

A group of 14 young women are posed for a photo in a dense, green jungle. They are standing on a mossy ground, with some wearing athletic gear like shorts and t-shirts, and others in more casual clothing. In the background, a waterfall cascades down a rocky ledge, surrounded by thick foliage and large tropical plants. The overall scene is vibrant and natural.

# King's *illustria*

2016/17



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Front cover image from the Costa Rica World Challenge.  
Back cover image from the Singapore and Australia Sports Tour.

# Headmaster's Report



Welcome to the fourth edition of King's *Illustria*, an overview of some of the major successes, achievements and highlights of the academic year 2016–17. Whilst it is the fourth edition under this title, it follows a firm tradition dating back to the first ever *School Report* in December 1836. School life is made up of very many traditions intertwined with new developments and initiatives. Some traditions may appear to be ancient, such as our house system, but connoisseurs of King's history will know that the modern house system is a resurrection of something that had died out by the 1970s. The system continues to re-invent itself with new competitions and events. One of this year's many initiatives

is the introduction of the School's first-ever Development & Alumni Officer. The role is jointly funded by the Former Pupils' Association and the School and its remit is to support the Association, re-connect with our former pupils and to support fundraising initiatives for our Bursary Fund. As a community, we share the ambition to ensure access to the school for the less well-off families in Macclesfield and the locality. We started this academic year with the news that one of our alumni had been shortlisted for the Turner Prize. Helen Marten went on to win not only the world's most prestigious art prize, but also won the Hepworth Sculpture Prize. As you will see from this edition of *Illustria*, the School continues to

welcome change and innovation in preparing our students for an increasingly global world. You will sense the incredible array of opportunities that are available to our pupils: from lessons that embrace mobile devices and critical thinking, through to departments that promote good pedagogy via Social Media and global expeditions to the furthest flung corners of the planet. Two of the most long-anticipated events of 2016–17 took students to exotic locations. A Sports Tour





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to Australia and Singapore was the furthest reaching trip, whilst a World Challenge to Costa Rica allowed pupils access to the most biodiverse and remote parts of the globe. Both were hugely successful and further details can be found in the magazine.

This edition reflects another successful 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'. Excellent results were achieved in this summer's A Level examinations.

Overall, 80% of all grades were at A\*-B and the A\*/A rate was 45%. This success reflected the hard work of staff and students in preparing for the new examination system and return to linear courses.

What matters most for the Sixth Formers is admission to their preferred course at the university of their choosing. I was delighted to see so many students achieving their choice of university, and also the wide range of courses being pursued from art to zoology and from music to nuclear engineering.

At GCSE level, individual successes abounded and, overall, students achieved 75% of all grades at A\*-B and 46% at A\*/A. In the Infant & Junior Division the results were every bit as impressive: our Year 6 pupils achieved success in their Key Stage 2 assessments.

In the areas of Reading, Writing and Maths, the percentages of our pupils achieving or exceeding the expected national level were significantly above the national average.

For our pupils to flourish beyond school, they need more than GCSE and A Level certificates. Independence, resilience, the ability to cope with, and surmount, failure are not subjects on the national curriculum, but they are all vital to success beyond school. At King's, we are passionate about fostering independence and developing learners with a range of skills and habits of mind that will stay with them long after they leave.

I hope you enjoy the article on our 'Critical Thinking' programme of lessons designed to develop our young people's ability to use their own initiative to solve problems.

We have also extended and further embedded King's Learning Habits as we work towards Silver and Gold levels in the Learning Quality Framework. The opportunities for independent work at King's have been significantly expanded in the last few years.

Over the summer holiday, pupils from Years 7 to 9 had the chance

to participate in the Headmaster's Challenge. In the Spring Term, we ran the Percyvale Essay competition and the inaugural Year 9 Aspire Project in which all Year 9 pupils were asked to produce a piece of independent work on a topic of their choosing. The pupils were allocated a mentor to help guide them through the process, but crucially the research and writing was up to the individual. Two of the winning projects focussed on human trafficking and Donald Trump and the pupils were rewarded at our Prize-Giving ceremony.

Parents 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, cheering on teams from the side-lines or through our Friends of King's committee. I would like to thank Rachel Clark and Ruth Oliver-Williams who have this year taken on the roles of Chair and Treasurer of Friends of King's.

The Committee is continuing to bring pupils and parents new and exciting events at the same time as continuing the tradition of fundraising for extra equipment for our pupils to enjoy. The ambition we have for our pupils is matched

by our aspirations for the School itself. This year saw several, major steps forward for our 2020 Vision for King's: our planning applications were given the green light by the Secretary of State; a generous gift from a former pupil allowed us to purchase the site for the new school and the successful marketing of our current sites have all heralded major advances. Whilst the 2020 Vision is important, we never forget our responsibility to the current generation of pupils in the School.

Finally, as is also tradition, we welcome a number of new faces as we bid farewell to others. This year saw the retirement of a number of long-serving colleagues: at Christmas, Michael Patey-Ford retired to start a new chapter in Devon and July saw the retirements of Mick Brown, Angela Balcombe and Peter Edgerton.

All four have made outstanding contributions to King's, not only in the classroom but also to the wider life of school, and all will be greatly missed. Full tributes to these and other colleagues can be found in the Hail & Farewell section, but I want particularly to note Ian Robertson, who has stepped down after 14 years as Principal of the Boys' Division, although remains



with us as a teacher of Biology. It has been a great privilege to work with Ian, who has been the rock and mainstay of the Division for a significant period of time, combining care and understanding of individuals with the need to uphold high standards and set a clear example.

I would also like to welcome Rob Barrow to the Board of Governors. Rob, father of a former pupil, has extensive experience of the IT industry and knowledge of charity fundraising; Rob therefore will be a huge asset to the External Relations Committee.

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# Creative Work



**Georgia Evans and Jack Grace, Pre-School**

During a topic about animals around the world, Pre-School pupils took all their favourite parts and put them together to make these Marvellous Mixed-Up Animals of their own invention.



**Alexander Hartley, Reception**

Reception went underwater with Rainbow Fish to find out about the watery world. Each child made a shoebox diorama; Alexander's includes a dramatic shipwreck on the bottom of the ocean.



**Reece Goodinson, Year 1**

Inspired by a trip to West Park Museum to find out about local artist Charles Tunnicliffe and his beautiful nature paintings, Year 1 produced their own pictures, trying to capture the tiny details they could see, like this owl's plumage by Reece.



**Isabella Oakes**

**Year 2 Flowers Project**

Year 2 developed their watercolour skills by painting still life flowers, mixing their colours and producing realistic effects.

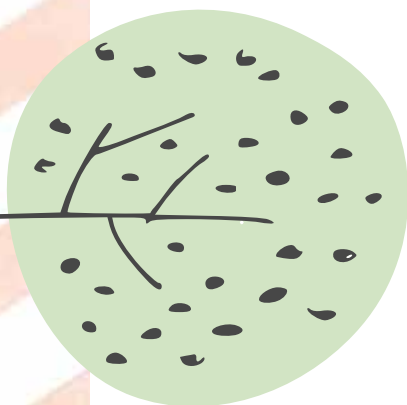


**Olivia MacCormack**



**Archie Russell**





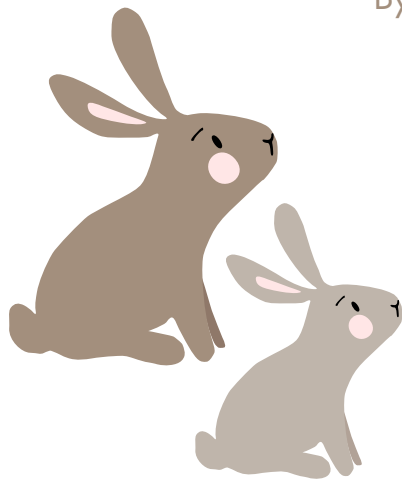
## Bunny Tales



Once there was a family of bunnies.  
They were called Bob, Rosie and Billy.  
They all had one thing each like a bedroom, bed, TV.  
One day their mother went out, but she said:  
“Don’t go into Mr Nod’s garden.”  
So she left the house.  
Bob and Rosie went off to pick some blackberries  
for their tea.  
Whilst Billy went to Mr Nod’s garden.  
Billy chewed on the lettuce and nibbled on the beetroot.  
When Mr Nod came over to pick some carrots, he spotted  
a small, fat rabbit laying down amongst the carrots.  
Mr Nod said: “That’ll make a scrumptious dinner.”  
And Mr Nod picked Billy up and put him in a sack.



By Harriet Bright, Year 2



**Xavier Alger  
and Matilda  
Machin  
Year 5**

Year 5 used  
silk painting to  
produce colourful  
representations  
of Mayan art.  
The outline was  
first drawn in  
gutta, then the silk  
paints applied  
and overlapped  
to produce new  
colours and effects.



**Cameron Hemphill Year 4**

A polyboard print of a Viking  
longboat setting sail on a voyage  
of discovery.



**Sophie Chong  
Year 3**

Year 3 went back to  
the Stone Age to find out  
where people came from.  
They modelled the type of tepee  
home found in the Mesolithic Era.





**Oliver Sapey Year 6**  
This snake picture is drawn and painted in the Aboriginal style of Australia. The pictures show the Dreamtime where the Ancestors live in a beautiful world beyond this one.



**Emily Currie and Phoebe Bajic Year 6**  
Year 6 used the thumb pot modelling technique to make vases in the style of Greek pottery. They researched the shapes used by the Greeks and the patterns and pictures that were used to decorate the pots during their visit to Manchester Art Gallery.

**Year 8 Girls' Birds**  
The birds were made as an independent homework project using materials and techniques chosen by individual students.



**Fay Fitzmaurice**



**Emma Graham**



**Esme Robinson**



**Julia Zjawinska**



**Lily Kemp**



**Amy Willock**



Creative Work

The Wood

By Kieran Melville, Year 9

In the darkest depths of the cursed Salem forest, the cleansing light of the sun hardly ever reaches down to the degenerated floor of the undergrowth. The writhing and seething tentacles of thorny brambles intertwine through the shrubs, tripping up the unwary. The constant sound of the devil's creatures cascade throughout the grove, like an orchestra of corruption.

The overwhelming smell of putrefying leaves test the holiest of hearts and most resilient of minds till they break, bewitching those fools idiotic enough to enter. They never seem to return. The abrasive, mouldering bark falls when the intrusive touch them, although they usually withdraw their hands as Lucifer is known to hide his servants in wretched vegetation like this.

In a clearing there is a baby pile of smouldering ash; atop it sits a cauldron. Its black sludge is a portal to the demonic realms. The bewildered who drink from the pot are bewitched by mischievous spirits. It is told that the elixir tastes like angel's tears, although soon it becomes bitter and the drinker feels the punishment of their curiosity.

In the darkness of nightfall, wisps flicker through the brushwood. The falling leaves are as if the heavens themselves are crying over this incurable wood. God doesn't give mercy to those who enter, although many a time they have been warned not to intrude on Satan's realm. The paranoid always check their back, as if their shadow has come to claim their souls.

When the day breaks, lost travellers will try and find their way, although they cannot stride through the dense underwood. Demons drag down passers-by with toothy appendages, snatching them into the razor wood. Growing between the roots are red-capped mushrooms.

The taste of freedom they give will soon be cut short by the realism of bitter-almond tasting poison.

Lucy Bettany  
and  
Connie Ward  
Year 10

These cylindrical designs were part of a GCSE project inspired by the landscape.



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Katie Hayward,  
Year 11

Katie was inspired by art deco style to design and manufacture an excellent high back chair.



Jennifer Johnson, Will Kemp  
and Sam Cockayne Year 12

Superb examples of hand-crafted lights developed by Year 12 students.



# A Saturday Evening

These words won't catch the beauty of tonight.  
Nothing can match this feeling, but feeling my life itself.  
My life's a perfumed bubble, clouded only by breath's fumes  
and the smell of death that looms.

Who would snatch the beauty of tonight from me?  
No one.

No-one would steal this web of stars from me, glinting like  
tomorrow's morning dew.

For if they could feel my life, they'd cherish it,  
and never let it perish on London Bridge tonight.

By Oliver Quinn, Year 13

**Lauren Kitchen Year 13**  
Lauren developed her octagon storage system to be a modular unit which can be built up over time by adding more units as required.



**Luca Schurink and Sam Wright Year 10**  
Clocks designed around a chosen 20th-century design movement. Lucas focused on turn of the century arts and crafts whilst Sam was interested in the simplicity of Bauhaus.



**Ben Tatton Year 13**  
Ben's gaming chair design was part of a brief to produce a low cost, high quality comfortable chair for gamers.





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### Dick Whittington

In November, the Year 4 pantomime, Dick Whittington, was a triumph. The humorous script, all delivered in rhyming verse, told the story of Dick Whittington and his cat, played by Felix Oliver-Williams and Fleur Foster. The cat quickly becomes a celebrity as she is a champion ratter and begins to tackle London's infestation of vermin. King Rat, performed by Emilia Pearce, and the Rat Gang determine to foil Tiddles the cat, but they end up 'all at sea' – literally, and Dick Whittington is made Mayor of London.

The children sang and danced their way through many catchy songs, including the Petula Clark classic, 'Downtown'. The pupils and audience loved every minute of their enthusiastic performance.



### Early Years Nativity

The children from Pre-School and Reception wowed a packed audience with their stunning, speaking, singing and dancing as they presented their musical version of the Nativity story, 'We Three Kings.' After many adventures on their long journey to visit the very special baby, the Three Kings finally made it on time to present Jesus with their gifts having been helped along the way by the shepherds and the brightest star. The whole performance was charming and extremely impressive for such very young children.



### Christmas Concert

The standard of this year's Junior Christmas Concert was most impressive. Pieces included 'Christmas Samba' rhythmically executed by Super Samba and 'Little (Boogie) Donkey' performed by Stringstars. Both choirs sang beautifully, and the concert ended with a song that fittingly expressed a desire for all people of the world to live in peace. Junior pupils presented an atmospheric Carol Service at St. Paul's Church.

The children both read the Christmas story and presented it through the medium of song. Year 3 performed 'Carol all you people', Year 4 gave a calypso rendition of the Christmas story with 'Come Follow the Star', Year 5 were charming with their singing of 'One Single Light' and Year 6 were impressive with their performance of the French traditional carol, 'Il Est

né, le Divin Enfant' complete with 'hautbois' players and a flautist!

### Beauty and the Beast

In March, Year 6 presented three outstanding performances of Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast'. The vibrant mix of song, dance and melodrama was performed with such enthusiasm and expertise that the audience felt they had been transported to the West End!

The children appeared as villagers in such songs as 'Belle' and magical household items in 'Be Our Guest'. There were, of course, some stand out individual performances, including Georgie Sanders as Beauty, James Hartley as the Beast and Henry Fraser as Gaston. But the success was down to an enormous team effort, not least from the Year 6 cast taking the responsibility for running a complex

musical show. They learned that whatever the part you are asked to play, it is essential to do it to the best of your ability to achieve an overall outstanding production.

### Easter Service

The Easter Service definitely gave cause for celebration; the singing was uplifting and rousing whilst the reading was expressive and clear. Stringstars playing of 'Sheep May Safely Graze' by J S Bach was stunning and the Year 3 and 4 pupils' rendition of 'Resurrection Rock' made us all want to get up and dance. The hymn singing was also heartwarming in its tunefulness and volume.







### Music Festivals

In May, Woodwind Wonders competed in the large ensemble class at the Alderley Edge Music Festival and performed the varied programme of 'Spread a Little Happiness,' 'Yesterday' and the theme from 'The Great Escape'. The musicians from Year 3-6 had practised hard all year and this resulted in solid ensemble playing and good intonation.

A joint first place was achieved and the parents and grandparents who attended were delighted with our pupils' performance and achievement.

Also successful in the festival were talented pianists Harriet Bright, Cora Seth and Year 9 pupil Ben Sneddon, who each took first place in their category. In addition, Grade 8 piano winner at the Festival, Aisling Day, not only won the piano category, but also won the Grade 8 Cello and Grade 8 Cello and Double Bass sections. King's talented young musicians

entertained their classmates and impressed their adjudicators during the four King's Music competitions. There were 112 entries with the children singing and playing a variety of acoustic and electronic instruments. They also performed in duets and trios. All the performers

played with great confidence and appeared to enjoy the experience of sharing their musical ability with others.

This was a House Competition and after the scores had been totalled, the Music Cup was awarded to Gawsworth.



### Junior Summer Concert

The final musical event of the year saw a wide variety of styles of music from our ensembles. The finale of 'Adiemus' from Karl Jenkins' 'Songs of Sanctuary', which was performed by both choirs and Year 3 and 4 recorder players, was truly thrilling. It was a fitting showcase and celebration of all that the children have achieved this year.

### Senior Music

2016-17 has been another exceptionally busy year of music-making filled with outstanding performances. In November, the Autumn Instrumental Concert highlighted the range and depth of instrumental music-making at King's. In addition to performances by our larger ensembles, such as the Chamber Orchestra's 'Beethoven's First Symphony 1<sup>st</sup> movement', Concert Band's 'The Great Locomotive Chase' and Jazz Band's 'Woodchopper's Ball', it

was fantastic to hear performances by smaller chamber ensembles. The boys' Brass Group gave a spellbinding performance of 'Four Dances' by Peurl and there were memorable debuts from the new Saxophone Ensemble (featuring PME on guitar) and Girls' Brass Group (Years 6-7). The whole evening was rounded off by the Big Band with stellar performances of 'Pots & Pans' and 'Fun-kaaay.'

In January, members of the String Orchestra travelled to North Wales for their annual residential rehearsal weekend at Trigonos. Fifteen students from Years 7-13 spent two days enjoying games, walks, homemade food and rehearsing together for April's Spring Instrumental Concert, where they performed Peter Warlock's 'Capriol Suite'.

Trigonos String weekends have long been a highlight of the King's musical calendar. They are a unique opportunity for students from all senior divisions to live and make music together in a truly beautiful setting among the

foothills of Mt. Snowdon. If there was an unofficial theme for April's Spring Instrumental Concert, it was folk music. From Cajon Folk Songs (Concert Band) to English Folk Songs (Chamber Orchestra, String Orchestra) via a Drunken Sailor (Girls' Brass) and a Mexican Hat Dance (Clarinet Ensemble, with hats), the enthusiasm and sense of fun in each and every performance was exhilarating.

Further highlights included the debuts of the Senior Samba Group, who performed a foot-stomping Samba Batacuda, and the Flute Ensemble, who gave elegant, nuanced performances of folk and jazz-inspired pieces.

As ever, King's Swings in May was a memorable, musical delight. With the hall transformed into a jazz club, the stage was set for barnstorming performances from both the Big Band and the Jazz Band.

The audience were also treated to performances by a smaller ensemble featuring two of our most



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experienced Sixth Form musicians, Alex Clarke and Rachel Catlin, beautifully accompanied by Mr Dearden and Mr Brown, who together gave sensitive, nuanced performances of a range of jazz standards. The evening was rounded off in style with all the performers joining together for a roof-raising rendition of 'Louie, Louie'.

Throughout the year, King's musicians give regular 'Music at Mike's' lunchtime recitals at St Michael's Church which raise vital funds for East Cheshire Hospice. Several concerts this year featured larger groups of musicians, most notably the exceptional concert performance of Kofi's Journey by the Year 8 boys, conducted by JTB. Equally, these concerts also offer fantastic opportunities for individuals to perform in front of friendly, appreciative audiences. King's pupils have also been invited to perform in numerous other external concerts and events. In the Summer Term alone, a team of soloists

delighted visitors to Macclesfield Garden Festival whilst a Jazz Quartet were invited to perform for the ISBA Conference Dinner at the Deansgate Hilton in Manchester.

### Senior Music Competitions

There have also been two Music Competitions this year. In the Spring Term, all musicians from Year 10 upwards were invited to come and play/sing as part of a series of informal heats adjudicated by teaching staff and instrumental teachers. Fourteen 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 Philip Dewhurst, Director of Music at Cheadle Hulme School. Mr Dewhurst was effusive in his praise for each finalist but in the end, awarded the prize for performance of the evening to Olivia Hamblyn (voice). The Lower School Music Competition took place during the Summer Term and culminated in a

delightful summer soirée concert at Fence Avenue. With performances ranging from unaccompanied Bach to The Darkness via the heights of Russian Romanticism, this concert was a delightful celebration of the variety and strength in depth of King's music.

### Senior Choirs

King's choirs have had a busy and highly successful year. For the third year in a row, the Foundation Choir were invited to perform with the Northern Chamber Orchestra at Christmas and their elegant performance of In Terra Pax by Gerald Finzi was highly praised by orchestra and audience alike. End of term Carol services in Chester Cathedral and at St Michael's saw all three King's choirs performing carols ancient and modern.

In March, the Songbirds were invited to perform at Maggie's Cancer Centre in Manchester (one of King's chosen charities this year). Their performance delighted

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staff, patients and guests and they have already been invited back to perform again next year. March was also a busy month for the Cambiata Group, who took part in a recording session for Oxford University Press and once again enjoyed workshops and a concert with Cambiata North West.

The Summer Term tour to Cartmel Priory was once again a great success. Right at the end of term, King's Sings once again served as a showcase for all three King's choirs. The Songbirds sang a wide range of music from Purcell to Adele; a particular highlight being their performance of Laura Farnell's 'Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep', featuring Georgina Bloomfield on violin. The Cambiata group also enjoyed performing a wide range of pieces from poignant folk song settings (Molly Malone) to a riotous 'Three Little Birds'.

Particular mention must also be made of the new Barbershop Group (Messrs. Andresen, Clayfield, Corner, Daly and

Wallace, directed by DTT) who are not only performing to a very high standard, but also already inspiring younger students. Following performances of sacred and secular repertoire including Taverner's The Lamb and Howells' Like as the Hart (stirring and sensitively accompanied by IED), the Foundation Choir were joined for their last piece, Chilcott's Little Jazz Mass, by a jazz trio led by Dan Whieldon (one of our fantastic piano teachers). Singing this jazz/blues-inspired setting with a professional trio at the top of their game was an exhilarating experience for the whole group and served as a fitting climax to an excellent year's music-making here at King's.



### Junior RNCM

This year, a trio of talented young King's musicians (pictured above) earned places at the Junior Royal Northern College of Music. Joining veteran opera singer Olivia Hamblyn and pianist and clarinet player John Daly was violinist Georgina Bloomfield. All three have happily spent every Saturday at the famous central Manchester college.

On behalf of everyone involved in King's music, I would like to thank all the staff across the foundation who give their expertise, time and support in service of the students' music-making.

Particular thanks and a warm welcome to MEH and DTT who have joined the department this year and swiftly settled into their new roles. We look forward hugely to working with them again next year.

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## Kindertransport

King's Girls' Division actors relived the traumas of the lucky few in a play that echoed today's refugee crisis. Packed audiences were spellbound when the girls staged Diana Samuels' modern day classic 'Kindertransport' which tells the tale of the few Jewish children fortunate enough to escape the Nazi death camps to flee to Manchester in 1938.

The play spans four decades with the narrative skilfully criss-crossing from World War II right up to the 1980s, demonstrating the continuing devastation caused by dislocation from family. The subject demanded sensitive, powerful and intelligent performances from all the cast (pictured top right).

Their performances were flawless and kept the audience's suspension of disbelief throughout the powerful play. Ellie Webster played the young Ava torn from her family to grow up in the Manchester. Other stars of the show included Emily How as mum

Helga, Maddie Holder as a Nazi officer, and Imogen Collinson, as Ava's English 'mother'.

## Around the World in 80 Days

In the Spring Term, pupils at Cumberland Street put on a fast-moving production of 'Around The World in Eighty Days'. The ripping yarn featuring up-tight Englishman Phileas Fogg and his excitable batman Passpartout copied the high energy productions recently seen in London and Manchester.

The Jules Verne's story was so popular, that Donald Forbes actually had so many students wanting a part that he had to cast it twice. Both casts wowed packed audiences. First Dominic Corner and then Aarian Mehrabani featured as the haughty, disdainful and often confused Fogg, with Harry Wallace and Joe Hopewell providing the comic counterpoint with slapstick idiocy as Passpartout. Both the casts positively effervesced energy on four glorious

nights to full houses, who were transported by the travelogue which was originally penned by Jules Verne 140 years ago.

## Year 7 Drama Performance Evening

In June, all Year 7 girls staged a very entertaining Performance Evening. It was an opportunity to show their parents some of the skills they had been developing in Drama lessons, such as storytelling and physical theatre. The successful evening saw groups of girls performing well-known fairy tales including Jack & The Beanstalk, Hansel & Gretel, and also the story of Medusa, amongst others. The lively and engaging performances, each around 10 minutes, had parents laughing out loud in what was a wonderful finale to the girls' first year in the Senior Division.



## Aarian's success

Sixth Form student Aarian Mehrabani has won a much coveted place at London's Central School of Speech and Drama, one of only 20 successful candidates from over 5,000 applicants. The Central School, which is part of London University, has an alumni that reads like a Who's Who of British Theatre and include Sir Laurence Olivier, Sir Cameron Macintosh, Dame Judi Dench, James Nesbitt and Catherine Tate among an exhaustive list of household names. As well as studying for his A Levels, Aarian worked throughout his time in the Sixth Form to hone his skills on stage. He travelled into Manchester after school to work with the Royal Exchange youth company starring in their productions 'Brink' and 'Nothing' and developing his stage craft in their workshops and seminars. It's that level of dedication allied to his eye-catching stage presence, light comic touch and natural musicality that has seen him win a place at the prestigious Central School.



# Spotlight on *Critical Thinking*



The psychologist Margaret Mead once said, 'Children must be taught how to think, not what to think'. We are living in a world where children are using the internet at an increasingly young age and the media is becoming ever more powerful, so the ability of young people to think carefully about the world around them and to be able to critically assess the information they receive is important.

The 'Critical Thinking' course in Year 7 and Year 8 aims to introduce King's pupils to some of the key ideas in critical thinking to help them to be able to evaluate the information they are given as well as to formulate and express their own opinions.

The Critical Thinking course is unusual in that there is no subject content; instead, it is about developing the pupils' abilities as thinkers. According to Robert Ennis, Emeritus Professor at the University of Illinois, the ideal critical thinker is someone who is clear, focused and precise in their thinking. They always look for reasons and fact to support their opinions and behaviour, as well as considering alternatives. They are open-minded and reasonable and make decisions based on fact and reason rather than on assumptions or prejudices.

The critical thinking lessons are designed to encourage these ways of thinking, by presenting the pupils with a series of challenging stimulus, materials and tasks, often working collaboratively. There is little in the way of conventional 'schoolwork': lessons tend to be active and discussion-based, often involving debates where the pupils' views and opinions are

valued as much as the teacher's. There is also a great deal of creative thinking. Pupils really enjoy the lessons because there is rarely a 'right answer', they find the debate energising and they have the opportunity to work on collaborative projects.

This year, critical thinking lessons have involved a range of activities including, in Year 7, working as groups to create their own country, complete with its own currency, language and national produce. This encourages pupils to think deeply and discuss issues of nationality, culture, identity and democracy. They also created their own political parties within school with their own manifesto and slogan. Debates at various points in the year have included topics on the role of the monarchy, the value of the internet and whether Christmas should be banned.

Pupils have also had the opportunity to consider texts about injustice, for example extracts from Nelson Mandela's autobiography, and to reflect on how they can be active citizens to prevent injustice in the world around them. Critical Thinking lessons also introduce pupils to situations where they need to weigh

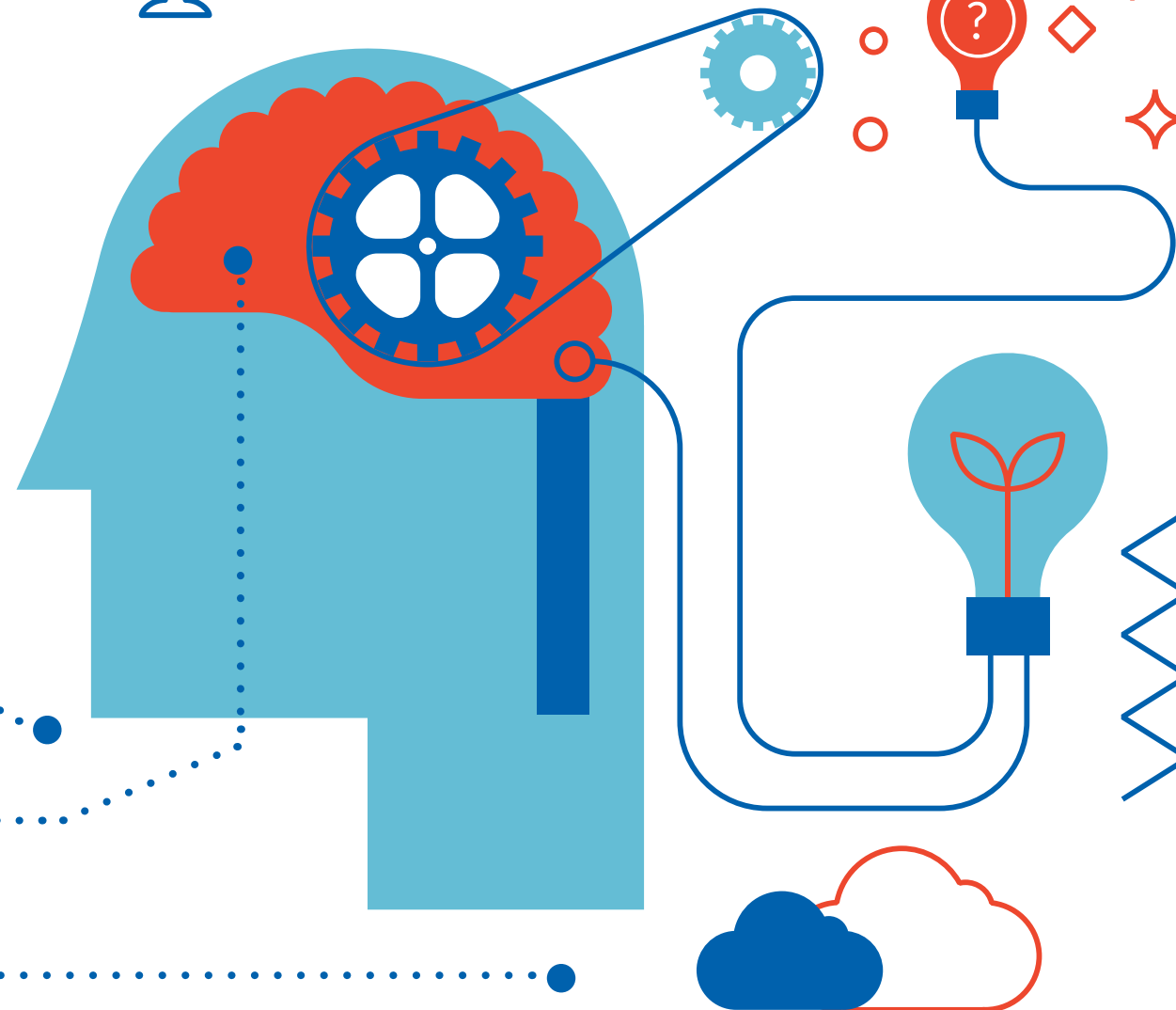
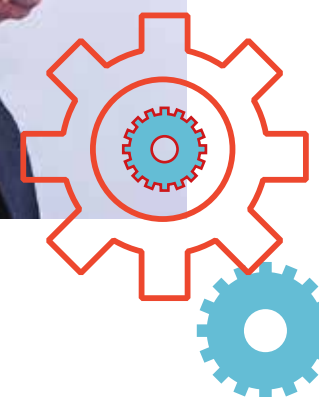
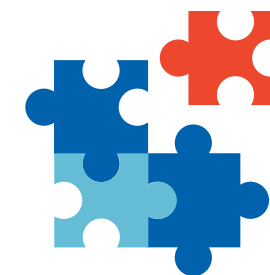
up likely guilt and culpability, based on evidence – and pupils really enjoy the chance to create their own courtroom! In doing so, they are introduced to important ideas about credibility of evidence and people, and why some people may be less credible than others. They also look at bias in the media, such as newspapers, so that they understand that they should definitely not believe everything that they read.

We want our pupils to question accepted truths and to be both open-minded but also sceptical where relevant, which in a world of 'fake news' is becoming ever more important.

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## Academic Highlights





# Spotlight on *English*



At the start of the academic year in the English Department, we identified five 'driving questions' which we feel underpin the study of our rich and compelling subject. Questions such as 'How do writers explore the nature of the human condition?' have been used throughout the year to set into context the academic study of language and literature and to also help inspire a love for the subject in our pupils.

One of the questions that drives us is: 'Why do we feel compelled to read and write stories?' The narrative of English in recent years is one of change, largely. As with many other academic subjects in secondary education, recent reforms to GCSE and A Levels have necessitated a revised approach to the preparation for public examinations, and much work has been done by colleagues in the department to ready ourselves and our students for the switch to a more rigorous GCSE syllabus that better befits the academically talented and inquisitive pupils that come to King's. The demise of coursework at this level will be welcomed by some, lamented by others, but is designed to encourage a greater independence that aligns perfectly with King's Learning Habits, which are at the very heart of our educational philosophy.

Alongside these changes though, much endures from year to year, not least the outstanding learning experience encountered by pupils in English lessons at King's. The truly superb results

in 2016 attest to this, with 63% of grades awarded in GCSE English Language at A\*/A (15% nationally), 77% securing A\*/A in GCSE Literature and a tremendous 86% achieving A\*/A in A Level Literature (18% nationally).

A snapshot of some of the inspirational and imaginative activities taking place on any given day will reveal the likes of audio-visually immersive descriptive writing, the 'agree-o-meter' for class discussion or debate, and sleuthing activities to decode a poem from the artefacts found on its dead protagonist's person. Nor are Mr Lucas-Nolan's A Level Literature students likely ever to forget the Sainsbury's potted basil plant that became a much-loved honorary member of the class during lessons on Keats' bizarre narrative poem *Isabella* or *The Pot of Basil*!

We have also been asking our students, 'How do writers use language to persuade and influence others?' The answer from them has been emphatic. Ciara Allen stunned the judges in the Cheshire finals of the Poetry by Heart competition to make it through to the national final at the British Library in London. This saw her selecting two poems from a prescribed list and learning them for declamation, being judged not only on the performative aspects but also on engagement with the meaning and rhythms – and interplay of the two – of the verse. Already an established feature on the English Department calendar alongside the Portico Sadie



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Massey Award (won this year by our very own Emma Graham), the Stephen Spender Poetry Translation Award and Cheshire Book Quiz competitions, this represents a new and deserved level of success for our talented pupils.

Performance and creativity, alongside innovative teaching methods, are part of the staple diet of the department. Our Twitter feed @KingsmacEnglish and contributions to @pedagoofriday showcase the department. A visit by the hugely entertaining poet Mike Garry and a lunchtime performance showcase of A Midsummer Night's Dream by Mrs Smith's Year 8 pupils which featured poetry, descriptive writing, drama and music inspired by the play. Pupils' enjoyment of and

engagement with the subject has been enriched by numerous theatre trips, ranging from the Year 7 panto in Buxton, to a Middle School trip to *The Crucible*, right up to a Sixth Form excursion to London to tour the Globe and Drury Lane theatres, culminating in a performance of *King Lear* with Anthony Sher at the Barbican. No girl or boy can ever say they are bereft of opportunities to stretch, challenge and enliven their experience of English.

The question, 'In what ways is literature timeless?' is foregrounded by many school initiatives to encourage wide reading of quality fiction and non-fiction texts. This is increasingly required of students seeking to perform well in the revised GCSE specifications. All

Key Stage 3 pupils at King's spend one English lesson each fortnight in the wonderfully-resourced school Libraries, pursuing their own literary interests and working through the Reading Matters scheme to broaden their exposure to a variety of genres. Further up the school, the Sixth Form Book Club this year have grappled with texts such as *Catch 22*, *The Diving Bell* and *The Butterfly* and *The World's Wife*, discussing the many ways in which these novels and poems resonate through the ages. Thus, our aim is that pupils should become lifelong readers who will continue to find challenge, sustenance and insight in the books they encounter.

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# Spotlight on *Infant & Junior* STEM Week



There was a fantastic buzz around the Infants & Juniors as the children and staff immersed themselves into a variety of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) challenges. At lunchtimes, the children had fun designing catapults, lollipop bridges and towers from marshmallows and spaghetti. The highlight of the week for pupils in Years 2-6 was undoubtedly the Bloodhound Supersonic Car workshops: the children thoroughly engaged in the activities and learnt a lot about the many aspects of designing a supersonic car – a truly inspirational experience!



## Infants

Pupils designed a class dinosaur and constructed it from withies, chicken wire and lots of Modroc. Named 'Spottyosaurus', he is now resident in the EYFS outdoor classroom. The children individually designed a dinosaur and then made them from clay and dried pasta. Pupils also made dinosaur skeletons from art straws; dressed up in dinosaur costumes and played in the mud swamp and dinosaur caves; took

on the role of palaeontologists and chipped away at a solid plaster lump to reveal a dinosaur inside and they also looked at dinosaur models and painted still life dinosaurs using oil pastels and paints.

A Lego workshop allowed pupils to build their own houses, gardens and vehicles out of Lego pieces. The creations were then put together to make Upper town and Lower town, joined by a road, railway track and river to make a Lego village. The children had a fantastic morning

creating detailed houses with balconies, swimming pools and even landscaped gardens.

Year 2 enjoyed a very exciting week: they started by designing and making scarecrows for the Growing Garden and then took part in all the Bloodhound activities.



## Juniors

Year 3 pupils undertook a challenge to create a bridge to cross the River Nile and the brief was that it had to be strong enough to support the weight of animals crossing it. The children used limited materials and worked as a team to create a strong structure of a specified height. They realised that a bridge needs solid foundations and much support. All the teams successfully completed the challenge. In Music, the children designed and made a stringed instrument with all the component parts of a soundbox, a bridge and strings. The children had great fun experimenting with the positioning of their bridge and the number of strings that their instrument could feasibly support.

Year 4 pupils engaged in a variety of exciting activities including learning about structures and the features of different bridges and buildings that made the structure strong and stable. They were then challenged to design and construct apparatus that would lift a cookie into the air. The highest

cookie won. Pupils were given 20 straws and a roll of masking tape to do this. In our second tower building activity, pupils were challenged to build the tallest tower they could out of a variety of materials (including 20 balloons). Much fun was had by all. As a link to their electricity topic, pupils also constructed their own quiz boards on electrical safety complete with a light bulb that lit up the house on the correct answer.

Year 5 visited the Silk Museum to learn about Macclesfield's silk making history and to learn about mechanical devices including gears, levers and pulleys. Year 5 also experienced a 'Tomato Challenge' – a real life problem in Nepal where the locals struggled to get the tomatoes down the mountain to market safely and without being squashed. The children worked in teams to design and make a system with K-nex using pulleys and levers. Finally, they were able to watch the system that was put in place and is still being used today. In addition to the inspirational Bloodhound workshops, Year 6 got

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to grips with the newspaper tower challenge. In small groups, they were given seven newspaper dowels and 60cms of masking tape to make a tower that would be able to support at least a 200g weight. There were some amazing design and builds, with some towers able to take a 900g weight!



# Spotlight on *Infant & Junior* Wellbeing Week



All pupils thoroughly enjoyed a special week of Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit activities to focus on keeping healthy, happy and hydrated! The aim of the week was to develop resilient and caring individuals who respect themselves and others.



In Reception, pupils considered what makes a 'good friend' and how they can help others. Children also learnt about the importance of keeping well hydrated and having a healthy diet: they had fun making vegetable soup and delicious fruit kebabs. They found out why our bodies and minds need these good foods, along with exercise and fresh air.

The 'Wake up, Shake up' was a great way to begin each day and the meditation was a new experience for all. A highlight of the week for the staff was to see the reactions of each child as they listened and realised that a particular 'Appreciation Letter' was for and about them: what a privilege to have been a part of this. Thank you to parents for writing them.

As part of a 'Focus on Faith' day, Year 1 visited St. Michael's Parish Church. Pupils climbed up to the bell tower, watched one of the bell ringers and got the chance to have a go! A tour of the church allowed pupils to learn about some key features of its history. Pupils then had great fun using clues to search for the church mice that are hidden around the church.

Year 2 had a busy week embracing many aspects of RE/PSHE. They spent time learning about their own personalities and understanding how their hobbies and likes/dislikes help to form their identities. They took part in team building challenges and listened to a fascinating talk from a visitor to school on 'being a good

sport'. Children discussed 'what is faith?' and entered into philosophical debate to try to answer some of the bigger questions we face, like, 'Should we treat animals the same as people?' 'Are the best things in life really free?' 'Do we live in a fair world?' Finally, the children learnt about mindfulness, taking part in mindfulness colouring, meditation and yoga.

Year 3 pupils enjoyed participating in various activities including relaxing yoga, an exciting nature walk and making delicious healthy smoothies. A highlight was the 'Awe and Wonder Day', where pupils spent time exploring the fascinating lives of bees, discovering amazing facts about our own bumblebees and



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drawing a scene through the eyes of all five (!) eyes of a bee.

Year 4 pupils undertook a water bottle challenge to make them think about how much (or little) water we drink. Pupils focused on the power of positive thinking and learnt techniques to turn seemingly negative things into positives, by thinking about our friends and family to help us through difficult times. Pupils really enjoyed the yoga class which followed a discussion on dealing with worries.

They learned breathing techniques to help deal with anger or help to stay calm. Pupils also enjoyed some time with nature, exploring the school grounds looking closely at colour, shape and pattern in plants.

Amongst other things, pupils found white-flowered wild garlic growing in the meadow, a pink magnolia about to flower and leaves of many colours. Using the iPads, the children made beautiful, colourful collages of their photos to print out and add to their booklets.

On 'Faith Day', Year 4 listened to a talk from Mr Jackson, Senior RE/Philosophy teacher, exploring what faith means, to ourselves and others. Pupils shared and discussed their own ideas of faith and about what God means to them.

Year 5 pupils were fully immersed in activities on the theme of happiness: what makes them happy and the



importance of being happy. This led to mindfulness activities and enjoying the natural environment. Interestingly we compared scientific research on happiness to many different world religions and discovered there was a common thread running through them, that we should treat each other with respect and this will lead to happiness for all.

During our health day we focused on the effects of sugar in our diet and how we need to be more aware of perhaps cutting down and finding alternatives for those sugar cravings. Every child made a naturally sweet energy ball from dates, oats and seeds and surprisingly the majority devoured them! The children were also educated about the amount of hidden sugar in drinks and were shocked when visibly shown the actual amounts.

Year 6 pupils enjoyed imaginative and wider-ranging activities and talks. A particular highlight was



the presentation from the Head of Spanish, Mrs Jones, about the work of Amnesty International. With thought-provoking images and personal anecdotes, the pupils were challenged to consider "What's in a name?" before learning about the Article of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the right to have a name.

Daily 'Wake Up, Shake Up' sessions lead by Year 6 girls proved a real hit before classes began each day.

A fascinating talk from the Head of Philosophy, Mr Jackson, led to many wide-ranging discussions and some stunningly-researched leaflets about the life and times of the Dalai Lama, Martin Luther King, Mother Teresa and Gandhi.

Well done to all the pupils for the enthusiasm and commitment they showed in engaging with this unique week of their education.



# Spotlight on *Physics*



This year the Physics department has embarked on many new and exciting challenges in and out of the classroom. Exam results from summer 2016 were the best A Level results the department has achieved and the number of students studying the subject at this level has continued to increase. The majority go on to study STEM subjects at the very best universities.

Fionn Carman, Natalie Stevens, Dan Harrop and Jen Young worked closely with Dr Hartnett and local engineer John Blackwell to complete the Engineering Education Scheme (EES). They faced many challenges but overcame them to produce a most impressive dissertation on how to build a high pressurised chemical injector for our engineer's company Opus Technical Ltd.

The students attended a launch day and residential course at Liverpool University. At the celebration day they produced a highly commended

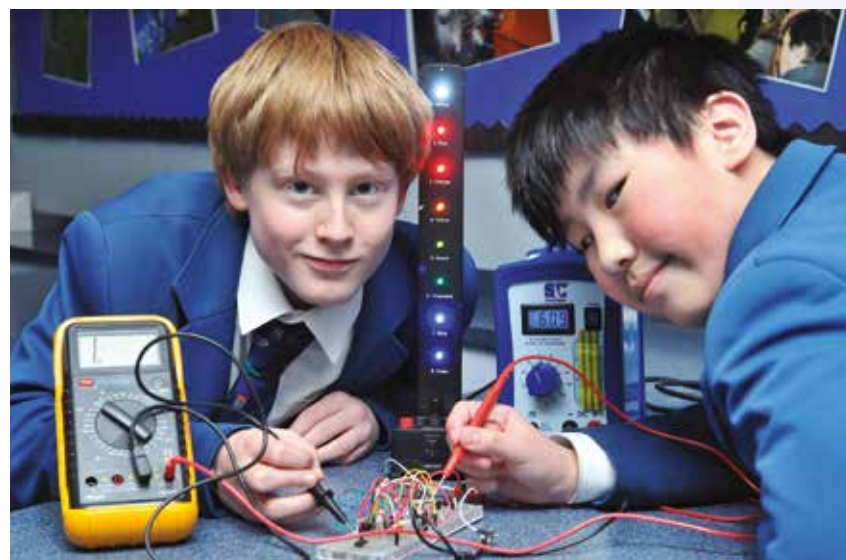
presentation and also gained a Gold Crest Award. This was achieved by collaborating and researching at a very high level, giving them an excellent insight into the engineering industry, as they embark on their university applications and to hopefully become the engineers of tomorrow.

In January, Year 13 Physics students all attended a masterclass on Particle Physics at Daresbury Laboratories. They found out about the multi-discipline research that takes place at this world-renowned centre. Freddy McNulty, William McIlveen and Finlay Calder enjoyed being used as props to show how quarks behave inside a proton during the excellent lecture presented by Professor Fred Loebinger from Manchester University.

To further promote resilience in Physics, Mr Prideaux formed an Electronics Club to allow students to develop their skills in problem

solving in a discipline not studied in the classroom. This very successful club enabled students to design and build electronic devices from basic components. The students constructed sub-systems such as an Astable, Decade counter, Logic circuits, and binary to decimal display drivers and tested each system before integrating it into a final working product.

Physics Club has continued to allow younger students to develop projects over a number of weeks to make, for example, an operating loudspeaker and a fully functioning submarine. Miss Holland has been a driving force behind this club, encouraging younger students to attend. Our highly qualified and experienced Physics technician, Dr Embrey, has designed and planned many of the successful projects and she has also supported the Electronics Club and EES project. The successful Junior Science club has continued to be very popular and has been supported by Friends of King's. This



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club is for all Junior year groups and students have made fruit batteries, electroscopes and red cabbage indicators. Mrs Balcombe and Mrs Locke have supported this multi-discipline club, with technical support provided by the most efficient Mrs Gravett.

Each year, the department organises a Physics trip to CERN, (pictured above) the particle accelerator in Switzerland, and this December will see a large party of Year 12 and Year 13 students visit the world's largest particle accelerator to reinforce their knowledge of Particle Physics. They will also visit the United Nations in Geneva while seeing where physics can take them at CERN.

Mr Deakin has further developed the Twitter account, @kingsphysics, and has attracted many new followers. He has made a dramatic impact at Fence Avenue and has helped to develop the King's Learning Habits in the teaching of physics.

Sixth form A Level Physics students have been most successful in the national Physics Olympiad with two students obtaining silver awards this year and one student last year, Dimtri Whitmore, obtaining a gold award and being placed in the top twenty five students in the country.

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### Infants & Juniors

#### Discovering Dinosaurs

The Reception class had an exciting few weeks investigating and exploring dinosaurs: the focus was discovering how and why we know so much about these amazing creatures. The children had the opportunity to dig for fossils and piece together real bones that they found and to identify what creature they came from. A visitor bought some amazing fossils and encouraged the children to be paleontologists for the day.

Even more special visitors included a baby Allosaurus called Jack and a life-size T-Rex called Sophie! The children also built their own 3D jigsaw of a triceratops and created model dinosaurs using plaster and pasta. A lot of fun was had by the children in designing, creating and painting their very own dinosaur, Spottysaurus, using chicken wire, modroc, paint and varnish.

#### Where will our Wellies take us?

Reception children read 'Where will our Wellies take us' by Michael Morpurgo and then enjoyed several adventurous walks. The first walk was through the countryside to a garden centre, linked with our study of growing things and being healthy. Seeds were planted and potatoes were chitted, and the children did their best to nurture the seeds and plants. The following week, the children's wellies took them on a walk in to the town centre, where the children met the Town Crier who explained about his special garment, his role and who finally rang his 200-year-old bell to declare the arrival of The King's School children to Macclesfield.

They then had a very busy and exciting trip to the shoe shop before returning back to school. The Welly adventures culminated in an exciting Easter Egg hunt after learning the Easter story. This led on to considering how amazing eggs are and a study of all the animals that lay eggs.

#### Wizardry

Reception children were very fortunate with the weather for their trip to Alderley Edge, where they explored caves and listened to tales about the farmer who met a wizard and wished to buy his white horse. By the wishing well, children managed to spot the wizard's face in the rock face. They reached the highest point and talked about the Armada Beacon whilst admiring the beautiful countryside. The children considered and compared a seaside and countryside view.

#### Fire safety

Year 1 were visited by a team of firefighters as part of their wider study of the Fire of London. The firefighters came to burn down the Tudor houses that the children had made, replicating the true events



that happened during the Great Fire of London in 1666. As they were about to light the fire, the firefighters were called to a real 999 emergency. Pupils watched as they got into their uniforms and sped off with the sirens sounding and the blue lights flashing. When they returned, children watched Mrs Merriman dress up as a firefighter and had the opportunity to look around a real fire engine.

#### Year 1 trip to West Park

The weather was perfect for the Year 1 trip to West Park Museum to learn about local artist Charles Tunnickliffe. The children enjoyed an art workshop led by resident Art teacher Mrs Long. They learnt about the life of Charles Tunnickliffe and explored some of his works. They created magic pictures using a selection of light and dark oil pastels and pens. The children also explored a range of techniques to produce larger oil pastel pictures of nature.

#### Year 2 Jaguar Land Rover trip

A Learning Challenge topic for Year 2 investigated the properties of different materials and how they are used in car production, as well as learning about wheels, axles and designing cars. They had a visit from Mr Robinson-Pickles and his 79-year-old Rolls Royce and were able to compare the car with newer cars and made good observations. They also travelled to Halewood, near Liverpool, to visit the Jaguar Land Rover factory. The children were able to learn about how and why robots are used to build cars and were able to experience this first hand on a tour around the factory to see the Range Rover Evoque in production. The factory makes 800 hundred cars every day which are shipped all around the world.



#### Year 2 study of India

Year 2 studied the culture, geography and religion of India and enjoyed a number of activities to bring the topic to life. In January, pupils attended a special workshop to learn important facts about India's geography. The children learnt about Diwali, the festival of light, and wrote their own version of the story of Rama and Sita and performed dances to re-enact the story.

#### Year 3 Stone Age day

The children of Year 3 went back in time to the Prehistoric Era to meet with Clud! Dressed in amazing costumes they spent the day finding out about life in the Stone Age. Clud, a Bronze Age ancestor, discussed how the Stone Age people survived, showing the children bones, stones and tools. The year group took part competing with each other in mammoth hunting, chariot racing and monument building.







### Year 3 Spanish Day

Children came to school dressed in either Spanish flag colours, Spanish football kit or traditional costume. They started the morning with a Spanish food tasting session that ranged from calamari to patatas bravas. Pupils were joined by Mr Seth and Sixth Form students Pete and Allana, who delivered an enjoyable session of Spanish speaking activities. During the rest of the day the children learned some flamenco dance moves and turned their hand to becoming Picasso when producing abstract portraits.

### Year 3 trip to Lyme Park

As part of their learning challenge topic on plants, Year 3 visited Lyme Park and spent the morning discovering the gardens on a nature walk. Children identified a range of plants and flowers and even spotted some froglets! They then drew and recorded some of the things they had seen before planting bean seeds to take back to school and exploring the woodland.

### Year 4 Manor Adventure

Year 4 enjoyed an amazing weekend of Outdoor Activities including zip-wiring, abseiling and muddy obstacle-courses. Pupils made the most of the wet weather, in some cases getting the chance to almost swim through the muddy trenches on the Obstacle Course! Saturday saw a full day of outside activities, including the low-ropes course, blind-fold trail, archery range, crate-stacking and zip-wire



challenge. Sunday included yet more activity sessions, including the abseil tower, where a number of children conquered their fears to lean out backwards over the rather scary edge.

### Year 4 Trip to Chester

Linked to their study of the Romans, Year 4 travelled to Chester to find out why the Romans settled the area. In the museum, the children enjoyed a range of hands-on activities including dressing up, preparing food, grinding spices, sorting archaeological fragments, building a bath house and making a mosaic. Pupils also learned about a Roman soldier's armour and weapons, and enjoyed a march with the Roman legionary through the streets of Chester to the Amphitheatre, where they learned what it was used for, including the gladiator fights.

Year 4 also 'visited' Rome for a day: children and staff came to school dressed as Romans and the 'goddesses' looked after the citizens. The children took a lesson in writing and mathematics at Roman school, visited the temple to pray to the Gods and Goddesses, made Roman vegetable soup to

eat during the entertainments later on, visited the theatre to see a play about Roman children living near Vesuvius, and the highlight of the day was the trip to the Hippodrome to take part in chariot races.

### Year 4 Viking Village trip

In March, Year 4 pupils had a brilliant day visiting the Viking Village at Murton Park, near York, to live life as Vikings.

Wearing Viking tunics and dresses, headscarves for the girls and hats for the boys, the children split up into four families, each with a 'mother' and 'father'. The adults became Saxon slaves for the day. Each family had a 'house' – one room with shutters and benches, a fireplace and a table but not much more.

Outside was a garden with a vegetable plot, firewood store and a toilet. Some of the family gathered firewood, others went along to the Lord's house to use the quern to grind flour for bread, some made pottery oil lamps from clay whilst others acted as guards on duty each with a spear and shield. Nothing short of a banquet fit for a Lord was enjoyed at lunchtime followed by further activities.

### Roberts Bakery

Year 5 were visited by Roberts Bakery chief bread maker Paul, who taught the children how to make a simple white loaf. He discussed the importance of each of the ingredients and the science behind the proving of the bread. All the children enjoyed kneading the dough, many techniques were used and all were successful in producing a beautifully risen, soft white loaf. The children had fun making the bread but also learnt a great life skill.



### Year 5 Trip to Jodrell Bank

An action packed day at Jodrell Bank involved various scientific experiments, which included holding a 4 billion year old meteorite! Children experienced the inflatable planetarium which took them forwards and backwards through time and also showed many of the constellations we can see at night.

### Year 6 Manchester Art Gallery

The highlight of the Year 6 Ancient Greek topic was the visit to Manchester Art Gallery. The pupils explored the whole building on a self-guided tour, appreciating an extremely wide range of styles, genres and media from ancient Etruscan pottery to 21<sup>st</sup> Century sculpture. The focus for the day though was a workshop on classically-inspired art. Frederic Leighton's colossal *Captive Andromache* provided much of the inspiration for the pupils, from which they learnt about the start of the Trojan War, Hector's premonition and Homeric similes and metaphors within paintings, all brought to life by the gallery's inspirational Education Officer.



Our pupils did themselves proud listening intently, contributing knowledgeably and appreciating the works of art in a mature and engaged manner.

### Bikeability

Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed developing their cycling skills in May under blue skies and the expert guidance of Bikeability instructors. The Year 5 pupils undertook a two-hour playground-based course to achieve their Level 1 badges. Bike handling, speed control and manoeuvring were the main focuses as pupils completed laps of a range of different courses. Taking 6 hours over 2 days, the Level 2 course for the Year 6 pupils is a significant step up. Instructors



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take the pupils out onto local roads in small groups to learn in a real-life setting. For many children, this is their first experience of riding on roads in traffic, and represents a steep learning curve. Well done to all Year 6 pupils who achieved Bikeability Level 2.

### Jersey Sports Tour

At Easter, 45 Year 6 pupils undertook the annual Sports Tour to Jersey. This five-day tour included rugby and hockey coaching clinics, a tournament, excursions and activities. The sports coaching was of a high standard and all developed their skills in a positive atmosphere amongst new friends. Our teams competed in



the 'Jersey Games', playing in a tournament format against other English schools and Jersey teams. Both the girls' Hockey A team and boys' Rugby A team were victorious in this tournament and the B team players performed admirably too against strong opposition.

### The Hollowford Centre

The drizzle thickened, but 55 excited Year 6s' spirits soared as buses pulled into Castleton car park for the start of the traditional end-of-year outward bound residential weekend. Activities included caving, abseiling, high ropes, rafting, zip-wire and hiking.

Additional unscheduled activities included World Record attempts

at simultaneous playing of table tennis! Highlights of the trip were: children's choices of crossing a leech-infested pond on a slippery log; experiencing total darkness and silence 200 feet down Giant's Hole Cave, and watching utter terror and tears turn to sheer joy at the bottom of an 80 feet abseil. Strong bonds of friendship and trust were formed. This was especially evident in the Team Challenge when the six groups were pitted against each other in a 'mini Olympics' of testing team events.

## Senior Divisions

### Normandy

In July, pupils from Years 7 and 8 headed off to Normandy to use the French they had been learning for at least a year to communicate with native speakers whilst enjoying a range of exciting activities.

All the children enjoyed activities including canoeing, archery, climbing, orienteering, the infamous assault course, aeroball, to name but a few. Our pupils simply had to use the French language to communicate, and they certainly rose to the challenge.



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At mealtimes, they had to use the phrases they had learned when asking for anything. In the evening we enjoyed a range of more fun activities which included a sports tournament, a quiz and 'It's a knockout.' We also visited a local market, where we held a competition to buy a picnic. Teams were awarded prizes for picnics that were healthy, well presented and typically French.

### Greece

20 students and three staff enjoyed a five-day whirlwind tour of some of the most famous sights of the Classical world. After landing in Athens, the first afternoon we visited Thorikos, a little known sight, home of the oldest surviving theatre in Greece. After sitting in the theatre and imagining masked actors and choruses, the students scrambled up the hillside to explore entrances to the ancient silver mines. Next stop was the Temple of Poseidon at Cape Poseidon. Constructed as part of a building program to thank the Gods for the Greek victories over the Persians, the Temple is set on a cliff's edge with a dramatic drop down to the Aegean Sea, named after the father of Theseus who is said to have thrown himself into the sea at this point when Theseus forgot to change the black sails. The next morning we took a ferry to the island of Aegina and visited the famous temple of Aphaea. The students enjoyed the special, intimate atmosphere of being so close up to such an immense testimony to the building skills of the Greeks.

The next day saw our visit to Delphi, set in the high cliffs of Mount Parnassus, home of the oracle, a temple of Apollo, a theatre and a running track, this is a true jewel of the Ancient Greek world and, according to legend,



was the centre of the world as they saw it. The next day was spent exploring the site of the original Olympic games, including training areas, temples, altars and the original running track, said to be as long as Hercules could run in one breath. The afternoon saw our visit to Epidaurus, the best preserved theatre in Greece. The last day we visited Mycenae in the morning and then Athens in the afternoon. Mycenae is a rare surviving bronze age town, home of Agamemnon and the famous Lion Gates. Fittingly the final afternoon was spent on a walk around Athens, following Socrates' footsteps in the Agora – taking photos by the well-preserved temple of Hephaestus and walking up to the Parthenon temple itself.

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### Outdoor Activities

The outdoor season started in sublime fashion with a one-day rock climbing and scrambling trip to the Roaches with a small but

enthusiastic group of Year 7 pupils. Climbing was undertaken on the small and little-known crag of Back Tor, followed by some challenges on the boulders up on the Roaches ridge. A complete change of scene followed the trip to Anglesey at the start of October where activities included Coasteering and Kayaking and paddling across the low water to Llandwyn island from Newborough dunes.

In November, the dry weather promised a good weekend for caving and hillwalking in Yorkshire and our usual location of the Old School Bunkhouse was as good as ever and despite the low temperatures, everyone was warm and comfortable. The novice cavers experienced the Ribbleshead caves and also the agony of changing from wet clothes in cold temperatures. Next on the list was a trip into Long Churn, an excellent cave with much to offer everyone, including a double pass through the famous Cheese Press squeeze



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– keep your head on one side all the way and empty your pockets first! On Sunday morning, the older pupils went with Mr Edgerton and Dr Fitzgerald down Sunset Hole, a good introduction to more technical caving, whilst the walkers visited Gordale Scar and Malham.

The Helvellyn trip in early February was a great success. A new group of Year 7 and 8 pupils accompanied a couple of older boys and staff to Greenside Hostel. Despite one or two brief snow showers, the younger pupils ascended to Raise and whilst Dr Fitzgerald and Mr Edgerton took the older campaigners across a snowy Striding Edge and over the summit of the eponymous mountain! Despite moving smartly, the older group could not catch up with the younger ones so returned from Raise in order to descend a slippery Swirral Edge before summiting Catstycam and descending directly to the hostel. Meanwhile, some of the younger pupils took the opportunity to climb Sheffield Pike on the way back and enjoy the view down onto

Ullswater. Overnight, there was more snow so the return visit to Red Tarn was enlivened by the building of snowmen and snow ball fights under a blue sky. This time, the whole team ascended Catstycam and a quick return saw us on the way home, back in time for tea.

The only outing to take place in the summer was a day of rock-climbing on Stanage Edge. A keen group of younger boys took on the challenges of Broken Buttress and its neighbours.

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### Yorkshire Sculpture Park

In March, Year 10 GCSE art students spent the day at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park near Wakefield. Below is a pupil account of the trip:

We had been looking forward to this trip and were not disappointed, with bold and compelling sculptures dotted around the beautiful landscape that accommodates the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. We focused on four main sculptors: Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth, Andy Goldsworthy and Tony Cragg, each represented by some

of their major masterworks, worth in some cases up to hundreds of millions of pounds! We made careful drawings of the artworks and students were captivated also by pieces such as Ai Weiwei's 'Iron Tree' which was huge and intricate and stood out in its natural setting. We noticed significant contrasts in each of the artists' work for instance Tony Cragg's recurring theme of fluidity and curved structures, which blended with the idea of nature, and Barbara Hepworth's 'Family of Man' series with their straight lines and boxed compositions, which contrasted with and complemented nature. Many students said they reminded them of ancient totem poles by the way they were displayed in their outdoor setting. The day came to an end all too quickly: we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and it was a great day out.

**Jonny Murray, Y10**

### King Lear

A group of 20 teenagers enjoyed a trip to Covent Garden for a backstage tour of the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, undoubtedly a highlight of the whole weekend. It is the oldest theatre still standing in the UK – approximately 353 years old. That evening was the Royal Shakespeare Company's performance of Shakespeare's play 'King Lear', the focal point of the trip. For the Sixth Form students attending, 'King Lear' is a text that had been studied since the beginning of the year, but for the Senior Division girls, it was a new experience for many of us. We were certainly not disappointed.

The plot was brought to life in a way I have never experienced: the energy, pace and emotion was almost tangible. The portrayal of each character was more than convincing; it was unquestioningly



believable. Every emotion portrayed on stage resonated within each of us and we left the Barbican theatre wide-eyed and speechless.

The next day we travelled to the world renowned Globe Theatre and again had a tour of the replica. We learnt of the theatre's history and how the shows were performed: such as the minimal set and complete lack of female characters. Walking just a short distance, we then entered the Tate Modern art gallery. Whilst brimming with an astonishing and awe-inspiring mixture of paintings, photographs and even cultural and social protests, many of us went straight to the top floor where we were provided with an astounding 360-degree view of London. We were on top of the world and we were unstoppable; it felt like anything was possible.

**Ciara Allen, Year 11**

### Business studies trip to Paris

17 Sixth Form students along with Mr MacGregor and Miss Jestin enjoyed a three-day trip to Paris, staying at a Wild West themed hotel in the Disney park!

The first two days were spent enjoying what Disneyland had to offer, then day three was the Business Live conference held at the Gaumont cinema at Disney. This was a packed event with many other UK schools having made the trip. All students were issued with work-books that included a guide to the speakers and the types of questions to ask the speakers. First up was Chas Howes, the former CFO of Superdry, who gave a great talk about the business history, their rapid growth in a saturated market

and even managed to give away some freebies to students!

The last speaker was undoubtedly the best, Joe McEwan, Head of Brand, at innocent. Joe kept all the students and teachers entertained with his stories of innocent smoothies and their use of social media for marketing purposes. There was even time for Joe to share stories, including a touching tale of the brand delivering innocent smoothies to a customer who had recently moved to California and could no longer find her smoothie fix in American stores.

### Biology Trip to Cranedale

A group of Year 13 Biology students embarked on a field trip to the Cranedale ecological centre in North Yorkshire. We began by capturing and marking snails so we could estimate their population in a certain area. Then we went to an area of chalk land where we looked at the effect of time on succession and learnt how to use a point quadrat and a data logger. On



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our return to the Cranedale centre, we had a quick lesson with group leader Chris and went over our findings from the chalk land. After an amazing three-course meal we set off into the nearby forest to set up Longworth traps to capture small rodents (such as voles), moth traps and pit fall traps.

Monday started early with all the students off to check on the traps and to recapture some snails, in order to estimate the size of the snail population. This was followed by a trip to a fresh water stream and a visit to intensive and non-intensive pig farms. The pig farms were particularly interesting as we discussed the challenges of balancing money with ethics.

After another amazing dinner, some of us went on a bat walk using a bat detector. It was really incredible and, not only did we see the bats but our torches attracted all the nearby insects and so we got to see a real display. On our last day, we travelled to the beach to carry out our rocky shore required practical, and even though we got some inconclusive results we all had a really good time.

**Rachel Catlin**



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### Costa Rica

Costa Rica is a country renowned for its rich biodiversity, dense rainforests, volcanoes, jungle-fringed beaches and incredible array of wildlife. This Central American country also aims to stimulate all of the senses from the sound of the Howler Monkey wake-up call, to the taste of freshly-brewed local coffee. It was the promise of these experiences that led an intrepid group of 27 King's pupils and two members of staff to embark on a month-long expedition and adventure.

The teams landed in the country's capital, San José and tackled the first challenge of booking transport, finding accommodation and purchasing supplies for the first leg of the trip. The teams made their way to Rincon De La Vieja, in the north, from where they set off on the first acclimatisation trek to Catarata La Cangreja, a beautiful remote waterfall, reached after a challenging trek in hot conditions. A swim and cool off in the water was greatly appreciated by all. The second phase of acclimatisation involved an additional trek around the rare rainforests of the Monteverde Cloud Forest, which allowed the teams to



enjoy the eerily beautiful cloud forests and to spot wildlife. Both teams completed a community project in the remote and traditional village of Dos Brazos De Rio Tigre, each spending a week helping to build a new home for a young family. Dos Brazos is located in the heart of the magnificent Corcovado National Park on the Osa Peninsula – the world's most biodiverse area and home to over half of all species found in Costa Rica. Daytime temperatures rarely fall below 30°C and humidity levels are a sweaty 90%.

Supervised by community leader, Ermer, the teams set to work clearing the area around the house and helping to lay the foundations for the structure. The majority of the work involved a large amount of

sand shoveling, rock carrying, and transporting sandbags from the river uphill to the house. This manual labour was tough, physical and monotonous, but with determination, everyone helped complete the task. It was clear that the family were very thankful for our help and having a proper home will make an immeasurable difference to their lives.

### Trekking

#### Team 1 – Zona Santos Trek

This 45km trek covers dense, mountainous rainforest, farmland and coffee plantations. It provides spectacular views and the opportunity to see many animals including Spider Monkeys, toucans, and an interesting array of insects. The terrain included steep, rocky mountain trails, river



crossings, and slippery, mud tracks that caused much entertainment as we made our way through them. The team coped well with changeable weather conditions; especially on day one when we were caught in heavy tropical rains, and spent the last two hours of steep downhill terrain with clothes and kit soaked through, carefully negotiating landslides, rising rivers, and snake-infested gullies. The trek also involved stays in remote mountain huts and provided memorable experiences of open air cooking, sleeping in the wild with no electricity or hot water. The team also experienced the local culture, helping to milk cows, feed pigs and collect fruit; learning how people live in the isolated communities. The trek finished at Londres and our all-girl team had set a record of being the fastest team to trek that route all year!

#### Team 2 – Cerro Ena Trek

This four-day trek up to 3,144 metres altitude started from the remote Costa Rican village of San Jerónimo and gently headed up through coffee farms where we had a lesson in coffee farming from a local farmer. Accommodation for the first evening was a bunk house at a trout farm and day 2 proved the most challenging; a 5am start and a 2,500-metre ascent! The steep walking was made easier by the amazing views.



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### Rest and Relaxation

The teams enjoyed a white water rafting trip down the Reventazón River, a visit to the Sloth Sanctuary, salsa-dancing masterclasses, a visit to a butterfly farm, extreme zip-wiring above the rainforest canopy in Monteverde, as well as enjoying time on the beach playing volleyball and swimming in the Pacific Ocean. Team 1 also managed to include a visit to Tortuguero National Park, where they spent a night watching endangered Green Turtles lay their eggs on the beaches. Throughout the trip, everyone appreciated the many opportunities to spot wildlife and highlights included monkeys, butterflies, tapirs, dolphins, whales, turtles, toucans, the vast array of insects, and, of course, sloths!

Overall, the trip was a fantastic success – there were mountains to climb both physically and mentally, and each individual rose to the challenge set out for them.

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We encountered jungles, grasslands and cloud forest before arriving in a mysterious environment called the páramo: an alpine tundra ecosystem that sits just above the clouds. Our home for the next two nights was a cosy mountain hut where we wrapped up in layers to keep warm. Day 3 was summit day, which involved a short walk to see stunning views over miles of flat, white clouds with distant mountain tops poking through. The final day was a race against time to make a full descent to catch the 1pm bus from San Jerónimo – the last bus of the day. There were a few moments when it looked like the team might not make it, but with huge efforts from everyone we successfully made it down in time.





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### Singapore & Australia Rugby Tour

King's pupils returned from Australia and Singapore having had an incredibly successful tour: after 21 days, 17 matches, 13 victories, 434 scored points and 56 players; memories will last a lifetime!

King's fielded 3 teams; next year's 1st and 2nd XV Development teams alongside a Leavers XV which consisted of the recently departed Year 13 students. The Leavers XV produced some magnificent rugby and were perhaps the most tested whilst 'down under', with three of their results with less than a two-point margin. They won 4/5 and fittingly were victorious in a physical encounter in their last match together versus Sydney-based Eastern Suburbs RFC. It was an emotional farewell as the boys embraced one another at the final whistle one last time.

The 2nd XV won 3/6 but definitely saw the most progress over the three weeks, their final bouncing victories versus William Clarke College and Sydney GS showed the potential many of these players possess and should be pushing hard for 1st XV honours. Captain Joe Moores, hooker Tomos Rands and winger Angus Homer were the key-men and all were selected for the 1st XV whilst on tour. The 1st XV were in devastating form and went



all six games undefeated, amassing over 250 points and conceding just 7, producing some scintillating rugby. New Captain, Owen Jones (Number 8) was player of the tour and his offload game was deadly alongside his ball carrying abilities. James Crummack (second row) was equally as damaging, bulldozing his way through the most organised of defences. Whilst in the back division, centre Gus Fiennes' elusive running and Tom Blackwell's sharp finishing were virtually unstoppable. The 1st XV were operating under a new coaching team and using new

systems, but gelled immediately and used it to devastating effect.

Away from the rugby field, the boys were fortunate to be able to visit the beautiful Sentosa Island (Singapore), learn to surf in Surfers Paradise, snorkel in the Great Barrier Reef and Jet Boat around Sydney harbour taking in the sights of the famous Opera House and Harbour Bridge.

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# Challenge & Enrichment



At King's, our aim is to create an environment in which all students are presented with challenges and also with tasks and opportunities that develop the skills of evaluation and analysis. Our students are encouraged to take risks in their learning – to be unafraid to 'get stuck' – and to think about the process of their learning, not simply the outcome.

### Infants & Juniors

#### German experience

A representative from The Goethe-Institut in London visited Year 6 pupils to give a taster session for learning German. Punch and Judy are well-known in the UK, but in this workshop the children met their German counterparts, Kasper and Gretel. The show involved reading, understanding, singing and dancing to German songs and dialogues. Intercultural understanding was integral to the show: the children saw how important it is to learn foreign languages and they realised how similar the two languages are.

#### Rocket car race

Inspired by the Bloodhound Education Team, a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils designed and made rockets from polystyrene, following strict criteria. After some research, the children came up with a variety of designs and began cutting, shaping and sanding their designs even adding fins and wings. Their efforts were rewarded with some impressive times (the cars can reach 200mph!).

Overall winners were Lucas Fisher and John McDermott. The Junior team then pitted their rocket cars against a group of Year 8 boys and their rocket cars.



#### Cool to be kind

A 'Cool to be Kind' week allowed children to think about what makes a good friend and acts of kindness. Year 1 enjoyed a supercharged assembly showing that it is 'Cool to be Kind' from a theatre company. They created their own friendship handprints and started a friendship chain. Pupils in 4FR made fantastic 'Cool to be Kind' posters, a display for the Entrance Hall and wrote alternative lyrics to the Pharrell Williams song, "Happy". 5SM watched two animations 'For the Birds' and 'Wing' and went on to discuss the behaviour and emotions of the characters.

Finally, they thought about a quote from the second animation: 'We are, each of us angels with only one wing; and we can only fly by embracing one another.'

#### E-Safety

The newly trained Year 5 E-Safety Officers presented an assembly to their peers. They challenged fellow pupils to think of rules to help ensure they engage with each other in a positive, thoughtful and kind way on social media. They launched a competition to create a poster promoting the rules of being kind online.

#### Art Competition

Year 4 and 5 pupils were challenged to design a poster to encourage families to visit a gallery. 22 winners enjoyed the Bexwyke Art Lecture at Manchester Grammar School. The lecture focussed on technology and art, using Minecraft and Virtual Reality technology. The children also met representatives of the Whitworth Gallery and learned about how artists get their work displayed.





## Paralympic Gold Medallist

Hannah Russell MBE, spoke to pupils in Years 2–6 about her experience of being a member of the Paralympic Team at London 2012 and Rio 2016. Hannah was born with extreme myopia, which restricts her vision to a distance of around one metre. Hannah was selected for the GB Paralympic Team at age 16 and won a silver and two bronze medals in the 2012 Paralympics and a further two Gold medals in Rio. The children watched footage of her 50m freestyle race in Rio and were excited to hold one of her gold medals.

## Outdoor Classroom Day

All Infants and Juniors took part in the Outdoor Classroom Day, a global campaign to celebrate and inspire play and learning outside. Reception children turned the large playground into a road with signs, a zebra crossing and a car park. They practised their skills on scooters and balance bikes, as well as building dens, making models from junk, planting seeds and taking their grass heads to the hairdressers.

6ST explored the Ginkgo Meadow looking for seeds and hunting minibeasts. Food chains and lifecycles were discussed

## UK Chess Challenge

Christian Tattum, Thatcher Nulty and Joey Richardson represented King's Juniors at the Cheshire Megafinal of the UK Chess Challenge. Each played six tough matches against the best players from the North West.

Joey Richardson progressed to the Northern Gigafinal in July, a terrific achievement. Christian Tattum was selected for King's Senior Chess Team this year, including the North West Regional Final; and was also selected for the Cheshire County chess team.

## Primary Maths Challenge

Many pupils in Year 5 and 6 took part in the Primary Maths Challenge, a multiple-choice problem solving paper. Bronze Awards were won by Nithida Langhorn-Neillans, Alex Sabti, Lucas Fisher, Oliver Carter, Eleanor Mitchell, Alistair Fitzmaurice, Evan Gillespie, Matilda Machin, Ben Chong and Billy Birkett. Silver Awards went to Georgie Sanders, Oliver Sapey, Frances Green, Sophie Fletcher, James Hartley, Henry Fraser, Leah Shadwell, William Barrett and Madi Baxter. Finally, Gold Awards went to Fraser Day, Ben Willock, John McDermott, Jenny Wallace and Oliver Jones.

## Maths Quiz Championships

Eight pupils attended the regional round of the National Maths Quiz. The competition comprised of 40 multiple choice questions across a range of maths topics. The pupils raced against the clock in their teams of 4, using both mental and written methods, with only 30 seconds given to answer each question. The King's teams finished in 4th and 7th positions. It was a great experience for the pupils, allowing them to test themselves in this pressured environment.



extensively as the children studied woodlice, snails, buttercup flowers, sticky weed and a decaying blackbird carcass. They were rewarded for their excellent engagement and scientific language with den-building.

## Senior Division

### International Women's day

On 8 March, our pupils linked arms in a show of solidarity for women all over the world as they celebrated International Women's Day. Senior Girls were challenged to design and produce videos on this year's IWD theme of 'Be Bold for Change' and pupils chose to highlight the continuing gender pay gap, women's inability to break the glass ceiling particularly in industry and in politics, as well as the value of women to society worldwide. The lively and engaging videos were played to the whole Girls' Division as part of a wider discussion of gender and cultural issues.

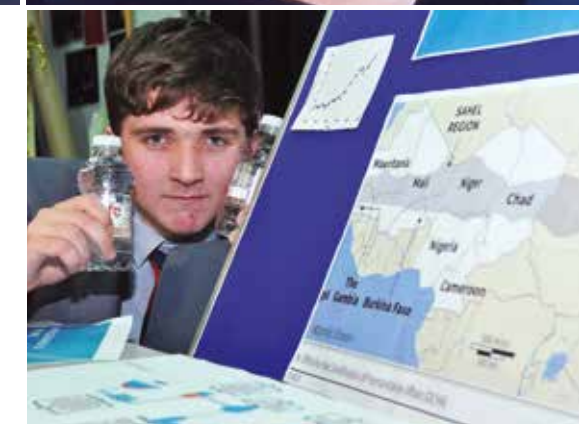
### Amnesty Club

In the Spring Term, over 40 members of the Girls' Division

Amnesty Club worked hard to campaign and raise awareness for refugee children. The girls made family paper chains filled with images and words and phrases associated with families; these were then sent to Amnesty Headquarters in London to form part of a 240m paper chain stretching from the Home Office to the Department for Education. The chain was taken to the Home Office alongside petitions to ask the government to consider the issue.

### Extended Project Qualification

This year's EPQ evening showcased King's Sixth Form students' research and analytical skills. The EPQ is a stand-alone qualification which forms part of the AQA Baccalaureate, and requires each student to work independently on a project of their choosing. Student Rory Boyle chose to question the assumptions behind a Eurocentric view of history. He said: "The historian Richard Spencer who is one of the flag bearers of the Alt Right movement, suggests that only a European-based culture could have conquered the world or landed on the moon, but it ignores just how much of European culture

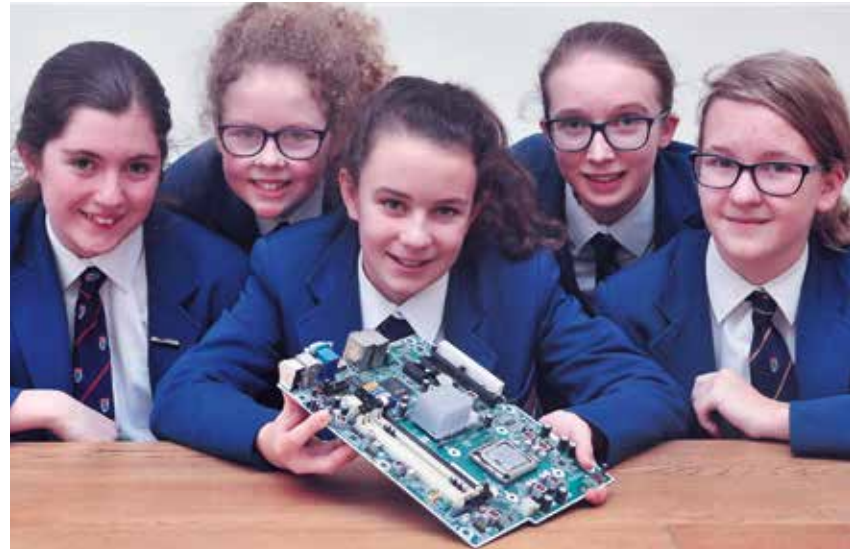
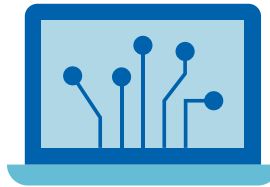


was built on the inventiveness of the East and Islam. While Europe was in the Dark Ages, China was in the middle of the Tang dynasty while Islam had a rapid rise across Asia and into Southern Europe, which Eurocentric historians chose to ignore."

### Year 7 Learning Challenge

In the penultimate week of term, Year 7s embarked on their two-day challenge 'To Save the Planet'. They used their skills in reasoning, resilience, questioning, collaboration and reflection to: explore and discover co-dependency and the impact we have on our environment; design and produce a device to provide sustainable energy in the future; make a survival pack to use in the





event of extreme weather caused by climate change; and to design and create a prototype of their own eco-home. They worked tirelessly and impressed the teachers with their innovative and creative ideas and products.

### DIY Challenge

In December, Year 13 students took part in a DIY Challenge tutorial as part of their Sixth Form PSHE provision. Our Estates team gave the students vital tips on car maintenance, whilst others grappled with the tasks of sewing on buttons (more challenging than it seemed!) and building IKEA shoe racks from flat pack instructions.

### Faraday Challenge

Pupils in the Girls' Division came a narrow second in a region-wide challenge to design sophisticated computer programmes to help Ben Ainslie win the America's Cup. The team of six girls had six hours in which to develop and present their two ideas for the coding and design of a temperature sensor to protect sailors from overheating and a motion sensor to allow quick tacking. The challenge was



designed to test intellectual, team-working and business skills and was organised by 'The Institution of Engineering and Technology Faraday Challenge'.

### STEM Challenge

In the Summer Term, Year 8 pupils came off their normal timetable to immerse themselves in a two-day STEM challenge to draw on their mathematical and scientific knowledge to design, make, evaluate and present an engineering solution to move as much water as possible up hill.



Staff and professional engineers from local businesses were on hand to help and evaluate the solutions created. Teamwork, problem-solving, resilience and reflecting were much in evidence, as was having fun and learning new skills.

### Inspirational Speakers

"Actions speak louder than words" was the positive can-do message of decorated charity worker Rhona Marshall MBE, who has raised millions for Christian Relief Uganda. Speaking at the Girls' Division, she said: "I want to empower you to take control and encourage you to act rather than just talk about it – now and throughout the rest of your lives."

Mental Health expert, Dr Charlie Easmon, told parents and teachers to foster optimism in family life to develop stronger, more resilient and ultimately more successful young adults. Dr Easmon (pictured left) has worked as a hospital doctor, as a government-appointed consultant in public health and in commercial occupational health for three decades, but has increasingly felt that it is better to prevent illness through a positive world view.

He now visits schools nationwide to help parents recognise preventable disorders such as depression, anxiety, phobias, obsessive compulsive behaviours and how best to develop the resilience to meet life's inevitable highs

and lows. In the Summer Term, as part of the school's Diversity Week, two inspirational speakers presented their life stories and advice to pupils. Footballer Jack Rutter told Boys' Division pupils how a life-threatening injury from an unprovoked attack ended his dream of playing football in the Premier League, but opened up a new horizon. Jack described his harrowing journey from potential Premier League star playing with Birmingham City FC to living with a permanent disability.

He also described the superhuman level of determination and training required to become Captain of the National Cerebral Palsy team, eventually leading the team out in Rio 2016, which he described as "the proudest moment of my life." He gave the boys tips on how to succeed against the odds: "Stay active, be respectful and a team player, take responsibility for your life and avoid excuses, and you must have a good attitude."

Khakan Qureshi also helped mark Diversity Week. Khakan told a powerful story about his pursuit to gain acceptance by both his family and his community. Khakan spoke of his battle to achieve acceptance and tolerance growing up in



Birmingham as a member of both the LGBT and Muslim community. He shared a heart-warming poem he has written; it portrayed his battle to gain acceptance for who he is. The pupils listened intently and asked some thought provoking questions.

### Foreign Languages

In the Spring Term, the Spanish department kept students intrigued when they displayed fragments of a Spanish phrase through the windows of the Rock Block. The challenge was for the students to translate and solve the mystery behind the phrase.

In May, Year 12 Germanists enjoyed a film studies lecture from Jade Douglas, a PhD student in German Studies at the University of Leeds. The focus of her PhD is memory in literature, and she used her expertise in this area to compare the concept of Ostalgie in two German films, Das Leben der Anderen and Goodbye Lenin. Looking at film clips and listening to the views of experts and critics, the Year 12s were encouraged to debate and come to their own conclusions. The afternoon provided the students with real inspiration as they embark upon their Independent Research Projects in German in their A Level course.

In May, Year 12 French students travelled to London for a weekend immersing themselves in pre-revolution French culture and arts, as background for their A Level studies. The students attended a workshop at The Wallace Collection in Marylebone, led by one of the museum's historians. They were able to develop a clear idea of how the French aristocracy were living before the French Revolution and to consider some of the causes. Later, the students went to the Garrick Theatre in Soho for a raucous performance of Molière's







'L'Avare' starring Griff Rhys Jones. In June, A Level students were invited to attend an enrichment talk on 'The Lost Children of Francoism' at The Instituto Cervantes, Manchester. Three talks were given by three different speakers. Peter Anderson, a professor in 20th Century European History offered context (in English), Monserrat Argmenou, a journalist and documentary maker at TV3 in Catalonia, talked about her experiences making ground-breaking documentaries on the topic and Soledad Luque shared her struggles searching for her lost twin. It was a fascinating event made even more so by the presence of simultaneous interpreters.

### Language Leaders

In April, King's was delighted to be accepted onto the Foreign Language Leader Award Programme run by Sports Leaders UK. After a formal job application process from enthusiastic linguists who wanted to support younger peers, 12 Year 9 pupils were selected to take part in this very rewarding programme. The group met every Wednesday after school, learning the theory behind how

to teach MFL to younger students thanks to contributions from Mr Griffiths, on what it takes to be a successful leader, and Mr Brown, on the psychology behind Second Language Acquisition. PSHE day saw them put their hard efforts to good use for the first time, leading bilingual sessions for their peers during 50 minute lessons in an impressive array of languages such as Russian, Serbian, Hindi and Polish. All their hard work, resilience and application of a high level of



reasoning skills will earn them a nationally recognised certificate, a great deal of joy in being able to take on a role of responsibility and departmental recognition for all the time and help they are so willingly giving up to partake in such a challenging and enriching endeavour.

### English

Ciara Allen from Year 11 won the Cheshire Poetry by Heart competition after using her own childhood experiences to inform her poetry recitals. Ciara chose 'Remembrance' by Emily Brontë in the pre-1914 section and 'Originally' by today's Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy in the post-First World War category.

Ciara, who will study English Literature in King's Sixth Form, said: "You have to live the emotion in both your voice and your facial expressions. It's about evoking the meaning and emotion of the words, as if a camera was on your face." Ciara went on to perform at the National Finals at the British Library in London. This year, the



Year 8 pupils tackled challenging literary texts and transformed them into riveting puppet shows. The productions of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', 'Hamlet' and Emily Brontë's 'Wuthering Heights' were entirely directed and produced by the students and delivered to a packed audience of students, staff and governors.

Our Year 7 students were treated to an entertaining talk and workshop by best-selling author Dave Cousins, whose published books include, '15 Days Without a Head', 'Waiting for Gonzo' and 'Charlie Merrick's Misfits', are huge hits in the teenager literature market. His talk told of his journey into writing and what the daily life of a professional author is all about and advice for budding authors.

### History

As part of the 'History Forum' series of speakers, King's welcomed leading American academic and commentator Scott Lucas. He gave A Level Politics students the low down on the then-presidential hopefuls Hillary Clinton and



Donald Trump. Scott, (pictured above) who is the founder of the leading website World View and is Professor of International Relations at Birmingham University, held a special question and answer session on the Trump Clinton face off, the Syrian crisis and the vagaries of an American political system. Distinguished academics Dr Patrick Hagopian from Lancaster University and Professor Kevern Verney from Edge

Hill University (pictured below) visited to give a detailed historical analysis of african America's fight for civil rights from both a judicial and cultural perspective.

Dr Hagopian examined the cultural influences that have changed the course of history from the Civil War to the present day whilst, Kevern Verney, who studied at Cambridge and worked for the Foreign Office before becoming a university lecturer, examined how political and judicial actions have been shaped by public opinion.

### Maths

Pupils in Years 7-9 had the opportunity to participate in the Maths Enrichment Club this academic year. Girls seeking enrichment were given a set of mentoring questions each month, produced by the UK Mathematics Trust. At club meetings, led by students, solutions were sought for the most challenging of questions. Collaboration and interesting discussions ensued and Dr Breese was able to throw in some teaching of useful skills that the students wouldn't normally learn until further up the school.



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### Charitable work

This year our pupils and staff engaged in a wide range of activities to raise £29,000 for charities close to their hearts, and some close to home as well as others further afield. Pupils were directly involved in choosing the charities, often reflecting concern for children in the UK and abroad, as well as a range of health-related charities. It is to their credit that they embrace the opportunity to help and support others beyond the school community.

### Infants & Juniors

The Christmas Jumper Day and Year 5 Christmas Shop raised a total of £831 for Save the Children. At the Junior Carol Service, we were delighted with the collection of

£694 and, in addition, the £73 raised by the Year 4 Christmas Post Office, all of which went to help the children of Destiny Garden School in Mombasa. Like the children here, those at Destiny Garden School need many exercise books to help them in their studies. The £767 raised will buy all 420 children at the school 7 exercise books each, which will really help them with their learning. Destiny Garden School and its pupils very much appreciate everything we do to raise funds for them.

### Girls' Division

During the Autumn Term, the girls engaged in a multitude of innovative and exciting fundraising activities. These ranged from various US election-associated

events to Treasure Hunts and Santa Dashes. This year, pupils raised money for the new Maggie's Centre at The Christie and, through hard work and determination, raised an impressive £4,515. Mr Steele and the D&T department raised £400 through their sales of perspex Christmas decorations. Many girls also gave up their time to raise funds at the Tesco Store bag pack and on the Congleton Santa Collection in December.

Charities Prefect, Ciara Allen, was instrumental in selecting Maggie's as this year's chosen charity. Maggie's was delighted to form a partnership with King's, its first with a school. Our donation will fund Maggie's for a full day and our choir, Songbirds, visited the centre to sing for the visitors and staff.



The Girls' Division also organised a wonderful McMillan Coffee morning, which raised £500, plus almost £1,000 via non-uniform days for Children in Need, Comic Relief and Save the Children.

### Easter Egg Appeal

The whole school community got behind this year's Silk FM Easter Egg Appeal for underprivileged children. Several hundred Easter eggs were donated by parents, pupils and staff. These were then distributed by the radio station to disadvantaged children across Cheshire.

### Boys' Division

James Bunker made his debut as Charities Prefect this year when he introduced Tara, a representative from the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, last year's chosen charity. Tara, who has cystic fibrosis herself, spoke about the work of the charity and the research currently taking place into finding a cure for CF. James



was delighted to present a cheque for £1,300 on behalf of the Boys' Division. This year's chosen charity was Connecting Kids Education Foundation (CKEF), a charity which King's has helped for the last 3 years in their pursuit of improving education in Ghana. The boys have been busy fundraising all year in order to help CKEF build a school building at St Peter's Nursery in Ghana.

The House Fair held in December raised more than £470, reflecting the range of inventive games and challenges on offer. In total, the Boys' Division raised just under £3,000 for CKEF.

### Supporting education in Ghana

A new initiative this year saw pupils donate hundreds of pairs of shoes to their counterparts in rural Ghana via Connecting Kids Education Foundation (CKEF).

On the last day of the academic year, pupils donated school shoes and trainers that they wouldn't wear again. The 400 shoes, plus around 3,000 text books, have been shipped to Ghana and will be distributed to a number of schools. King's Director of External Relations Caroline Johnson said: "Feedback from CKEF tells us that our previous donations have had a huge and very tangible effect on the schools that have received the goods: rates of absenteeism are down, literacy rates are up and teenage pregnancy rates are down."





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### Sixth Form Fashion Show

This year's stylish Fashion Show raised a huge £4,535 for The Christie. The event, which celebrated the music of the 70s, 80s, 90s and Noughties, was a huge success. Organiser and Year 13 student Emily Underwood said: "One or two of us took easily to the cat walk, especially the ones who had done it before, but most of us were extremely nervous."

Mr MacGregor, who is Head of Year, said: "The team showed resilience, dedication and great collaborative skills to make this a truly memorable event."

### Sixth Form Bake Off

The Sixth Form Charities committee organised a Bake off Competition followed by a cake sale and they raised £104 for Macmillan Cancer Care. Lead by Lillian Breese-Tovey and carried out in November, the cakes were willingly judged by Mr MacGregor and Mr Williams.

### Runway on the Runway

Sixth Form fashionistas raised a huge £6,600 through their participation in Runway on the Runway, a bi-annual fashion show that takes place under the iconic Concorde to raise funds for Teenage Cancer Trust. King's students, alongside pupils from other schools in the area, collectively raised a massive £50,000 for Teenage Cancer Trust. Student Fran Southern explained: "The night consisted of fantastic runway performances from schools in the North West and an incredibly inspiring performance from teens going through or recovering from treatment for cancer. The event was prom-themed so the girls got

to dazzle with dresses from brands such as Sheri Hill, Lipsy and Mori Lee, while the King's boys looked dapper in tailored Slater's suits, which were all kindly donated."

### Macclesfield Garden Festival

King's played a significant role in the inaugural Macclesfield Garden Festival. The brainchild of former King's pupil Jon Tilly, the event showcased a 'Yarn Tree' spun with silk created by King's A Level Art students and, on to this, hundreds of hand-made leaves were added.

Each leaf was created by a child from the town, including pupils from our Infant & Junior Division alongside those made by pupils in 11 other primary schools. Each leaf contained a quotation from the child's favourite book and the tree was displayed in the town's Market Place.

Our Reception children also designed and made their own dinosaur, Spottyosaurus, which took pride of place in the prehistoric garden on Christchurch lawns, whilst the Songbirds and our musicians played to the delight of townsfolk during the festival.



## Community Activities



### Music

Sixth Form student Alex Clarke spent two hours playing background jazz music at Stock At The Pavilion in Congleton Park, to raise money for Children in Need. She raised £90 for the national charity.

### Community Outreach

Sixth Form students continued to offer Science Workshops to children in local primary schools as part of their Wednesday afternoon enrichment programme. This initiative is led by Head of Science, Jim Street, who organises visits to up to 20 schools a year.

Jim said: "Our students love working with these young inventive minds and gain so much from the experience, not least being able to put the experience on university application forms showing they have worked as volunteer teachers."

At Greenbank Prep School Year 6 pupils made a key ring from polymorphous plastic and a custard the kids could punch to turn from a liquid into a solid.

### Christmas Lecture

The pyrotechnic wizardry of King's Head of Science, Jim Street, enthralled over 1,000 GCSE students when he delivered the Royal Society of Chemistry's Christmas lecture at Bolton School.

In partnership with Chemistry teacher Dr. Becky Williams and Senior Science Technician Peter Jackson, Jim delivered a hugely entertaining practical lecture full of flashes and bangs to demonstrate the weird and wonderful of the scientific world.

Jim, who studied Chemistry at Imperial College, said: "The aim was to entertain and educate so we used a lot of key phrases from the GCSE syllabus while demonstrating them with explosions and flashes.

The lecture included exploding Hydrogen in pure Oxygen, shooting rockets filled with methane across the hall, reacting Magnesium and Copper Oxide to make flash powder that reacts at 2000 degrees Celsius. We also set fire to bubbles on Pete's head

using hydrogen gas and washing up liquid." Dr. Michael Yates Head of Chemistry at Bolton School said: "Jim has an outstanding reputation across the region and he entertained, enthralled and educated young scientists from far and wide on a spectacular day at Bolton School."

### Art Exhibition

The evocative work of two talented pupils was selected for a major exhibition of young talent at The Lowry. A series of sculpted masks depicting the three ages of man from young boy, through to middle aged and ultimately nearing death, took Matt Sheratt six months to master. While a charcoal self-portrait from Kat Bennett was nearly four months in the making, both works jumping off of the exhibition walls for their maturity and originality.

The exhibition was staged by Living Edge magazine with a range of work from ages 11 to 18 chosen from 16 leading schools across the North West.



# Sports



all winning their respective events. Finally, perhaps the highlight of the Athletics season was the return of the King's Boys' Sports Day, held in early June. Year 10 House Captains rallied athletes from across Years 7–9 to compete across 12 events, with over 100 competitors in an incredibly close contest.

Mr Robertson was on hand to present the trophy to proud captains; Peter Goodfellow and Josh Laniado-Green, as Capesthorpe were the inaugural victors. We're already looking forward to next year.

GJHH

## Girls

Summer 2017 was another successful season for King's Girls' athletics, with teams reaching Regional Finals and individuals representing Cheshire in Track and Field national competitions.

The athletics season got underway with the Stockport Grammar Relays Competition in May. King's finished 2nd overall which was a great achievement against excellent competition.

The Junior Girls (Years 7–8) went on to claim first place in the County Round of the ESAA Schools' Cup competition and second place in North West Regional B Finals ESAA Schools' Cup competition in Warrington.

There were some outstanding individual performances over the season. At the Macclesfield & District Championships, eight girls were placed in the top two positions in their events and were selected to represent Macclesfield at the Cheshire Schools' Track and Field Championships. There were significant successes with

## ATHLETICS

### Boys

It has been another successful year on the track for King's athletes, particularly on an individual basis. Sam Worthington (38.0s) and Brandon Morgan (39.8s) both represented Cheshire at the English Schools' National Track & Field Championships in Birmingham, after their emphatic 1st and 2nd place finishes at the Cheshire Schools' Track & Field Championships. Worthington went on to record a personal best and rank 5th in the country and both boys contributed to Cheshire winning the Junior Boys' Trophy.

Fifteen students in total, qualified for the County Championships. Ben Kersh won the Javelin (33.47m), whilst Morgan Daly Pattison placed second in the Minor Discus and then first, competing against Merseyside, representing Cheshire. The King's Invitational Relays Meeting was as enjoyable as ever, with over 40

athletes put through their paces against local competition. Last year's victory (the first, in 15 years of hosting the competition) could not be replicated, but a creditable third place finish put the boys in fine shape for the coming season.

Both Junior and Intermediate teams also finished 3rd, at the England Schools' Cup First Round. Bad weather sadly meant that the High Jump was cancelled and track times slowed. This impacted on the teams' results, which suffered in comparison to the Warrington Round (contested in warm, dry conditions) and, consequently, no further progression in the competition was made.

However, at the Macclesfield & District Championships, the Junior Boys were crowned Champions, after some magnificent performances. Worthington won both the 300m and Long Jump, Ben Kersh the Javelin, in addition to Seb Clarke (100m), Joe Ward (800m), Joe Tabachnik (Discus) and the 4 x 100m team,



Chantelle Carroll (3rd in Javelin), Imogen Curtis (8th in 800m), Lulu Griffiths (4th in 1500m), Ella McQuillan (5th in 300m), Susie Moores (1500m), Claudia Rodriguez Martinez (3rd in 100m) and Ella Thomson (4th in Discus).

Later in the term, the Year 7 girls were crowned Champions at the Macclesfield & District Championships. After some magnificent performances, eight girls were selected to represent Macclesfield at the County Minor's Cheshire Track and Field Championships.

Maddie Johnson and Maddie Lucchi finished in second place in the Javelin and High Jump respectively and gained selection to represent Cheshire in July's Inter Counties Athletics Championships.

The annual Girls' Division Sports day concluded the season. This year, the girls celebrated the theme of diversity as Sports day fell within National Diversity week.

The girls each wore rainbow coloured kit and competed with great determination. Tatton were the overall winners, captained most effectively by Frankie Sawyer and Olivia Holder.

At the Sportswomen's Awards Evening, Athlete of the Year awards were awarded to Maddie Johnson, Claudia Rodriguez Martinez and Lulu Griffiths.

## Juniors

Junior Sports Day held on one of the hottest days of the year proved again to be a thoroughly enjoyable day displaying top class athletics where all in Years 3–6 took part to score points for their House. Field events included the conventional, like Long Jump and Javelin throw, and the less conventional like the ever-popular 'tug of war' event! Athletes then competed on the track during the afternoon and impressed spectating parents with some excellent racing in a range of events. Over 80 highly



## Sports

competitive races were concluded with Gawsworth crowned the overall winners.

We paired up with Stockport Grammar School to run a home field event and an away track event. This proved to be a good rehearsal for the AJIS Championship in mid-June.

Our athletes travelled to Stanley Park in Blackpool where the AJIS Championship took place. Isaac Hughes won the 150 metres with middle distance man Edward Roden coming third in the 600 metres.

Oliver Davies landed gold in the long jump with a stunning leap of four metres, 11cm having secured second place in the 150 metres. Speed merchant Billy Birkett won the 80 metres with Morgan Davies teaming up with Edward, Oliver and Billy to come third in the sprint. Last, but certainly not least, was the high flyer Sophie Fletcher who leapt to second in the high jump (pictured below).

The athletics season cumulated in the Macclesfield District Championship. An unfortunate clash in activities meant that we were only able to take a boys' Year 6 team.





Oliver Davies took silver in the 150m, Billy Birkett also silver in the 80m and the 4x100m relay team of Josh Makin, Billy Birkett, Morgan Davies and Oliver Davies earned silver medals. Thank you to captains Georgie Sanders and Morgan Davies for all their help. **JJW**

## BASKETBALL

Again, basketball proved an ever popular sport at King's. Participation has increased with a lot of students enjoying the opportunity to come along and learn the fundamentals of the game at the lunchtime and after-school sessions. A big thank you to students Philip Delikouras and Ben O'Donnell for helping to raise awareness of the sport throughout the school. This year, Head Coach, John Trezvant has introduced regular matches on Sunday afternoons against local clubs for Years 4-11. This has given parents the opportunity to see their children play and make progress. Moving forward the focus will once again be on more internal and external competitions to help raise the standard of play.

## CHEERLEADING

This year's National Championships marked 10 years of King's competing and winning most categories each year. The pupils won all the cheerleading categories they entered and they were second in the Pom dance category. Results: King's Kittens Year 7 cheerleading team won KS3 level 2; King's Lions Year 8 cheerleading team won KS3 level 3; King's Allstars Year 7-13 cheerleading team won KS5 level; 5 King's Cats Year 8 Pom dance came 2nd.

The competition was held at the Manchester Velodrome where 70 pupils took part, all becoming a National Champion. The pupils worked extremely hard on their skills to achieve a strongly delivered performance. This came from hours of commitment, perseverance and essential time management. **RJB**

## CRICKET

### 1st XI

After a strong finish to the 2016 season, hopes were high for 2017. Early victories against King's Chester, The Grange and Cheadle Hulme added to the positive feeling around

the side; ultimately, although hugely enjoyable, the season was not statistically successful. Ollie Quinn topped the run scorers for the side and he was one of six players to qualify for the 'Wisden' averages. Sam Crosby, Sam Buckingham, Owen Jones, Angus Thomson and Harry Elms also reached the 150 mark; the criteria required for inclusion in the annual publication. All six players showed flashes of brilliance (as did Dan Crosby and Zachary Howdle who fell just short of the 150) but all finished with averages slightly below 20 and will know they could have scored more.

Zachary Howdle and Harry Elms both batted very well in the early season 20/20 games. Sam Buckingham and Josh Bryning held the tail together to help the team post a winning total against Cheadle. Angus Thomson made good runs at the top of the order and had consistently good starts throughout the season. The team will certainly be looking to Angus to build on these starts next year, in addition to more runs from exciting all-rounders Sam Buckingham and Owen Jones. Joey Chong's run a ball 85 against MGS was the batting performance of the season; as an U14 playing in the 1st XI Joey is a very exciting prospect as a batter/wicket keeper who will play many more 1st XI games next season. George Holden, another young player, also showed great promise, especially in a battling defeat against Denstone who provided one of the quickest opening bowlers we have come across in many seasons.

Before the season started it was the bowling unit that looked to have most problems. In fact, the bowlers performed well all season and ultimately the batters would have hoped for more runs. The bowling averages were topped by leg spinner Harry Elms who had another fantastic season finishing with 30 wickets at an average of 14. With runs and wickets, Harry received the 'Most Valuable Player' trophy at



the end of the season. Josh Bryning was brilliant with the new ball and finished with 23 wickets. Josh bowled with excellent consistency and had the ability to make even the best batters struggle. Finlay Calder shared the new ball and in his first (and sadly last) full season with the 1st XI went from strength-to-strength. Sam Bryning, Matt Calvin and James Hodges all bowled very well when available. Angus Thomson, Will Fosbrook and Sam Cheetham all showed excellent ball control and will form part of a strong bowling attack next season.

Senior cricketer of the year, Oliver Quinn, skippered the side. He made valuable runs throughout the season, kept wicket brilliantly and captained the side with real flair and tactical awareness. Oliver also did a great job chasing players and helping with selections.

In the annual School v Staff fixture, the entire 1st XI comprised Year 13 cricketers (a unique event). They were an intelligent, committed group and a pleasure to be around. However, all were in the midst of public exams, which led to none of the side being available to play in a fixture against Bolton a few weeks later.



The frustration of non-availability was tempered somewhat by the fact the boys were genuinely good lads. It is often the end of season report that mentions all leavers individually but for all the performances on the field and the statistics that surround cricket it was as a group of young men that the team will be most remembered.

Next season, a very talented strong young squad have a pre-season trip to Dubai to look forward to and the prospects remain very good.

### 2nd XI

With many schools now not playing 2nd XI cricket, exam commitments and bad weather, the 2nd XI had a lot to contend with in 2017. In spite of all the issues, the 2nd XI played some fantastic cricket.

The team had an excellent run in the NW 20/20 competition. They qualified through the group stages and in a high scoring semi-final piled on the runs against Manchester Grammar to post 197; Tom Carter leading the way with a hard hit 75 in 49 balls. In the face of some hostile bowling from Will Fosbrook (2 for 23) and the flight and guile of skipper Paul Roberts (3 for 15), MGS struggled to get their reply going and were bowled out for 98.

The NW final against Sedbergh was another high scoring affair. King's again batted first and Finlay Calder and Tom Carter got the side off to a good start. King's lost momentum with wickets falling on a fairly regular basis but a late flurry saw the side set a competitive total of 149. Sedbergh set off quickly with the openers playing extremely well and making full use of a short boundary. Sedbergh finally reaching the total with time and wickets to spare. It had been an excellent campaign, well led by Paul Roberts. Tom Carter finished the season as leading batsman with excellent support from Charlie Fogg. The bowling honours were shared more equally with Will Fosbrook, Olli Prior and the young leg spinner George Muirhead all doing well.

### U15

The U15s had a strong cricket season culminating in finishing runners-up in the Cheshire Cup. There were strong individual performances with bat and ball, throughout the season, and as a result, many of the team earned 1st XI appearances by the end of the season. Matthew Warham proved an effective middle over bowler, taking 15 wickets throughout the season at an average of 11.58.

He often bowled in an effective partnership with George Muirhead, whose leg spin was a revelation (20 wickets in all competitions). As well as the old guard, the squad welcomed some strong additions as newcomers to King's in Year 10. Both Adam Kenyon and James Nichols brought experience as all-rounders. The latter finding pace and bounce that troubled a strong MGS batting line-up, early in the season. The addition of Griff Roberts, after missing the early games, felt equally like a new signing as his disciplined lines kept opening batsman pegged back in the early overs.

As always, George Holden and Joey Chong were destructive with the bat. The pair had a friendly



rivalry competing for the school top run scorer, both scoring comfortably over 400 runs in the season. This left many of our middle order batters with pad rash, whilst watching. The duo rightly, featured heavily in 1st XI fixtures. As a result James Davis stepped up to open the batting and Remy Miller often led the field behind the stumps.

The opening game of the season offered hope for the potential Dubai tourists in 2018, as Cheadle Hulme were fresh back from India and the rust in the U15's wheels saw them come second best. Nevertheless, Jack Mayfield helped the team get back on track with a convincing win away at Denstone College, his big hitting left the fielders in the deep redundant. Two tense matches probably epitomised the season for the boys; a narrow one-run defeat against RGS Lancaster left the team feeling deflated, but they bounced back and learnt from mistakes to beat Bolton School by two runs in a similar scenario. Josh Laniado-Green showing the great strength in depth the school has at this age group as he smashed a quick-fire 47 from 38 balls. Whilst Josh Wyatt held his nerve at the death, bowling some tight lines.

Naturally, the T20 Cheshire Cup seemed to focus the mind and bring out the best in the Under 15's batting and bowling. Perhaps the highlight of the season was a ballistic 101\* from 63 balls from George Holden, hitting over the pavilion to win the game and bring up his individual accolade. Particularly evident in the cup fixtures (but also throughout the season) was the outstanding effort and commitment shown in the field. Oliver Payne was mesmerising at point, and whilst also contributing as an all-rounder, the opposition soon learnt not to run a single to his fielding. On the other hand, as was the case for the Sandbach batsmen, they didn't learn, two direct hit run outs in the space of two overs!

Throughout the season a strong B team squad, who also had a scattering of matches, strongly supported the A team. They lost narrowly to St Anselm A, Tom Davies scoring 69 off 41 balls. Harry Brough and Aidan Carman both featured in A team fixtures throughout the season and will be pushing for senior cricket following the 2018 Dubai Tour.

### U14

The U14 cricket team had an eventful season, from an inspiring win against Denstone to a close victory in the final game to win the Cheshire Plate on finals day.

The season kicked off with a three wicket defeat against Cheadle, despite the best efforts of Josh Rajendran (34 off 38 balls). King's hit 134-9 off 30 overs. With 135 to win, Cheadle opener Joe Bradbury (70\* off 68) put in a match winning performance for Cheadle. The Denstone fixture followed with Denstone batting first and scoring 129-6 off 30 overs. With the King's top four batsmen hitting 23 runs between them Denstone looked in complete control until Charlie Murray came to the crease. After 12 balls without scoring, he was looking vulnerable until he found his rhythm, finishing with a fine 56 helping King's to their first win of the season.



Defeat to Sale off the final ball was followed by another close game against MGS and another final ball defeat. A strong Bolton side beat the school by 69 runs in a game that was followed by another nail-biter. This time it was Chester that just pipped the team with 2 balls to go after good batting performances from Charlie Murray (45) and skipper Hayden Heath (20). Ibbey Ghaznavi's bowling his off breaks with good effect and taking 3 for 19 to almost get the side home. The team were playing some good cricket, but were in the unfortunate habit of missing out in the tight games.

Charlie Murray (43 off 17) batted very well in a defeat against Newcastle-Under-Lyme and just as well in a comfortable victory against St Ambrose with 35. Marcus Williams also struck a quick 28 in the St Ambrose game.

Having lost in the Cup final to Sale, King's found themselves in the Plate Competition finals day, held at the Derby Fields. In the semi-final, tight bowling from West Hill restricted the King's side to 112, but after a flying start, King's bowlers pegged the opposition back to win by 12 runs. In the final, King's again batted first and were in deep trouble at 36 for 6, but great knocks under pressure from Tom Moorhouse (35\*) and Ben



Kersh (23) managed to get the side to 91. All the bowlers bowled well and picked up wickets to secure a victory and the plate trophy. After so many near misses it was good to see the team finish the season with two very good performances full of character and determination winning both games by very close margins.

The group showed great commitment throughout the season, the large squad consistently worked hard at their game in training. The depth of the squad allowed for B team and mixed fixtures, giving the opportunity for several cricketers to flourish.

Highlights included Jack Ancell hitting a confident half-century at The Grange, several tight bowling spells from Christian Beeston and Jacob Brown, as well as an entertaining partnership of 48 from Marcus Williams and Tom Knight versus St Ambrose A team.

*Hayden Heath and JWW*

### U13A

This was an encouraging season of development for the U13 A team. Captain Ben Willcock led the team well, showing a growing understanding of the game to add to his all-round batting and bowling skills. He scored some very good runs at the top of the innings, and his five-wicket haul in defeat at Bolton almost turned the game on its head. The season began slowly

with a comfortable defeat against a strong Cheadle Hulme team, despite a very good 47 from James Payne. However, the boys bounced back to record an excellent victory at Denstone with an unbeaten 49 from Jake Ogden and two wickets for Oscar Robinson. Further victories were recorded over Poynton, Stockport Grammar and Wilmslow with the weather forcing cancellations against Lancaster and Birkenhead.

James Payne showed much promise in ending the season as the leading run scorer, and he also contributed important wickets. James Miller improved greatly over the year as a batsman and bowler and in his game understanding; he finished as the team's leading wicket-taker.

Oscar Robinson scored some excellent runs and did so quickly; he also led from the front in the field where Ben Wallace was a constant source of encouragement. Ridley Partridge looked increasingly assured as a batsman over the season and scored important runs to add to some useful bowling.

Harry Owens showed his potential as an all-rounder, whilst Ben Wallace and Will Bray improved considerably with bat and ball. The new ball was often taken by Harrison Moulding and Billy Griffiths, who both bowled with pace and movement and show promise for the future. Ollie Muirhead provided a genuine spinning option,

whilst Ollie Thomson did a good job as wicket-keeper throughout the season. The squad were great fun to work with and made considerable improvements over the year. **CST**

### U13B

This was a challenging but enjoyable season for the U13Bs. Before the season started we worked hard on our bowling and batting in the nets and spent time practising our fielding techniques under the guidance of Mr Moores and Mr Thomson. This gave us confidence, however, we began the season needing to come together as a team so that we could face our opponents with conviction.

Although elements of our game were good in different matches, we struggled to find all-round consistency. In addition, some of our early matches were cancelled due to poor weather. As a result, we were unable to claim the victories we were looking for over the season. Probably the highlight of the summer was the one wicket victory over Bolton as we chased down the victory target in 15 overs – a great performance.

Over the season there was a significant improvement in our bowling which was aided by our focused training sessions with our enduring coach, Fred! As the term went on, we slowly learnt how to organise our field correctly, under the watchful eye of Mr Moores.

Many of us who were new to cricket learned the positions of the cricket field by heart, as well as how to adapt to different batsmen. Although the team had its ups and downs, I do feel that we have all developed into better cricket players and have learnt a lot from the season.

*Archie Abraham (Captain)*

### U12

The Year 7s embraced the cricket season as usual and we had an abundance of keen players coming to practices and willing to represent the school for Saturday fixtures.



The A team got the season off to a good start, narrowly beating Caldby by two runs, Zac Spencer-Pickup 43 not out. The momentum of the win put the team in a great position for their first weekend fixture against Denstone, improving on their previous victory by one run! Ollie Davies with a superb 49 not out and Archie Close picking up three wickets for just 10 runs. Lancaster were their next opponents, Zac Spencer-Pickup this time being the pick of the bowlers getting four wickets for 11 runs, reducing the total to just 54. The boys managed to knock the runs off easily, making it three wins out of three. St Ambrose didn't put up much resistance against our bowling attack, wickets shared equally reducing them to 63, a great opening partnership with Close and Coates of 60 made light work of the low target set.

Unfortunately, the winning streak came to an abrupt end when we had a batting collapse against King's Chester in the Cup. Chasing a modest target of 84, the boys were easing to victory; however, losing seven wickets for just five runs saw us all out for 49. With a poor display against Merchant Taylors', all out for 34, they needed to rebuild on earlier success. A rematch against King's Chester saw Harrison Milner score an excellent 47, Danny Williams getting one wicket for 12 runs off five overs and Archie Close picking up three wickets. They finished the season with a great win against Sandbach, bringing to close a good season.

RL

### U11A

After experiencing early-season defeats against Macclesfield Cricket Club and Stockport Grammar, the A team began their AJIS Cup campaign with a trip to The Grange. In wet conditions, the boys batted first and scored an impressive 65-6 from their 15 overs, with several batsmen contributing vital runs. In reply the hosts started well, but regular wickets slowed the run-rate and



The Grange eventually finished nine runs short of the victory target, with Morgan Davies taking two wickets. In the next round, King's travelled to Cheadle Hulme School. Captain Billy Bridgewater won the toss and opted to bat first.

After a strong start King's appeared to be on course for a high score from their 20 overs, with Oliver Davies striking an impressive 27. Unfortunately, some tight bowling from the Cheadle players restricted King's to only 77-7 from their 20 overs. This proved to be insufficient, as this total was surpassed for the loss of only two wickets, despite Felix Partridge's two wickets.

Towards the end of the season, the boys produced their best performances of the summer. In the annual 6 a-side tournament at Stockport Grammar the boys started impressively in their first match against the hosts, with Oliver Davies regularly crashing the ball to the boundary, scoring 22 runs from one over in a convincing win by five wickets. After a disappointing defeat in the second match against Bolton School, the boys bounced back in a must-win game v Merchant Taylors'. A tight bowling and fielding display, including two wickets in one over from Felix Partridge, resulted in a win by 26 runs. Unfortunately, a powerful batting display from Manchester

Grammar in the semi-final proved to be too many runs to chase and King's were eliminated. In the final fixture of the season, at home against Bolton School, the visitors were restricted to only 42-7 from their 16 overs, with Oliver Jones taking three wickets.

King's made light-work of this run-chase, with both Oliver Farrer and James Hartley remaining not out as King's were victorious by nine wickets. This was a very enjoyable season, with the boys making great progress in their cricketing skills.

### U11B

The U11B team players worked hard to improve their skills across the season, regularly attending after-school and lunchtime practices with enthusiasm and commitment.

Their season began with a convincing win against Stockport Grammar in the opening 'pairs' fixture. After being asked to bat first, King's amassed 270, profiting from some loose bowling from their hosts. In reply, the boys maintained their bowling discipline, and regular wickets saw Stockport fall 15 runs short of their victory target of 271.

After a 27 run defeat against Cheadle Hulme, King's hosted Bolton School in another 'pairs' fixture. This proved to be a comfortable win for the boys, as their superior skills in all three facets of the game resulted

in a comfortable win by 30 runs. At the end of the season many of the B team players were involved in the eagerly awaited House Cricket competition. In the semi-finals, Tatton defeated Adlington by 17 runs, whilst an epic encounter was unfolding between Capesthorpe and Gawsworth. Some big-hitting from Oliver Davies appeared to be taking Gawsworth to victory as the match headed into the final over. However, a last-ball run out from wicketkeeper Joe Moores resulted in a five-run victory for Capesthorpe, who then proceeded to beat Tatton by 47 runs in the final. Much to look forward to next year, as the boys make the transition on to Senior School cricket.

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## CROSS COUNTRY



### Boys

The cross country season started in October with the ESAA English Schools' Cross Country Cup at Walton Hall Gardens, Warrington. King's had 11 runners in total, with five boys representing the Junior boys (Years 7 & 8) and six in the Inter boys category (Years 9 & 10). Peter Goodfellow stood out, finishing 14th in the Inter boys with Jack Bray finishing 18th in the Junior boys.

A robust group of senior boys represented the school at the Macclesfield & District Cross Country in November. The ground was heavy going in places and it was bitterly cold but the boys showed great strength and determination and proved that the school has a group of strong runners. There was a plethora of runners taking part in the minor boys' category (Year 7) and King's had strong performances from Luke Wilson (10th) and Fin Usher (12th). Ben O'Donnell and Jack Nobes also ran well and the King's Minor Boys' team finished fifth. The next category was the Junior Boys (Year 8 & 9). Alex Davies and Will Davies

ran very well finishing 12th and 14th, they were supported by their fellow teammates Oscar Robinson (20th), Tom Moorhouse (21st) and Naim Chowdhury (29th) and the team finished 4th overall. The final category was the Senior boys, and King's excelled in this category, Peter Goodfellow finishing an impressive 2nd, Fin McKeever (5th), Tom Barker (7th) and Harrison Norton (8th). Jonny Murray and Jake Wilshaw brought the team home in 12th and 13th place as the King's team finished first.

The Cheshire Schools' County Championships were held in February. Here, competing against the best runners in Cheshire, the King's boys had good performances on what was another very cold morning. Peter Goodfellow finished an impressive 12th, qualifying for the next round and finishing off an excellent season. Well done to all the boys who competed this year with some very impressive performances.

RL

### Girls

This year was an exceptionally successful year for the cross country teams. In addition to reaching the National Finals of the ESAA Cup competition for the third time in the history of the Girls' Division, there were several team successes in the

District Cross Country Championships and individual runners were selected to represent Macclesfield at the County Championships; and Cheshire in Inter Counties events.

The Inter Girls team consisting of six runners from Years 9 and 10 won the first round of the ESAA Cross Country Cup in Warrington and the Junior Girls team from Years 7 and 8 was second. Both teams qualified for the Regional Finals later in the month where the Inter Girls had fantastic runs and were consequently selected to represent Cheshire in the National Finals.

The ESAA Schools' Cup National Finals were held in Formby where the team of six runners battled through the wind, over a testing course through the sand dunes, against the top 24 schools from across England. Lulu Griffiths had a great run finishing 21st out of 140 runners, with Jodie Foxton, May Broadley, Suzie Moores, Imogen Curtis and Betty Kemp, coming in 79th, 91st, 116th, 120th, and 125th respectively.

Nine girls were selected to represent Macclesfield in the Cheshire Cross Country Championships in Winsford in January. Rebecca Foster and Maddie Lucchi from Year 7 ran in the Minor Girls' race and were selected to run for Cheshire in an Inter counties race in March.





Both girls have huge potential, we look forward to their future success in this sport. Lulu Griffiths was selected to run for Cheshire in the ESAA National Cross Country finals but sadly had to withdraw due to injury. Cross country running clearly continues to be a strong sport at King's and we look forward to further successes in the future.

LB

### Juniors

A committed group of runners, led by Captains Ollie Farrer and Iona Whaley, trained hard and prepared well for the cross country events.

The major event is the AJS Championship, a very challenging course held at Rossall School at the end of September, involving a team of 7 competitors (with 5 to count) representing each school for each age group in a field of up to 140. Results were exceptional with King's coming home with three team trophies. Year 6 Girls were very pleased to secure 3rd place with some excellent running from Iona Whaley (11th), Sophie Fletcher (30th), Lucy Bambrook (31st), Phoebe Thomson (33rd) and Zara Hough (43rd), supported by Lydia Hine and Georgie Sanders.

Year 6 Boys went one better, coming 2nd overall thanks to Ollie Davies (8th), Billy Birkett (10th), Ollie Farrer (19th), Edward Roden (20th) and Morgan Davies (49th), supported by Christian Tattum and Zac Wright.

Year 5 produced a stunning performance to claim 3rd place overall. Led by the excellent Connie Roden (6th), Sophia Calderwood (23rd), Ella Bray (32nd), Elin Davies (34th) and Phoebe Marshall (41st), supported by Sophie Clegg and Tasha Clark. Even with a great run by Oliver Bailey (8th), the Year 5 boys narrowly missed a team place.

The Macclesfield & District race series was also an excellent standard and King's performed consistently well in all ages. This time, it was six runners

per team with the top three counting. The series finale is the championship at the end of March and once again King's came home with trophies: Year 3/4 girls, Year 5/6 boys and Year 5/6 girls all produced their best races on the day and came home with 3rd place finishes.

Year 3/4 boys saved their best performances until the championship, coming 1st overall! An unbelievable run from Sam Booth enabled him to claim individual silver and was backed up superbly by Alex Bailey and Max Wilson.



### FELL RUNNING

In late September, six pupils from the senior divisions took part in the English Schools' Fell Running Championships, at Sedburgh School, Cumbria, on an extremely demanding, steep and technical traditional fell running course where girls and boys run in the same race. Year 7s ran 1.96 miles with 720 feet ascent. The results were: Rebecca Foster (17th) in 25:13, who did amazingly well in a strong field, with Rebecca gaining the best King's performance of the day. Luke Wilson also took part in this race, but was forced to retire due to a nasty fall and a knee injury. Years 8 and 9 pupils followed a demanding course



over 2.6 miles and 920 feet ascent. King's finishers included Holly Burke 34:24 (58th) in the girls and Joe Tabachnic 29:00 (61st) in the boys.

Years 10 and 11 ran an even more challenging course over 3.58 miles with 1315 feet ascent. Athletes Lulu Griffiths 34:10 secured 23rd and Peter Goodfellow 35:59 gained 32nd position. King's came 27th overall, with incomplete teams.

Hopefully we can build on this very creditable result next year. As a school community we are so incredibly proud of all the runners that took part.

KLB



### FOOTBALL

The U11 A team had a very mixed season. Performances overall were very good but results just did not go their way. In the Macclesfield Primary Schools' tournament, held at Derby Fields, the boys easily progressed through the group without conceding but came up against a strong Marlborough side in the semi-final which they lost in extra time, 1-0. Billy Birkett produced the season's best performance, making a number of great saves. The boys then travelled to Manchester City's Etihad Campus to play against other independent schools.



### GOLF



Once again, we had three teams competing in two events this year: in the HMC foursomes we were beaten early on by a strong Birkdale side. In the ISGA, both teams departed the competition in the 1st round. However, they did manage to progress to the semi-final final of the plate event. Our golfers were: Finlay Calder, Remy Miller, Jake Wilshaw, Harry Hehir, Charlie Fogg, Max Shillito and Cameron MacKinnon. Congratulations to Remy Miller, who qualified for the Champions Week of the Junior European Open in Andalucia and came fourth in the England U16 Open Championship.

DAF

In short matches, the boys played some excellent football but could not find the scoring touch and were eliminated at the group stage having not lost a match.

In Spring, King's came up against an excellent Birkenhead team in both the AJS Cup and the ISFA North West Tournament. It started perfectly, a very well organised defence, marshalled by Finley McElroy in nets, led to two clean sheets from two and four points. Needing just a draw to qualify from the last match, King's took the lead and looked to be heading for an 'easier' quarter final opponent. However, with the last kick, King's conceded, meaning they went on to face Birkenhead. Conceding in the first minute was not an ideal start, but the boys pressed for an equaliser. With King's pushing

bodies forward, Birkenhead scored on the counter to win 2-0. The season culminated in both A and B teams playing in the local primary schools' league. The A team played their best football, but results were not going in their favour. An early win and two draws, followed by victory over St Albans, put the boys in a great position to win the league. Unfortunately, two quick defeats meant the A team finished a very respectable 3rd. The B team fared a little better; excellent wins against St Albans, Whirley and Puss Bank put them top of the league early on. A loss to Prestbury and two draws meant they finished 2nd. Excellent performances from all involved and in particular Noah Wolstenholme, Christian Tattum and Billy Bridgewater who were the spine of the team.



### HOCKEY

#### Boys 1st XI

The 1st XI had a very pleasing season overall and the squad accumulated an excellent set of results. Their success did not come about by luck; they were very motivated and determined to improve and this showed in their focused approach to training and the huge efforts they put into each match.

With a young and inexperienced team, with only four regular Upper Sixth players from last season, it was with great pride that I witnessed the team mature together and go from strength-to-strength. Every player in the team contributed so much to each match. However, within each section there were some outstanding performances. In the defence, Paul Roberts set himself up as an impassable force for attackers; supported by clinical tackling from Max Ridings and intelligent distribution from Keeran Manoharan and Rhys Bowen. In the midfield the superb work rate of Charlie Toms, Archie Phillips and Chris Harrop, diffused any attempts by the opposition to gather momentum in the field. Meanwhile upfront William McIlveen and Sam Buckingham ran circles around the opposition defence collecting countless goals and several hatricks between them. In goal, Tom Carter was consistently on top form, despite this being his first season for the 1st XI, his dynamic reaction skills continually denied the opposition attackers any chance of glory within our D. With an average of three goals scored per match, the results demonstrate the dominance they established over the opposition. There were some hiccups in establishing an effective defensive structure during early matches. This unfortunately cost us our unbeaten season by conceding easy goals to opposition, who we would later thrash during our second encounters.



The only time the team fell short of their ambitions was during the Cheshire Cup playing and losing away at King's Chester. This was a great disappointment, as it was clear we didn't capitalise on scoring opportunities on the pitch. The highlights of the season were the 2-0 victory over Altrincham Grammar and the 2-0 win against Sedbergh, with an exceptionally strong team in an end of season battle.

King's was victorious by much larger margins in matches again MGS winning 8-0 and Merchant Taylors' 5-0, but it was in the aforementioned matches where the team played to an exceptionally high standard throughout. The squad rounded the season off with a successful tour to Taunton for their hockey festival. A large group of boys was taken including some from the younger ranks of the King's hockey collective. The whole team should reflect upon this season as one to be remembered with great pride and achievement.

Results: Played 20; Won 14; Lost 6. The squad comprised: William McIlveen, Chris Harrop, Paul Roberts, Rhys Bowen, Kieran Manoharan, Sean Neary, Archie Phillips, Charlie Toms, Sam Buckingham, Max Ridings, Calan Collins, Tom Carter, Tom Dennett, Callum Snook.

SFM



## 2nd XI

The 2nd XI had another thoroughly enjoyable season. The results were mixed but the team had a number of fixtures against 1st XIs and mixed 1st/2nd XIs. The team was a mixture of boys from Years 11-13, with Jack Lucas taking on the toughest role in schoolboy hockey, 2nd XI Captain. The season started in fine style with a victory against Merchant Taylors'.

That didn't stop Captain Jack giving the players a few stern words at the end of the game. As well as having an excellent season himself (and often missing the chance to play 1st XI) Jack was an excellent Captain on, and off the field and was awarded the player of the season trophy. Mike Naismith and James Jordan led the line up with great pace and determination. Kieran Jones, Joe Laughton and Jack were brilliant at the back. Max Coe and Dan Bergman marshalled the midfield and showed great skill and creativity in all areas of the pitch.

As well as a strong season on the pitch, Dan was the winner of the 'Coaches' player of the season' award. The addition of the Year 11 players all helped make the season a success although the results didn't always go our way.

## U16

The U16s had a very truncated season; most of the boys in this age group are now playing senior hockey for the 1st and 2nd XIs. It is however, still worth noting a season which marked the final year of an age group side that have achieved regular success over their years together. Amongst the group are some of the best players we have seen together in the same year group. The side were runners-up in the Cheshire Cup and qualified for the North West finals.

Although players can play in the Cheshire Cup, they are then ineligible to play at the finals day if they have played for the 1st XI. A makeshift team put up a great performance in the finals day but couldn't quite manage to get the results they needed to progress. Tom Carter in goal played a full season for the 1st XI and played representative hockey at performance centre level. Charlie Toms had a brilliant season for the 1st XI (it was only commitments at a very high level at Lacrosse that kept Charlie out of the representative hockey framework). Sam Buckingham and Archie Phillips represented the North of England in the Futures Cup, with Archie going on to represent England in the Six Nations Cup. Archie was the very worthy winner



of The Farschi Trophy as the best U16 player of the season. Year 11s Will Harrop (who also progressed through the representative ranks) and Tom Dennett also played regular 1st XI hockey. Josh Barrett, Paul Suarez, Louis Gruber, Josh Blake, Ollie Clemetson, Harvey Wild and Dan Batt were the other players who played regularly for the U16s and 2nd XI. It was a real pleasure to watch the team grow.

## U15

This year was amazing for the U15 with their best season so far. We were a high spirited and resilient team who never gave up. Our improvements were credited to a high commitment to after-school sessions. As a result, we bonded very well and played as a team, which was a contributor to our infamous 'Tica taca' play, resulting in many goals for our side. Top scorer, Ben Jones, is credited with putting our team in the lead multiple times and keeping his composure to slot goals past our opponents. He won the award for 'most valuable player' this year.

The defence has also been a huge factor in the success of the team with Sam Jones, George Holden and Cubby Callaghan saving the team on many occasions. Our best game this year was a tight game against Sedbergh: George Muirhead, one of our star midfielders, stepped up to put King's in the lead and made

a number of great passes, helping secure a 3-2 victory. The most memorable game of the season was against Rossall, one of the strongest hockey schools in the country. Having conceded four goals in the first six minutes things were looking pretty grim however thanks to the motivational skills of Mark Stevenson and Miss Waller we were able to start to even out the play. We lost 7-3 in the end but our performance was resilience personified! The season's most improved player award went to George Holden. He transitioned from rugby to hockey only this year and gradually, over the season, became one of the team's best players. This is all thanks to the coaching of Mr Moores, Mr Langley, Mr Ashton, Mr Jackson and Miss Waller who have all helped the team progress massively throughout the year.

Jonny Murray 10MTH

## U14

The U14s enjoyed an extremely successful season; the team worked hard and stuck together to win a majority of games. The squad contained a number of skilful players who improved as the season progressed. The 3-2 win over Sandbach was one of the many standout wins during the year.

The team showed resilience to come back level twice and then pushed on to win a thrilling game. Jacob Brown, who deservedly won Players' Player

of the Season, kept the defence watertight using his skill to keep the opposition at bay. Joe Tabachnik, who won the most valuable player, and Charlie Boddy who controlled the midfield this season, provided assists upfront and support at the back. Luke Stevens was the star in attack, scoring the highest number of goals this season with 7 goals. As the rest of the squad developed, there were some players who really shone this season. Freddie Higginbotham had a very good season and improved greatly at fullback.

He showed high capability in defence as well as attacking skills by getting forward. This coupled with his excellent attitude meant he deserved to win Coach's Player of the Season. Jamie Stafford played very well in the handful of games he played towards the latter stages of the season. The team were lucky to have two exceptional goalkeepers with Jack Ancell and Fin Ross.

Misha Higham

## U13

This year's hockey season was full of hard work and determination, which ultimately led to success. It didn't get off to the best start, playing Newcastle-Under-Lyme School and unfortunately losing 5-2. We came away and worked on our weaknesses. Practising as much as we could, most of the team spending many lunchtimes on the Astro. The team's dedication and hard work led to improved performances. We met Newcastle again on a number of occasions, achieving a draw before beating them in two further matches with outstanding performances from the whole team. We played Rydal mid-way through the season, our practice and fantastic team spirit paid off and, on our home ground, we won 5-1 in a convincing victory. However, our most memorable match was under floodlights against Stewart's Melville College, a visiting school from Edinburgh.



An exciting game that warmed spectators on a cold evening, the final score was 3-3, which fairly reflected the game. Louis Merica won one of the more bizarre Man of the Match awards for stopping the ball with his nostril!

Congratulations to Captain Nathan Harrop who was awarded Player of the Year Award. Congratulations also to Jack Phillpotts (top scorer) who was awarded Coach's Player and Jake Ogden who was awarded Players' Player. Thank you to our coach Mr Langley for his dedication and support and for pushing us to achieve our best whilst at all times making hockey a great and enjoyable sport.

*Jake Ogden 8TCA*

## U12

Large numbers at early practice sessions and excellent commitment from the boys were the foundations for an excellent U12 season. Two very close defeats in the first term against older opponents showed good character and great fight. After the Christmas break the A team lost just one match against an experienced King's Chester side. A 3-3 draw against Newcastle and



victories against Calday, Rydal, Sandbach and Rossall saw the side go from strength-to-strength. A long trip to Rydal School for their 7s competition was rewarded with an unbeaten run and the trophy for the boys. There was great strength in depth within the group; against Sandbach over 40 boys represented the school in A, B and C games.

There was also real quality at the top end. It was especially pleasing to see the progress of a number of boys new to the sport. The transfer of footballing skills to hockey was very evident in some and the speed at which players adapted to new techniques was very impressive. Danny Williams was prolific in front of goal; a natural striker who finished as leading goalscorer and was awarded the 'most valuable player' award at the end of the season.

Rudi Abraham and Lewis Johnstone were equally impressive in midfield and were jointly awarded the 'coaches' player of the season'. Archie Little and Oscar Davies brilliantly shared the goalkeeping responsibilities with excellent defensive support from Will Lord, Billy Finneron, Louis Finnegan and Ben



Ives. Jake Leech and Zach Spencer Pickup pushed forward from the midfield and grew in confidence with every game both scoring vital goals and full of running. Ralph Skinner, Adam Butters and Jack Nobes all starred in the Rydal tournament. Many other players made significant contributions to both the A team and the B team in what was a genuine 'squad' success. **SM**

## Girls

### 1st XI

This was a very encouraging season for the 1st XI team, with Year 11s available for selection to make a strong squad of players. This year the team was captained by Allana Buckingham, an exceptional player and role model for the younger girls; her work rate was second to none and she led the team incredibly well.

Allana enthused players around her and motivated the team to want to play well for each other; they formed some amazing relationships during the season, which helped their hockey on the pitch. To begin the season the 1st XI welcomed a touring side from Kinross School in Australia. The King's girls offered to host players for two nights and finish off the tour with a fixture against them. This was an exciting game for all, truly competitive but most of all fun.

One of our great wins of the season was against King's Chester, who were very tough competition, but we played some of our best hockey winning 2-1. The annual fixture against NULS in the freezing January temperatures resulted in an outstanding 6-0 win with some great individual performances. Congratulations go to Natalie Stevens, Abigail Cook and Olivia Moores (U17s) for progressing through to the Manchester Performance Centre and Ffyona



Booker (U17s) and Fiona Beeston (U16s) for representing East Cheshire this season in their age groups. Before the Christmas break we were honoured to be invited along with the Senior rugby team to Rugby School. This was all about enjoying the whole experience and competing against the Rugby Hockey Team. Although it was not the result we wanted, with many 1st XI players unavailable for the trip, the girls work rate could not be faulted, they certainly did the school proud and fought until the end. At the U18 County Tournament King's had a fantastic 6-0 win against The Grange and narrowly lost 0-1 to Lymm High School, however this did put us through to the County Finals. Here we managed to draw against Lymm 1-1, Wilmslow 0-0 and unfortunately had a narrow defeat of 1-2 to King's Chester, all tough teams with outstanding hockey players. At the National Schools' Tournament, we were up against the same schools.

Games resulted in a 1-0 win against Wilmslow, 3-0 against The Grange, and 0-1 against Lymm and King's Chester, just missing out on progressing through to the North West Rounds. The girls played some quality hockey, defended well and created plenty of goal

scoring opportunities. The Player of the Season was awarded to Tori Blackwell, with lightning pace up front she has created many of the goals this season, and she is a remarkable team member. The most improved player of the season award went to Evie O'Brien and Georgina Boden. Evie developed into a strong defender, extremely agile; she read the game well and was able to pick out great passes. Georgina's work rate was outstanding and her leading created excellent passing and circle entry opportunities.

Both were great team players with positive attitudes. To end the season we were invited to the Senior 7s Tournament at Cheadle Hulme. This was a great way to finish; winning the pool and reaching the final against Stockport Grammar, the girls were hugely excited at the prospect of winning a medal. They played some exceptional end-to-end hockey, conceding a goal in the last few seconds and coming home with Silver.

## U16

Overall, the girls had an encouraging hockey season. Their first fixture took them to Denstone College, which is always their toughest fixture of the year. The hockey from both teams



was tremendous with the King's defence absorbing strong attacks from Denstone. King's were not to be deterred and played some excellent hockey to earn a fantastic 5-1 win: Olivia Moores, Ffyona Booker and Grace Gudgeon all played excellently. The results from the next two games were a 3-1 loss against Rossall and a 1-0 loss against Cheadle Hulme. The girls continued to train hard, which gave them a new confidence for their upcoming matches. The final tournament took them to Stonyhurst College, where the girls were drawn to play five back-to-back games in very cold, wet weather with only three minutes break in between matches.

The girls played some outstanding hockey and finished in joint 3rd, being very unlucky not to take 2nd place. The girls finished the season with continued success and exceptional play from Olivia Moores who represented Cheshire and the North of England squad at JRPC. Congratulations go to Ffyona Booker who was selected to play for the JAC Cheshire Squad. **VJ**

## U15

The U15s had an excellent hockey season. Their first fixture against Denstone College, often the toughest





of the year, did not disappoint. The hockey from both teams was outstanding and, although Denstone claimed a well-deserved victory, the girls came away from the match with much credit. Our defence was particularly noteworthy and resulted in Zoë Thomas being presented with the Player of the Match. They showed great persistence and team spirit which set the tone for the rest of the season. Further defeats followed against Stonyhurst (4-0) and Cheadle Hulme (2-0), but the girls continued to work hard developing their skills and team work, and understanding of each other also improved.

They secured well-deserved victories against The Grange (7-0) and Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2-0). They then took on Fallibroome and showed excellent set play and composure with great performances from Holly Jones, Zoë Thomas and Chantelle Carroll, and a 3-0 victory.



The girls finished the season with continued success. Congratulations go to Zoë Thomas who represented Cheshire and progressed through to the North West performance centre.

VJ

#### U14

The U14 team had a great season and transitioned extremely well into playing 11 aside full pitch hockey. A lovely, caring bunch of girls, this team has great friendships off the pitch that helped them to gel as a team and improved their link up play. A couple of memorable wins from the season include a 3-0 over Rossall and 4-1 against The Grange, where they demonstrated quality hockey.

Congratulations to Flossie Blackwell – who has also progressed to the Manchester Performance Centre – May Broadley, Freya Shaughnessy, Ella Thomson and Beth Henshaw for representing East Cheshire. The girls were particularly unlucky at the County Tournament, winning two games and narrowly losing one, they missed out on progressing through to the North West Round. The team's performance throughout these games was excellent, their work rate was high and their teamwork and positivity exceptional.

The player of the season was very difficult to decide. It was awarded to Freya Shaughnessy for her dedication to school hockey, both training and fixtures; a great communicator on the pitch, she possesses excellent core skills and is developing into a versatile player with a very positive

attitude. The most improved player of the season was Betty Kemp; her awareness and ability to read the game has improved hugely and her effort cannot be faulted. This team has a lot of potential and it has been great seeing them improve as individuals, but also as a team.

SAH

#### U13

The U13 hockey team is an extremely talented group of players with huge potential. Seven of the squad are representing East Cheshire at U13 or U14 age groups. There were many highlights to the season, including A team wins against Rossall, Cheadle Hulme and The Grange, as well as the B team victory against Rossall and drawing with AESG A team. The annual Christmas fixture against Cheadle Hulme School was a fantastic event, which all pupils thoroughly enjoyed – especially dressing up and eating mince pies after the games!

To finish off the season the girls took part in a mixed hockey tournament, excited to play amongst the boys and show them what they are made of, but also to finish off the season with some fun. This year the U13A team were entered into the Independent Schools' Cup where they reached the 3rd round, and with an epic comeback after half time unfortunately they only managed to bring it back to 4-5. This was an extremely disappointing time for the girls having been so successful and not used to losing, however



they came back fighting. Towards the end of the season, the U13 squad had mixed A/B team fixtures against Fallibroome and Wilmslow finishing with King's winning with high scores. An extremely memorable game for the U13A team was against Manchester High where they came away with a fantastic well-deserved 2-0 win. This was the most aggressive, skilful game of hockey they had played all season against a tough opposition. The players of the season for the A Team go to Izzy Moores and Lottie Denett.

The most improved player of the season for the A team was Scarlett Brough, another highly committed individual who works hard on, and off the ball, never gives up, and always wants to improve her skills. The player of the season for the B team was Georgina Devon, who has become more confident in her ability and improved both her attacking and defending skills. The most improved player of the season for the B team was Charlotte Hudson, her knowledge and awareness of the game has improved along with her confidence, she has great athleticism and her core skills have developed well. This U13 Squad has a lot of talent and a bright future.

SAH

#### U12A & B

The U12 hockey team had a fantastic season with numerous successes. The A team won 11 games and only lost one all season, scoring over 50 goals and conceding less than 10 which is an excellent record. The B team were undefeated with similar success in scoring many and conceding little. This exceptional achievement makes next year very exciting. As a finale to the season, King's Chester invited us to play in a tournament with eight other schools. The girls had their toughest match first, facing Queen's Chester. However, the girls rose to the challenge and played some of their best hockey all year with the majority

of possession and many chances. Unfortunately, Queen's broke on a counter attack and managed to convert their one and only chance. This loss meant that the girls went in to the plate competition; with a trophy still up for grabs the girls' spirits were high and confidence began to flourish in front of goal, the girls won all of their remaining games convincingly and took home the Plate (and chocolates).

The A team coach's player of the season went to Lara Tabachnik for her incredible work rate and determination to win the ball; she never gives up and this coupled with her exceptional skill on the ball makes her a formidable player. The most improved player went to Cordy Kight, a player who started in the B team worked hard on her skills and gameplay and successfully secured a regular place in the A team. She scored lots of goals and hassled the opposition for the ball. Cordy is a central part of the A team's success.

The B team player of the season went to Lottie Clark; the consistently effective defender in the team who can win the ball back and redistribute to create an attacking opportunity. Her patience allows her

to pick the right pass without rushing and hardly ever gives the ball away.

The B team most improved player went to Jessica Haywood; she worked incredibly hard this year on her skills and reads the game naturally to get herself into scoring positions. She is not afraid to shoot, which meant she scored many goals for the B team during the season. Well done to all squad members on a truly brilliant season of hockey.

SAH

#### Juniors

Junior hockey continues to flourish; festivals, tournaments and friendly fixtures have helped all to improve players' skills and develop their game. The teams performed well at the U11 AJS event with the A team reaching the quarter final of the Cup competition and the B team coming runners-up in the plate competition, the only B team in the tournament.

At the Cheshire round of the In2Hockey competition in February, the A team came 3rd on goal difference to King's Chester and played with an ever-improving confidence and belief. Both the Year 5 and 6 hockey club players combined to compete in an end







of season 'House' tournament to conclude an eventful season, with Gawsworth being the eventual winners. This was played with a great competitive spirit and proved that many have developed good core skills and teamwork; there is plenty of potential for next year's squad too! To top off the season the U11 hockey players competed at the Jersey Games over Easter. Both teams displayed excellent hockey with the A team bringing home the Winner's Trophy. Thanks to hockey captain Sophie Fletcher for her support and leadership throughout the season.

JEB

## NETBALL

### Seniors

The Senior netball team had a large squad this year and managed to play both A and B teams in most fixtures. The first of these were very close matches against Lymm in which the 1st VII won 24-23 and the 2nd VII narrowly lost 30-34. The winning streak continued for the A team as they took on Stockport Grammar, Newcastle-Under-Lyme and Birkenhead Grammar. The first defeat came against Cheadle High School followed by a hard fought battle

with King's Chester losing 23-27. The 2nd VII had a mixed start to the season losing to some opposition whom with a little self-belief, they could easily have beaten. In the New Year, the season continued through some very cold and icy practice sessions. Some of the girls travelled to Nottingham to play Notts High and won convincingly, both teams had a rematch away to NULS and the tables turned with the 1st VII losing 14-28 and the 2nd VII winning 21-14. Normal behaviour resumed at The Grange a week later when the 1st VII won and an underperforming 2nd team suffered a narrow defeat.

At the beginning of February, King's hosted the U19 County Tournament with the event organised and run by the Community Sports Leaders students who did a great job. On court, however, the girls had some frustrating performances and missed the calm and influential Captain of the team, Melissa Sharp, who was out due to an elbow injury. The team came 3rd overall having lost to Fallibroome and Wilmslow. In March the 1st VII played in the Stonyhurst Invitational Tournament – it rained from the minute we left Macclesfield until we returned after playing some very encouraging netball against

tough opposition such as Cheadle, St Bede's, St Mary's and Stonyhurst. Our 3rd place streak continued, but there were some excellent team performances to be proud of. As the season ended, the Macclesfield & District League concluded and the 1st VII finally got what they deserved: a worthy joint winners medal, having beaten Wilmslow, Alderley Edge, All Hallows and Congleton.

The Coaches' player award went to both Sophie Jackson and Frances Gurney for their commitment and dedication to training and fixtures, coupled with their relentless and tireless approach to the game on court. The award for the most improved player was awarded to Olivia Shaughnessy. A huge thank you to Melissa Sharp who, as Captain, has been an excellent communicator and organiser ensuring the girls were in the right place at the right time. Despite injury, she was always on the court side encouraging and supporting the teams. Antonia Bianchi stepped in as Vice-Captain where necessary and assisted Melissa in communicating and organising. A fond farewell and good luck wishes to those delightful Year 13 girls who are leaving us to pursue new ventures.

CLB

### U16

The U16 squad consisted of a small contingent of committed, reliable and conscientious athletes. They were a very cohesive team and worked together fantastically demonstrating some stunning and efficient netball. The National Schools' Competition took place in November and the squad had a mixed day of netball. They came fifth in their Division, therefore not progressing within the tournament. The highlight was the match against The Grange where King's won 9-5, with the Player of the Match being Katie Murphy. This was a fantastic victory where the squad played some brilliant netball. The shooters Sophie Moss



and Hannah McCormick fought well creating space and making the most of their opportunities. Centre court Olivia Moores, Anna Kaczmarczyk, Grace Gudgeon and Adele Le Moignan passed efficiently and played strategic, solid netball. Whilst in defence Ffiona Booker, Katie Hayward and Katie Murphy made many turnovers and interceptions. I am confident that this squad will continue to develop. They are a delightful group and a pleasure to coach.

CJC

### U15

The U15 squad was extremely committed and developed into a stronger and more cohesive unit as the year progressed. They started the season meeting their nemesis twice in the space of a week. The first game was a cup match in Round 1 of the Sports Magazine National Schools' Cup where they suffered a narrow defeat at the hands of Fallibroome after a hard-fought match. A few days later the two teams met again in the Macclesfield & District League (MDNL) fixture where once again they lost in the first of only two MDNL defeats all year.

In January, Cheadle were the first opponents to be beaten, followed by The Grange, Manchester High School, Rydal Penhros and Stockport Grammar. After half term, the MDNL fixtures resumed with the only defeat coming against Wilmslow, which meant a 3rd place finish overall. We entered a squad into the U18 section of the Stonyhurst Invitational Tournament. Despite playing two years above their age range, the girls played excellent netball against some very strong teams finishing a very respectable 5th.

Thanks go to joint captains Frankie Sawyer and Chantelle Carroll for their effort and organisation during the year. Alex Cairns received the Coach's Player of the Year and Freya Snook received the most improved player award.

CLB

### U14

From September, the Macclesfield & District Netball league gave the girls the opportunity to play some competitive games before the main netball season got underway in the Spring. The U14 team won the first game convincingly against All Hallows followed by an exciting game against Alderley Edge, winning 12-10. Despite close losses to Fallibroome and eventual league winners Wilmslow, the girls maintained their enthusiasm and won the final game of half term against Macclesfield Academy. Several fixtures were cancelled in January, but the team played well against Cheadle Hulme and The Grange and won the next two matches against Eaton Bank and Tytherington.

An unfortunate loss to Congleton placed the team in 4th place in the MDNL, but their points contributed to the School winning the Aggregate trophy. In the County Netball Tournament, all players proved their versatility in playing several positions due to injuries. After some closely contested games, they finished in 5th place. At the Stonyhurst Invitational Tournament, the team displayed great resilience against strong St Bede's and Stonyhurst sides and won games against AKS and Rossall to finish in third place. Elin Rands captained the team most impressively, maintaining their enthusiasm throughout the tournament and showing gratitude to Isabel Moores and Scarlett Brough for stepping in to complete the team.

The team has been a delight to coach throughout the year and each player has grown in confidence, skill and tactical awareness. A win in the fixture against Rydal and Oswestry was a fitting finish to the season and testament to the progress and unity of the team as a whole. Congratulations to Susie Moores for being awarded Coach's player of the Year and Issy Thomas for receiving Most Improved Player.

LB

### U13

A large group of dedicated and capable athletes was able to produce an A and B team for several fixtures. The A team started the season by meeting Fallibroome in the first round of the Sports Magazine National Schools' Cup whom they beat 38-32. The girls went on to play Christleton in the next round and narrowly lost by one goal after a very competitive, hard fought match.

In the first half of the Macclesfield & District League (MDNL), the girls beat All Hallows, AESG, Fallibroome and Macclesfield Academy, but lost to Wilmslow 11-19. This turned out to be the only match they would lose in the league, and saw them finish as runners-up at the end of the season.

As the Saturday season started in January, we suffered defeats to Cheadle Hulme and The Grange. However, the A team went on to beat Manchester High School, Rydal Penhros and Stockport Grammar. In the County Tournament, the girls played excellent netball throughout but were placed in a very tough group, suffering a couple of defeats to strong teams from Upton Grange and The Grange which ruled them out of the semi-finals. This year saw some positional changes to broaden the strength and depth within the squad. In the defending circle, Izzy Watkins was joined by Lottie Dennett, Fay Fitzmaurice, Claudia Rodriguez Martinez: all of whom can perform equally well at the attacking end as self-assured, prolific shooters.

Holly Burke moved into the centre third to support play out of defence with the ever reliable, extremely dynamic Izzy Moores; and supporting play into the circle is the tenacious Scarlett Brough. Sophie Miller was a superb support and has found herself in virtually every position at some point during the season. The B team has some great up and coming players; Georgina Bills, Georgie Devon, Cara Holliday, Martha Woods, Charlotte Hudson



and Belle Roche. Thanks go to Captain Izzy Moores, who not only leads by example on court, but she is an excellent communicator and leader off court. Well done to Claudia Rodriguez Martinez, who received the Coaches' Player of the Year award and Belle Roche and Sophie Miller who received the most improved players awards.

CLB

## U12

The squad comprised of approximately 30 athletes who attended training sessions regularly. This is one of the most competitive squads that we have had for many years with such strength and depth of hugely strong athletes. The Macclesfield & District Netball League quickly got under way at the beginning of September. Both the A and B squads were able to demonstrate their ability, beating strong netball schools Wilmslow, Fallibroome, Alderley Edge and All Hallows. Both squads were unbeaten throughout the year thus becoming U12 A and B champions respectively.

At the end of the season, both squads competed in the MDNL tournament. Once again, both squads demonstrated some tactical, competitive and stunning netball winning both divisions and becoming double champions. The Under 12s entered the National Schools' Magazine Cup. The squad played some hard fought matches beating Fallibroome 29-11, The Grange 34-6 and Christleton 25-24.

The girls made it to the last four in the North West which is an amazing achievement. King's were beaten by Bury GS who were a more tenacious, organised team. The Saturday fixture schedule was affected by the horrendous weather and sadly, a number of fixtures were cancelled. The U12s continued to play exceptional netball beating Cheadle Hulme, Wilmslow, The Grange and Manchester High

convincingly. At the Cheshire County Netball Tournament, the team won all of their matches losing only to Fallibroome. They progressed into the semi-final vs King's Chester and produced some outstanding netball winning 15-4. They qualified for the final where they met Fallibroome, which was an amazing final: they went to extra-time and only in the second half of extra time, Fallibroome got the winning goal. King's were excellent and received a well-deserved runners-up medal. The U12 squad has huge potential and have been a delight to coach; I have no doubt that they will go from strength-to-strength. Congratulations go to Madeleine Johnson who was selected for the Cheshire County Under 12 squad.

CJC



## U11

The A team have had a successful year, working hard and developing as a team, growing in strength and ability as the season progressed. In October, the A team played in the St Pius V netball tournament in Leyland where they competed to a high standard against other independent schools.

They were the eventual bronze medal winners, narrowly missing out in the final to Stockport Grammar, who were the eventual winners. Having been undefeated in all their league matches, the U11 team were named Macclesfield & District Primary Schools' League 1 Champions.

In the AJS U11 netball tournament the girls put up a sterling performance against independent schools from all over the North West. They lost in the semi-final to The Grange. The team has been captained this year by Leah Shadwell and the players were: Maddie Baxter, Sophie Fletcher, Leah Shadwell, Daisy Sutton, Sienna Givern, Lydia Hine, Phoebe Thomson, Sophie Johnson and Sophia Ogden.

NS



## ROUNDERS



### U15

An enthusiastic group of girls regularly attended practices and had great fun scoring rounders, taking catches and effecting run out. The girls were extremely competent and competitive. Their first fixture against Nottingham High School was a tough one to begin the season as they faced their U18 team. However, the King's girls rose to the occasion and displayed some excellent skills and team work. Superb fast bowling from Alex Cairns and excellent accurate and perceptive fielding from Frankie Sawyer earned them both Players of the Match and enabled the team to score 11 rounders to 14. The next match against Alderley Edge School was also very close and competitive; some excellent batting by Alex Brooks and great fielding by all players secured a hard fought victory.

Later in the term, the team faced Denstone College who were very strong batters. Sadly, we had players missing due to other commitments and despite excellent fielding, we lost 9-17. However, Ellie Morten had a superb game with some big hits and was named Player of the Match. In the triangular fixture against Withington and Cheadle Hulme the team redeemed themselves: Alex Cairns and Imogen Collinson were on form as bowlers and Frankie

Sawyer's fielding off 2nd base was especially impressive. They won both matches 5-2.5 and 17-3.5 respectively. Sadly, the final match of the season against Newcastle-Under-Lyme was a tough one. Although King's were by far the better fielding side, Newcastle had many excellent hitters who scored 13.5 rounders to our 9.5. Overall, this was an exciting and competitive season with some great successes. Frankie Sawyer was awarded Coach's Player, Ella McQuillan was awarded Most Improved Player and Alex Brooks received Players' Player.

LB

### U14

This group of girls is very close and work hard for each other, whilst being competitive; they do not take themselves too seriously when playing but are still very keen to win. As well as scoring many important rounders Freya Shaughnessy and Sarah Turner played Backstop competently, making quick decisions and accurately throwing to 1st Base.

Olivia Hunter has taken the ball well to stump many opponents out; Flossie Blackwell and May Broadley have been consistent on second base, this is one of the busiest positions requiring concentration and quick decision making. On 3rd base, Zahira Welsh and Betty Kemp have played superbly taking some great catches and stumping many out. On 4th Base, Lauren Harbige has been

a real asset scoring many rounders, taking difficult catches, plus being quick to stump. In the deep doing the leg work and returning the ball into bases with efficiency and accuracy have been Issy Thomas, Charlotte Smith, Susie Moores, Ella Thomson and Mila Waseem. Our reliable bowler has been Elin Rands who has been very consistent giving very few no balls and she has made valuable contribution with the bat. Felicity Bailey has been happy to step up into bowling when required.

Other players who have played in various positions when required and have scored much needed rounders are Beth Henshaw and Florence Thompson. Lauren Harbige was awarded the much-deserved Player of the Year, although special mention must go to Ella Thomson who was magnificent with her pin point accuracy when returning the ball from the deep, she prevented many rounders and was missed at the final match against a hard hitting NULS team. Most Improved Player was awarded to both Charlotte Smith and Sarah Turner jointly. Players' Player was Zahira Welsh.

CLL





## U13

This squad had some highly committed and talented players. The season began with a 23–3 win against Nottingham High School, which gave the girls a lot of confidence. The most memorable match was against Newcastle-Under-Lyme (NULS), an intense game with the score being tight at 9–9 after the first innings. After half time and some changes in tactics, the girls went out and displayed some of their best rounders and it was 11–11 in the second innings with one ball to go. We managed to score the extra rounder we needed to win the game 21–20, a truly exciting match against a very strong opposition.

There was plenty of opportunity to change the team around each week as the squad was extremely versatile. The girls demonstrated some excellent fielding skills, which have certainly developed in practices over the season. They have started applying different tactics to games, playing off bases, throwing accurately to bases, getting many opponents out on 1st base and bowling and batting consistently well. The player of the season is awarded to Isabel Moores, a highly committed enthusiastic player who controls the field well, is an excellent, solid 2nd base player and encourages all other teammates.

The most improved player of the season is awarded to Cara Holliday, who has become an effective bowler but also displaying the ability to throw accurately and over distance and batting well. With only one loss against Cheadle Hulme and wins over The Grange, Withington, NULS, Denstone, Nottingham High and Alderley Edge, the girls should be very proud of themselves.

## U12

This is a group of extremely able athletes who also have a thorough understanding of the technicalities and strategies involved in rounders.



There is strength and depth within the large squad of 25 girls that regularly attend. Throughout the season, girls focused on batting technique, accurate fielding, variation in bowling and importance of the fielding positions. The girls have totally embraced all strategies and have demonstrated these in match play. The season commenced playing Nottingham High School; King's won convincingly 25.5–6.5, with player of the match going to Hope Sutton. This win gave the girls confidence ready for a more competitive match against Denstone, once again being triumphant 8.5–6.5.

Our next fixture was a triangular Vs Cheadle Hulme and Withington where the girls demonstrated tenacity, skill, competitiveness and resilience. The squad won both matches convincingly: King's V CHS 25.5–1.5, player of the match Jess Hayward, for her quality and placement of hitting the ball; King's V WHS 9.5–0.5, player of the match Aimee Knight, Aimee played an excellent second base showing accuracy and catching skills.

This enthusiastic squad then faced a brilliant Newcastle-Under-Lyme squad. The girls lost 14–16, player of the match being Harriet Bailey,

showing precision with the bat and excellent fielding skills. The U12s finished off in style beating Alderley Edge convincingly 32.5–4.5 with player of match going to Jessica Haywood. The U12 Bs won 24–8, player of match was Lily Cook. An outstanding season!

CJC



## RUGBY

## 1st XV

It was a transitional season for the 1st XV, with a change of coach and a lot of new faces as players. This perhaps explained the slow progress in the early stages of the season. However, on the back of an intense pre-season tour to Cardiff and an unbeaten Festival, the XV saw some of the early few games 'get away' that should have been comfortable victories.

November saw a change in fortune and a real show of togetherness, after an emphatic victory over Adams GS, it was fitting that Captain Sam Worthington (Number 8) produced a man of the match performance, collecting a hat-trick of tries and inspiring confidence across the team. This was the beginning of a string of victories (Lancaster, Lymm and



Stonyhurst), and although we would eventually come 'unstuck' at the semi-final stage of the Cheshire Cup, the Senior XV were finally showing their true potential. Then came the opportunity to put right what had gone badly wrong in the early stages of the season. King's exited the NatWest Cup at the hands of local rivals Wilmslow HS, so when the return fixture came 4 weeks later, we successfully reversed the result with a difference of 58 points in comparison to the first fixture. The leadership of influential fly half Ollie Quinn was instrumental in implementing a 'no nonsense' game plan allowed for an increasing number of well-constructed victories.

The highlight of the season came in December: we were invited to the birthplace of our great game, to play against the all-conquering Rugby School (unbeaten). They were having their best season in over thirty years, yet King's Macclesfield took them to the very last play, only to have a try disallowed in the corner. This was an opportunity to play one of the best XV's in the country and there was nothing between the two teams, apart from perhaps their England International Fly Half. Since this fixture, Rugby School have accommodated us

on their prestigious fixture list, next season and beyond. The 1st XV went unbeaten in 2017, collecting 4 more victories and a draw to finish the season in real style. Tom Higginson (full back and prolific goal kicker) and Jamie Dunkerley (outside centre) continued their exceptional form, into the Sevens season. Both were magnificent across a number of tournaments and were influential in collecting the Cheshire Plate and Solihull Plate, as well as being Cup Finalists at the Stonyhurst Competition, losing narrowly to the hosts. The final minutes of the season were contested at the Sedbergh Super Tens. The invitational

tournament played host to the best schoolboy rugby players in the country and whilst it was tough going against eventual winners and hosts Sedbergh, and finalists Millfield, the boys played magnificently and were justifiably victorious on the second day. On an individual basis, Tim Phillips (Second Row) and Simon Ridgway (Hooker), (pictured below) were both selected for the North of England, which is a testament to their hard work and talent.

The season was strongly represented by Year 13 students, which will mean another transformational summer. The departing players deservedly wore the King's badge one last time on Australian soil, whilst the Year 11–12 players will have big shoes to fill next season. One final note, Mr Bartle steps down this season from 1st XV coaching duties having been involved for over 15 years, worked alongside three different Heads of Rugby and let's not forget was pivotal in the success of King's lifting the Rosslyn Park Bowl in 2016. Next year, he will cast his eye over the U15 XV and I am sure will continue to be a huge success.

GJHH

## 2nd XV

The season concluded with a winning success rate of 71.4%, 14 games were played, resulting in a record of W10–L4, Points For 326 Against 230, the fifth most successful season for a 2nd XV in the last 17 years.

The boys worked hard, the vast majority attended training regularly, which paid dividends as the season progressed. The side was ably led by Matt Calvin, who took full responsibility on and off the field, which was much appreciated. The first game was away at MGS and was a tight affair. Although always in control, turning pressure into points proved difficult until Rob Devon crashed over for the only





score of the game from two metres (although he will say it was much further out) involving an outrageous dummy pass and exceptional pace to outstrip the home defence. LGS followed with a pleasing 17–10 win, so far so good. Then came by far the worst and most embarrassing performance I would imagine from a senior King's side for some considerable time; QEGS away, resulting in a 64–5 thumping. The least said about that performance the better. A four-match winning streak then followed, with each victory more convincing than the one before. Nottingham 29–25, Adams GS 37–12, Wilmslow 31–5 and Stonyhurst 43–5.

That left Denstone away before a rest over Christmas. With only 8 minutes to go, the score was 0–0 with neither side looking like they would score. We then lost two players in quick succession, Luke Smith and Jack Wilcock, which resulted in a 11–0 defeat. After Christmas, we lost our first two games, away to Solihull 26–7 a true reflection of a game where the opposition's forwards were too strong on the day and 3–34 against Kirkham when we lost some key players to the 1st XV



due to injuries. The remainder of the season resulted in four well deserved victories: St Ambrose 38–7, Wirral GS 2–12, Merchant Taylors' 42–19 and finally Queen Ethelburga's 47–0. The most satisfying performance of the season, was the final game against Queen Ethelburga's. Not just because of the score line, but also the standard of performance, clinical finishing and intense pressure from start to finish.

DT

### U16A

U16s rugby can be the most challenging schoolboy year group, yet this set of boys were a unique set of individuals with real talent and character. The season opened against MGS with a really convincing 75–10 win; a fantastic result with some tremendous attacking rugby, whilst Sam Higginson and Gus Fiennes made their debuts for the A team. Next up was Lancaster RGS, a fixture made even more important than normal with former Head of Rugby, Mr Mason, in charge of their U16 team – we had to leave Lancaster with bragging rights! The game was a tough one with the boys having to dig in and defend like



Trojans, thankfully we came away with a 5–0 win. The season carried on with great success and fantastic attacking rugby being played.

Overall 449 points were amassed and only 143 conceded, leading to nine wins and three defeats against QEGS (26–36), Kirkham (14–29) and St Ambrose (5–12). Congratulations go to Sam Higginson, Gus Fiennes, Will Davies, Toby Moule, Harry Wheelton and Sion Davenport, who all played at some point during the season for the 1st XV. These boys and the rest of the team have developed into fine players, mainly because of their hard work with Mr Barrow over the last 5 years.

The 7s season started well as the U16s won the Plate at Warwick and were runners-up at Stonyhurst. A number of players gave their all: Will Fosbrook, Angus Thomson, Matthew Harrison, Sam Crosby, Charlie Fogg, Henry Collinson, Dan Capon and Harry Hehir to name just a few. Player of the Season went to Sion Davenport, who led by example in every game and off the field, and captained the side tremendously. RJ

### U15

The U15s season started with a hard fought game against a well drilled MGS team, a scintillating run by William Ridgway to score under the post brought the game level and with a few more minutes could have seen us go over again for the win. We were looking to kick on from this result, slightly disappointed we didn't get the win but the signs of a good season ahead were there. The next two games we were second best, our defence and concentration let us down and we suffered two defeats. Denstone were next up and the boys did themselves and the school proud. They battled to the end and unfortunately lost by one point. December saw a change in fortune and they swept away Adams



Grammar 48–7. This was the start of a seven-game unbeaten run, not even Kirkham were able to stop us. We went into the last game of the season in good form, however Wirral were currently unbeaten so we knew it wasn't going to be easy. Another display of grit and determination from a side that suffered with injuries all year. The boys came agonisingly close, but lost by five points. It was a tough season with great performances by Ollie Leatherbarrow, Jamie Catto, Jack Mayfield, Ollie Payne and the duo of Max and Paddy, Max Hine and Sam Wright.

The 7s season started early; arriving late due to traffic on a snowy day down in Warwick, this didn't deter the squad and we made it through into the cup competition, unfortunately losing in the quarter-final. Twenty years since I played and won our own 7s competition I was hopeful we would do the same; but unfortunately we lost in the semi-final to a good Ambrose side, who went on to win the competition. They were to be our nemesis again in the Cheshire 7s cup final, however the boys were praised for their team spirit and attitude. Well done to all the squad and player of the year Jack Mayfield.

RL &amp; MT

### U14A

This was a team that thrived under the pressure of expectation to register a 100% win record through the season. The boys built on the success of the previous year, understanding the need to develop both strategically as a team and progress as individuals. The first half-term saw victories over MGS (24–12); Lancaster Royal Grammar School (38–5); Queen Elizabeth Grammar School (36–7); and Denstone College (72–0). Following the half-term break, the winning form continued with victories over Cheadle Hulme (60–0); Nottingham High School (31–5); Adam's Grammar (42–0); Stonyhurst College (46–0); Kirkham Grammar (10–7); Merchant Taylors'



(27–0); Queen Ethelburga's (34–5) and Wirral Grammar (42–0). The improvements in attacking strategies and new defensive structures were now embedded and proving to be a tough task for any opposition.

The Cheshire Cup semi-final against St Ambrose proved to be our toughest game of the season; the game was tight throughout with St Ambrose in front for most of the game as their stubborn defence put our attack under pressure.

However, our patience, determination and resilience proved irresistible with a try towards the end of the game to secure a 14–10 win and a place in the final against Stockport Grammar. The final started with a fast pace and Stockport took the first points with a converted try. The team's reaction to this was second to none, with two tries both resulting from strategic moves practiced in training – the first from the backs the second from the forwards. The final score 20–7, saw King's crowned Cheshire Cup Champions for the second consecutive year.

Our 7s season was a mix of results with key players missing through injury. This gave opportunity for other squad members to develop their 7s skills in competition. In parts, we played some excellent rugby, keeping the ball alive and moving it through hand at speed. A great season with outstanding results.

JWW

### U14B

This was an encouraging season of development for the U14B squad led by George Hodkinson. The team recorded four fine wins in ten outings as they began the adjustment from junior to senior rugby. The season started with defeats against MGS and Lancaster Royal Grammar School, but the boys bounced back with victories over QEGS Wakefield and Denstone. Injuries and illness were influential in heavy defeats at Nottingham High School and Adam's Grammar School. Another defeat followed against Stonyhurst, but to their credit the boys responded with a comfortable win at Kirkham. The defeat at St Ambrose was probably the low point of the season as the boys fell below the standards they expected of themselves. Hence, the victory over Queen Ethelburga's was a fantastic way to end the season, as Finlay Blakemore calmly slotted a last gasp penalty for a 22–19 win.

Many players made notable improvements over the season with several earning opportunities in the A team: Harry Hulme, George Hodkinson, Ted Buckwell and Archie Cracknell. Josh Rajendran was Mr Consistency and he linked well with Christian Beeston, Matthew Suarez, Jimmy Foxton and Alex Keeling in the backline. Scrum-half Tom Moorhouse passed well and benefited from the work done by the aforementioned forwards, as well as Zac Patterson, Mo Ashtar, Lewis Redgrave-Scott, Louis Moore and Marcus Williams.

CST





### U13A

It was to be a very tough season for the U13s this year: a change of approach from the RFU saw the game change from 15 a-side on a full pitch to 13 a-side on half a pitch. This unfortunately meant less space for our pace men and more contact and rucking which seemed to favour the larger teams we played.

Although the results through the season didn't go our way, the side performed well and there has been clear development in their ability, skills and game understanding. Their team spirit was always there and this was seen when we played Queen Ethelburga's, with the scores tied at 25 points a-piece, King's were pushing for their first win of the season. Oscar Robinson broke free and with the last play of the game scored the winner, earning him the 'Match Winning Contribution' honour in the school's rugby awards.

This great spirit and camaraderie was taken into the sevens season. After losing to Old Swinford Hospital 45-5 at Warwick, we met them later in the season at the Solihull sevens and beat them 25-20, a top effort from the boys. The side were involved at Rosslyn Park National 7s

this year, a great experience for them to play in a national tournament. The standard was high, but the team battled hard in all of their five games and did the school and coaches proud. The season was filled with great performances from James Miller, Lewis Johnson, Jack Bray, Ethan Quinn, MacKenzie Blackaby and excellent captaincy from Billy Griffiths. A final well done goes to Ben Wallace, for achieving most improved player of the year.

OK

### U13B

When a season begins as inauspiciously as ours did against MGS, one is filled with a feeling of impending disaster. Little could be further from the truth as a relatively lightweight team of individuals bonded over the course of the season into a tight knit band of brothers. Led with passion, determination and good humour by Archie Abraham (amongst other captains) and ably directed in the forwards by Oliver Muirhead, Ferdinand Boren and Daniel Silva-Stafford, the team went from strength to strength. Our first few games and victories were characterised by hard work: the forwards blasted their way past

opposition, at times leaving our talented backs a little frustrated. This was soon to change. As we grew in confidence, winning against QEGS, Denstone, Adam's, Wilmslow, Bromsgrove and Solihull, so the team began to recognise its array of talent. Toby Gray's determined running was mirrored by Charles Sudweeks' darting panache, but both of these were eclipsed by the champagne moment of the season; Charlie Beeson's supreme pass to put Sam Farrar in at the corner is the type of moment B team coaches and players live for. The whole team lit up, recognising that we were a team of backs and forwards, fully capable of delivering in both areas to good effect. The boys were a wonderful group to work with, always enthusiastic, ever positive and supportive of one another.

TDS

### U12A

The season was a most enjoyable one for the U12 rugby squad: a new start for all with new laws being introduced into a 12 a-side format. The boys took time to settle and initially found the matches tough, often coming up against bigger and faster opponents. However, the boys trained exceptionally hard and got better and better as the season progressed. They played some outstanding rugby in the Spring Term against very good opposition and developed well in sevens rugby. Sam Heath was an inspirational leader on the pitch and always gave his best. My outstanding player of the year was Harrison Milner who would have run through a brick wall if asked to do so. He has definitely got the all-round game to develop into a very fine rugby player.

Other impressive performances throughout the season came from Sam Heath, Jack Cookson, Finlay Usher, Leo Chineza-Rodriguez and Archie Close. My most improved players were George Murphy and Dylan Southern who were strong



runners and good in defence. The highlights of the year were the thrashing of Wilmslow HS and Queen Ethelburga's but most of all our victories against St Ambrose and Wirral GS. In these two games, the boys played some outstanding rugby and real tenacity in defence. I would like to congratulate all the boys who represented the U12 A team and thank them for their hard work and commitment throughout the season. I would also like to thank parents for their support, it is most appreciated.

SB

### U12B

This was an encouraging season with the majority of matches being won and a number of players staking a claim to be regular A team players next year. The team was led by Xavier Moore who was both a calming and inspiring presence, often setting a platform for the backs with his barnstorming runs into the heart of the opposition's defence. The team was strengthened by the appearance of Ted Broadley, Oliver Gandy and Elliot Naylor who frequently performed with credit for the A team.

In addition, Toby Denton was a bundle of energy at scrum-half and secured the highest number of 'man of the match' awards through the season. Powerful forwards Philip Delikouras, William Timms and Oliver Downes caught the eye and have a bright future. The defeats to Cheadle Hulme and Solihull revealed our vulnerability when faced by mobile, slick-handling teams pinpointing the need to develop fitness as well as concentration in defence.

However, the final match against a strong Wirral team was very encouraging as we seemed to have acquired a cutting edge in attack, scoring several memorable tries. It was a fitting end to the winter campaign. The boys were a splendid bunch to work with and developed a great spirit; I expect them to progress well in the years ahead.

PW

### U12C

The season was like a firework show; unpredictable, short-lived, but spectacular viewing. Many of the team were complete newcomers to rugby and embraced the physical challenge and hard knocks of the game with steely grit and uncompromising determination. The boys fought through rain, sleet and snow, playing with great heart and occasional bursts of fleet-footed flamboyance.

Despite only playing five games, the U12Cs managed to secure three resounding victories, including a convincing sixty-point win over Wilmslow High School. I'm proud to say that the team never let their heads drop when faced with the prospect of defeat, fighting until the last whistle of the game for the elusive win. The top-scorer this season was Maahir Halwani, who consistently caused problems for the opposition whenever he built up some momentum and had the try-line in his sights.

Special mention must go to William Timms, whose refusal to be tackled lifted the morale of the team on several key occasions against the more resilient opposition teams. My thanks to all the players: we hope to see many of you coming to training next season and representing the U13s!

JP

### U11

The U11 rugby team enjoyed an outstanding season, remaining unbeaten in all 15 of their fixtures. After convincing early-season victories against Leeds Grammar, The Grange and MGS, the boys produced their finest performance of the season in defeating St Ambrose Prep. After falling behind to an early try, King's had to dig deep to repel a skilful and determined opposition and were eventually rewarded with a 20-5 victory, finished off with a length of the field try from centre Billy Birkett.

After further victories against Birkenhead Prep, Altrincham Prep, Stockport Grammar and Newcastle-Under-Lyme, the boys travelled to Jersey for the annual Year 6 Sports Tour. The final day culminated in a tournament, with matches against Hall Grove, Old Hall and Jersey U11s. In the round-robin group stage, King's played with their usual fast paced tempo, with the forwards securing quick service for the lightning-quick back division, led by Captain and play-maker Oliver Davies.

Comfortable wins were recorded against all three teams to set up the Final v Hall Grove, who had finished in 2nd position in the group. Once again, King's pace and power proved to be too much for the opposition, resulting in a resounding 35-5 win. The B team also worked







extremely hard throughout the season, with several players forcing their way into the A team. The boys recorded their first win of the season after defeating The Grange 15–10 in the Autumn Term.

However, the most entertaining game of the season came against Stockport Grammar shortly after Christmas: despite the bitterly cold conditions, the boys fought back after trailing for much of the game and were denied victory as a knock-on on the opposition try line thwarted their final attack, settling for a 15–15 draw. There are many talented rugby players in this age group, with the future looking bright as they make the transition into Senior School rugby next year.

MW/NB

## SAILING



Sailing at King's has gone from strength-to-strength this year with many students progressing up to instructor standard and proving themselves in assisting the new cohort of sailors. Students have experienced a wide range of conditions from gentle inland sailing at Redesmere to exciting heavy weather offshore sailing at Cumbrae. This year has seen an increase in



different boats, from Laser Pico's to Dart 16s under the expert guidance of Scotland's National Sailing Centre with all students gaining world recognised RYA qualifications. In addition, there was also a fantastic event during the summer in which Sam Rogers, Verity Griffin, George Dickinson, Rhodri Evans, Callum Evans and Alex Clarke were selected to meet HRH Princess Anne as part of the 25th anniversary celebrations of Redesmere Sailing Club. The students involved demonstrated their sailing skills to great effect and portrayed the school at its very best in what was a fantastic end to a successful year.

ARP

## TAE KWON DO



This year has seen the Tae Kwon Do Club grow in size and it regularly has over 20 students training after school.

A highlight of the year was a training session run by Rio 2016 Olympic Bronze medallist Bianca Walkden. The session was incredibly useful and gave the students an insight into the level required to be an Olympian.

The year also saw the club become a member of the Cobra Martial Arts Association (CMAA), which is a national supporting body allowing us to break from the rigid syllabus imposed on us. Furthermore, Mr Ward is now on a National Register of Black Belts and students now have a more robust and nationally



recognised martial arts licence. We were also grateful to the Friends of King's Association for their help to purchase useful training equipment including chest protectors for sparring and focus pads for kicking.

Several gradings took place through the year, with notable performances from James Krassowski and Adam Garnett. It was good to see the standard continuously improving. A hugely successful year and I am looking forward to another exciting year ahead.

MRW

## TRAMPOLINING



King's trampolinists had their best year to date with the highest number of teams and individuals to qualify for the National Finals.



form and execution of skills. At the North of Britain Championships 7 out of 10 teams and 2 individuals qualified to represent King's in the National Championships. Sophie Fletcher was crowned North of Britain Champion with an outstanding performance in both routines, Sophie truly deserved this title.

The National Finals was an incredible event: King's achieved two national team champions at U11 intermediate boys and girls, three second places, a third and a 4th. Six out of seven teams placed in the top 3 in Britain. U14 intermediate girls placed 4th and were only 0.7 from a podium place. Sophie Fletcher placed 4th individually and Oliver Jones 7th.

The hard work, dedication and resilience all paid off and I am so proud of all the children and the support shown by the parents. Junior Trampoline Captain was Oliver Jones.

RBJ





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## Hail & Farewell

### HAIL

Welcome to the following members of staff who joined King's during the academic year 2016 – 17:

**Daniel Brown** began in March as the new IT Support Apprentice. He is currently undertaking a Level 3 apprenticeship with QA and previously worked as an intern at Jodrell Bank Observatory. In his spare time he enjoys going to the gym and spending time with his family.

**Steve Burnage** joined King's as Rugby Coach for the U12 team. Steve has just retired from teaching at Cheadle Hulme School where he spent 23 years as Head of Boy's PE and Games and Head of Year. He is an experienced Rugby Coach and has coached the England U16 Rugby team. Steve enjoys golf and spending time with his grandchildren.

**Alexander Burrows** joined the MFL Department from Langtree School in Oxfordshire. He graduated from Durham University where he studied French, Spanish and Romance Linguistics. He is also a holder of a PGCE from Keele University. In his spare time, Alex loves reading and swimming and is currently writing his first fiction novel.

**Andrew Clarke**, a graduate from The University of Manchester with a first class BSc in Computer Science, joined the King's Computing team at Easter as Head of Department. He was previously Assistant Principal at a college in Media City. Andrew enjoys running and completed the London Marathon in 2016.

**Katharine Gilbert** joined the MFL department, after spending 10 years as Head of Spanish and Head of Year 11 at Badminton School in Bristol. She graduated from Hull University and has a PGCE from Durham University. In her spare time, she enjoys long distance running, world cinema and spending time with her two children.

**Nicola Head** joined the Infant & Junior Division. She graduated from the University of Ripon & York St. John where she studied for a BA (Hons) Education and Music degree with QTS. Since then, she has had experience teaching in British Schools in Spain and Dubai. She was fortunate to have been part of a team that opened up a new British School in Spain. She has also spent many years teaching in the North West. Nicola enjoys travelling and experiencing different cultures.

**Giles Hetherington** joined the PE and Games Department as Head of Rugby. He is a graduate of Leeds Carnegie University. Giles moves across from Yorkshire, where he worked at The Crossley Heath School for 9 years, having been an Old Boy of the school. Naturally, Giles' main interests centre on rugby, but he is also a tennis and athletics enthusiast.

**Meghan Hopkins** joined the Music Department. She graduated from the State University of New York at Potsdam where she studied Music Education and History, then moved to the UK to pursue an MA in Music Culture and Politics from Cardiff University. When not playing the

flute, Meghan enjoys travelling and going to museums.

**Donna Jestin** joined the Business & Economics Department having spent 13 years teaching in Leeds, Manchester and Bermuda. She graduated from the University of Manchester where she studied Business Management. She is also a holder of a PGCE from Bolton University, and a Post Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Management from Leeds Beckett University. She is a Principal Examiner for AQA. Outside of school she enjoys yoga, Pilates and hiking.

**Jayne Johnson** joined the External Relations department in May as Admissions & Marketing Officer, having completed several years in the Finance Department at King's. Jayne's wealth of experience in finance and legal sectors, along with her knowledge and love of IT systems, have already helped her make a big impression in her new role.

**Rachel Kay** joined as General Science technician following a career break and period of further study. Prior to this she worked as a nurse in a variety of contexts. She is a keen scientist and is enjoying being back in a laboratory setting.

**Richard Kellett** joined the school as the Head of the English Department after four years teaching at Bolton School Boys' Division. He holds a BA in English Language and Literature from the University of Leeds, as well as a PGCE from the former St Martin's College. Richard is a

keen triathlete, having completed an Ironman in Austria in 2014, though with two young children this may be his last of such events for some time.

**Andrew Kyriacou** joined King's as a Rugby Coach after 12 years as a professional player in both the Premiership and Pro 12, and four years as a Professional Coach in the Pro 12, Premiership and the Russian National Team. He is heavily involved in charity work, raising awareness and money to support young men suffering from depression, and families who have lost someone to suicide.

**Pete Langley** joined the PE and Games Department as a teacher. He is a graduate of Sheffield Hallam University where he studied Sport Coaching and he completed his Teacher Training at Loughborough University. Pete previously worked for 4 years at Ratcliffe College in Leicestershire as 1st XV rugby coach and Head of Junior School PE. He enjoys a wide range of sports such as cricket, rugby and golf.

**Paula Luke** joined King's as a Database Assistant. She came from Warrington Collegiate where she spent 15 years as a Data Analyst. Paula's interests include cooking, reading, walking, theatre and travel.

**Robin Oliver** joined the Mathematics Department having completed his PGCE from Leeds Beckett University. He graduated from St Andrews University where he studied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics and has a Doctorate from Leeds University in Computational Physics. Robin is keen on outdoor sports such as hiking, climbing and mountaineering.

**Jessica Richards** joined the Science (Biology) Department having spent the past seven years overseas teaching in UAE and travelling. She

grew up in Cheshire before studying Physiological Sciences at University of Newcastle and completing her PGCE at Homerton College, Cambridge. She has enjoyed a wide variety of activities in all continents and currently spends her free time relaxing with her family and friends.

**Frances Riley** joined the Infant & Junior Division as a Year 4 teacher. She is a graduate from Birmingham University with a first class BSc in Business Management with Communication and has a PGCE from Manchester Metropolitan University. She has taught in Shropshire for the last 3 years and enjoys the arts; in particular she has a passion for singing and dancing.

**Matthew Thorp** joined the Economics and Business Department and PE department having graduated from the University of York where he studied Accounting, Finance and Management. He is working towards his PGCE from Manchester Metropolitan University and RFU level 2 rugby coaching qualification. Matthew enjoys a wide range of sports, specifically rugby and plays locally at Macclesfield Rugby Club.

**Lauren Tidey** joined King's in June 2017 as the school's first ever Development and Alumni Officer. Her task is to establish a development office, launch our fundraising strategy and to strengthen our links with, and support for, former pupils of the school. Lauren is a graduate of Manchester Metropolitan University and has a wealth of experience in event management and hospitality.

**Daniel Tonks** joined the Music Department as Postgraduate Musician. He is a graduate of the University of Oxford, where he was awarded a Master's degree in Musicology. Daniel plays piano and harpsichord with a number of ensembles across the North West

and the Midlands, and currently works on Sundays as an itinerant organist. During his spare time, he enjoys composing and reading.

**Jonathan Wales** joined the Geography Department having had spells teaching at Altrincham Grammar School for Girls and Wilmslow High School. He graduated from Lancaster University where he studied Geography. He is also a holder of a PGCE from Manchester Metropolitan University. Jonathan enjoys a wide range of sports and is now an active member of the school's cricket coaching team.

**Sarah Wilcock** joined as Librarian from Chapel-en-le Frith High School, having previously worked as Library Assistant in the Boys' Division for four years. Sarah graduated from Cardiff University.

### FAREWELL

#### Daniel Allmand-Smith

Dan joined the Admissions team as a Gap student, having completed his A Levels the previous year. Dan has supported the department in all areas helping with display boards, event preparations, press cuttings and mailings. However, his most significant contribution was in updating the new school website. His willingness to help and love of cacti will be missed as he heads off to university.

#### Debbie Baker

After 15 years of dedicated service to the school, Debbie made the decision to hang up her whistle and retire at the end of the Autumn Term. Debbie made an enormous contribution to the Infant & Junior Division in many varied activities, but one of her major strengths was the time and attention that she gave to the pastoral care of the children;



she is a very genuine and warm person who is an extremely caring and talented teacher whose presence was felt well beyond the field of sport. She will be greatly missed by the school community, but we wish her love and happiness as she begins a new chapter in her life.

### Scott Barrow

Scott joined in 2012 as a highly acclaimed rugby coach after coaching with the RFU and at Fylde Rugby Football Club. This followed a successful professional career playing rugby league for St Helens and rugby union for Glasgow Warriors and Leeds. Scott's quality led to him securing a permanent role at King's in 2014 that made him an integral part of the PE and Games Department. Scott was involved in every facet of the King's rugby programme: he coached right across the age spectrum and was just as adept at working with the U11Cs as the senior 1st XV. Scott used his experience in strength and conditioning as a foundation for adeptly running Boys' Athletics from September 2014. He willingly took on all other tasks, including assisting with cricket teams. However, it is with the 2016–17 Year 11 rugby squad that Scott left his most obvious mark. The development in their skill level and game play after he began working with them in Year 8 was a pleasure to watch: in 2015 the boys won the Cheshire Cup, in 2016 they won the Warwick 7s, and this year saw no fewer than six of them involved with Sale Sharks as well as pulling on a 1st XV jersey. Scott is moving on to an exciting role with Yorkshire Carnegie rugby club.

### Angela Balcombe

Angela leaves King's after 10 years in the Girls' Division where she has played a prominent role in the support and delivery of high quality education in both the Biology and Science

Departments. She has enriched the lives of many pupils with her passion for Science and teaching as a whole. Her commitment to independent learning, innovative teaching styles and practical application have offered creative and imaginative learning experiences in the classroom.

Angela always has a kind word to say or an enlightening tale to tell. Her sound advice based on years of experience has been appreciated by colleagues and will be sorely missed. She is extremely supportive, hardworking and her thoughtfulness for colleagues is laudable.

Angela's kindness to the girls and support to our parent body made her an excellent Pastoral Lead. Her commitment to the girls' wellbeing and academic progress as Head of Lower School have been outstanding. Angela has provided regular academic support to the pupils through daily revision clinics. Angela's extra-curricular commitment includes her popular 'Knit and Natter' Club, Year 9 Camps, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and residential trips offering a wealth of opportunity beyond the classroom.

One of Angela's future commitments in life beyond King's will be the development of her Street Pastor role. She will also be enjoying new and exciting challenges: Angela plans to study for her RHS Diploma alongside the development of own business called 'Garden Angel'. We wish Angela the best for the future.

### Mick Brown

Mick Brown joined King's from Cheadle Hulme School in 1999 as Head of Psychology and Teacher of Biology, charged with establishing a new Psychology Department. Mick set about this task with great gusto and Psychology quickly became a very popular subject amongst the Sixth Form students. His results

were good too, winning an award for the best A Level results in the country in 2005, and his work as an examiner has meant he has always been at the forefront of the many syllabus changes. Mick has also guided countless students through the minefield that is UCAS as a Sixth Form tutor and delivered some infamous tutorial sessions that went down a storm with his form groups.

Mick is a kind soul who is held in extremely high regard by all his students; they often reminisce about lessons when discussions on Pavlov or Maslow morphed into debates about one of his other loves: West Bromwich Albion. A keen sportsman, Mick has been heavily involved with sport at King's running cricket and tennis teams for more than a decade. More recently, his extra-curricular time has been devoted to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and the Surf trip to Cornwall, as well as forming a staff band and Sixth Form guitar club. No doubt in his retirement Mick will be able to devote more of his time to West Brom as well as searching for the perfect pint of ale. Never one to take things easy, Mick's first engagement upon retiring will be selling merchandise for the band 'Ten Years After' on their Caribbean tour – nice work if you can get it!

Mick is a first rate classroom practitioner, a supportive colleague and a loyal friend. An enormous hole will be left at King's when Mick retires and we wish him all the very best.

### Peter Egerton

Peter read Geology at Exeter College, Oxford after which he worked as a management trainee with Sandeman's Port and Sherry, processed seismic data from North Sea oil fields and sold 748 Turboprop planes at British Aerospace. Then he answered the call to teach: four years at Repton School before moving to King's in 1991 as Mathematics teacher and

Head of Outdoor Activities. Peter has maintained the highest traditions at King's delivering excellent lessons in Maths to all senior age groups and used his bilingual talent in key stage 3 Spanish. Pupils speak highly of Peter's outstanding ability to motivate them and simplify these challenging subjects. He led the school's initial forays on national maths team challenges and his teams came close to winning the prestigious national cipher challenge organised by the University of Southampton.

Peter's work in the pastoral field, as Head of Year and, since 2001, as Vice Principal has most successfully guided many boys and helped their families to deal with issues and choices that affect teenagers during adolescence. Generations of pupils, colleagues and parents have benefitted from his clarity of thought, sound judgement and empathy.

Peter has contributed to the Foundation Choir, singing for the Queen in 2002 and on Radio 3, following the Choir of the Year award. He also devised King's extensive programme of outdoor activities targeted to challenge and inspire boys and girls of every age. Few schools attempt to conquer all 3000-foot Welsh peaks with its pupils, (Peter did this many times and always in the daylight of a single day), or sleep inside a snow hole on a mountain in the Cairngorms. Under his leadership, his ambition and foresight, King's offered the first of its many expeditions: to Pakistan in 1994, trekking to the top of Mazeno La (5800m) and summited Huayna Potosi (6088m) with pupils.

He is extremely well qualified, holding both summer and winter Mountain Leader qualifications, and the prestigious Mountaineering Instructors Award. He has successfully completed the Cumbrian Bob Graham Round (approximately 70 miles in a single day with 28,000

feet of ascent), climbed every Munro and is currently "bagging" Scottish Corbetts. Peter's dynamism, energy and organisational skills have enabled the school to offer exciting outdoor challenges. His passion for adventure will continue into retirement: he is training to be an international mountain leader, he has the day-skipper qualification and he will take more opportunities to continue his other passion: ski mountaineering. Peter will be hugely missed but leaves with our very best of wishes.

### Sophie Hetherington

Sophie joined from Harrogate Grammar school to cover for maternity absence in the PE department. During her two terms in the Girls' Division, Sophie quickly established herself as an industrious, competent and versatile PE teacher; teaching GCSE and A Level PE as well as core PE and Games. In particular, Sophie led Academic PE across the Foundation in preparation for the 2017 examinations. Away from the classroom she coached the U12B netball team, who were unbeaten in the Macclesfield and District Netball League, as well as the U12 Hockey team that won the Plate competition at King's Chester Hockey tournament. We wish Sophie much happiness in her new role as a PE teacher at Withington School for Girls.

### Oliver Kenny

Oliver joined the staff as a rugby Gap student, having spent the previous 5 years as a pupil. He has supported the PE department in all areas although his biggest influence is in rugby, where he has acted as lead coach for the U13A team. Oliver was instrumental in their progress and development, alongside building excellent relationships amongst the players. His presence and sense of humour will be sorely missed in the PE office. Oliver will now spend

time travelling New Zealand, before starting his University studies.

### Lucy Mildon

Lucy has brought much to the Modern Languages departments since her arrival a few years ago. She quickly established herself as a knowledgeable and effective classroom practitioner, who related very well to her students, knew them well, and tailored her approach to their needs, showing encouragement and good humour in her approach. She brought into the classroom her cultural and linguistic knowledge gained over some years living and working in Paris, and this added hugely to the experience for her pupils. She brought many ideas to the department and was happy to share these and help develop areas of interest. She was always willing to involve herself with activities outside the classroom too, participating in trips to Normandy and Murcia. She was a valued and committed member of the Boys' Division pastoral team and leaves with our best wishes.

### Michael Patey-Ford

Michael retired from his marketing role at King's at Christmas, having retired from his teaching post 3 years earlier. Michael started his teaching career as an art teacher and joined King's some 25 years ago. He was a much admired and enthusiastic IT teacher and form tutor in the Girls' Division. He was heavily involved in the opening of the Senior Girls' Division, designing the layout of the rooms and ensuring that the Resource Centre, with its bank of PCs, was right at the heart of the school, showing an understanding of the power of IT and communications way ahead of his time. As Head of Resources, Michael became involved in many IT and graphic design-related facets of school life, including creating all of the school's marketing



literature and the school's website, which again was way ahead of its time. After retiring from teaching, Michael continued as the creative power house in the External Relations team, bringing the total number of editions of *King's Colours* that he created to 56 issues, the number of annual reports/reviews to over 20, the number of adverts well into the thousands, plus numerous iterations of the School's Prospectus, former pupils' gazettes, year books, programmes for shows and concerts, magazines, booklets, banners, display panels and, of course, our very distinctive minibuses. Michael has made a major contribution to King's and, in particular, to our marketing which has always outshone that of our competitors due to his professional design skills. He will be very much missed as he moves to Devon with his wife, Dr Gillian Banner (former King's English teacher). We thank him for all he has done for King's and wish him and Gillian all the very best for their future.

**Rachael Penn**

Rachael played an integral part of the External Relations Department, taking on the role of Admissions & Marketing Officer in 2015. Rachael quickly set about updating systems, documents and processes as well as improving the school's social media presence by launching a school Twitter account. Her creativity, humour and attention to detail will be missed and we wish her well for the future.

**Jamie Pinnock**

Jamie joined King's in 2015 as an NQT but quickly displayed a level of innovation and creativity that made him incredibly popular with pupils. His passion for the Crusades has been crucial in the seamless integration of the subject at A Level, whilst he has saved many of his most innovative endeavours for his A Level Government and Politics

groups. Over the past two years, they have recorded Question Time style debates, contributed to online blogs and competed in topical essay competitions of his creation. Lower down the school, his slavery podcasts have been extremely popular and will form part of the lasting memories that some students have of the subject. Outside the classroom, he has also been involved in running a rugby team and the University Challenge competition. Jamie leaves us to pursue teaching English in Vietnam: he has an extraordinary level of teaching ability and we wish him every success in the future.

**Maureen Smith**

Maureen worked at King's loyally for 25 years as the manageress of the school shop. She had an important roll making sure all new pupils were fitted out with the correct uniform, welcoming them and their families into the school community.

Maureen was always a dedicated member of the school support team. Parents often commented how Maureen and her team helped settle new students with their kind and caring attention at the initial school uniform fitting. Maureen will be greatly missed.

**Joe Walker**

Joe joined in 2015 as a rugby coach and brought with him vast amounts of experience from his role with Sale Sharks and coaching in Brazil. Joe has always managed to get the best out of the pupils and will be remembered fondly by the current Year 9 rugby players who have, under Joe's guidance, gone two 'perfect' seasons, remaining unbeaten and collecting two Cheshire Cups along the way. More recently, Joe made a smooth transition across to the Infant & Junior Division, where he taught across Key Stage 2 and 3, alongside coaching in the Boys' Division. He made a lasting

impression, influencing many young children at the start of their sporting journey through the school. Joe will be sorely missed by his colleagues and, even more so, by the pupils. We wish him well as a qualified teacher in his role at an International School in Portugal.

**Olivia Walwyn**

Olivia joined King's in 2009 as the Librarian at Fence Avenue. She shared her knowledge and enthusiasm for all things literary and created a stimulating learning environment for the Division. Her passion for poetry saw her lead the girls in many creative writing initiatives and her competitive sporting background inspired individual pupils and teams to local and national success.

Olivia also took a lead role in the production of the Infant & Junior newsletter, *First Class*; was a leader of the Girl's Running Club; a House Leader and accompanied many theatre and sailing trips and Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

**Jonathan White**

Jonathan leaves the Mathematics department with a legacy of mathematical magic. The excitement generated by turning a circle into a triangle was only matched by his performance as a tree in the House Christmas song competition. Other highlights include his almost successful attempt at rounders in the Staff v Y11 girls' match and almost successful attempt at cricket in the Staff v 1st XI match. Leaving with some sadness but fond memories, he will be taking his box of tricks to West Hill School in Stalybridge. He will be missed by pupils and colleagues alike.

# Awards & Prizes

**Distinctions in Public Examinations**

*A Level*

**Pupils with 4 A\*/A grades**

Alexander Galbraith  
Fredryk McNulty  
Eleanor Toms  
Alexander Welsh

**Pupils with 3 A\*/A grades**

Rhys Bowen	Matthew Jackson
Henry Brett	Benjamin Lynch
Samuel Brindle	Kate Marsh
Samuel Bryning	William McIlveen
Finlay Calder	Matthew Peakman
Daniel Crosby	Oliver Quinn
Alexander Davis	Zarin Salehin
Jamie Dunkerley	Benjamin Salisbury
Raul Gomez Quinones	Melissa Sharp
Christian Harrop	Olivia Shaughnessy
Freddie Hayward	William Thomson
Zachary Howdle	Emily Underwood
Jack Hudson	

**GCSE**

**Pupils with at least 11 A\*/A grades**

Samuel Andresen	Julia Knyba
Fiona Beeston	Lydia Shone
Ffiona Booker	Charlotte Wardle
Alice Carter	Beth Whiteley
John Daly	Megan Whiteley
Katie Hayward	

**Pupils with at least 10 A\*/A grades**

Ciara Allen  
Hannah Bailey  
Anna Kaczmarczyk  
Olivia Moores  
Sophie Moss  
Katie Murphy

**Pupils with at least 9 A\*/A grades**

Anna Baldwin	Alexander Mason
Joshua Blake	Hannah McCormick
Anisa Choudry	Harry Pinches
George Connolly	James Rous
Thomas Jackson	Yasmin Stretton
Wahid Khaliq	Yayu Xiang

**Special Prizes**

Headmaster's Prize, Canon F W Paul	
Economics Prize	Samuel Bryning
Headmaster's Prize, Senior	
Orchestral Prize	Zarin Salehin
Principal's Award	Daniel Crosby
Principal's Award, Ken Brookfield	
Elizabethan Prize	Kate Marsh

**School Prizes (all age groups)**

Sainter Prize for Scientific Research	Eleanor Hopewell
Maimi Wright Prize for Computing	Lilian Breese-Tovey
Ben Davies Poetry Prize, Macclesfield	
High School Isobel Day Cup for French,	
Theatre Arts Prize	Ciara Allen
Dr Norman Maurice Arclex Prize	William Kemp
Ridac Cup for an outstanding sporting	
performance	Archie Phillips
Selwyn Russell Jones Sports Prize,	
English Literature, Spanish Prizes	Oliver Quinn
Thornber Chemistry Development Prize	Olivia Shaughnessy
Marcall-Costello Award for	
Endeavour in German	Daisy Hammersley
I A Wilson Economics Prize	Emma Gosnay
Alex Anderson Memorial Quaich	Abigail Cook
David Pook Poetry Prize	Benjamin Wallace
Boys' Division Robert Batchelor Prize	Edward Broadley
Girls' Division Robert Batchelor Prize	Katy Radcliffe
Junior Division Robert Batchelor Prize	Leah Shadwell
Junior Division Robert Batchelor Prize	Benjamin Willock
Infant & Junior Division Enquiry Prize	Simon Eastmond
Highly Commended	Carlie Lau
Highly Commended	Constance Roden
Boys' Division Year 9 Aspire Project	Louis Moore
Girls' Division Year 9 Aspire Project,	
9LFA Form Prize	Keerthi Sujith Menon

**Retiring Prizes**

Peter Edgerton Prize	Adam Garnett
Mick Brown Prize, Psychology Prize	Emily Underwood
Debbie Baker Prize, 8EB Form Prize	Charlotte Dennett



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Former Pupils' Association Prizes

Alan Cooper Prize	Michael Abrahamse
Alan Cooper Prize, Music Prize	Rachel Catlin
TT Shaw Sixth Form Prize	Angus Homer
TT Shaw Sixth Form Prize	Molly Chalfont Pollard
TT Shaw Boys' Division Prize, English Prize	Harry Pinches
TT Shaw Girls' Division Prize, Physical Education, Spanish Prizes	Anna Kaczmarczyk

Upper School Prizes

Selwyn Russell Jones Art Prize	Poppy Kirk
Biology Prize	Alexander Galbraith
Business Studies Prize	Daniel Noxon
Product Design Prize	Finlay Calder
Chemistry Prize	Eleanor Toms
English Language Prize	Olivia Phillips
William Broster French Prize	Tanisha Orchard
J O Nicholson German Prize	Bradley Greatrex-Jordan
T B Cartwright Extended Studies Prize	Eleanor Tunick
Extended Project Qualification	Sameera Lyons
Geography Prize	Max Watt
Geology Prize	Robert Massey
Global Perspectives Prize	Sophie Hancock
C A Bradley History Prize	Charlotte Horne
History Prize	Aaron Wilkinson
Mathematics: Single Prize	William Thomson
Mathematics: Double Prize	Fredryk McNulty
Physical Education Prize	Allana Buckingham
Physics Prize	Alexander Welsh
Politics Prize	Freddie Hayward
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize	Jack Lucas
Ron Darlington Jazz Prize	Alexandra Clarke
Senior Choral Prize, Simon Schuler	
Computing Prize	Olivia Hamblyn
Senior Reading Prize	Jamie Dunkerley
Theatre Arts Prize	Aarian Mehrabani

Middle School Prizes (Boys' Division)

Head Boy's Prize, English, Music, Spanish Prizes	John Daly
Principal's Prize	James Bunker
Deryck Siddall Cup	Samuel Buckingham
Best All-Rounder Cup	Thomas Carter
Macclesfield Grammar School Challenge Cup	Louis Gruber
Boys' Division Council Cup	Jack Crichton
Year 7 Achiever's Cup, Year 7 General Science Prize	Samuel Earnshaw
Year 8 Achiever's Cup	Oliver Hall
Year 9 Achiever's Cup, Choral Prize	Rowan Sutton
Year 10 Challenge Cup	Joshua Howdle
Year 8 General Science Prize	Tommaso Roncaroli
Art & Design Prize	Angus Thomson

Biology Prize	Charles Toms
Chemistry, German Prizes	Adam Murray
French Prize	William Fosbrook
GCSE Physical Education Prize	Samuel Higginson
Geography Prize	Joseph Gardner
History Prize	Sean Carroll
Latin, Religious Studies (Thorneycroft), Theatre Arts Prizes	Joseph Hopewell

Lower School Reading Prize	Jacob Brown
Mathematics Prize	Samuel Andresen
Orchestral Prize	Alexander Campbell

Physics Prize	Samuel Crosby
Product Design Prize	Joshua Blake

Form Prizes (Boys' Division)

1QJN	George Muirhead
1OMTH	Timothy Parkinson
1QJVVV	Nico Caplin
1OPW	Samuel Jones
9JCR	Cameron Griffin
9SEJ	Misha Higham
9ARP	William Davies
9PJL	Thomas Turner
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize	Wadoud Charbak
8TCA, Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize	Charlie Oakes
8JAIH	Henry Noble
8JMP	Jack Phillpotts

7KB	Benjamin O'Donnell
7RW	Shayne Given
7LCh	Vaseegaren
7NEL	Vasantharajan
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize	Rory McCabe
	Lewis Sawyer

Middle School Prizes (Girls' Division)

Head Girl's Prize, German Prize	Charlotte Wardle
Principal's Prize	Hannah McCormick
Macclesfield High School Best All-Rounder Cup, Victrix Ludorum Cup	Olivia Moores
Year 7 Achiever's Cup	Amelia Phillpotts
Year 8 Achiever's Cup	Abigail Breese-Tovey
Year 9 Achiever's Cup	Molly Robertson
Macclesfield High School Somerville Challenge Cup, English, Geography Prizes	Sophie Moss
Girls' Division Council Cup	Katherine Murphy
Jenny Lee Mathematics Prize	Fiza Kokan

Macclesfield High School Susan Russell Jones Cup for German	Amanda Vel
Sue Bream Crystal Star	Louisa Whaley
Anne Craig French Prize, Orchestral Prize	Aisling Day
Year 7 General Science Prize	Niya Alias
Year 8 General Science Prize, Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize	Emma Graham
Art & Design Prize	Sophie Kitching
Biology, History Essay Prizes	Lydia Shone
Chemistry, Mathematics Prizes	Megan Whiteley
Choral, Middle School Reading Prizes	Daisy Holden
History, Latin, Theatre Arts Prizes	Fiona Beeston
Modern Languages Prize	Lottie Thomas
Music Prize	Sarah Catlin
Physics, Product Design Prizes	Katie Hayward
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize	Olivia Davies

Form Prizes (Girls' Division)

1OHMC	Alexandra Brooks
1OADH	Ella McQuillan
1ORAR	Eloise Morten
1OVHB	Molly Ives
9JLD	Elizabeth Kemp
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize	Charlotte Smith
8ECS	Lilly Kavanagh
7DJD	Olivia Smith
7MEH	Jessica Burton
7GBS	Lily Todd
Religious Studies (Thorneycroft) Prize	Molly Brown

Music Examinations

Autumn Term 2016

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Alexandra Clarke	Flute	8	134 Distinction
Daniel Crosby	Singing	8	130 Distinction
Benjamin Lynch	Singing	8	125 Merit

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Joshua Blake	Piano	4	117 Pass
Harry Pinches	Trombone	6	123 Merit

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Fiona Beeston	Singing	6	120 Merit
May Broadley	Piano	4	114 Pass
May Broadley	Singing	5	104 Pass
Eve Carter	Piano	1	113 Pass
Sarah Catlin	Double Bass	5	126 Merit
Aisling Day	Piano	7	124 Merit
Jodie Foxton	Piano	5	106 Pass
Emily How	Singing	4	113 Pass
Isabella Johnson	Singing	3	130 Distinction
Lily Kemp	Singing	3	116 Pass
Francesca Sawyer	Violin	5	109 Pass
Charlotte Warren	Piano	3	116 Pass
Amy Willock	Singing	1	130 Distinction

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Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
William Barrett	Guitar	1	117 Pass
Sophia Calderwood	Violin	1	108 Pass
Fraser Day	Trombone	3	125 Merit
Sebastian Fitzgerald	Clarinet	1	131 Distinction
Poppy Fletcher	Piano	2	113 Pass
James Hartley	Piano	1	122 Merit
Christian Tattum	Singing	3	130 Distinction

Associated Board Theory Examinations

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Toby Gray	Music Theory	5	66 Pass
Ben Sneddon	Music Theory	5	70 Pass

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Sarah Catlin	Music Theory	5	82 Merit
Emily Friston	Music Theory	2	90 Distinction
Bethany Henshaw	Music Theory	5	68 Pass
Francesca Sawyer	Music Theory	5	80 Merit

Trinity

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Rachel Catlin	Jazz Sax	6	87 Distinction

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Rudi Abraham	Drumkit	3	83 Merit
Jake Leech	Keyboard	4	85 Merit
James Smith	Drumkit	5	97 Distinction

Rockschool

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Henry Fraser	Guitar	1	76 Merit

Spring Term 2017

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Euan Davis	Piano	5	100 Pass
Eleanor Tunick	Singing	8	120 Merit

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
James Rous	Guitar	4	108 Pass
Oliver Rushton	Singing	5	122 Merit
Thomas Sheridan	Jazz Alto Sax	2	116 Pass

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Lily Cook	Singing	3	136 Distinction
Jessica Haywood	Singing	1	135 Distinction
Bethany Henshaw	Piano	6	115 Pass
Madeline Holden	Piano	5	126 Merit
Iona Lovatt	Flute	2	115 Pass
Raima Naweed	Violin	1	105 Pass
Ruth Ridgway	Piano	2	115 Pass
Ella Thomson	Singing	3	121 Merit
Mila Waseem	Singing	4	116 Pass
Josephine Whiteley	Piano	4	135 Distinction



Spring Term 2017 (continued)

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Juniors

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Joseph Bailey Heald	Piano	1	117 Pass
Madeline Baxter	Piano	2	123 Merit
Emily Carter	Recorder	2	133 Distinction
Oliver Carter	Oboe	3	115 Pass
Sophie Fletcher	Singing	1	136 Distinction
Sophie Fletcher	Piano	3	132 Distinction
Astley Heywood	Guitar	1	112 Pass
Kanya Langhorn-Neillans	Recorder	1	122 Merit
Jessica Morgan-Hoole	Guitar	2	126 Merit
Lorcan Pfister	Singing	1	128 Merit
Oliver Sapey	Oboe	3	114 Pass
Esme Sutton	Recorder	1	111 Pass
James Waters	Singing	1	132 Distinction
Lauren Whaley	Recorder	1	120 Merit

Associated Board Theory Examinations

Boys

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Alexander Campbell	Theory	5	83 Merit

Girls

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
May Broadley	Theory	5	80 Merit
Emily Friston	Theory	3	88 Merit
Amanda Vel	Theory	5	91 Distinction

Summer Term 2017

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Alexandra Clarke	Classical Sax	8	138 Distinction

Girls

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Sarah Abrahamse	Clarinet	3	112 Pass
Susannah Austin	Flute	5	110 Pass
Harriet Bailey	Singing	1	123 Merit
Molly Bridgewater	Singing	4	130 Distinction
Jessica Burton	Singing	3	125 Merit
Ruby Callaghan	Singing	4	115 Pass
Aisling Day	Cello	8	126 Merit
Emily Friston	Singing	5	117 Pass
Daisy Holden	Bassoon	5	116 Pass
Daisy Holden	Piano	6	117 Pass
Molly Richardson	Singing	1	130 Distinction
Hope Sutton	Singing	3	117 Pass
Annalise Timms	Singing	3	114 Pass
Annabel Townsend	Singing	1	124 Merit
Amanda Vel	Oboe	5	116 Pass
Eddie Waters	Singing	4	120 Merit
Amy Willock	Singing	2	125 Merit
Martha Wood	Violin	3	104 Pass

Boys

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Joe Bathurst	Clarinet	2	103 Pass
Mackenzie Blackaby	Viola	4	100 Pass
Toby Gray	Piano	2	106 Pass
Joseph Lerner	Cello	4	108 Pass
Harry Pinches	Piano	6	127 Merit
Angus Rutherford	Singing	1	116 Pass
Benjamin Sneddon	Piano	6	111 Pass
Dominic Townsend	Singing	2	111 Pass
John Vance	Violin	1	113 Pass

Juniors

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Louisa Bailey	Recorder	1	109 Pass
Poppy Barber	Singing	2	120 Merit
Samuel Booth	Violin	2	108 Pass
Emily Burton	Singing	1	115 Pass
Jessica Casson	Violin	1	112 Pass
Sebastian Fitzgerald	Piano	2	117 Pass
Poppy Fletcher	Clarinet	1	136 Distinction
Sophie Fletcher	Flute	2	132 Distinction
William Gandy	Violin	1	130 Distinction
Lydia Hine	Flute	4	118 Pass
Cicely Homer	Violin	3	116 Pass
Rory Horne	Recorder	1	113 Pass
Elodie Howarth	Recorder	1	111 Pass
Sophie Kaye	Singing	1	130 Distinction
Nithida Langhorn-Neillans	Flute	3	100 Pass
Lorcan Pfister	Bassoon	1	136 Distinction
Eleanor Mitchell	Flute	1	110 Pass
Georgiana Sanders	Violin	1	124 Merit
Cora Seth	Piano	1	131 Distinction

Trinity

Sixth Form

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Frances Laker	Piano	7	82 Merit
Frances Laker	Cello	8	67 Pass
Jonathan Provis	Drumkit	8	87 Distinction

Boys

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Justin Chong	Drumkit	1	62 Pass
Euan Currie	Drumkit	4	60 Pass
Matthew Jack	Drumkit	1	63 Pass
Samuel Wain	Drumkit	4	71 Pass

Girls

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Lucy Gosnay	Drumkit	3	93 Distinction
Madeline Holden	Drumkit	5	94 Distinction

Juniors

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Alexandra Cooper	Keyboard	Initial	78 Merit

Rockschool

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Jamie Pearce	Guitar	1	69 Pass

R & P

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Archie Abraham	Guitar	2	77 Merit
James Foxton	Guitar	2	82 Merit
Max Parks Szyborski	Guitar	2	89 Distinction

In 2017, around 60% of Sixth Formers achieved their first choice of university and, of those, 55% joined Russell Group institutions The full list of leavers' destinations is as follows:

Bangor University	Biology
Bath (The University of)	Biochemistry (with Placement)
Bath (University of)	Computer Science
Birmingham (University of)	Chemical Engineering with International & Industrial Study
Birmingham (University of)	Computer Science
Birmingham (University of)	Environmental Geology
Birmingham (University of)	Mathematics and Computer Science with Industrial Year
Birmingham (University of)	Medicine (5 Years)
Birmingham (University of)	Music
Birmingham (University of)	Nuclear Engineering
Bristol (University of)	Chemistry
Bristol (University of)	Film and Spanish
Bristol (University of)	History
Bristol (University of)	Law
Bristol (University of)	Zoology
Cambridge (University of)	Natural Sciences
Carlisle College	Art Foundation
Central School of Speech and Drama	Acting
Durham University	Biological Sciences
Durham University	Criminology
Durham University	English Literature
Durham University	Geography
Edinburgh (University of)	Biological Sciences (Zoology)
Exeter (University of)	Economics and Politics
Exeter (University of)	History
Exeter (University of)	Medicine
Harper Adams University	Rural Enterprise and Land Management
Huddersfield (University of)	Events Management
Huddersfield (University of)	Music
Keele University	Chemistry
King's College London	Politics
Lancaster University	Finance and Economics (Industry)
Lancaster University	Management
Lancaster University	Psychology
Lancaster University	Psychology (Study Abroad)
Leeds (University of)	Chemistry
Leeds (University of)	Economics and Geography
Leeds (University of)	Law
Leeds (University of)	Medicine
Leeds (University of)	Pharmacology
Leeds (University of)	Psychology
Leeds Beckett University	Psychology
Lincoln (University of)	Psychology
Liverpool (University of)	English Language and Communication and Media
Liverpool (University of)	Psychology
Liverpool Hope University	Primary Education with QTS



# Leaver Destinations 2017

Liverpool John Moores University	Sport and Exercise Science
Loughborough University	Banking Finance and Management
Loughborough University	Sport and Exercise Science
Manchester (University of)	Chemical Engineering
Manchester (University of)	Physics
Manchester Metropolitan University	Biomedical Science
Manchester Metropolitan University	Sports Management
Manchester Metropolitan University	Software Engineering
Mid Cheshire College	Art Foundation
Newcastle University	Business Management
Newcastle University	Classical Studies and English
Newcastle University	Combined Honours
Newcastle University	English Literature
Newcastle University	Mathematics
Newcastle University	Psychology
Nottingham (University of)	Biochemistry & Molecular Medicine
Nottingham (University of)	Management
Nottingham Trent University	Biological Sciences
Nottingham Trent University	Business Management and Marketing
Nottingham Trent University	Financial Mathematics
Nottingham Trent University	Forensic Science
Nottingham Trent University	Sport and Exercise Science
Nottingham Trent University	Zoo Biology
Oxford (University of)	English Language and Literature
Oxford (University of)	Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Oxford Brookes University	Interior Architecture
Oxford Brookes University	Real Estate Management
Plymouth University	Geology
Plymouth University	Marine Biology and Oceanography
Reading (University of)	English Literature
Reading (University of)	Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Reading (University of)	Real Estate
Reading (University of)	Real Estate
Royal Northern College of Music	Performance/Composition
Salford (University of)	Business and Management
San Diego State University, USA	Business Management and Administration
Sheffield (University of)	Geography
Sheffield (University of)	Geography
Sheffield (University of)	Psychology
St Andrews (University of)	Mathematics (Fast Track)
Warwick (University of)	Economics
Warwick (University of)	Mathematics
York (University of)	Chemistry (with a Year in Industry)
York (University of)	English Language and Linguistics
York (University of)	Environmental Science with a Year in Industry
York (University of)	French and Spanish Language (with a Year Abroad)
York (University of)	History
York (University of)	Psychology

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