to impressive performances from Tom Barker (8), Peter Goodfellow (9), Fin McK-

eever (11), Harry Norton (12) and Jimmy Foxton (16). The final category was the Senior Boys with a field of 25. Another impressive performance from George Barker saw him finish 3rd with Tomos Rands (16) and Daniel Batt (23).

Peter Goodfellow, Tom Barker and George Barker were chosen to represent Macclesfield District at the Cheshire Schools' County Championships. Here, competing against the best runners in Cheshire, the three King's boys gave good performances. Peter and Tom ran for the Junior Boys, finishing 24th and 29th out of 67 runners. George Barker ran in the Inter Boys and finished in an impressive 14th position out of 43.

Congratulations to all boys who took part and represented the school.

RL

Girls

The cross country season began with two teams of girls participating in the English Schools' Cross Country Cup competition in Warrington. Lulu Griffiths had a fantastic run, winning the Inter Girls race with Olivia Moores, Jodie Foxton, Imogen Curtis, Ffyna Booker and Chantelle Carroll completing the run with great performances to finish in first team



position.

In the Junior girls, commendable runs from Susie Moores, Holly Burke, Betty Kemp, Lottie Dennett, Izzy Moores and Charlotte Smith placed the team in third position.

Both teams returned to the same venue for the Regional Finals in November where the Inter Girls finished in third place, narrowly missing out on qualifying for the ESAA National Finals.

In the Macclesfield and District Cross Country championships the Year 7 runners proved themselves to be very competent performers; Holly Burke, Lottie Dennett, Izzy Moores, Katie Barr; finishing in 4th, 7th, 8th & 21st place respectively. Their individual runs brought the team home in 2nd place.

The Year 8 - 9 team was third overall with Lulu Griffiths, Jodie Foxton, Susie Moores, Imogen Curtis, Betty Kemp, May Broadley, Charlotte Smith (6th, 12th, 17th, 23rd, 29th, 31st & 35th respectively).

Holly Burke, Lulu Griffiths and Jodie Foxton represented Macclesfield in the County Cross Country Championships at Knights Grange in Winsford in January. Finishing in 20th place, Holly went on to represent Cheshire in an Inter-Counties race



later in the month and Lulu Griffiths, having been placed 4th out of approximately 50 runners qualified to represent Cheshire in the English Schools National Cross Country Championships in Nottingham.

LB

Juniors

A committed group of runners trained hard and prepared well for the cross country events. The AJIS Championship was held at the end of September and involved a team of 7 competitors (with 5 to count)



representing each school for each age group in a field of up to 140 runners. Results this year were exceptional with King's school able to celebrate two AJIS Champions and considerable team success too.

Year 6 Girls were very proud to be placed 2nd overall and the girls Rebecca Foster (9th), Lara Tabachnik (17th), Aimee Knight (22nd), Hattie Bailey (36th) and Cordelia Kight (43rd) supported by Lottie Clark and Lily Cook.

Year 5 Boys were also 2nd and secured a very impressive set of results including Ollie Davies finishing as Champion (pictured). Ollie Davies (1st), Ollie Farrer (7th), Thomas Danson (8th), Edward Roden (13th) and Billy Birkett (28th) supported by James Hartley and Morgan Davies.

Year 6 Boys were able to go one better and are the AJIS U11 Cross Country Champions thanks to Luke Wilson (1st), Jake Leech (2nd), Louis Finnegan (10th), Sam Heath (21st) and Theo Adamski (28th), supported by Reece Grady and James Harman.

The Macclesfield and District race series was also an excellent standard and King's performed consistently well in all age groups. Unfortunately, the postponed Championship Day in March clashed with our Easter break so we were unable to compete on this occasion.

All pupils from Years 3 - 6 enjoyed competing in the House Cross Country events. Tatton House was this year's winner with the following runners winning their year events: Year 3 - Max Wilson and Sophie Payne, Year 4 - Oliver Bailey and Connie Roden, Year 5 - Oliver Davies and Iona Whaley and Year 6 - Luke Wilson and Rebecca Foster.

Cross country Captains Louis Finnegan and Rebecca Foster should be congratulated for their commitment and support throughout the season. Cross Country Colours were awarded to: Rebecca Foster, Lara Tabachnik, Aimee Knight, Louis Finnegan, Jake Leech, Sam Heath and Luke Wilson.

DCB

Football

U11

The U11 A football team enjoyed an outstanding season, winning four pieces of silverware. In the Autumn, the boys retained the Macclesfield Primary Schools' Tournament, held at Derby Fields. In the seven matches played, King's scored an incredible 27 goals and only conceded one. Shortly after this, the boys travelled to Manchester City's Etihad Campus for an U11 tournament against other independent schools from the North West. Against high calibre opposition, the boys were again successful. After qualifying from the group stage, the boys defeated CHS in the semi-final, courtesy of an extra-time winner from Leo China-Rodriguez; and then followed this with a late winner from Harrison Milner to win the final 1-0 against Altrincham Prep.

In the Spring, this very talented team performed magnificently to win the ISFA North West title in Bolton. The tone was set in the first game against CHS with a comfortable 3-0 victory. Thereafter the boys were well-organised and difficult to break down, remaining unbeaten throughout and progressing into the semi-final in first position. After beating SGS 3-0 in this, the boys faced King's Chester in the final. Our players were rewarded for their solidity in defence, with a winning goal scored by Leo China-Rodriguez.

The season culminated with securing the local Primary Schools' League, followed by representing the North West region in the ISFA National Finals at St George's Park. The boys started impressively, winning their first three group matches without conceding a goal, and despite losing their final game, they proceeded into the quarter-finals in 2nd place. In this match against Chigwell the boys dominated territorially and were rewarded early in the second half with an excellent winning goal from Daniel Williams. In the semi-final



King's faced Ludgrove and were unfortunately beaten 3-0. However, to finish in 3rd place in the country was a magnificent achievement, capping off an outstanding season!

Colours were awarded to Archie Little, Jake Leech, Tyler Keefe, Noah Reaney, Daniel Williams, Harrison Milner, Leo China-Rodriguez and Luke Wilson.

MW/NB

U10

The U10 A team began well against a skilful SGS team with Oliver Davies and Billy Birkett both going close, but they fell behind after a superb strike, despite keeper James Hartley making some impressive earlier saves. Morgan Davies and Billy Bridgewater helped create a couple of good chances after the break but the team eventually went down 5-0. The B team fared a lot better, dominating a weak Stockport squad. They raced to a 2-0 lead at half time, courtesy of goals from Oliver Farrer and Thomas Danson, and despite letting in a careless goal after the break, ran out eventual winners 3-1.

The highlight of the season for the A team came against Newcastle-Under-Lyme School. The boys started well as they created some early chances, and were rewarded with a smartly taken goal by Billy Birkett. The rest of the half was evenly contested, with James Hartley making some great

saves and King's remaining a threat going forwards. Just before half-time Billy Birkett scored his second goal for a 2-0 lead. After the break King's battled hard to remain in front, before the prolific Billy Birkett wrapped things up with two further goals.

In the B team fixture against Newcastle, King's were involved in an 8 goal thriller! After only 5 minutes, Newcastle found themselves 3 goals up, but King's responded with their best football of the match to create some very good chances and were unlucky not to score. Immediately after the break, King's conceded another, but three quick goals from Christian Tatton and Oliver Sapey (2) saw them pushing for the equaliser. Unfortunately, Newcastle caught them on the counter-attack and scored another goal to end the match 5-3 winners.

King's also participated in the AJIS U10 Football Festival in which they qualified from their group in 2nd place. In the quarter-final they were defeated 2-0 by a strong Grange team who went on to win the competition.

MW/ST/NB

Golf

A mixed year for our golf teams, partly due to the very wet conditions over the winter creating havoc with fixtures and playing conditions.

In the HMC foursomes, we didn't manage to progress beyond the first round. However, in the ISGA singles completion, both our teams reached the regional final of the Plate event and Remy Miller, Jake Willshaw and Charlie Fogg represented us superbly in the National Finals held in June at the Magnolia Golf Club, Buckinghamshire. Our boys finished runners-up by just one meagre Stableford point.

Hockey

Boys 1st XI

The 1st team had a monumentally successful season, with a range of accomplishments including being the first King's hockey team for 15 years to go unbeaten on tour in Bath to winning 16 of 26 games in the season. The team was very effective after using a varied formation of 3-3-4 rather than last season's 3-4-3. In addition, we utilised a mixture of old and new players in order to fill in any gaps caused by the loss of players from last season.

The 1st team began the season unsure about how the team would cope after a discouraging loss of nine of the key 1st team players. Places had to be filled and younger players needed to step up. The team was not disheartened in any way and instead was quick to adapt and gel with many new players coming up and adjusting well to the 1st team standard of play. The team mainly consisted of new players such as Jack Lucas, Sam Buckingham, Archie Phillips and Calan Collins to name a few, all of which greatly strengthened the team by providing consistency and agility. A typical line-

up included Will McIlveen, Will Harris, Sean Neary, Ash Barret and Sam Buckingham undertaking the front line and providing the necessary goal allowance whilst also applying pressure and suffocating the opposition's back four. The midfield was diverse and dynamic, with players such as Dan Allmand-Smith, Archie Phillips and Calan Collins on at left midfield, Chris Harrop in the centre and Callum Snook, Rhys Bowen or Max Ridings on the right. On the final line we had Paul Roberts and Olly MacFadyen in the centre, with Keeran Manoharan and Jack Lucas on the flanks. Harry Booton was his usual, very effective self in goal for the majority of the season, with Tom Carter and Henry Ives also making their debuts this season.

The team's most successful game was against NULS in which we won 7-1 with goals being scored from Will McIlveen (3), Chris Harrop (2), Will Harris and Dan Allmand-Smith. The Man of the Match was Callum Snook, providing a defensive flair and disallowing any progression for the opposition whilst playing in midfield. Will McIlveen was also a contributing factor to the success of the match scoring nearly half of the goals and increasing our goal surplus via some astounding reverse and open stick shots to deny Newcastle any hope of winning. Other honourable mentions include Olly MacFadyen who played his defensive role and provided a good hustle, and Max Ridings who was effective in applying himself in midfield and accelerating the speed of attack.

The top goal scorer this season was Will McIlveen with an impressive 15 goals, which helped him achieve the team's Most Valuable Player award. He was closely followed by Sean Neary and Ash Barret with the three combining to score 42 goals. The player who received the most Man of the Matches was Chris Harrop and he

consequently won the Player of the Season Award after showing terrific skills every game and doing a great job in captaining the team.

At the culmination of the season, the team travelled to Bath and went on to win all five games played over the weekend, an accomplishment not achieved in the past 15 years. They beat teams from across the country including Ratcliffe College, University College School and Reigate Grammar School, only conceding 3 goals and scoring a total of 18 goals over the weekend.

Chris Harrop 12BW

U16

It was a very successful season for the U16 Boys, with extensive cup runs and success in indoor hockey.

A sign of our success was the number of players representing either the 1st or 2nd XI during the mid-week fixtures; Sean Neary, Max Ridings, Callum Snook and U16 Captain Keeran Manoharan all regularly featured for the 1st XI. Neary displayed his versatility throughout the season, occupying a variety of roles for the 1st XI, ranging from central midfield to striker. Ridings eventually held down the sweeper role, acting as a screen for the defence. Snook made the left midfield position his own early in the season and Manoharan (left back) quickly developed a budding partnership with Snook on the left flank.

Max Gillson, Cameron MacKinnon and Henry Ives also made 1st XI appearances during the season, whilst also representing the 2nd XI; Ives converting from his outfield birth to occupy the 2nd XI goal, as well as Gillson and MacKinnon playing in the 2nd XI defence and midfield respectively. The likes of Joe Laughton, Alex Rogan, Kieran Jones and Marcus Welsey made up the defence of the 2nd



XI, with Dan Bergman, Oscar Jackson and Ben Robinson playing in the 2nd XI midfield. James Jordan, Michael Naismith and Usman Qureshi played in the 2nd XI forward line.

The cup squad also welcomed a number of U15s such as Sam Buckingham, Archie Phillips, Charlie Toms, Tom Carter, Louis Gruber, Will Harrop and Oli Clementson all representing the U16s within the cups at various points.

Another sign of the season's success was being ranked within the top 12 teams in the nation, mainly due to our cup run, during which we faced a number of tough opposition, including Calday Grange, Thirsk and Sandbach. In addition, the boys had surprising success during the indoor hockey season, reaching the North Finals, despite never having played competitively before.

The Player of the Season was Sean Neary, who contributed both goals and assisted with the U16s and the 1st XI; opposition often found him difficult to contain due to his pace and off the ball movement, as well as his play-making ability. The Most Improved Player was Dan Bergman, who locked down his central midfield birth early on for the 2nd XI, and significantly progressed as a player throughout the season, looking set to challenge for a 1st XI place in seasons to come.

SM

U15

The U15s started the season with a comfortable win over Merchant Taylors', albeit with a little help from Year 9 Ben Jones with a hat-trick. The boys continued in this fashion with a 4-0 win over NULS and a well-fought 5-3 victory over a very strong Calday Grange side. The team continued to rack up victories, including 8-0 over Sandbach and a 5-0 victory over St. Anselms. Archie Phillips was at his best with a hat-trick at Sandbach. A return fixture against a very vexed Newcastle side saw a narrow 4-3 victory, after problems in defence encouraged an attempted comeback from the opponent. Game of the season potentially being a 10-1 victory over Rydal School, their goal coming after goalkeeper and captain Tom Carter limped off injured. Goals from Sam Buckingham (4) and Tom Dennett (3) sealed an easy win.

The only loss of the season came against a strong Guernsey side, in which the boys lost 4-0 despite a

valiant attempt from Man of the Match Paul Suarez. Another hat-trick from Sam Buckingham led the team to a solid 4-0 win over Bolton and wrapped up a very successful season. The defence was outstanding all season with Tom Dennett and Louis Gruber winning Player of the Year. Sam Buckingham was the side's top scorer with 20 goals. A big step forward for the side was having Charlie Toms, Sam Buckingham, Archie Phillips, Tom Carter, Will Harrop, Louis Gruber and Oliver Clementson being members of the successful U16 side. Archie Phillips, Sam Buckingham and Tom Carter will also continue their development over the summer with their respective NAGS and JRPC squads.

Tom Carter

U14

The U14s got off to a good start with a 4-1 victory against Merchant Taylors'. Having started on such a high, we were keen to keep it going for as long as possible. While the 100% win rate didn't last as long as we might have hoped, we did end the season with some really promising results. Perhaps the high point of the season was our 5-1 victory against Sedbergh - one of the school's greatest rivals. Higs also included a 0-0 draw with CHS and a 7-1 win against Rydal.

While last season's regular players continued to improve their hockey, the squad was boosted by the inclusion of Ben Jones and Reggie Booth. Remy Miller and George Holden also came into the team late, both showing themselves to be very skilful players. Mentions also go to Jonny Murray (Player of the Season) with some really strong defending in the back four; Ben Jones playing well at the front scoring a total of 15 goals this season; and Mark Stevenson for his inspirational team talks just before the matches, bringing us some of our best victories.

Sam Jones

U13

The U13 team had a successful season taking away 8 wins and 4 losses. As the season progressed, the boys learned to work well with each other and finished the last 3 games in impressive style. Ben McIlveen was the outstanding Striker of the Year earning 9 goals and contributing to the superb final goal difference of +37.

It was very pleasing to see so many of the players from last season carry on and continue to improve their

hockey. Jack Ancell was his usual consistent self in the net and was well supported in defence by Luke Stevens. Captain Charlie Boddy, Joe Tabachnik and Euan Currie worked tirelessly in the midfield to provide both goals and interceptions. Hugh Horne and Nial O'Neill were attacking threats all season each scoring a handful of goals. Some new faces included James Smith, Dan Fosbrook and Ben Sneddon, who also forced their way into the line-up by the end of the season. The B team was not to be outdone with some terrific performances in their 3 wins. Helped by the work of some very talented goalkeepers in Finn Ross and Finlay Blakemore, the defending aspects of the team improved brilliantly over the course of the year. Oliver Fitton, Charlie Murray, Freddie Higginbotham and James Walters were consistent players and should continue to push for places in the A team.

The squad worked extremely hard at training under new and inspiring coach, Mr Deakin. Rewards came in the way of 3 boys being selected for JAC squads and many of the boys playing regular hockey for school and clubs. Special mention goes to Luke Stevens who was awarded East Cheshire's Most Improved Player and was selected for the Tensworth U13 side.

Joe Tabachnik

U12

The U12s had a very enjoyable season of hockey filled with plenty of good goals and good skills on show. The squad was large and enthusiastic with some who play hockey at clubs through to many boys picking up a hockey stick for the first time. Numbers regularly swelled to over 25 on a training night and by the end of the 6 fixtures, over 30 Year 7 boys had represented the school in an A, B or C match.

The team's first match took place in November with the As having a fantastic win over NULS. Both the A and B teams suffered defeats in their next fixture before recording 5-3 and 4-3 victories over Rydal. These were the standout matches and with the talent on show, there are some great signs for the future. The Player of the Season was Nathan Harrop; an enthusiastic player who possesses all the skills and scored 5 goals. Ben Wallace and Ethan Moss also proved themselves to be deadly in front of goals with 3 for the year. The squad also includes

a host of keen keepers including Joe Bathurst and Santi Houghton. Along with some tenacious defenders in the likes Jack Phillpotts, Nohan Alias and all-rounder Will Worwick.

The highlight for the U12 group was when all 3 teams played Sandbach on 2 King's Astros. All the boys had a great time and represented the school brilliantly in the last fixture of the season. With continued hard work and brimming enthusiasm, the hockey future at King's looks bright!

CAMS

Girls 1st XI

Some of this season's successful wins included Rossall, NULS, St Edwards, Lymm, St Bedes, and King's and Queen's Chester. It was great to welcome both Denstone and Queen Ethelburga's to our competitive fixture list this season.

With younger years being eligible for selection for the 1st XI we had eight Year 11 girls and two Year 10 girls represent the Senior Team in fixtures and tournaments. This is a great opportunity for them to develop their skills, playing against older, more experienced opposition. It also puts us in a strong position for next season.

The girls began to gel and become stronger as individuals and as a team. In November we welcomed Queen Ethelburga's to King's for the first time. We knew they would be strong, however the girls came together, put everything into this game and left nothing on the pitch. This was by far their strongest performance of the season, with a win just being taken from us after the final whistle; QE being awarded a penalty corner and the game finishing with a 3-3 draw. The girls work rate was phenomenal, their final third attack was brilliant and their defence could not be faulted. It was a pleasure to watch.

Other performances that stood out were against NULS, winning both at home and away, and Rossall which finished 4-3 to King's, an aggressive and well-fought game. We finally got a well-deserved win against King's Chester in the U19 County Tournament to come runners-up in Cheshire.

Abigail Johnston (pictured above) has captained the Senior Team for two seasons, a great player who has developed her game hugely and recently been selected for the North of England U21s. She is a good role



model for the younger players, showing her determination on the pitch and how hard work can take you a long way. It will be sad to see our Year 13s leave us; hopefully they will continue to play at university or club level.

There have been many strong performances from individuals: congratulations must go to Eleanor Toms, Annabel Hebb, Natalie Stevens and Olivia Moores (pictured below) who represented the Pennine Pumas in October 2015 with Natalie Stevens progressing to the last 36 in the coun-



try and Annabel and Eleanor joining the NAGS Academy Squad. Most recently Eleanor Toms, Annabel Hebb, Olivia Moores, Allana Buckingham, Tori Blackwell and Natalie Stevens have all been selected for JRPC Tier 1 where they will represent the Manchester Pumas.

The player of the season goes to Allana Buckingham, her work rate is incredibly high both on and off the ball, she is a huge team player, extremely determined on the hockey pitch and certainly has had a big impact on the Senior Team and the younger players this year. The most improved players of the season are Tori Blackwell and Anna Cartwright, playing at either ends of the pitch. Tori has superb pace, incredible skill and has started to come out of her comfort zone trying new skills and really testing herself. She is extremely coachable and has taken on board and improved different areas of her game. Anna has grown in confidence this season, her marking and tightness on the ball have improved hugely and she is a vital player.

It has been a terrific season coaching a great bunch of girls, we say goodbye and good luck to some and welcome new faces to the team next year.

SAH

U16

The Year 11 team have had a very tough season with results not reflecting the true extent of the girls' determination, talent and team play. Their first game of the season started with

a 7-0 defeat against Denstone who simply were too strong for the girls to compete. Unfortunately, the next two games did not give the girls the results they were looking for and came away with a 5-2 loss against Rossall and a 4-0 loss against a very strong Stoneyhurst despite some skillful interchanges. The girls moved on from their disappointing run to play in a mixed 15/16 year group fixture and drew 0-0 with St Edwards. The match featured some very strong and skillful play, with Nat Stevens being named Player of the Game. Their fourth fixture was against NULS and they finally secured a very well deserved 5-3 win in a very exciting match in which the girls really performed as a team. To finish the season, the girls travelled to Stoneyhurst for their annual U16 7-a-side tournament. The girls saved their best performance until last with some outstanding individual and team play. They set off at a ferocious intensity, setting up some piercing attacks as well as defending as a unit. The girls won three of their games and unfortunately lost one which was purely down to fatigue. The girls finished in a very well-deserved runners-up position and showed the true potential of the squad.

Annabel Hebb, Victoria Blackwell and Natalie Stevens successfully represented Cheshire this year as well as reaching JRPC Level of the England Hockey Single System. Natalie also went on to trial for the Full U16 England Squad and although she narrowly missed out on selection she is now one of the top five Goalkeepers in the Country at U16 level.

VLJ

U15

The team's first game took them to Denstone, which is always a tough opposition. The hockey played from both teams was tremendous. King's defence held strong absorbing some skilful attacks, which led to King's gaining confidence and allowed the girls to pull out some excellent team work and achieve a very convincing 10-0 win. This set an excellent tone for the season, giving the girls confidence in the fixtures to come. The next two games held some tough lessons for the girls with first a win against Rossall ending 2-1. In this game the girls fought to end and really held out when Rossall pushed hard to equalize. Unfortunately, the girls could not secure a

third win when playing St Edwards who narrowly won 2-1. Both teams were very skilful and tenacious in their attack and defence. There was continuous outstanding play from the whole squad during the season under excellent captaincy of Olivia Moores who led the team with drive and determination. For their fourth game, the girls met Stoneyhurst, who have always been a force to be reckoned with. The girls showed some excellent set plays with several well worked chances from players of the match Olivia Moores and Hannah McCormick. However, King's lost concentration on several crucial occasions and lost the game 8-0.

Unfortunately, the season ended with a 1-0 loss when playing Westholme, which was very disappointing as King's controlled all of the play but were unable to capitalise on chances created and achieve a victory.

Olivia Moores successfully represented the County and has reached the JRPC Level of the England Hockey Single System along with Ffiona Booker who has represented East Cheshire.

VLJ

U14

The season began with some glorious weather and some fantastic hockey. The opening fixture against Denstone is always a highlight due to the magnificent facilities and fantastic hosting. The 8-0 victory showed the potential of the team.

Other opposition over the Autumn period included St Edwards, Rossall and Stoneyhurst. All games were narrow losses and some valuable lessons were learnt. After several tough training sessions, the girls travelled to a very wet Rydal where they faced their next opposition. This was their most comprehensive team performance of the season where they implemented the perfect game plan and won 5-0.

Due to adverse weather conditions many games had to be cancelled and the girls showed their resilience by training in torrential downpours. The girls were incredibly robust and were willing to work hard in horrific conditions.

Our final Saturday fixture of the season was played against NULS, but unfortunately we lost to a very strong side. Alex Brookes, Zoë Thomas and Chantelle Carroll showed great fight and tenacity in defence.

After Christmas, came the oppor-

tunity to play against Stewart Melville who tour the North West every year. This fixture provided an excellent warm up for the County Finals which were played the day after; they played very well as a team and created a host of chances, finishing in third position.

The Player of the Season was Zoë Thomas; an extremely tenacious defender, who distributes the ball well, has some great individual skill, works hard on the pitch and most of all is a team player. The most improved Player of the Season was Alex Brooks, after changing positions to become a midfielder, her work rate is one to be admired.

JLD

U13 (A and B)

With a loss of 3-0 in their first game to Denstone the girls were disappointed, but came back showing grit and determination and won their next five games against St Edwards, Rossall, Rydal, Westholme and NULS, which was a great way to boost their confidence.

The U13 team are a lively close-knit group of players and this translates on to the hockey pitch. The team made good progress over the season and were pushed in training which for some weeks was combined with the U14 age groups to challenge them and compete with older players.

Being used to playing 7 or 8 aside the girls were tested against NULS playing 11 aside for the first time in a school fixture. For some this was a new experience, due to a change in formation and a larger pitch, however they soon realised this meant more running but potentially more time and space to run with the ball. This was an extremely close and well fought game which King's deservedly won 2-1.

The U13 IN2Hockey tournament was played in March where the girls played some good hockey. It took a little time for the girls to warm up, and unfortunately, with the games being so short with limited time to score, a couple of narrow losses put King's in 4th place.

The U13 B team had a great start to the season winning 8-0 against Denstone, playing at great facilities against a strong opposition, this showed just how much potential the U13s had. Next, they came up against Rossall, another strong hockey school and always a close game. King's played some superb hockey, playing hard

until the final whistle, clinching a win with 4-3 to King's.

Every member of the U13 squad improved over the season, whether it was their fitness, core skills, or confidence in their own ability. Congratulations to Beth Henshaw (GK), Ella Thomson, Freya Shaughnessy and Flossie Blackwell who were selected to represent East Cheshire. Player of the Season was Captain Flossie Blackwell who was consistent in her performances on the pitch. She dominates the right side of the pitch with her attacking skills, provides many great opportunities for other players to convert chances and is composed on the ball. The Most Improved Player of the season was Charlotte Smith; she is one of the most hard-working and determined individuals both in training and in matches, always gives 100% effort and continuously strives to improve her game.

SAH

U12 (A and B)

This season has been an extremely successful one. After winning the North Finals last year, this would be hard to follow. The results for both the A and B teams were magnificent with the As having 9 wins, 0 losses, scoring 80 goals and conceding 0. The Bs won 5 and lost 1 against an A team. This is an exceptional achievement which makes next year even more exciting when we enter the U13 National Schools' Tournament.

In March, to finish off the season, King's Chester invited us to play in a tournament with 12 other schools. With many of the U12s unavailable we still entered a team with the view of developing players and having fun. The girls fought hard and played some great hockey, finishing 2nd.

A highlight of the season was at Christmas in a fixture against CHS with King's dressing as elves and Cheadle as Santas. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all the girls with great imagination shown in the outfits worn. Even better still were the post-match mince pies!

The Player of the Season for the A team goes to Charlotte Dennett who is an amazing young talent. She has great individual skill, is a huge team player and has been a fantastic Captain. Her work rate is incredible, both on and off the ball and she has represented both the Year 8 and 9 teams in competitions this season. The Most Improved Players for the

A team are Isabel Moores and Holly Burke; again their work rate is high and their confidence in their own ability has grown which has allowed them to really push themselves to try new skills. All of the U12 players have progressed this season with 5 of them being selected to represent East Cheshire, including Scarlett Brough, Holly Burke, Lottie Dennett, Katie Barr (GK) and Isabel Moores.

The player of the season for the B team is Georgia Bills who also represented the A team in a few fixtures. She has some great skills which she uses well to eliminate players and has developed her overall game this season. Charlotte Hudson and Georgina Devon were awarded the Most Improved Players of the season because they listen to feedback and always take this on board and try to implement it into a game situation.

All the U12 girls have been a pleasure to coach this season, they have become a close-knit group who all encourage one another and this translates onto the pitch.

SAH

U11

Junior hockey continues to improve and develop and the girls have had another successful year, making their mark on all major competitions during the season. Festivals and tournaments, as well as friendly fixtures have helped all to improve their skills.

The team performed well at the AJIS event and secured a very creditable 4th place in the top group. Fast and furious tournament games were closely contested and there was little to separate the top teams.

At the Cheshire round of the IN-2Hockey competition the girls were runners up to Queen's Chester and played with an ever improving confidence and belief. This earned them

a place in the North West finals for the second season in succession. The team then progressed through to the North finals, held in Leeds in March. This was a fabulous achievement and the girls enjoyed their day competing with the best teams in the North of England, finishing 7th.

Thanks to hockey Captain Hattie Bailey for her support and leadership throughout the season. Team members progressing to the major tournaments were: Millie Crum-mack, Eve Carter, Georgia Aspray, Aimee Knight, Hattie Bailey, Amelia Robinson-Stanier, Molly Bridgewater, Lottie Clark, Ruby Callaghan and Lara Tabachnik. We wish them all success as they progress to hockey in the Senior Division.

Colours were awarded to: Aimee Knight, Lara Tabachnik, Millie Crum-mack, Georgia Aspray and Hattie Bailey.

DCB

Netball

Seniors

For many of the 1st team, this was to be their final and most memorable of netball seasons. Early on, the squad played some of their toughest opponents, beating CHS 14-9 in a closely fought game. These early fixtures enabled the team to familiarise themselves with the new changes to the squad. The 2nds also won 15-10 in a heated match.

Within the Macclesfield and District Netball League the team had only one loss to Fallibroome. Beating some tough opposition from Wilmslow HS, AESG and Tytherington High, the girls played some brilliant, hard-fought netball and King's were overall runners-up.

In October the successful formulae



of the squad was evident once again as they achieved runners-up in the Cheshire County Tournament. This success was excellent preparation for the County round of the National Schools' Tournament. On a freezing, blustery day the first team stepped out on court, knowing that if they played to their maximum potential, they stood an excellent chance of qualifying for the North West regional rounds. They didn't disappoint: the shooters remained on target, the defence proved crucial in making many important interceptions, while the centre court were indispensable, being the crucial link throughout. With only one loss that day, we qualified for the North West Regional Round.

When it came to the North West Regionals, the first team increased the standard of netball and played outstandingly well amongst some incredibly able teams. Despite numerous teams having England U17 and U19 athletes in their squads, King's finished in a very respectable 4th position, which is an achievement to be proud of.

In the weekly afternoon fixtures, the 1st team remained undefeated throughout the whole season with some astonishing results, such as 51-11 V Lymm and 39-6 against SGS.

The season closed with the Stonyhurst Tournament and a slightly depleted team. Even so the squad managed third place, losing by only one goal to the runners-up, with some 2nd team proving instrumental to our success.

The ceaseless commitment of the

1st team cannot be questioned. It is a squad that works tirelessly despite some players multi-tasking many sports. I have been extremely proud to have captained one of the most successful King's Netball squads. We owe much of this success to Mrs Coleman who without doubt shaped us to be the squad we are today.

Sophia Bird / CJC

U16

This age group has some very talented individuals and the squad have enjoyed much success. The team consists of a formidable circle defence in Frances Gurney, supported by Lauren Hayward, Maddie Dawson and Nicole Fahey. Sophie Jackson has stepped up to fill the role of Centre with Mollie Gallagher, Katie Hastings and Grace Heywood in support, completing the hard work done in the centre court to link play. Charlotte Cramp, Natasha Salem and Jess Pettit have worked hard to improve the shooting statistics and develop strategies to create options when bringing the ball into the shooting circle.

The County rounds of the National Schools' Tournament was the squad's first major competition in which the team finished in 4th place after playing some hard fought matches. Their next opponents were King's Chester whom they beat 17-11. A particular highlight was beating Wilmslow HS by 1 goal in a very close match. On a cold night in December, we travelled to Manchester High School and managed a 9-9 draw. The Grange were our next opponents whom we beat

19-14, followed by Rydal which was a convincing victory of 36-9. The only heavy defeat occurred at Stonyhurst when the girls met a very capable 1st VII senior team, losing 32-10.

At the Cheshire County Tournament, we had a slightly less successful day with some tough opposition. We were often ahead or even at half time, but then lost many games in the second half. Our final position was 5th having won 2 and lost 4.

The Coach's Player of the Year went to Sophie Jackson, who filled the shoes of Antonia Bianchi (who was promoted to the senior team) and worked tirelessly and consistently throughout every match. The Most Improved Player went to Grace Heywood who is now an accomplished, confident athlete. Players' Player went to Frances Gurney, who is relentless in her efforts to win every ball and repeatedly made game-changing interceptions.

CLB

U15

The U15 squad is a strong group of committed, enthusiastic and extremely able girls. The squad has worked tirelessly on their skills and have embraced the strategies put in place to improve markedly over the year. To date, this was the most successful season for the U15s.

In the Cheshire County Tournament, the squad didn't play to their full potential and lessons were learnt from the experience. The squad won two matches, drew one match and lost three to finish 4th overall. Anna Kaczmarczyk was Player of the Tournament.

There were many highs and lows throughout the year, although the development of the squad was hindered somewhat by terrible weather in January. In the fixtures that went ahead. The girls played Rydal Penrhos, beating them convincingly 65-5. SGS proved to be a more competitive match, narrowly beating them 13-11 and then going on to lose to King William College 10-13.

The Macclesfield and District Netball League gave the Under 15s the confidence and self-belief they needed to play some excellent netball. Effective movement and shooting from Sophie Moss, Lizzy Adams and Adele Le Moignan. Brilliant interceptions and defending from Ffiona Booker, Katie Hayward, Katie Hughes and Zara Schutt. While the

centre court players Olivia Moores, Grace Gudgeon, Anna Kaczmarczyk being the crucial links throughout the court. Hannah McCormick was the most versatile player having the flexibility and skills to play in all three areas of the court. The squad beat all the teams within the league except Wilmslow HS. The most memorable and deserving match was against Fallibroome winning 17-4. The U15s came runners-up to Wilmslow HS, the most successful result for three years.

CJC

U14

The girls were very energetic, very excitable and very dedicated to the sport. The squad made team selection difficult at times, however some B team matches allowed more players to display their skills in competitive matches.

The squad started the season with some impressive victories in the Macclesfield and District League. They continued the run into the Saturday fixtures beating King's Chester 31-16, SGS 22-12, Westholme A team 32-1, their B team 9-3, The Grange 17-10 and 16-4 respectively. In the second half of the MDNL matches and the three tournaments they did not disappoint either. They were placed 3rd in the league after losing really hard-fought matches against Fallibroome and Wilmslow HS. They lost in the semi-final at the County rounds of The National Schools' Tourna-

ment, were runners-up in the County Tournament after losing narrowly and were runners-up at the Stonyhurst Invitational Tournament in March.

The team worked hard together and individually with some excellent defence work from Hannah Robinson, Frankie Sawyer and Freya Snook who were able to work very effectively in both the attacking and defending circles. Freya Snook was the Most Improved Player of the season. A special mention must go to Ellie Moreton who won the award for Player of the Year and works tirelessly in whatever position is asked of her and Mollie Pettit who was selected as Players' Player of the Year. There is an excess of very capable circle attackers, in particular Jayde Sharp and Chantelle Carroll who have produced excellent performances at Wing Attack, and Alex Cairns finding superb shooting consistency.

CLB

U13

The U13 squad had a successful season. In the Autumn term they began playing fixtures in the Macclesfield and District Netball league where they experienced some convincing victories against AESG, All Hallows, Congleton, Knutsford, Macclesfield Academy and Tytherington. A very close competitive game against Fallibroome unfortunately ended in a 12-13 defeat and another loss to Wilmslow HS meant that they finished the

league in 3rd place.

The team progressed well throughout the rest of the season with further wins against Wilmslow, Westholme, Rydal and SGS on Saturday mornings. At the County Tournament in March, there was some excellent play against Fallibroome and Helsby in particular. However, despite determined and tenacious play they narrowly missed out on reaching the semi-finals.

Throughout the season all squad members have been conscientious and energetic. The addition of Claudia Freedman to the team has been a real advantage; she has strengthened the centre court with her speed and athletic ability. Flossie Blackwell and Susie Moores have proved themselves to be strong defenders and Lauren Harbige and Tash Fahey have worked well together in the shooting circle to create some impressive goals.

The Netball and Hockey Tour to Gibraltar and Spain provided a great opportunity for players to develop their skills further, playing with older girls and against foreign opposition. Elin Rands and Lauren Harbige blended nicely into the teams. Lauren's shooting skills and Elin's perceptive defending and centre court play contributed highly to the success of our teams against the Gibraltarians.

The Player of the Season was Elin Rands. Vanessa Downes and Izzy Whittle achieved the Most Improved Players award and Players' Player was Claudia Freedman.

LB

U12

In the Autumn term, the U12s began playing fixtures in the Macclesfield and District Netball league where they experienced some convincing victories against Congleton, Macclesfield Academy, All Hallows and Tytherington. They completed the first half of the league fixtures beating Fallibroome A team 17-7 and their B team 21-1, both very convincing wins over our biggest rivals. The second half of the league fixtures didn't start quite so well and both the A and B teams suffered their first league defeat against Wilmslow. However, the As went on to beat Eaton Bank, AESG and Knutsford. The Bs won all matches except a loss against AESG. This meant that the A team were runners-up in the A League and the B team finished 3rd in the B League.

The A team progressed well throughout the rest of the season



Pictured left to right: Mollie Pettit, Izzy Moores, Ellie Morten, Susie Moores and Antonia Bianchi who progressed into their County, Regional Squads or Development Squads.

with some excellent Saturday fixtures with further wins against Westholme, Rydal, SGS and King William (IOW). The only defeats for the A team came from Withington who beat them in a close, hard fought game 13-16 and The Grange.

At the Cheshire County Tournament in March, only one team is allowed to represent the school so a squad of 10 girls played several competitive matches finishing second in their group which meant they were through to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, they lost to King's Chester, but were very keen to play for 3rd place, a match which they won and displaying excellent tenacity and dogged determination.

The A team Player of the Season was Lottie Dennett, who has worked extremely hard all year and embraces all coaching offered; she will play any position and always wears a smile. The A team Most Improved Player was Georgia Bills and Players' Player was a tie between Faye Fitzmaurice and Holly Burke. The B team Player of the Year was awarded to Izzy Watkins who works tirelessly in defence and was promoted to the A team in latter matches. The Most Improved Player award went to Ella Jones who has developed into a very able centre court player and Players' Player went to Claudia Rodriguez Martinez, which was fitting as she too drifted between both squads improving along the way.

CLB

Juniors

2015-2016 was an exciting season for Junior netball. Friendly fixtures against local schools were played by Years 4 - 6 and Year 3 practised hard in preparation for their match season.

The U11 A team were undefeated in their local fixtures. Over the course of the season they worked hard and developed as a team, growing in strength and ability. They played in the St Pius V Netball Tournament in Leyland and competed to a high standard against other independent schools. They narrowly missed out on a place in the final to Stoneyhurst, the eventual winners of the tournament.

Having been undefeated in all their league matches, the U11 A team were named Macclesfield and District Primary Schools' League 1 champions. In April they went on to win the Macclesfield and District Primary Schools' Netball Tournament, adding to their trophy collection (pictured). They



also won the 'Jersey Games', in which they competed whilst on the Jersey Sports tour.

In the AJIS U11 netball tournament the girls put up a sterling performance against independent schools from all over the North West. Despite having to substitute two players before the tournament, they managed to make it to the final, losing to Oldham Hulme by a narrow margin. The girls came home sporting silver medals which were well-deserved.

The team was captained by Cordelia Kight and colours were awarded to: Cordelia Kight, Aimee Knight, Madeleine Johnson, Eve Carter, Molly Bridgewater, Serena Panton and Harriet Bailey.

NS

Rounders

U15

A talented and enthusiastic squad of Year 10 girls consistently attended training and enjoyed a short but successful rounders season.

Throughout the term there were impressive displays of batting and

fielding skills, together with perceptive and tactical game play. Ffiona Booker proved to be a formidable bowler with fast and accurate bowling that made it very difficult for the opposition to hit well. Great backstopping from Hannah McCormick with fast linkage to first base enabled Olivia Moores to stump several players. Quick movement by bowler Ffiona Booker, moving on to 2nd base, ably supported by the sure hands of Charlotte Wardle prevented many players scoring half rounders at second base, and great support play by all players led to victories against Denstone College (11.5-9), CHS (12.5 -7) and NULS (7.5-7).

Anna Kaczmarczyk made three impressive catches in the game against NULS earning herself Player of the Match and Adele le Moignan and Grace Gudgeon were consistent deep fielders with excellent long throws back into the pitch. This year, Izzy Stevens also made significant contributions to the team's success with her strong and fast long throws from the deep field.

Ffiona Booker was awarded Player

of the Season for her tactical and tenacious play and reliable captaincy of the team, Hannah McCormick was awarded Most Improved Player and Izzy Stevens was thoroughly deserving of the Players' Player award.

LB

U14

The U14 Squad has some excellent, dedicated players and with the high numbers attending training, there were at least two girls competing for any one position. When called upon, without exception, each girl played to the best of their ability. The season began with a fixture against Denstone, who are always fierce opposition. Despite some excellent rounders scored by Imogen Collinson and Player of the Game, Alex Brooks, we could not manage to deprive them of scoring 22 to our 11.

Our next opponents were CHS and, despite losing 7 - 8½, this was a match that could have so easily been won - errors in the field cost us and despite another good performance from Player of the Game Alex Brooks, it wasn't enough to win.

Finally, we met NULS and played an excellent first innings scoring 6½ and limiting NULS to 4½ with excellent fielding and fantastic catches from Frankie Sawyer, Lauren Gosling, Zoe Thomas and two very close to the ground from Player of the Game, Alex Cairns. Due to some excellent bowling, we were unable to repeat the performance in the 2nd innings and we were unable to prevent the NULS girls from racing away with a 9½-7½ win.

Coaches' Player of the Year was awarded to Alex Brooks who made the biggest contribution with the bat and when fielding, she produced some excellent long throws from the deep. The Most Improved Player was Ella McQuillan who made valuable contributions from the deep field and found form with the bat. The Players' Player was a tie between Imogen Collinson who was responsible for consistent bowling, taking superb catches and scoring several rounders and Ellie Moreton who contributed well with the bat and was consistent on 4th base.

CB

U13

This year we had around thirty pupils at after-school sessions and managed to play four fixtures against Denstone, CHS, NULS and The Grange.

With such a large squad to choose from it was difficult making selections each week, however with the strength and depth of the squad we were able to get a lot of the girls to represent the school. Both the A and B teams had narrow losses against Denstone, which is always a tough game at the beginning of the season. Next was CHS, where the A team won by one rounder and the B team lost by half a rounder.

With a versatile squad we were able to move players around to try different positions, allowing more girls to be involved. The girls' decision-making improved over the season with accurate throws to bases from Ella Thomson, Felicity Bailey and Susie Moores and some quality consistent bowling from Natasha Fahey, Zahira Welsh and Elin Rands.

The final fixtures were held at King's in a triangular tournament with NULS and The Grange. The first game against NULS resulted in a 13½ -13½ draw with King's displaying some great batting in the first innings, with May Broadley batting consistently well scoring 2½ rounders. In the second innings King's showed off their fielding skills getting five of the Newcastle team out and limiting them to six rounders; a great team performance.

The fixture vs The Grange began with some great batting from Bethany Henshaw, Felicity Bailey and Charlotte Smith giving us a score of 7 rounders to their 4. In the second innings there were some excellent fielding skills from Lauren Harbige, Tula Houghton and Freya Shaughnessy preventing Newcastle from matching our score, leading to a 15-11½ win.

The Player of the Season was awarded to Claudia Freedman, a great all-rounder, and the Most Improved Player was Charlotte Smith, an extremely determined individual who strives to improve her game.

SAH

U12

The Rounders season is a short and hectic one. The squad consisted of approximately 25 extremely able, enthusiastic and committed girls. They embraced the technicalities and strategies that have been put in place. Sophie Scott and Georgia Bills bowled efficiently and with variation. Scarlett Brough and Elizabeth Harris played backstop brilliantly, releasing the ball with accuracy and speed. Isabel Moores was a formidable second

base, preventing many half rounders. Deep fielders Sophie Miller, Claudia Rodriguez Martinez and Holly Burke carried out their fielding duties with an accurate throw and stopped many rounders being scored.

The whole squad were excellent with the bat, all scoring consistently. Scarlett Brough and Lottie Dennett being the most successful scoring many half and full rounders.

The hard work, strategic play, commitment and enthusiasm proved a successful formula with the A squad being unbeaten all season. The first fixture was a hard fought match against Denstone. After a fraught two innings King's won 14-10; Player of the Match was Lottie Dennett. We played CHS next and both squads won; players of match were Isabel Moores, Scarlett Brough and Claudia Rodriguez Martinez.

Finally, the squad played an excellent morning of rounders in a triangular vs The Grange and NULS. The girls played their best rounders to date, winning two extremely close-fought matches. This was a wonderful finish to a wonderful season.

CJC

Juniors

Junior rounders has, as always, been immensely popular and frustratingly weather-affected! Along with great enthusiasm, the standard of play and level of skills in all year groups is very strong. Many of our girls from Years 3-6 have enjoyed playing in fixtures and achieved great success.

The Year 6s have been a particularly skilled and capable group of sports players this year. The A team won all their fixtures, impressing staff with their batting strength, tactical awareness, brilliant catches and disciplined, skilful fielding.

The team was very excited to be able to compete in the AJIS tournament. Despite the long journey to Lytham St Annes, the girls made short work of their first, second and third round opponents and qualified for the final with only a few rounders scored against them. The final was a thrilling draw with Kirkham School, which resulted in the two schools agreeing to share the trophy and be joint AJIS Champions.

The players have shared the post of team Captain; they have all made valuable and individual contributions. Team members who represented the school at the AJIS tournament were:

Eve Carter, Georgia Aspray, Aimee Knight, Molly Bridgewater, Hattie Bailey, Cordy Kite, Lily Cook, Mary Squire, Serena Panton and Madeleine Johnson. Colours were awarded to: Aimee Knight, Georgia Aspray, Molly Bridgewater, Eve Carter and Hattie Bailey.

Rugby

1st XV

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow and this was definitely the case with the performances of the 1st XV this season. The seeds were sown with a superb pre-season trip to Limerick University, home to one of Ireland's greatest rugby provinces, the mighty Munster. After a week of intensive training the 1st XV played the Munster Academy XV, narrowly going down by 3 scores to 1. Injuries to Will Hodgson and Cameron Redpath meant they were unavailable until half term and subsequently the side struggled early on with domestic duties with a combination of injuries, poor game management and fixtures against particularly strong sides which resulted in rare defeats to Durham School, RGS Lancaster, Barnard Castle (Champions Trophy) and QEG's Wakefield, whilst the lowest point of the season was losing heavily to Woodhouse Grove 32-12. Despite these losses the green shoots of recovery were visible with emphatic midweek cup wins against Leeds GS, Caldyp Grange, CHS and SGS.

The side produced their best 40 minutes of the season against Sedbergh under lights at Priory Park. The forwards led by Sam Worthington were immense and with Will Hodg-



son behind the pack Sedbergh were bullied and battered and King's won the 2nd-half battle 17-5. This was the catalyst to a much improved and rejuvenated level of performance across the squad for the remainder of the season; seeing the boys lose only once in their next 11 games and reaching the final of the Cheshire Cup, which ended as a 17-17 draw against Wilmslow HS at the AJ Bell Stadium.

Season highlights were impressive back-to-back wins against Solihull and Stonyhurst in atrocious conditions. Performances against Nottingham HS, Adams GS, Queen Ethelburga's and Wirral GS were scintillating and the teams' attack-minded instincts complimented the coaches' game plan.

In training the boys worked hard on their skills and patterns of play to ensure that the rich and exciting brand of rugby they played was in keeping with the King's rugby tradition. There were outstanding performances in the pack from Dan Crosby, James Scott, Jack Rodgers, Simon Ridgway, Sam Worthington (Peter Matthews 1st XV Cup Winner), Tim Phillips, Matthew Peakman, Jack Hudson, Calum Lavelle, Ben Tatton and Michael Abrahamse – most of whom are Year 12 and will be a force to be reckoned with next season across the northern circuit. Behind this huge yet mobile pack, Will Hodgson (Halewood Cup Winner) pulled the strings and captained the side superbly and was the heartbeat behind every successful



attack, with Tom McClusky, Stewart Gurney, Harold Blackwell, Cameron Redpath, Joe Turner (DM Harbord Cup Winner), Will Fairclough, Sam Brindle, Jamie Dunkerley and of course the effervescent Kieran McKeever (James Painton Award Winner) making sure that territory resulted in points with some sumptuous back play.

In the Cheshire 7s at St Ambrose the boys won the trophy, amassing 165 points and only conceding 5. From here the squad embarked on the arduous journey to the North East for the Durham 7s, whereby they played some good group rugby only to lose to Sedbergh in the quarter finals. A reserve 7s squad went down to Solihull with many boys making their 1st team debut. It was exceptionally pleasing to watch them improve and develop over the day as they went on to win the Bowl Competition. Sadly the weather led to the cancellation of both the North of England 7s and the Stonyhurst 7s – the latter being a competition in which King's has a long history of success.

A well-rested team set off for the annual pilgrimage to Rosslyn Park for the National School 7s and with a new-look World 7s Series type competition there were 4 major trophies up for grabs. Optimism soon turned to disappointment as King's were well-beaten in their first game against Trinity, however impressive wins against Uppingham (52-5) and a famous victory over group favourites KES Bath (19-17) set up a final group showdown with Christ's Hospital, with King's needing to record a winning margin of 21 points to proceed. Perhaps not surprisingly the boys won by 22 points (42-19) with Sam Brindle scoring a last play of the game try. Although losing to eventual Cup finalists Bedford School in the eliminator, it did mean that there would be knockout rugby to play on day two.

The following morning saw emphatic wins over AKS Arnold, Gordon's School and St Edward's Oxford as the team progressed into the Bowl semi-final against the much fancied Workshop College. Once again the boys didn't disappoint and were victorious 26-14. This set up a televised Bowl final against St Paul's School and in front of a large crowd the boys were unable to get in the lead, conceding 2 tries and a conversion before taking the game by the scruff of the neck with Will Hodgson



scoring and converting. As time ran out Sam Worthington led the cavalry and was part of an 11 phase build up deep into injury time that ultimately allowed Joe Turner to pick the ball up and scamper over the ruck to plant the ball firmly beyond the try line and level the scores. Will Hodgson calmly slotted the kick between the uprights and for the first time in the school's illustrious history, King's were crowned Rosslyn Park Bowl Champions for 2016 – a superb and fitting end to the season and no better way for many of the boys to finish their schoolboy rugby careers.

GAJM/JPB

2nd XV

The 2nd XV enjoyed another great season, improving their skills, bonding as a team and making many memories in the process. The season

started off with strong winning performances against MGS and QEGS Wakefield, separated by a narrow defeat away at RGS Lancaster and disappointment at the hands of Woodhouse Grove and Sedbergh.

Following this difficult start, the 2nd XV beat two strong oppositions away at Nottingham HS and at Adams GS. The 2nd XV then continued their winning streak with close victories against Stonyhurst College (10-0) and Denstone College (19-15). In terrible weather the 2nd XV drew with Solihull (5-5) before finishing the season with notable victories against Queen Ethelburga's (76-0) and a final game win against Wirral GS (22-5).

The team's hunger for victory played a major part in the success of the season. Despite the sometimes relaxed atmosphere in training, come match day the team showed the pas-





sion and determination required and gave their all in every match. Sam Bryning, Will Allen and Ollie Embley made for a dynamic front row, and locks Ieuan Sanders and Matt Calvin proved invaluable in the lineout barely losing a single ball all year. Flankers Alex Galbraith, Rory Boyle, Ben Tatton and Michael Abrahamse turned over large amounts of possession in the loose, whilst number eight Owen Thomas made ground from the base of the scrum. Big impact was brought from the bench by Josh Bryning and Adam Musa.

In the backline Vice-Captain and scrum-half Ollie Quinn controlled the forwards whilst fly-half Tom Higginson proved ever reliable with his kicking both out of hand and off the tee. In the centre Hector Tomlinson and Peter Thorp were solid performers as was Tom Blackwell when he stepped up from the U16 side. The combinations of wingers Ed Austin, Will Thompson, Toby Sayle, Alex Krajewski and Guy Harrington supported by fullbacks Finley Calder and Jamie Dunkerley proved effective in both a very strong offensive unit and an aggressive defensive line.

Matthew Price was undoubtedly one of the finest 2nd XV Captains we've had for many years and his performances were outstanding. This was a very rewarding season with a team that developed their skills and grew in confidence with every match.

TSJ/DT

U16

The U16s enjoyed a fine season winning 9 out of 13 games and drawing 1. This was especially pleasing given the

numbers of injuries and promotion to first and second teams. This turnover of players allowed opportunities for others and meant that 30 players represented the U16 at various times. Special mention must go to Hamish Burke who grew as both stand-off and Captain and a whole pack of previous B team players who developed magnificently and who it would be unfair to list as individuals. The highlight of the year was a fine away win at Solihull in appalling conditions, reversing last year's home defeat.

U15A

The season got off to a fantastic start with comprehensive victories over Durham, MGS and LRGS as the boys scored 128 points and conceded only 24. Following this, we played the three toughest games on the fixture card. The first against QEGS was a closely contested game but the team didn't take their chances. The defeats against Woodhouse Grove and Sedbergh were disappointing as the boys conceded a lot of points and let early season standards drop.

After the half-term break the lads came back with some renewed vigour and determination. King's ran out convincing 55-0 winners against Nottingham HS and followed this with a 44-0 victory against Adams GS. Not conceding even a single point in those two games took a fantastic effort from everyone. We travelled to Stonyhurst in horrendous weather and played on what can only be de-

scribed as a waterlogged pitch. Trailing with 5 minutes left, Harry Wheelton charged into the Stonyhurst 22 bumping off three defenders in his pursuit of the winning score. With the try line beckoning, Wheelton breezed past two further defenders to splash down over the line and prompt a fantastic celebration. The conversion was kicked and the final whistle was blown, which was followed by a fast run back to the changing room!

The lads went on an unbeaten run to the end of the season beating Denstone, Solihull, Queen Ethelburga's and Wirral GS.

The 7s season started in the best possible way with an amazing cup victory at the national competition in Warwick (pictured below). The boys played outstanding 7s on the day and everyone contributed to a fantastic win. King's also picked up the School of the Tournament: another super achievement. The U15s also won the Plate in the Cheshire 7s.

SB

U15B

The season started with a tough fixture against MGS. It was a well contested game but unfortunately King's were on the wrong end of a 20-12 score line. The next couple of fixtures were also defeats and the season got off to a poor start. However, a lot of hard work, resilience and determination from the lads in training meant that the results soon started to turn around. In November we played



2 and won 2. The second win was against a decent Adams Grammar side and the score was an emphatic 50 points to 5. Following this there was a draw away at Stonyhurst in terrible conditions, finishing up 5-5 and I think both teams were happy to get off the field as quickly as possible. This was followed by a fantastic result at home against Denstone 50-10.

A lot of credit must go to the lads who continued through the early part of the season when things were not going brilliantly. The form they found and points they scored were all down to sticking together as a group and working very hard.

SB/TSJ

U14A

With a win ratio of over 75% there can be no doubt that this was a superb season. Notable victories over MGS, Nottingham High and RGS Lancaster were the highlights of a season. The team was built on a mobile and highly competitive pack that were dominant in every encounter and effective both in the loose and tight. The key to this was the ubiquitous and talented Oliver Leatherbarrow whose impact in contact was staggering, as was his work rate: a real talent. Without doubt he was singlehandedly the reason for a number of victories and held together both attacks and defences with his powerful running and committed defence. Latterly he was joined by the impressive and newly acquired Jamie Catto who was magnificent in carrying and denying forward momentum to the opposition. The two together were nigh on unstoppable and therein lay the major issue for this team; an overreliance on key players to do all the work. The

team must develop other avenues or become one dimensional and easily stopped.

Other notable forward performances were registered by an athletic Joshua Laniado-Green and a workman-like Max Hines who toiled in the less fashionable regions of the ruck with great spirit. In the backs the cutting edge was rarely as sharp as it will need to be and this is a great frustration as there is talent aplenty wide of 9. Murray Redpath was an enigmatic and sometimes mercurial player with the ability to rip sides open whilst his hard running centre Jack Mayfield terrorised defences. Wider out, the injury-beset James Warr may prove to be the key to this backline with his power and pace.

MDP

U14B

This was a very encouraging season for the U14B squad, both in statistical and developmental terms. The team recorded 6 fine wins in 9 outings over QEGS Wakefield, Nottingham High School, Adam's Grammar, Stonyhurst, Solihull and Queen Ethelburga's, including a run of 6 wins in their last 7 games. However, the improvement in skill level, technique and consistency was the most pleasing element of the season. This was encapsulated in the performance at Stonyhurst where, in the face of driving rain and wind, the execution of skills and team play displayed impressive accuracy as the hosts were blown away 56-0. Peter Goodfellow, Sam Wright and Joshua Allmand-Smith carried the ball relent-

lessly in the forwards, ably supported by Adam Humphreys, Harry Brough, Reggie Booth, Matthew Warham and Ben Calvin, whilst Jamie Moule was hard working and uncompromising in defence. Harri Bowen linked well with Josh Wyatt, who provided plenty of attacking opportunities for Jake Willshaw, Nico Caplin, Tom Davies, Harry Norton and Will Ridgway. Some fantastic team tries were created, and remarkably, given the conditions, they were all converted by Captain Wyatt. A mark of the improvement in the squad was the number of boys graduating to play in the A team, which should give real confidence and motivation ahead of next season. Frazer Loughran was a standout performer during the season, whilst Archie Fletcher, Luca Schurink, Isaac Salisbury and Aidan Carman contributed well, and Tom Keen also played.

U13A

Following on from the success of last season, expectations were high. To my delight the team stepped up to the challenge with an incredible 100% win record this 15s season. Our first four fixtures were comfortable victories due to our clinical play in both defence and attack; MGS 5-53, LRGS 10-64 and Woodhouse Grove 7-49. We knew QEGS would be tough opponents as we had lost to them during the previous season. They didn't disappoint, giving us what turned out to be one of our most challenging games. The final score (King's 28-0 QEGS) didn't reflect our battle for victory which was a testa-



ment to how much the King's side have progressed.

The subsequent four fixtures were King's 61-0 Nottingham High, King's 47-15 Adams GS, King's 45-10 Denstone, King's 46-0 Solihull. At this stage in the season the boys were in full flow, having a good understanding of the style and level of intensity of play required. The final two fixtures after the Christmas break were: King's 41-5 Queen Ethelburga's, King's 44-0 Wirral GS. The results demonstrate how the team had developed their understanding of the game, not only in attack, scoring an impressive 478 points where they were clinical, powerful and structured, but also in defense showing determination, resilience and patience, only leaking 52 points. Huge credit to every member of the squad, for progressing both as individuals and as a team. They were receptive to new ideas, showed commitment and professionalism and were self-critical and reflective.

Special mentions to Cyrus Kerfoot, Hayden Heath and Joe Ward who formed a formidable back row team often leading from the front with strong ball-carrying and solid tackles and turnovers. Alex Davies, Ben Kersh and Joey Chong were the spine of the team at 9, 10 and 15, orchestrating each performance. James Haywood and Sam Worthington dominated in the centers. The engine room of the team was made up of Hugo Chine-

Rodriguez, Tom Knight, Hugh Porteous, Finlay Saunders and Will Smith, with the gas on the wings supplied by Will Davies and Patrick Lovett.

Stockport GS came to Derby Fields for the semi-final of the Cheshire Cup. After a well-fought battle in the first half, our class shone through taking us into the final to face St Ambrose. Due to our scheduled fixture in January cancelled we faced St Ambrose for the first time in the final. They were clearly up for the challenge, playing very direct and immediately asking questions from our defence, thus taking us into half time 19-17 down. All to play for in the second half. Our resilience and team spirit shone through with strength in depth we managed to stay true to our form and were crowned Cheshire Cup Champions 2016.

As the season came to a close, focus shifted to the sevens calendar. Warwick was the first port of call; the boys adapted well to the sevens style of play, their skills took them into the final of the cup. Unfortunately they lost to a very strong Wimbledon College team. The following two tournaments were Solihull and Nottingham, which were met with mixed success.

The culmination of the sevens series and the end of the rugby season as a whole took us down to Rosslyn Park for the National Schools Sevens Competition. After topping our group in the morning in outstanding style,

we had two knock-out games in the afternoon of day one. The first was with Bristol Grammar, winning 22-0. In the final knock-out game on day one, we faced Hinchley Wood School for Boys. In a nail-biting game that kept the supporters on the edge of their seats, we managed to win two tries to nil.

Progressing to the quarter-final game the following day, we faced a very strong Ysgol Gyfun Glantaf who won the fixture. The boys were truly professional throughout and should be immensely proud of all they achieved.

Mr Walker/JS/TDS

U13B

Having only lost 2 games, the U13B team have once again had a great season. Many of the boys represented both the A and B teams, showing the strength in depth that the squad possesses. It couldn't have been a better start to the season, with a thumping win against local rivals MGS (75-12). A week later, the boys were on the receiving end of heavy defeat losing 50-5 to QEGS Wakefield. The boys bounced back from this and went on to win the majority of their remaining games. The U13s have been recognised as one of the most talented in the school and their results this season would definitely support this statement. There have been some outstanding performances all year from certain individuals, such as Ollie Gandy and Harry Hulme, who is the top try scorer for the B team this year. Matt Suarez pulled the strings at fly half whilst others such as Brandon Morgan and Archie Cracknell lead within the forward pack.

JEH

U12A

With a mixture of experience, speed and enthusiasm we headed into our first games against MGS, Lancaster, QEGS Wakefield and Woodhouse Grove. Although we lost these games there were signs of development and improvement. This continued throughout the season and the A team went on a 5 game winning streak beating good rugby schools like Nottingham High, Bromsgrove and Denstone College. The team started to understand the dynamics of the game, individual positions and tactics. Their passing, catching, tackling and decision-making improved and the team started to play some great rugby. The last three games of



the season saw a narrow loss to St Ambrose by one try; a 22-5 win after a long trip up to Queen Ethelburga's; and defeat to a big, physical Wirral Grammar team.

During the 7s season, their first tournament was at Warwick and first opponents Millfield Prep - the school which beat us in last year's final. The boys put into practice what they learnt and probably should have won the game but they dropped the ball twice over the line in losing by just 1 try. We got through our group and into the plate semi-final but narrowly lost, although our performance in the tournament added to the school winning "Outstanding School of the Tournament." Nottingham 7s was next and played under the new rules. The boys played 5 and won 3, losing to a big Solihull side and a good Warwick side, and were complimented by other coaches and referees.

Congratulations on some great performances to Ollie Thompson, Oscar Robinson, James Miller, Billy Griffiths (C), Lewis Johnson, Harry Owens, Will Bray, Jack Bray, as well as Player of the Season Ethan Quinn.

RL

U12B

The squad enjoyed another unbeaten season, winning 10 of their matches and drawing 2. As usual there was a great spirit and work ethic within the group, with as many as 20 boys attending every B team session.

The season began with a hard fought 5-5 draw against a well organ-

ised Wakefield team. Ben Wallace was a master playmaker in the backs, ably supported by Sam Danson whose pace and elusive angles of running enabled him to score many crucial tries. This was most obvious in the season's final game against St. Ambrose, where Sam's two tries enabled us to snatch a draw having been outplayed for long phases.

Derrin Scott, Archie Abrahams, Ollie Muirhead and Mackenzie Blackaby worked tirelessly in the pack, carrying the ball purposefully to help establish an attacking platform. Also, Ferdinand Boren deserves a special mention for his fearless, intelligent tackling - three times he stopped what appeared certain tries in that final match at St. Ambrose. Charlie Sudweeks enjoyed a rewarding season and his ability to play in a number of positions was valuable. It was also heartening to welcome back James Payne for the final matches after illness.

PW

U11

The U11 team were involved in a number of fixtures throughout the season, fielding A, B and C teams where possible. This enabled all players to develop their skills in a competitive environment, whilst also experiencing playing in a number of different positions.

The A team recorded early season victories over The Grange and St Ambrose, before beginning their AJIS Cup campaign at home against Merchant Taylors'. In an entertaining

game, King's were victorious by 42 points to 28 to set up a quarter-final fixture v King's Chester. After drawing 14-14 in very difficult weather conditions it was decided to replay in Chester the following week. After another very hard-fought match, our boys were narrow victors, which set up a semi-final match against MGS. In this match, the boys started slowly, and quickly found themselves 14-0 behind, but rallied to narrow the lead to just 7 points at half-time. The final score of 38-7 perhaps not fully reflecting the competitiveness of the match.

The U11s were also involved in the annual AJIS 7s tournament. The boys faced three matches in a very tough group and were unfortunate to lose narrowly to Kirkham in the opening match, before winning the next two games against King's Chester and St Ambrose to qualify for the knockout stage in second place. King's played their best rugby of the day in the quarter-final against SGS. Unfortunately, all hopes of returning with silverware were dented in the semi-final against Birkenhead, with some poor defending enabling the opposition to win.

Colours were awarded to Noah Reaney, Sam Heath & Toby Denton.

MW/NB

U10

The U10s began their school rugby career with A and B team fixtures against The Grange & Birkenhead Schools. The A team match against The Grange proved to be an end-to-

end affair, with both teams showing excellent running skills with ball in hand, and areas of defensive weakness. At the final whistle, The Grange were victorious by 40-30. The B team game proved to be similar, with Christian Tattum outstanding in attack for King's scoring 5 tries as King's were also defeated 40-30. In the fixture against Birkenhead, the boys were greeted by strong winds and snow! Both King's sides did extremely well and came out with wins. The A team were dangerous from the first whistle and looked like they could score every time they got their hands on the ball. They eventually won the game 50-0 with some impressive long distance tries from Billy Birkett and Oliver Davies. The B team also put in an excellent display winning 30-15. Christian Tattum was the star of the show running in 4 tries in the first half, there were some fantastic rucking skills by Raphael Pfister and strong running by both Giovanni Menga-Edwards and Harvey Warr.

MW/NB

Sailing

The long-standing sailing tradition has continued this year at King's with the next generation of sailors making their mark at both Redesmere and Cumbrae. Students with a wide range of abilities have enjoyed the challenges of sailing during games sessions, with many of the more experienced sailors taking on instructor roles. Sailing presents a number of unique challenges both physical and mental, and it has been a genuine pleasure to watch the students develop their confidence and skills in at times some very challenging conditions. Resilience is one of the learning habits at King's and one that has been extensively demonstrated by the students who were willing to go out in any weather.

Particular thanks has to be made to Edward Hammonds, Rhodri Evans and Callum Evans who have displayed a maturity beyond their years and have been developing their instructor skills in helping with the younger, less experienced students. Callum Barr has also proved himself to be an exceptionally able sailor and may be one to watch for the future.

The Saturday sailing club has continued this year with help from former students and parents and as ever the support from Gary and Brenda Lowe has been essential.

The annual trip to Cumbrae was a great success in which 33 students achieved RYA recognised qualifications ranging from Level 1 Sailing qualifications to Advanced Sailing with Spinnakers and Powerboat qualifications. A variety of boats were sailed ranging from Laser Picos to high performance Dart catamarans with the students enjoying every second on the water.

ARP



Swimming

King's junior swimmers continue to enjoy opportunities to compete and their enthusiasm for swimming continues to impress.

The swim team compete in a number of friendly galas against local schools. Children in Years 4-6 have had the opportunity to compete and our swimmers continue to improve and learn from these encounters.

The AJIS swim event was held in April and swimmers from Year 5 and 6 were involved in competing at Darwin Leisure Centre. King's were represented in most finals and were delighted to come home with medals. Swim captain Reece Grady demonstrated his immense talents in the highly demanding 4x25m U11 Individual Medley Relay final. He should be very proud of his Silver medal. Our U10 boys' team enjoyed a particularly successful afternoon and were extremely proud of Oliver Jones (25m Backstroke) and Oliver Davies (25m Freestyle) who both secured Bronze medals. There are always very small margins in the final touch and swim-

mers raced with great determination; congratulations to all who made their finals and won medals. Swimming colours were awarded to swim Captain Reece Grady and Elliot Naylor.

DCB

Trampolining

Once again King's achieved excellent results at North West, Zonal and National level this year. The competition season always starts with the North West Championships at which competition was fierce but King's dominated the podiums with consistent performances.

Rowena Moores achieved the highest form score of the day with a 9.6 in her compulsory routine (out of 10). Nine out of the eleven teams who competed for King's and eight individuals qualified to represent the school in the North of Britain Championships. Special mention goes to the exceptional achievement by the U14 novice girls, placing 3rd in a huge category of 126 competitors and 32 teams. King's achieved three individual North West Champions; Rowena

Moores, Eleanor Collett and Oliver Jones.

At the North of Britain Championships, the pupils' performances were consistently outstanding, ranking two of the teams 1st and 2nd. Oliver Jones also placed 3rd individually. This meant that four out of five of the teams and Oliver successfully qualified through to the National Finals, a phenomenal achievement.

The National Finals was a tough day, but all pupils performed again under the pressure, placing all three junior teams on the podium and U14 elite girls 4th. I am immensely proud of all who have taken part throughout the year and achieved so much for King's. Thanks go to the over-whelming support from all parents and many teachers who volunteer their time to make these opportunities possible.

Junior Trampoline Captains were Jessica Burton and Edward Broadley. Junior Colours were awarded to: Edward Broadley, Jamie Pearce, Jessica Burton, Lottie Clark, Serena Panton, Aimee Knight and Amelia Robinson-Stanier.



Hail & Farewell

Hail

Welcome to the following members of staff, who joined King's during the academic year 2015 – 2016:

Julie Cocker

Dr Julie Cocker joined as Principal of the Sixth Form from The Merchant Taylors' School in Northwood, where she was Head of Biology. She graduated from the University of Cambridge where she read Natural Sciences (Biochemistry) before studying cancer research for her PhD from Imperial College, London. She obtained a PGCE from the University of Warwick shortly after being awarded a diploma in wine, beer and spirits! Julie enjoys dining out, country pubs and all manner of outdoor activities.

Daniel Deakin

Daniel joined the Physics Department having spent two years teaching at The Kingsway School in Stockport. He graduated from the University of Salford where he studied Physics. He is also a holder of a PCGE from The University of Manchester. Prior to teaching, Daniel worked in the field of electrical engineering. He enjoys a wide range of hobbies including football, hockey and outdoor pursuits and plays an active role in the Scouting movement.

Joanne Foster

Joanne joined King's Learning Support team in September 2015, having replaced Ann Eardley. She previously worked at Ash Grove Academy for nearly 20 years where she was an HLTA, supporting children with SEN. In her spare time, Joanne enjoys going to the gym, running, cycling and has recently taken up fell running.

Carey Griffiths

Miss Griffiths joined the Psychology Department having spent three years teaching at Sandbach High School and Sixth Form College for Girls. She has a degree in Psychology and Criminology and a Master's degree in Consumer Psy-

chology from the University of Bangor. Carey is a keen sportswoman who currently plays netball for both Macclesfield Pink Ladies and Wilmslow Lightning.

Andrew Hillman

Andrew joined as Assistant Head of Mathematics, having spent four years teaching at Tytherington School. He graduated from the University of Nottingham in 2004 with a First Class BSc in Mathematics and completed his PGCE at Keele University. Outside school, Andrew enjoys playing football and taking part in pub quizzes.

Amy Holland

Amy joined the Physics department following completion of her PGCE in Manchester. She graduated from the University of Liverpool with a First in Physics and was also awarded the Wynn Evans Memorial Prize for academic achievement. Amy holds the Community Sports Leadership Award and has experience of umpiring netball. In her spare time, Amy enjoys travelling and spending time with family and friends.

Lianne Hughes

Lianne joined the History Department having spent two years teaching at Millfield Science & Performing Arts College. She graduated from the University of Manchester with a First Class BA in History. Whilst at university, Lianne worked for an award-winning wine merchants and gained a qualification in wine tasting. In her youth, Lianne performed with the English Youth Ballet and continues this as a pastime to date. She also very much enjoys travelling - her favourite countries (so far) include Bolivia and India.

Laura Marland

Laura joins the Infant Department having previously worked in a range of primary settings in Cheshire East and West. She holds a Masters and BEd from Chester University and, when not in the classroom, she enjoys art and drama productions.

Christine Milburn

Chris joined King's Learning Support Team having spent nine years as an HLTA in the Inclusion and Learning Support Departments at Wilmslow High School. Having graduated with a degree in Accountancy and Law and after a career in finance, she became interested in education as her children progressed through the school system and studied 'Inclusion in Education' and 'Working with Young People' with the Open University. In her spare time, she enjoys outdoor activities.

Charlotte Paterson

Charlotte joined the Psychology Department having spent two years teaching at Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School. She graduated from Lancaster University with a First Class Honours Degree in Psychology and this year completed her MA in Education. Charlotte enjoys swimming, going to the gym and travelling.

Jamie Pincock

Jamie joined the History Department in 2015. He graduated from the University of Durham with a First Class BA Honours in History and a Master's degree in Medieval History. He has previously worked in the voluntary sector with young students and young offenders. In his spare time, Jamie enjoys blogging, travelling and the great outdoors.

Emma Thomson

Emma joined as a Library assistant in the Rock Resource Centre. Emma previously worked in the school shop at King's. When she is not looking after her two children, she enjoys walking or running her dog in the local countryside.

Alice Taylor

Alice joined King's as the Careers Officer. She is a Psychology graduate from Loughborough University and is currently continuing her studies by working towards an MSc in Sport and Exercise Psychology. In her spare time, Alice enjoys horse riding and competes regularly with British Eventing.

Lisa Bright

Lisa joined as Reprographics and Administrative Assistant. Having graduated with a Degree and a Diploma in Landscape Architecture from Leeds Metropolitan University, Lisa qualified as a Chartered Landscape Architect before forming her own practice, which specialised in the restoration of historic parks. Lisa resigned to have a family, and subsequently qualified as a Level 3 Teaching Assistant. In her spare time, Lisa enjoys walking and visiting historical parks and gardens with her family.

Sarah Holliday

Sarah joined as the Exams & Music Administrator from the Fallibroome Academy, where she was in charge of organising school trips and assisting with arranging teaching cover. She has a Business Administration degree and holds a Chartered Institute of Marketing Diploma. Sarah has two daughters at King's and enjoys running and going to the theatre.

Kimberley Richardson

Kimberley joined as School Secretary in the Boys' Division. Kimberley has a wealth of administration skills, having worked her way up from Receptionist to Account Manager in the printing industry. Kimberley has two children who take up most of her spare time but she also loves to go out running. Her major feat is to have completed the London Marathon in 2014.

Anneka Sidderley

Anneka joined as the Foundation Secretary having previously worked as a Learning Support Assistant at Hazel Grove High School and as a Library Assistant for Stockport Borough Council. She is a History of Art graduate from Manchester University and enjoys swimming, being creative, reading and going for long walks.

Emma Yoxall

Emma joined the Junior Department as a Year 3 class teacher. She has recently graduated from Manchester Metropolitan University with a First Class BA degree in Primary Education, with specialism in Computing. She enjoys a range of sports including netball, rounders and horse riding.

Rebecca Williams

Rebecca joined the Chemistry Department following completion of her PGCE, having spent time at King's during her teacher training year. She graduated from the University of Manchester with a First Class degree in Developmental Biology and has recently been awarded a doctoral degree in the field of breast cancer research. Whilst completing her PhD, she was awarded the Young Researcher Science Communication national award from the Society of Biology. She is a keen skier, netball player and runner.

Joe Walker

Joe joined the PE and Games Department as a rugby coach following his return from Brazil where he worked with Premiership Rugby in preparation for the 2016 Olympics. He graduated from Leeds Carnegie University where he gained a BSc (Hons) Sports Science and Education degree. He is currently undertaking teacher training at King's with a view to gaining QTS through Manchester Metropolitan University. Joe also enjoys tennis, football, winter sports and outdoor adventures.

Tracy Aston

Tracy joined the Mathematics Department in 2015 having completed her PGCE at MMU. She is a graduate from the University of Bath with a First Class BSc in Mathematics, and worked as a chartered accountant for many years. When she is not looking after her three children, Tracy enjoys baking and swimming.

Julia Breitwieser

Julia joined the Junior Division as a 1:1 Learning Support Assistant. She has experience of working with pupils with various Special Educational Needs. Julia speaks fluent German and in her spare time enjoys crafts such as upholstery and printing.

Amanda Fisher

Mandi joined the Early Years Department as a teaching assistant in Pre-School. She is a graduate from Manchester Metropolitan University with a 2:1 BA (Hons) in Education. She has over 15 years' experience working with Early Years children. When she is not

looking after her three children and pets, Mandi leads a St John Ambulance Cadet group, training 10-18 year olds in First Aid.

Cecilia O'Doherty

Cecilia joined the Early Years Department after spending two years teaching Pre-School at St Andrews Catholic Primary School, London. She graduated from the University of Hull where she studied Education and Early Years. She is also a holder of a PGCE specialising in Early Years from London South Bank University. Cecilia enjoys cycling, walking and going to the theatre.

Temporary staff

We are also grateful to a number of temporary staff who assisted us this year: **Rebecca Wainwright, Doranne Bide, Ashley Hanson, Helen Croxford, Alicia Garcia, Juliette Gorb, Joe Hale, Jan Hankinson, Julia Huber, Robert Morris, Lisa Ostermaier, Liz Syed, Rebecca Wainwright, Will Strutt, Megan Tierney.** We thank them all for their contribution to King's and wish them well for their futures.

Farewell

Linda Pyatt

Linda's association with King's is long, varied and much to be celebrated. A proud Scot by birth, she was wrenched from her roots at the age of eleven and joined the High School on Fence Avenue. Following 3 years of study at the Royal Academy of Music, she was enticed back to marry her King's School sweetheart, John Pyatt.

Her early career saw her teaching piano in various schools, including a spell back at Macclesfield High. In 1997 Linda was appointed Coordinator of Instrumental Studies at King's. This role has been the glue of the Music Department for almost two decades. As the department administrator, accompanist and aural trainer, Linda has devoted great care to the smooth-running of the Instrumental Tuition scheme and to rehearsing and performing with generations of young musicians, who have entered the exam room or concert platform with the benefit of first-rate preparation.

As the department has undertaken more and more ventures at home and abroad, Linda's musical and organisational input has been boundless and essential. The success of the Lower School Music Festival is a tribute to her and she has not missed a single choir tour, or residential instrumental weekend. A great support in both Junior and Senior schools, she has enjoyed accompanying the many choirs. A great sport, Linda has entered into games, fancy dress competitions and freezing water with remarkable zeal.

Linda's experience as a Samaritan helped her to train pupils as peer mentors and to provide an empathetic ear to colleagues and pupils. This sensitivity and depth also underpinned her responsibility for planning the school's services in St. Michael's church and Chester Cathedral, and on Remembrance Day. The beautiful readings, prayers and dignified execution of these occasions are a testament to Linda's integrity and the importance of her legacy. We wish Linda a very happy, fulfilling, much-deserved retirement.

IJC

Jo Beesley

Jo joined King's in 1983 as Assistant Director of Music following a Music degree from Durham University and a PGCE from Homerton College, Cambridge. Her impact on music-making at King's was profound and immediate. King's was a single-sex school (boys) at the time and such was Jo's success at invigorating the choir and orchestra (not to mention inspiring individual students) that a member of the PE department was swift to declare her 'the biggest threat to Rugby at King's.' With the creation of the Girls' Division in 1992, Jo successfully applied for the job of Senior Subject Teacher in Music at Fence Avenue; a post she has held ever since.

Jo's contribution to King's, both inside and outside the classroom, has been an essential and inspirational part of King's life for literally thousands of students. Her contribution to extra-curricular music is legendary: choirs and choir tours, including the Foundation Choir winning BBC Songs of Praise School Choir of the Year in 2003 and, most recently, success with the Songbirds in the Alderley Edge Music Festival; String and Chamber Orchestras (including numerous memorable weekends away at Trigonos, Ilham Hall and beyond); chamber music, musicals... the list goes on. However, Music is not just about extra-curricular activities. It is a rigorously academic subject and Jo was a passionate classroom teacher who has inspired numerous students to take music at A Level and beyond.

Last year, Jo took her first steps towards becoming a Methodist minister. She leaves us to continue her training on a more full-time basis and we wish her every joy and success in what will doubtless be a hugely exciting journey. We are also delighted that she will continue to work across all divisions at King's as a peripatetic Piano Teacher.

IJC

Eileen Olsen

Eileen initially joined the Girls' Division in the mid-1990s as a cover teacher. However, her excellence in the classroom was soon recognised and Eileen was given a permanent position, teaching History and Games.

Eileen has contributed greatly to the History Department, being promoted to Senior Subject Teacher, as well as performing the role of Acting Head of Department on a number of occasions. She has an incredible knack for coaxing students to achieve their full potential and this has been reflected in the excellent examination results her classes gained. Eileen has also brought history to life for many students by accompanying them on numerous trips to the First World War Battlefields, Munich, Washington and New York. Moreover, she had the vision and determination to create brand new and exciting experiences for students and staff alike, such as the highly successful Sixth Form visits to Russia and China.

Pastorally, Eileen was a highly respected form tutor, establishing excellent working relationships with her tutees. She contributed especially strongly to the development of the pastoral system at Fence Avenue, ensuring her promotion to the key position of Head of Years 10 and 11. In later years she was also Head of Year 7, helping the girls to feel quickly at home in their new environment.

In 2008, Eileen was appointed Vice Principal of the Girls' Division, a role she carried out with an extremely high level of professionalism, guiding the girls skilfully through their time at King's, whilst simultaneously carrying out the role of Head of Year 7.

Eileen has always given generously of her time, accompanying many trips outside her own Department, as well as assisting with the Duke of Edinburgh Award activities. Eileen has played so many different and vital roles within the school that she will inevitably be greatly missed by students and colleagues alike. We wish her every happiness for an exciting future.

LAC

Rory Abbotson

Rory joined the English Department in 2010 as a newly-qualified teacher. During his six years in the Boys' Division, he proved himself to be a highly skilled classroom practitioner, whose attention to detail secured outstanding results at both GCSE and A Level. Rory's students remember his lessons fondly, a testimony not only to his

strengths as a teacher but also to his warmth and humour. Rory was committed to fostering a love of literature in his students and enjoyed sharing his own favourite authors in lessons. He established the popular English Plus reading group for A Level students and also worked with younger pupils to produce a series of gaming magazines. Rory was a committed member of the silver Duke of Edinburgh team, taking part in several camping and hiking expeditions. In 2014, he was appointed Challenge and Enrichment Coordinator, implementing a range of initiatives including the Year 7 Learning Challenge and the Percyvale Essay Prize. We wish him well as he takes up his new post at Sandbach High School.

KB

Helen Connaughton

Since her arrival in 2010, Helen made a big impression, both inside her colourful classroom and in wider school life. Even on the cloudiest of days, Helen brightened up the MFL corridors, both with her colourful outfits and her bubbly personality. Helen was involved in many trips; not just to Nantes, Murcia and Madrid but also to Bad Wurzach in Germany as part of the exchange, and has willingly offered her free time by contributing to activities such as the Sixth Form Fashion Show, the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and the cookery masterclasses. In addition, Helen set up the popular Film Club. Helen's enthusiasm and her willingness to offer extra support to those who needed it has made an impact on those she has taught as well as those she has tutored and mentored in the Sixth Form. It is, however, for her love of Almodóvar and all things cultural that Helen is particularly well known. Helen leaves us to join the new Dean Trust school in Ardwick where she will no doubt make an equally big impression.

SEJ

Lucy Derby

Lucy joined as Head of English in 2005. Her support and encouragement of colleagues in the department was outstanding from the outset and she fostered a warm and co-operative atmosphere in which colleagues were encouraged to share their excitement

about the study of English. Inventive approaches to teaching and learning were celebrated and Lucy frequently shared examples of good practice. She was always thrilled when the pupils produced outstanding work such as the occasion when a GCSE pupil produced such a moving and insightful film about a Gillian Clarke poem that colleagues were almost reduced to tears! Lucy was also deeply committed to supporting and encouraging those for whom the study of English was more of a struggle. She made sure that pupils were well-supported and she was justifiably proud of the results achieved by these pupils who flourished under her guidance.

Lucy had a particular love of English Language study and a fascination for language usage. Her inspiring approach broadened the understanding of a whole generation of pupils and led to many students taking the study of linguistics further at university. She offered shrewd and helpful advice to all those seeking to study for degrees in English as well as guiding many students through their A Level years as a Sixth Form tutor.

During her time at the school, Lucy was involved in the wider life of King's as a hockey coach; leading writing retreats and workshops; running the BBC school news project; working on Literacy Across the Curriculum; mentoring Newly Qualified teachers and PGCE students and running a raft of theatre trips as well as finding the time to study for an MA in Education.

Lucy leaves us to take up a post at William Hulme school in Manchester and to convert her MA into a Doctorate in Education.

RHR

Anna Hazel

During her six years in the Maths department, Anna developed a strong grasp of classroom management and showed herself capable of teaching all levels and abilities. Her patience and good humour came into play with the less able and she had a very sharp mind, which meant that she could support the most capable in their efforts to gain places at top universities, especially Oxford and Cambridge where her skills in STEP papers came to the fore. Her students will always remember the appearance of some quirky visual aid or other which livened up the presentation of some of the less exciting parts of the subject, as well as her seemingly endless collection of puzzles to start a lesson. Her tutees in the Sixth Form may not always have noticed her efforts, yet this 'light hand on the tiller' did not stop her writing excellent references and dealing with pastoral issues effectively as they came to her. Outside the maths classroom, she had a talent for music and played the viola in the orchestra as well as getting involved in the Foundation Choir, supporting the alto section in many performances as well as being another body to help in organising a lot of young singers. She leaves with our best wishes to look after her recently enlarged family and will be missed.

TSJ

Lucy Ward

Lucy Ward (formerly Lucy Hopper) left King's following a successful six years teaching Maths within the Girl's Division. Lucy has contributed significantly to the success of the department both with supporting the less able as well as stretching the top achievers with her extension and 'killer' questions.

Her teaching was always engaging and pupils have looked forward to her lessons.

She had considerable success with examination classes both at GCSE and at A Level and her experience in these year groups will be missed.

It will be difficult to maintain the quality of classroom displays as Lucy takes away her considerable Origami skills which have led to the creation of many flapping swans, jumping frogs and Christmas trees over the years.

As a form tutor Lucy worked tirelessly to ensure the happiness and well-being of her tutees, something that was always appreciated by the pupils and parents.

Outside the classroom, Lucy ran the Equestrian squad allowing the pupils to compete with success both locally and at a national level.

TSJ

Matthew Perriss

As a former pupil and School Captain no less, King's is part of Matt's DNA and he was unable to resist a short stint teaching Geography here when the opportunity arose two years ago. Joining from Stowe School at Christmas 2014, his passion and expertise in the subject was evident from the outset, consistently delivering innovative and enjoyable lessons. His contribution to the progress of the faculty, including assisting on numerous field visits, developing an overseas trip to Croatia and assisting with the resourcing of the new Geography A Level syllabus was also much appreciated. Significantly, there will not be a pupil who has passed through his classroom that has not been inspired by his professional persona and in-depth knowledge of Political Geography and World Affairs, particularly his Sixth Form pupils who were regularly in awe of his intelligent delivery. King's Sport and the U14s also lose a skillful rugby coach. He will be greatly missed by all and we wish him much success in his exciting venture into property management.

ASP

Kirsten Hinds

Kirsten first joined the Psychology department in 2002. She left in 2006 to start a family. Since then she has returned several times to cover for staff illness and maternity leave. Pupils and colleagues alike have benefitted from her thorough subject knowledge, examining experience and general enthusiasm. She has been involved in a programme of mentoring students and contributed extensively to resources in the department. We will all miss her positive attitude and good humour and wish her every success in the future.

MJB

Guy Montgomery

Guy leaves King's after nearly two years of service. Initially appointed on a temporary basis, Guy quickly established himself as a popular and engaging member of the Mathematics department, based mainly in the Girls' Division. With a wide array of life experience behind him, Guy brought

a sense of very good humour and support to the classroom. We were fortunate to have stumbled across a teacher of such warmth and pastoral care. He leaves us with best wishes, and hope for a shorter commute to and from home!

TSJ

Guy Mason

Suffice it to say that Guy Mason will be a very hard act to follow. As a King's old boy, with two brothers also through the school, and with years of positive school memories as a pupil and staff member behind him, Guy will always have King's running through his veins. This emotional connection has underpinned a personal and professional drive to do everything possible to develop King's rugby and support those pupils playing the sport during his five years as Head of Rugby. King's rugby has a very strong reputation on the back of some high quality input from a range of staff and coaches over a number of years. However, there can be little doubt that the national reputation it enjoys has been enhanced during Guy's tenure. It is therefore highly appropriate that Guy's rugby involvement at King's should climax with the outstanding success of the Under 18s in the Rosslyn Park Bowl in March.

First and foremost, Guy is a PE teacher, with years of experience at Cheadle Hulme and Denstone before his return to his alma mater. He has brought all that experience to bear in preparing and delivering quality core PE and academic PE lessons that have challenged and stimulated the students. However, it is through his leadership and rugby coaching where Guy has left his biggest mark. This is not surprising given the number of timetabled and extra-curricular hours involved.

But, it is the time he has invested outside these regular elements of the role which has made Guy different from most others and which has made King's rugby what it is today. Guy's drive, thoroughness and attention to detail have truly been something to behold. Those of us who have worked closely with him have enjoyed the opportunity to tease him about his

colour-coded cone arrangements on the rugby field and the 'hyper organisation' of his desk in the PE office! Yet this tells you something about the man: nothing is left to chance, and no stone has been left unturned in an attempt to achieve the best outcome for King's and the pupils.

Perhaps most remarkable is the fact that Guy has managed to invest so much time in his job and give enough time to maintain a long distance relationship with his long-term partner Sherin, which opened a new chapter in April when they were married. Guy leaves King's to begin his new role at Lancaster Royal Grammar School. We wish Guy and his family the very best of luck in their new life together, and we hope the visits to family and friends in and around Macclesfield will not be too far apart.

CST

Sam Quinn

Samantha joined the English Department in 2011, having already spent her first years as a teacher at Cheadle Hulme School. During her years in the Boys' Division, Samantha worked with passion and enthusiasm, inspiring many of her students to study English to A Level and beyond. She was a popular and much-loved form tutor, skilfully guiding her tutees through their formative years. Outside the classroom, Samantha made a valuable contribution to netball, coaching Year 7 and Year 10 girls. She also organised the first Poets and Players' Evening in 2015; an outstanding event which saw students from across the Divisions showcasing their talent to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Samantha will be missed by students and colleagues alike.

KB

Ciaran Sanders

Ciaran joined in 2014 as a sports coach, primarily to help with hockey and cricket. A qualified Australian PE teacher, Ciaran brought a wealth of expertise in both sports but he is much more than just a sports coach. Ciaran has always managed to get the best out of the pupils and his calm and unflustered character commanded respect on the sports field and in the classroom without having to raise his

voice. The students, staff and parents all enjoyed and benefited from his approach.

Ciaran gives the utmost care and attention to all he does. The fact that he will be missed as much as he will be is a testament to how much he did for the school and how firmly he became part of the establishment in a short space of time. Ciaran was never destined to stay long with us but he never approached his position as though it was a temporary one. We wish Ciaran all the luck, happiness and success in his future travels with Louise.

SM

Ben White

Ben joined the Business & Economics Department three years ago from Salford City College. Ben is a strong classroom practitioner who has been an asset to the department and who has fully involved himself in life at King's. In addition to numerous departmental extra-curricular commitments, Ben also turned his hand to coaching, helping out with rugby teams and being a vital member of the staff football team.

He has also racked up an impressive globetrotting resume helping on ski trips and heading off to China and New York. Ben leaves us to take up a teaching post at Collège Alpin International Beau Soleil in Switzerland where hopefully he can work on his skiing skills.

JSM

Wayne Swinson

Wayne joined King's in 2013 after completing a degree in IT at Stoke University and was a key contributor to the successful implementation of the school's iSAMS management information system. He brought a calm and helpful approach to system queries from both staff and parents and we wish him well in his new role as part of Stoke City Council's IT development team, which also takes him closer to his beloved Stoke City's Britannia Stadium.

Steve Barber

Steve was a long-standing member of the support staff and joined the school in April 2002 as an IT Technician. He has provided over 13 years of dedi-

cated service within the IT Support department. Throughout this service, he has been enthusiastic, efficient and his humour will be greatly missed. Technology has developed rapidly during this time and Steve has been instrumental in the changes and progression made in recent years. Steve is moving on to become Network Manager for Bramhall High School. We wish him all the very best for the future.

CJS

Liz Rosenfield

Liz joined the Learning Support department in 2008 as a specialist Dyslexia teacher and assessor. She developed a tremendous rapport with her students, offering support from the Infants through to the Sixth Form.

Not only was Liz a qualified primary school teacher, specialist dyslexia teacher, specialist assessor and tutor, she is also well known on the folk music circuit where she organises folk music festivals and is lead singer in a popular band called Bitter and Twisted.

Liz is leaving us not, as she originally claimed, to join One Direction, but to join One Education as a specialist SEN teacher and assessor. Liz will be greatly missed, however we all wish her every success in the next chapter of her career.

NSD

Chris Lawson

Chris came to King's in 2010 as a Teaching Assistant for a Year 7 boy whom she had supported since he was in primary school. Chris played an important role in helping him to achieve a range of As and A* in his GCSEs. She was hard-working and carried out her role efficiently and with good humour. Chris was always prepared to support her colleagues, in particular she was a regular attendee of Music at Mike's. We wish her well in her new ventures which include mastering the Chinese martial art Tai Chi!

NSD

Sarah Graham

Sarah joined in 2012 as Careers Officer and quickly proved to be an invaluable member of staff with a superb 'can do' attitude and a determination to get fully involved in the life of the school.

The pupils noted that Sarah was endlessly helpful and patient when researching career and course options; many of them could be seen leaving her office wreathed in smiles as Sarah had found the perfect course for them in the perfect location. She was always happy to research less typical paths and quickly became well-informed about any new area. Her advice was invariably shrewd and always delivered with good-humour and understanding.

Sarah also got involved in a whole host of activities including World Challenge expeditions, sailing, diving, the Sixth Form Fashion Show and Duke of Edinburgh award. Sarah leaves King's to take up a post at Salford University in student outreach.

RHR

Liz Hall

Liz made an impact from the very start as Head of Biology. Galvanising the team with her upbeat and enthusiastic attitude, she was immediately liked and respected. Her relations with pupils were equally warm and good humoured but reflective also of her no-nonsense attitude. Liz's teaching and approach made a real impact on all those in her classes. Her organisation and drive in the Biology department also led to noticeable change, drawing praise even from the hardest of task masters in IJR! Her impact beyond the classroom was also noticeable and her commitment to sport in particular was of huge value to the school.

TDS

Distinctions in Public Examinations

A Level

Pupils with 4 A*/A grades

Aiman Aslam	Callum Lavelle
Elise Boothroyd	Theo Roffe
Oliver Davies	James Shering
Sarah Laughton	Dmitri Whitmore

Pupils with 3 A*/A grades

Thomas Andresen	Imogen McCance
Edward Austin	Thomas McClusky
Holly Brierley	Henry Meadows
Karina Chopra	Oliver Nowak
Ella Denny	Samuel O'Brien
William Fox	Oliver Plant
Evelyn Hancox	Zoë Richmond
Matthew Harden	Harriet Rous
William Harris	Adam Russ
William Hodgson	Matthew Smith
Nicole Hughes	Edward Thompson
Brendan Jacot	Madeline Townley
Oliver Kenny	Rose Turner
Holly Kitching	Rosana Wardle
Harry Lumsden	Olivia Watkins

GCSE

Pupils with at least 11 A*/As

Rebecca Austin	Lauren Hayward
Kieran Bailey	Chloe Henshaw
Lewis Bell	Angus Homer
Molly Bessell	Pari Mehrabani
Georgina Boden	Helen Nixon
Fionn Carman	Marcus Nowak
Alexandra Clarke	Isabelle Nuttall
Samuel Cockayne	Caitlin Plant
James Crummack	Thea Preston
Eleanor Fielding	Hannah Ruskin
Alexander Fray	Hannah Wilcock
Emma Gosnay	Nancy Xia
Sorrel Haughton	

Pupils with at least 10 A*/As

Rachel Anderson	Keeran Manoharan
Antonia Bianchi	Evie O'Brien
Hamish Burke	James Quinn
Daniel Earl	Molly Robinson
Callum Evans	Francesca Southern
Grace Heywood	Tristan Taale
William Kemp	Sophie Vlissidis
Siraj Lyons	

Pupils with at least 9 A*/As

Verity Griffin	Joseph Moores
Daisy Hammersley	Sophie Pope
Rebecca Ions	Saffron Rossi
Liberty Kirk	Luke Smith
Joseph Laughton	Natalie Stevens
Anushka Lithgow	Katie Wray

Special Prizes

Headmaster's Prize, Mathematics: Single,	Aiman Aslam
Biology Prizes	
Headmaster's Prize, Selwyn Russell Jones	William Hodgson
Sports Prize	Oliver Meads
Principal's Award	
Principal's Award, William Broster	Olivia Watkins
French Prize	

School Prizes (all age groups)

Maimi Wright Prize for Computing,	Evelyn Hancox
Dr Norman Maurice "Arclex" Prize	
Ben Davies Poetry Prize,	Rowan Sutton
8DJD Form Prize	
Thornber Chemistry Development Prize,	Dmitri Whitmore
Mathematics: Double Prize	
Marcall-Costello Award for	Bradley Greatrex-Jordan
Endeavour in German	
Ken Brookfield Elizabethan Prize,	Holly Kitching
J O Nicholson German Prize	Daniel Noxon
I A Wilson Economics Prize	Melissa Sharp
The Alex Anderson Memorial Quaich	
David Pook Poetry Prize,	
Macclesfield High School Susan	
Russell Jones Cup for German,	Lottie Thomas
9CPT Form Prize	Archie Abraham
Boys' Division Robert Batchelor Prize	Constance Jordan
Girls' Division Robert Batchelor Prize	Haroon Abbasi
Junior Division Robert Batchelor Prize	Cordelia Kight
Junior Division Robert Batchelor Prize	John McDermott
Infant & Junior Division Enquiry Prize	Madeleine Baxter
Highly Commended	Robert Mack
Highly Commended	

Retiring Prizes

Jo Beesley Prize	Frances Laker
Eileen Olsen Prize	Ella Thomson
Linda Pyatt Prize, Year 9 Achiever's Cup	Timothy Parkinson

Former Pupils' Association Prizes

Alan Cooper Prize, Sainter Prize for	Zoë Richmond
Scientific Research, EPQ Prize	Henry Meadows
Alan Cooper Prize, Wilmot Classics Prize	Tanisha Orchard
TT Shaw Sixth Form Prize,	Oliver Quinn
TT Shaw Sixth Form Prize	Hamish Burke
TT Shaw Boys' Division Prize	
TT Shaw Girls' Division Prize,	
Girls' Division Council Cup	Francesca Southern

Upper School Prizes

Selwyn Russell Jones Art Prize	Scott Pavitt
Business Studies Prize	Grace Pulley
Product Design Prize	Claire Dixon
Chemistry Prize	Callum Lavelle
Canon F W Paul Economic Prize,	Brendan Jacot
Spanish Prize	Thomas McClusky
English Language Prize	Rosana Wardle
English Literature, History Prizes	Sarah Laughton
Geography Prize	Alexander Richmond
Geology Prize	Elise Boothroyd
C A Bradley History Prize	William Fox
Music Prize, Ron Darlington Jazz Prize	Henry Reavey
Music Prize	Abigail Johnston
Physical Education Prize	Henry McKenna
Physics Prize	Thomas Ballantyne-Rowland
Politics Prize	

Awards & Prizes

Psychology Prize	Polly Cartwright
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize	Louise Earl
Senior Choral Prize	Eleanor McKenna
Senior Orchestral Prize	Henry Strutt
Senior Reading Prize	Louise Marchington
Simon Schuler Computing Prize	Lilian Breese-Tovey
Theatre Arts Prize	Aarian Mehrabani

Middle School Prizes (Boys’ Division)

Head Boy’s Prize, German Prize	Alexander Fray
Principal’s Prize (joint)	William Fosbrook
Principal’s Prize (joint)	Samuel Cheetham
Deryck Siddall Cup	Marcus Nowak
Best All-Rounder Cup, Theatre Arts Prize	Sean Neary
Macclesfield Grammar School Challenge Cup	Fionn Carman
Boys’ Division Council Cup	Keeran Manoharan
Year 7 Achiever’s Cup	Jack Phillpotts
Year 8 Achiever’s Cup	Joshua Rajendran
Year 10 Challenge Cup	John Daly
Year 7 General Science Prize, 7SLH Form Prize	Oliver Hall
Year 8 General Science Prize	Finn Knudsen
Art & Design Prize	Leo Skinner
Biology Prize	Siraj Lyons
Chemistry Prize	Kieran Bailey
Dual Award Science Prize	Usman Qureshi
French, History Prizes	James Crummack
GCSE Physical Education Prize	Thomas Blackwell
Geography Prize	Robert Devon
Latin (joint) Prize	James Quinn
Latin (joint) Prize	Luke Smith
Lower School Reading Prize	Misha Higham
Music Prize	Angus Homer
Physics Prize	Lewis Bell
Product Design, Mathematics Prizes	Samuel Cockayne
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize	Oliver Stevenson
Spanish Prize	Callum Evans

Lower School Prizes (Boys’ Division)

Choral Prize	Kieran Cullen
Orchestral Prize	Samuel Stokes

Form Prizes (Boys’ Division)

10TSJ	Joseph Gardner
10GAJM	Toby Moule
10CP	James Bunker
10LAT	Jack Crichton
9MTH	James Moule
9PJP	Peter Goodfellow
9SLQ	Samuel Jones
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize	Harri Bowen
8ARH	Thomas Turner
8LSH	Shuji Imai
8SEJ	Joseph Larner
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize	Charles Boddy
7JAIH	James Miller
7SMP	Mackenzie Blackaby
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize	Benjamin Piper

Middle School Prizes (Girls’ Division)

Head Girl’s Prize, Chemistry, Geography Prizes	Lauren Hayward
Principal’s Prize	Charlotte Green
Macclesfield High School Best All-Rounder Cup	Verity Griffin

Year 7 Achiever’s Cup	Emma Graham
Year 8 Achiever’s Cup	Amanda Vel
Year 9 Achiever’s Cup	Aisling Day
Victrix Ludorum Cup, History Essay Prize	Antonia Bianchi
Macclesfield High School Somerville Challenge Cup, Modern Languages Prize	Nancy Xia
Jenny Lee Mathematics Prize (joint)	Beth Whiteley
Jenny Lee Mathematics Prize (joint)	Megan Whiteley
Macclesfield High School Isobel Day Cup for French, Dual Award Science Prize	Tilly Davis
Sue Bream Crystal Star	Phoebe Pool
Anne Craig French Prize, Music Prize	Alexandra Clarke
Year 7 General Science Prize	Holly Burke
Year 8 General Science Prize, 8MDP Form Prize	Molly Robertson
Art & Design Prize	Molly Bessell
Biology, Theatre Arts Prizes	Helen Nixon
English, German, Orchestral Prizes	Chloe Henshaw
History Prize	Sophie Pope
Latin Prize	Rebecca Austin
Mathematics Prize	Hannah Wilcock
Middle School Reading Prize	Grace Harrison
Physical Education Prize	Annabel Hebb
Physics Prize	Sorrel Haughton
Product Design Prize	Natalie Stevens
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize	Eleanor Hammonds
Spanish Prize	Eleanor Fielding

Lower School Prizes (Girls’ Division)

Choral Prize	Georgina Bergman
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Form Prizes (Girls’ Division)

10RAA	Hannah McCormick
10LCh	Anna Kaczmarczyk
10ARP	Charlotte Wardle
10ESc	Anisa Choudry
9LB	Zoë Thomas
9GRM	Julia Trier
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize	Mia Macnab
8LFA	Georgina Bloomfield
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize	Charlotte Warren
7EB	Claudia Rodriguez Martinez

7ECS, Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize	Madeline Holden
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Infant & Junior Division Prizes

English: Reading	Rebecca Foster
English: Speaking	Thomas Whitney
English: Writing	Edie Waters
Mathematics	Toby Denton
Science	Adam Rowley
Geography	Thomas Sheridan
History	Maddie Johnson
French	Molly Bridgewater
Art, Design & Technology	Amelia Robinson-Stanier
Music	Edward Gandy
	Millie Crummack

ICT	Archie Little
Religious Education	Xavier Moore
Physical Education	Louis Finnegan

Swimming	Lottie Clark
Games: Boys	Reece Grady
Games: Girls	Jake Leech
	Aimee Knight

Form Prizes

5SM	Jenny Wallace
	Ben Chong
	Madi Baxter
5MW	John McDermott
	Thomas Danson
5NS	Leah Shadwell
	Frances Green
4JC	Eryn Gravett
	Tasha Clark
4BA	Eleanor Mitchell
	Alexander Townsend
3CK/LC	Marianne Knuckey
	James Waters
3EY	Abdullah Atif

Endeavour Prizes

6JEB	Mary Squire
	Serena Panton
	Luke Wilson
6ST	Eve Carter
	Lara Tabachnik
6SC	Georgia Aspray
	Phoebe Thomson
5SM	Shabd Shrivastava
	James Hartley
5MW	Lydia Hine
	William Barrett
5NS	Poppy Robinson
4JC	Emily Barrett
	Carlie Lau
4BA	Alistair Fitzmaurice
	Sebastian Fitzgerald
3CK/LC	Fleur Foster
	William Gandy
3EY	Georgia Smalley
	Tigerlily Dawson

Year 4 Young Artist Award (Mrs P J Aspinwall Trophy)	Hannah Langslow
Mrs C J Hulme Y6 Musical Production Prize	Loryn Robinson
Cricket Trophy	Noah Reaney
Chess Trophy	Sam Parry
Ridings Best All-Rounder Cups	Lily Cook
	Zac Spencer Pickup

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

Awards & Prizes

Music Examinations

Autumn Term 2015

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Henry Strutt	Piano	5	111 Pass
Sophie Vlissidis	Singing	4	116 Pass

Boys’ Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Josh Blake	Piano	2	124 Merit
Euan Davies	Piano	4	111 Pass
Alex Fray	Guitar	5	118 Pass
Tom Langham	Clarinet	5	116 Pass
Oliver Rushton	Singing	3	130 Dist

Girls’ Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Abigail Breese-Tovey	Piano	4	106 Pass
Bethany Henshaw	Piano	5	115 Pass
Megan Huddy	Violin	7	120 Merit
Beth Whiteley	Flute	5	125 Merit
Isabella Johnson	Singing	2	132 Dist
Ella Thomson	Singing	2	132 Dist
Emily Friston	Singing	3	122 Merit
Merridy Russell	Singing	3	111 Pass
Meredith Stephenson	Singing	4	115 Pass

Junior Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Harriet Bailey	Piano	1	138 Dist
Poppy Fletcher	Piano	1	127 Merit
Sam Parry	Piano	1	110 Pass
Sophie Fletcher	Piano	2	124 Merit
Millie Crummack	Piano	2	124 Merit
Cicely Homer	Violin	2	118 Pass
Lydia Hine	Flute	3	116 Pass
Eve Carter	Flute	4	111 Pass
Ted Broadley	Clarinet	2	103 Pass
Christian Tattum	Singing	2	131 Dist
Edward Gandy	Alto Saxophone	4	118 Pass

Associated Board Theory Examinations

Name	Grade	Result
Sam Andresen	Music Theory 5	78 Pass
Isobel Taylor	Music Theory 5	88 Merit
Madeline Holden	Music Theory 5	66 Pass
Megan Whiteley	Music Theory 5	93 Dist
Beth Whiteley	Music Theory 5	90 Dist
Hugo Wayman	Music Theory 5	67 Pass
Bethany Hughes	Music Theory 5	92 Dist
Tom Carter	Music Theory 5	79 Pass

Trinity/Guildhall Examinations

Sixth Form

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Bradley Greatrex-Jordan	Electronic Keyboard	5	63 Pass
Eleanor Tunick	Flute	7	61 Pass

Boys’ Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Mason Bell	Electronic Keyboard	1	68 Pass
Siraj Lyons	Piano	6	75 Merit
Marcus Wesley	Drum Kit	4	76 Merit
Freddie Sass	Drum Kit	2	75 Merit
Misha Higham	Electronic Keyboard	4	65 Pass

Junior Division

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Rudi Abraham	Drum Kit	2	76 Merit
Theo Adamski	Drum Kit	3	87 Dist
Jake Leech	Electronic Keyboard	3	79 Merit

Spring Term 2016

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Frances Laker.....	Cello	6	101 Pass
Rachel Catlin	Cello	8	111 Pass
Dan Crosby.....	Singing	7	124 Merit
Ben Lynch.....	Singing	7	126 Merit

Boys’ Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Josh Howdle	Piano	1	114 Pass
Harry Pinches	Piano	5	111 Pass
Ben Sneddon.....	Piano	5	127 Merit
Callum Barr	Tuba	3	125 Merit
Josh Allmand-Smith	Euphonium	2	127 Merit
Harry Wallace	Singing	4	133 Dist

Girls’ Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Emily Higginbottom	Piano	3	120 Merit
Sarah Catlin	Piano	5	109 Pass
Alexandra Clarke	Piano	8	131 Dist
Amanda Vel.....	Oboe	4	122 Merit
Mila Waseem.....	Singing	3	122 Merit
Miya Grady.....	Singing	3	115 Pass
Jasmine England.....	Singing	5	134 Dist

Junior Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Jenny Wallace.....	Piano	1	127 Merit
Sebastian Fitzgerald	Piano	1	131 Dist
Jessica Morgan-Hoole.....	Guitar	1	120 Merit
Ellie Adamski	Guitar	2	120 Merit
Billy Bridgewater.....	Trumpet	1	114 Pass
Lara Tabachnik.....	B Flat Cornet	2	111 Pass
Rebecca Foster	Trombone	1	127 Merit
Fraser Day.....	Trombone	2	131 Dist
Edward Roden.....	Descant Recorder	2	109 Pass
Daisy Sutton	Descant Recorder	2	106 Pass
Poppy Barber.....	Singing	1	124 Merit
Molly Bridgewater	Singing	3	128 Merit
Lucy Evans	Singing	4	103 Pass
Thomas Sheridan.....	Jazz Alto Sax	1	127 Merit

Associated Board Theory Examinations

<i>Name</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Harry Collett.....	5	71 Pass
Eleanor Tunick	5	82 Merit
Angus Homer	5	81 Merit
Daisy Holden.....	5	70 Pass
Rachel Catlin	8	69 Pass

Trinity/Guildhall Examinations

Sixth Form

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Jack Lucas	Singing	7	71 Pass

Boys' Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Simon Wagner.....	Drum Kit	2	75 Merit
Alec Welch	Drum Kit	2	70 Pass

Junior Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
James Brauckman	Drum Kit	1	61 Pass

Summer Term 2016

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Eleanor Tunick	Singing	7	117 Pass

Boys’ Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Samuel Andresen	Jazz Trumpet	5	121 Merit
Samuel Andresen	Singing	6	130 Dist
Bryn Barker	Guitar	5	122 Merit
Josh Clayfield.....	Singing	5	103 Pass
Harry Collett.....	Jazz Trumpet	5	136 Dist
Rhodri Evans	Guitar	5	102 Pass
Toby Gray.....	Flute	5	120 Merit
Adam Murray.....	Trumpet	5	103 Pass

Girls’ Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Flossie Blackwell	Singing	4	116 Pass
Emily Friston	Singing	4	123 Merit
Daisy Holden.....	Bassoon	3	130 Dist
Madeleine Holder	Singing	3	109 Pass
Aggie Homer	Singing	4	125 Merit
Rosie Ibberson	Clarinet	3	117 Pass
Fiza Kokan	Piano	5	115 Pass
Zuva Mutambasere.....	Singing	1	116 Pass
Francesca Sawyer	Piano	5	110 Pass
Sophie Scott	Singing	1	127 Merit
Josephine Whiteley.....	Piano	2	133 Dist
Megan Whiteley.....	Piano	2	127 Merit
Megan Whiteley.....	Oboe	5	131 Dist

Junior Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Georgia Aspray	Trumpet	2	112 Pass
Sam Booth.....	Violin	1	120 Merit
Jessica Burton.....	Singing	2	123 Merit
Ruby Callaghan.....	Singing	3	124 Merit
Emily Carter.....	Descant Recorder	1	114 Pass
Oliver Carter.....	Oboe	2	116 Pass
Charlotte Clark.....	Treble Recorder	3	111 Pass
Charlotte Clark.....	Piano	2	114 Pass
Tasha Clark	Guitar	1	113 Pass
Lily Cook.....	Singing	2	137 Dist
Millie Crummack.....	Singing	3	124 Merit
Thomas Danson	Singing	3	112 Pass
Matthew Ennis.....	Guitar	1	114 Pass
Sophie Fletcher.....	Flute	1	134 Dist
Toby Fraser	Alto Saxophone	2	101 Pass
Frances Green	Guitar	2	120 Merit
Cordelia Kight	Violin	1	124 Merit
Nithida Langhorn-Neillans	Flute	2	111 Pass
Oliver Sapey	Oboe	2	120 Merit
Eddie Waters.....	Singing	3	124 Merit

Associated Board Theory Examinations

<i>Name</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Fiona Beeston	5	77 Pass
Sebastian Bye	1	84 Merit
Lydia Hine.....	1	80 Merit
Frances Laker.....	8	74 Pass
Serena Panton	1	79 Pass
Timothy Parkinson.....	8	86 Merit
Josephine Whiteley.....	5	82 Merit

Trinity/Guildhall Examinations

Sixth Form

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Zoe Richmond.....	Flute	AC	85 Dist

Girls’ Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Madeline Holden	Drum Kit	4	94 Dist

Junior Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Samuel Wain	Drum Kit	3	75 Merit

In 2016, more than 70% of our Sixth Form students achieved their first choice of university and, of those, more than 61% joined Russell Group institutions. The full list of leavers' destinations can be read below:

Bath (The University of)	Chemical Engineering
Bath Spa University	Criminology/Psychology
Birmingham (The University of)	Business Management
Birmingham (The University of)	Chemical Engineering (Industrial Experience) (5 Years)
Birmingham (The University of)	Chemical Engineering (International Study) (4 Years)
Birmingham (The University of)	Geography
Birmingham (The University of)	Music
Birmingham (The University of)	Policy, Politics and Economics with Year Abroad
Bradford College	Media Make Up with Special Effects
Bristol (The University of)	Biochemistry
Bristol (The University of)	Chemistry
Bristol (The University of)	Chemistry with Industrial Experience
Bristol (The University of)	Chemistry with Study in Continental Europe
Bristol (The University of)	Chemistry with Study in Continental Europe
Bristol (The University of)	Medicine
Bristol (The University of)	Medicine
Bristol (University of West England)	Filmmaking
Bristol (University of West England)	Real Estate
Cambridge (The University of)	Geography
Cambridge (The University of)	Mathematics
Cambridge (The University of)	Medicine
Cambridge (The University of)	Natural Sciences
Cardiff University	Exploration and Resource Geology
Cardiff University	Sociology
Durham University	English Literature
Durham University	General Engineering
Durham University	Geology
Durham University	History
Durham University	Music
Exeter (The University of)	Business Economics
Exeter (The University of)	English and Modern Languages
Exeter (The University of)	Modern Languages (4 Years)
Falmouth University	Animation and Visual Effects
Keele University	Astrophysics with Science Foundation Year
Keele University	Business Management and Mathematics
Lancaster University	Business Studies
Lancaster University	Psychology
Lancaster University	Theoretical Physics
Leeds Beckett University	Retail Management
Leeds (The University of)	Business Economics
Leeds (The University of)	Economics
Leeds (The University of)	English Literature
Leeds (The University of)	Environmental Science
Leeds (The University of)	History
Leeds (The University of)	International History and Politics
Leeds (The University of)	Psychology
Leicester (The University of)	Geology
Liverpool (The University of)	Business Economics with a Year in Industry
Liverpool (The University of)	English
Liverpool (The University of)	English Language and Philosophy
Liverpool (The University of)	History and Criminology
Liverpool (The University of)	Nursing
Liverpool (The University of)	Psychology
Liverpool (The University of)	Veterinary Science

Leaver Destinations 2016

Liverpool Hope University	Philosophy, Religion, and Economics
Loughborough University	Foundation Studies in Art and Design
Loughborough University	Graphics (Foundation)
Loughborough University	Management Sciences
Loughborough University	Physics with Astrophysics and Cosmology
Manchester (The University of)	Architecture
Manchester (The University of)	Chemical Engineering with Industrial Experience
Manchester (The University of)	Pharmacy
Manchester Metropolitan University	Art Foundation
Manchester Metropolitan University	Computer and Network Technology
Manchester Metropolitan University	Fashion Business and Management
Manchester Metropolitan University	International Business/Marketing
Manchester Metropolitan University	Product Design and Technology
Newcastle University	Accounting and Finance
Newcastle University	Accounting and Finance
Newcastle University	Biology and Psychology
Newcastle University	Business Management
Newcastle University	Economics
Newcastle University	Economics
Newcastle University	Food and Human Nutrition (with Placement)
Newcastle University	Law
Newcastle University	Modern Languages
Northumbria University	Sport Management
Nottingham (The University of)	Architecture
Nottingham (The University of)	Biotechnology
Nottingham (The University of)	Economics
Nottingham (The University of)	English Language and Literature
Nottingham (The University of)	Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Nottingham (The University of)	Plant Science
Nottingham (The University of)	Plant Science
Nottingham Trent University	Business Management and Marketing
Nottingham Trent University	Product Design
Oxford (The University of)	Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Portsmouth (The University of)	Palaeontology
Reading (The University of)	English Language
Royal Holloway University London	English and Creative Writing
Savannah College of Art and Design (Georgia, USA)	Graphics
Sheffield (The University of)	Archaeology and History
Sheffield (The University of)	Business Management
Sheffield (The University of)	Business Management
Sheffield (The University of)	Chemical Engineering (4 Years)
Sheffield (The University of)	Chemical Engineering with a Year in Industry
Sheffield (The University of)	English Language and Linguistics
Sheffield (The University of)	Geography
Sheffield (The University of)	Medicine
Sheffield (The University of)	Psychology
Sheffield (The University of)	Psychology
Sheffield Hallam University	Business Studies
Sheffield Hallam University	Real Estate
St Andrews (The University of)	Arabic and Spanish
Surrey (The University of)	Veterinary Medicine and Science
University College London	European Social and Political Studies (4 Years)
Wales, Trinity St David (University of)	Classical Civilisation
Warwick (The University of)	Law (with Study Abroad in English)
Warwick (The University of)	Mathematics
York (The University of)	Geography
York (The University of)	Law
York (The University of)	Psychology
York St John University	Psychology

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