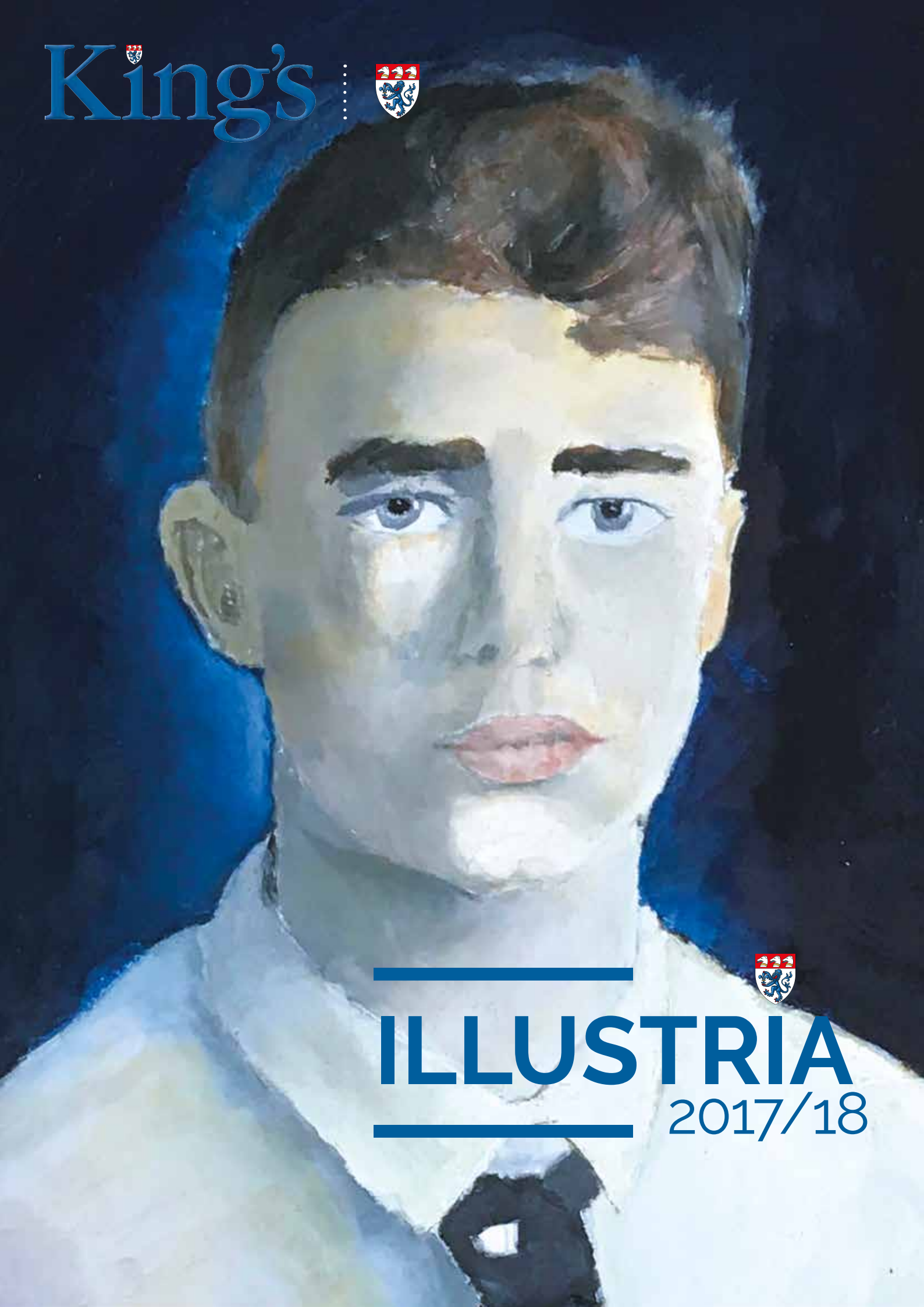


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# Headmaster's

# REPORT

*We take a look back at the highlights of the school year.*



Welcome to the fifth edition of Illustria. This magazine is a celebration of our innovations and initiatives, our ambitions as an institution as well as those of our pupils, their successes and achievements and, importantly, an overview of how we seek to equip our young people with the skills and mind-set that will be required when they enter the workplace.

This year has been a seminal one for our School. The signing of sales, construction and finance contracts in the summer of 2018 has started to realise our 2020 Vision for our new campus. When we set off on this journey in 2012, there was every reason to believe we were attempting if not the impossible, then certainly the improbable. There were countless challenges along the way, but none of them, to quote the school aims, have prevented us from aspiring to the vision of a better future, working hard to bring it about and, hopefully in two years' time, achieving what we started.

Our move will bring together the whole of our King's family onto one of the best school sites anywhere in the UK, with some of the finest facilities for teaching and learning. As importantly, it will compel us as a school to rethink how we operate and how, into the future, we continue to deliver

the best possible education for our pupils. Also over the summer, the Governors took the equally historic decision that King's would operate as a fully co-educational school on the new campus. Whilst valuing the School's heritage, Governors decided that a move to full co-ed was a progressive and natural evolution for King's as it looks into the twenty-first century. The School is committed to equality of opportunity for all our pupils and believes that boys and girls will benefit from sharing the fantastic new environment and from learning together.

The end of the year saw the retirement of a number of long-serving colleagues including Mike Houghton, Jane Cole and Jackie Locke. Mike came to King's in 1995 and alongside his tremendous teaching record spanning both classical and modern languages, he has been the archetype of the Renaissance schoolmaster as comfortable refereeing a rugby match as playing the guitar. Jane Cole left us after 21 years including a period as Academic Head of the Juniors. Her passion for the education of the whole child has been readily apparent on the sports field, but also in arranging and supporting countless residential trips. Jackie Locke, meanwhile, worked for 16 years at King's and retires after 30 years' teaching.





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Jackie has been a stalwart of both the Chemistry Department and the Girls' Division, running the Junior Science Club, girls' football and many a Year 9 camp. Retiring from the support staff, we bade farewell to Jill Major, Tina Campbell and Jackie Quinn, whose combined record of service runs to 36 years.

Meanwhile, promotion beckoned for Dr Julie Cocker, who became Academic Deputy Head of Brighton College, Bangkok, and for Caroline Hulme-McKibbin, who left us after eight excellent years' service to become Head of Kensington Preparatory School in London. Caroline's leadership of our youngest pupils has been characterised by one central vision: to make the school environment and learning experience as thoroughly child-friendly and child-focused as possible. The culture of continuous improvement that Caroline has long nurtured is a precious gift and one that I am sure Rachel Cookson will be keen to cherish. Further details of all of our departing colleagues as well as those joining our community can be found in the Hail & Farewell chapter.

It is with satisfaction that I am able to record once again the excellent results achieved by our students in this summer's public examinations.



This year saw the introduction of the reformed GCSEs, which are undoubtedly tougher, with more syllabus content and without the buffer that coursework has provided in the past, plus a new grading system. Despite this, our pupils celebrated excellent results and individual successes abounded. Overall, around 50% of all grades were at 9-7 (A\*/A) and nearly three-quarters were 9-6 (A\*-B).

At A Level, our students continue to enjoy considerable success. Our 2018 results were among the very best in the North West and were the best in Cheshire East at A\*/A grade. Overall, 43% of grades were A\*/A and nearly 75% of grades were A\*-B.

Brilliant exam results are an important element of school life, but we believe the opportunities King's provides outside the classroom enable our students to meet all the challenges of university and beyond and will enrich the rest of their lives. Students this year are joining some of the country's leading universities

including Cambridge, Durham, UCL, Imperial, Bristol, Nottingham, as well as some outstanding musicians who are heading off to join the Royal College of Music in London and the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. We are also seeing an increase in pupils heading off to join industry apprenticeships with top companies such as Rolls Royce, Ernst & Young and AstraZeneca.

With the pressures of the revised examination systems and the continued rise in usage of social media, it is little wonder that adolescent mental health has shot up the political agenda. At King's, this is something we've been taking very seriously for some time now. Twenty-six members of staff are fully qualified mental health first aiders.

We have run mental health courses for parents and other local schools in addition to the preventative work we have been doing with pupils through assemblies, talks and the PHSE programme. The stresses of life, whether it be examinations or relationships, are in my view unlikely to diminish. It is for this reason that King's places such emphasis on our holistic educational philosophy. Music, sport, drama, trips and expeditions are an integral part of our development as people and hence an integral part of an educational 'whole'. I think this is why King's students tend to flourish when they leave us. Extra-curricular



activities are not an unimportant add-on. They are part of who our pupils are as people, offering fulfilment, enjoyment and, dare one say it, that all important valve allowing us to reduce the accumulated pressure. Opportunities to visit other cultures are also abundant at King's. This year, students visited China (Economics/Business trip), Japan (Religion & Philosophy trip), South Africa (Sports tour), Dubai (Cricket tour), Italy, (Choir tour), France, Spain, Germany (languages trips) and also, a first for King's, a Biology field trip to South Africa where pupils conducted wildlife studies both on land and in marine environments.

Last year saw some remarkable achievements. King's became the first independent school in the country to gain the prestigious Silver Learning Quality Mark in recognition of our Learning Habits initiative. Our Cheerleaders qualified for the second time for the World Cheerleading Championships in Florida. The U11 Girls' hockey team completed an historic double in winning the AJIS cup outright and qualifying for the Northern Finals of the In2 Hockey Championship. In rugby, the First Seven won the Cheshire Cup and our cricketers again won national recognition from *The Cricketer* magazine. Almost in every field of sports, King's has some exceptionally talented individuals and the same goes



for our music and drama. On the stage last year, audiences were stunned by 'Oliver!', mesmerised by 'Aladdin' and charmed by Year 4's brilliant Christmas panto, 'Jack – the musical'. At the end of the year, the Infants showed us where so much of this talent is incubated with a heart-warming performance of that little known classic, 'Billy the Bus'. The musical highlights of the year for me were Jack Campbell's stunning performance of Schumann's A minor piano concerto at the Spring Instrumental Concert and Alex Clarke's virtuosic brilliance at King's Swings.

In charity work, our pupils raised an impressive £28,200 helping to relieve poverty at home and abroad and to support The East Cheshire Hospice, Christie's, MIND and Headway amongst numerous other charities. Twenty-nine different community groups made use of the School's facilities and 207

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pupils undertook voluntary work as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Twenty-three colleagues supported the School in running the regional induction meetings for Newly Qualified Teachers and 12 local primary schools took part in the Maths department's inaugural Primary Schools' Maths Challenge. Of course, as always, I'm scratching the surface, but further details are enclosed in subsequent pages.

All of this curricular and extra-curricular excellence, however, would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of so many of my colleagues, who go out of their way to nurture and support the interests of our pupils. I would also like to acknowledge the huge volume of parental support that is evident at King's.

From those that cheer on our pupils on the sports pitch and help transport our young people to training sessions, practices, concerts and fixtures, to the hugely active members of our Friends of King's association. This year, they successfully raised in excess of £26,000, which will go a long way to providing new equipment for the huge range of clubs and activities on offer for pupils. I would like to thank all our members of Friends of King's for their ongoing support for the school's activities.

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# CREATIVE

We're lucky at King's to have so many talented, creative pupils ... here is a small selection of their amazing work.

## Adam Lloyd, Reception

Adam's imaginative jellyfish and shark were made as part of Reception's Seaside topic, where children learned all about sea creatures.



## Sasha Wilson, Reception

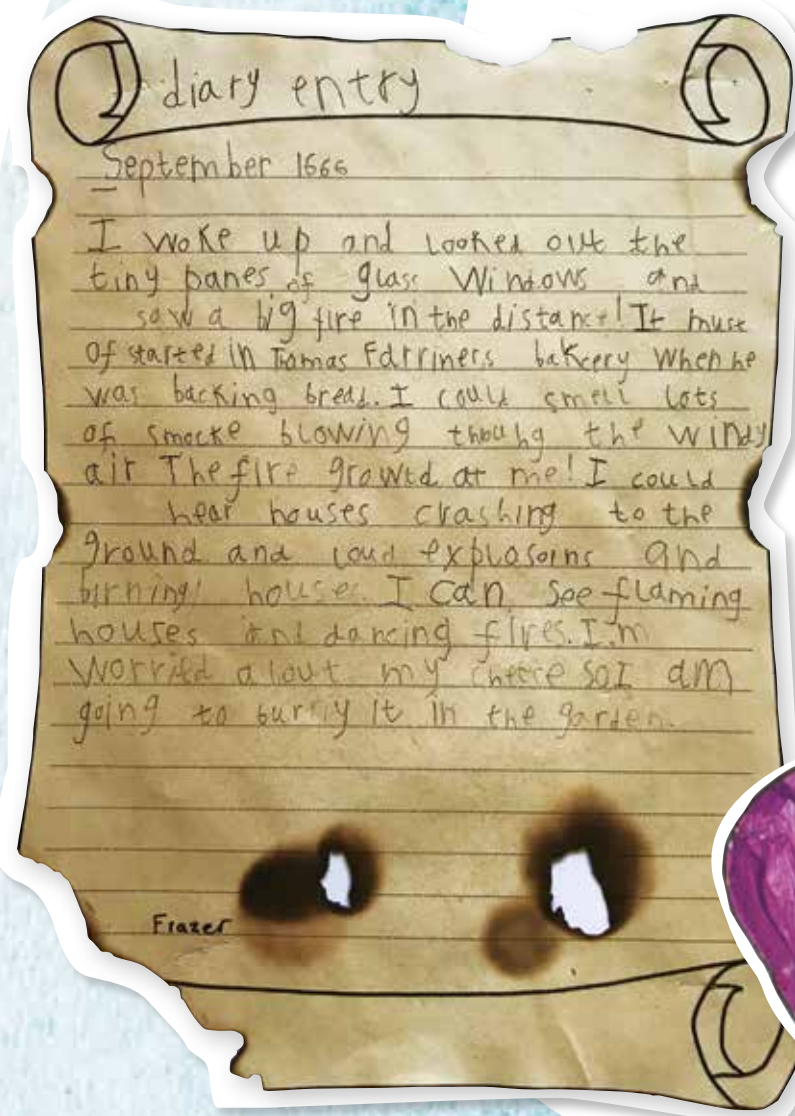
Reception children got the 'bug' for painting pebbles and stones as part of a Forest School day. Sasha turned hers into this vibrant ladybird.



## Creative WORK

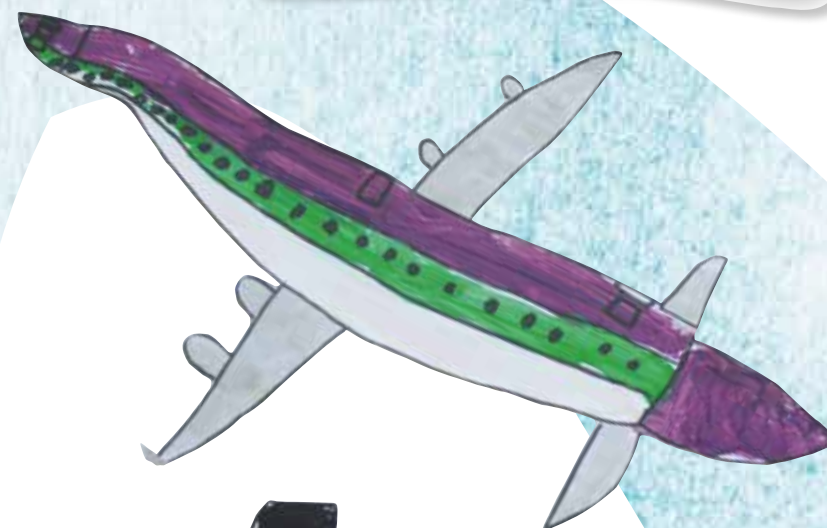
### Frazer Greenhalgh, Year 1

As part of Year 1's Great Fire of London topic, children were encouraged to emulate writer Samuel Peeps' diary and write about what they imagined they would have seen during the Great Fire.



### Harriet Clough, Elliot Greenhalgh & Poppy Irlam, Reception

These colourful paintings were created as part of Reception's Transport topic.







**Alex Cooper  
& Dylan  
Parks-Szymborski,  
Year 4**

Year 4 looked at work of artist Roy Lichtenstein, and used the Ben Day Dots technique to create colourful self portraits.



**Tom Heseltine & Skye Byewater,  
Year 2**

Tom and Skye created these silk Batik paintings as part of Year 2's topic on India, which included looking at Indian paintings and patterns.



**Grace Cornick, Lucy Clegg,  
Lucas Burns, Charlotte Grant, Year 3**

As part of their Plants topic – and to mark the anniversary of the Manchester bombing – Year 3 pupils made bees from ModRoc, wire and paper, as a tribute to the Manchester Bee.



**Isla Parker, Year 5**

As part of a study of life-cycles and living things, Year 5 pupils looked at Van Gogh's sunflowers.

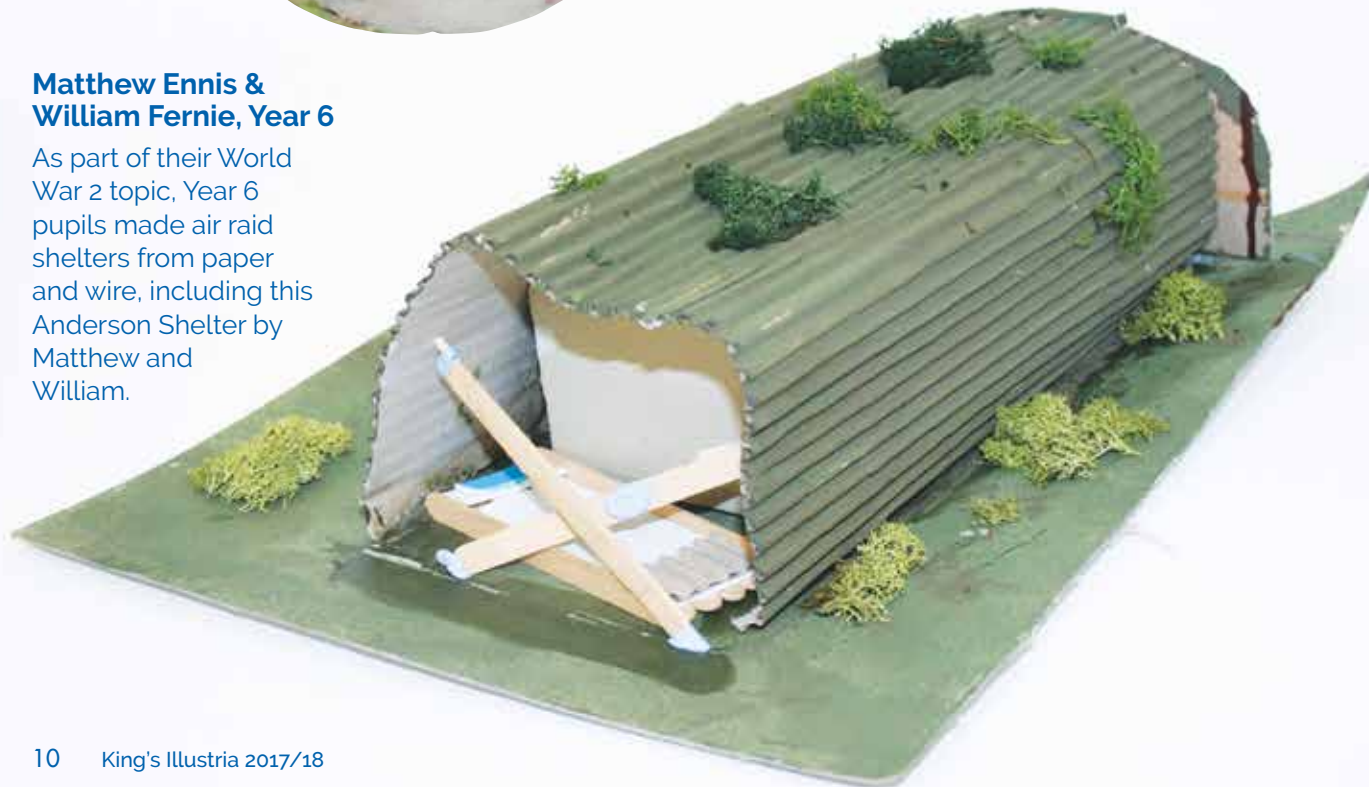


**Charlotte Hanley, Year 5**

During a Learning Challenge topic on Mexico, Year 5 pupils looked at the Day of the Dead festival and created papier mache masks.

**Matthew Ennis & William Fernie, Year 6**

As part of their World War 2 topic, Year 6 pupils made air raid shelters from paper and wire, including this Anderson Shelter by Matthew and William.



**The Witches' Spell**

Double, double, toil and trouble,  
Fire burn and cauldron bubble,  
Guts of a mountain goat,  
Water from a medieval moat,  
Sheep toenail and blue whale thigh,  
Liver of a babe about to die,  
For the potion we're about to make,  
Throw in the ingredients and let them bake,  
Double, double, toil and trouble  
Blood from a tiger's eye,  
Tears fresh from a child's cry,  
Antler from a bleeding deer,  
Arm of a person with an infected ear,  
Stir until it's black and stiff,  
Then test it with a little sniff.

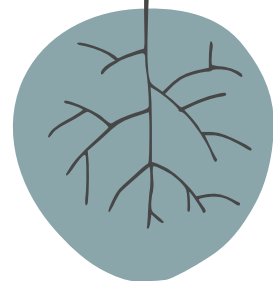
*Natasha Williams, Year 6*



**Sam Burns, Year 6**

As part of their topic looking at Conflict, Year 6 pupils studied work by World War 1 artist Paul Nash, then created their own paintings in Nash's style.





## Nature, The Besmirched Mother

Nature, the besmirched mother,  
Holds her children dear.  
From the knavish and the greedy  
Away she will not veer.

In metropolis and in urbs,  
Omniscient, she spies  
Children of disloyalty -  
Children truly unwise.

How tolerant her bearing  
On each dismal day,  
The snowstorm of anguish  
A mere flake away.

The chopping of her breath,  
Pollution at the throat,  
Dressed in Earth's finest  
Smog-embroidered coat.

When will they learn restraint?  
When will they learn to share?  
Questions without answers,  
For it was then and there.

With infinite regret,  
And infinite despair,  
The loss of Mother Nature  
Willed silence everywhere.

*Zoe Griffiths, Year 8*

## The Light in the Trees

A small ember that lights the fire,  
Everything needs this,  
Except the one that delivers the beginning,  
The beginning you ask,  
The mother,  
Mother-nature.

She guards and entices all,  
No matter what, she cares,  
But it's the subtlest things that change it all,  
We can walk, talk and love,  
We can use these gifts to care for the carer,  
We can make a difference.

As the flowers bloom and the blossom flourishes,  
We can blossom and flourish,  
Grass blades weep with degeneracy,  
The world doesn't need to be like this,  
We need care, they need care.

The scalded and lifeless trees bawl in despair,  
Reprobate billboards watch over burnt meadows in glory,  
They continue to blaze without mercy,  
The positive mindset of nature is mowed down by the cry of trucks,  
This is not the true-mother-nature,  
Look.

We said "Ha Ha",  
They said "Go",  
We cried "Vrrrrroooooommmmm!!"  
They darkened and faded like death grasping more and more victims,  
They prayed and hoped.

The earth is precious,  
Make a change if you like!

*James Harman, Year 8*



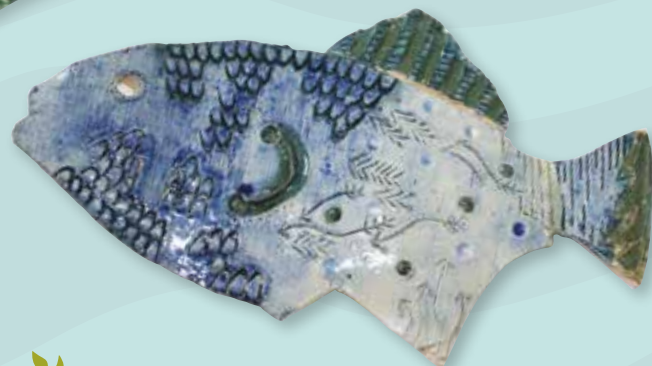


#### Year 8 Boys

These ceramic poppies were created by Year 8 boys to commemorate the fallen in WW1. They took inspiration from the 'Tower Poppies' and also the war poets, whose words are interwoven through the poppies.

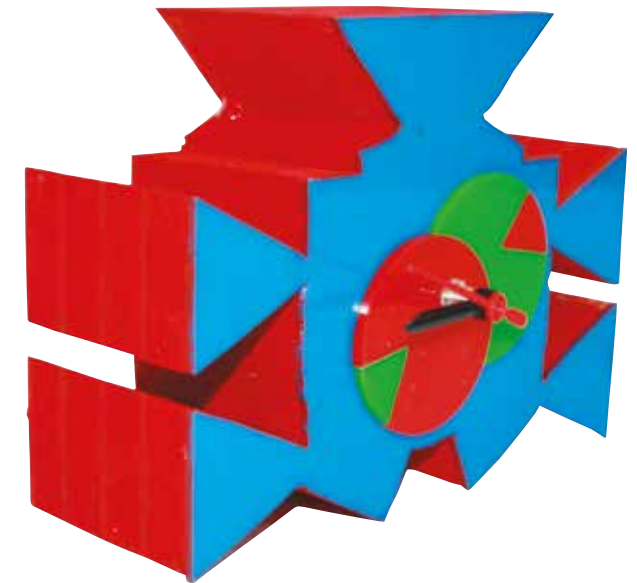
#### Grace Cornford, Keira Harris & Aimee Knight, Year 8

Year 8 ceramic fish were inspired by patterns and surfaces on a sea theme.



#### Jack Phillpotts, Year 9

Jack created this Memphis design clock following a brief to provide products suitable for a museum shop.



#### Patrick Lovett, Year 10

A series of portraits in which Patrick has depicted his family to explore a theme of 'Identity'. (See front cover)



#### Imogen Harker, Year 11

Imogen was inspired by the landscape of Venice to create a felt bodice and screen printed silk skirt as the final response in her GCSE coursework portfolio.



#### Joe Bathurst & Henry Noble, Year 9

Ceramic pots created using a coiling technique and exploring oxides as a method of glazing.





**Lucy Gosnay, Year 11**  
Handcrafted mirror, inspired by Africa, as part of Lucy's GCSE Cultural Influences work.



**Imogen Curtis, Year 11**  
Imogen's beautifully crafted piano stool – part of her GCSE work – was inspired by the Arts & Crafts Movement's style.



**Sam Wright, Year 11**  
A series of wood and wire sculptures inspired by David Nash, exploring the relationship between materials and scale.



**Sam Cockayne, Year 13**  
Sam set himself the challenge to develop an original product for use in the modern home. His coffee table features sliding top panels, which reveal a hidden drinks cooler.



**Angus Homer, Year 13**  
Ceramic panels exploring the marks, textures and colours observed in the Derbyshire countryside.



**Jasmine England, Year 12**  
A series of ceramic flowers cast into resin, looking at the visual process of growth and decay and taking inspiration from Anya Gallacio.



# Performing ARTS

*An overview of some of our most memorable shows, concerts and performances.*



## INFANT & JUNIORS

### Infant Nativity

The Infants gave a stunning performance in their Nativity, 'A King is Born'. It was Christmas Eve and the children did not want to go to bed so mum said she would tell them the true story of Christmas... The Nativity. As Mum and Dad (Blue Bailey & William Shaw) regaled the story to one side of the stage, the events unfolded before us. Mary and Joseph, (Georgia Evans and Theo Burton), travelled wearily to Bethlehem and it brought a tear to the eye when the tableau was completed with the birth of Jesus in the stable. Speaking parts were performed by Reception children, while Pre-School children sparkled in the role as stars. They were supported enthusiastically by Year 1 and 2 pupils who sang beautifully in the choir.

### Billy The Bus

The Infant children from Reception to Year 2 presented 'Billy the Bus' as their summer production. The story started with the breakdown of a faithful old school bus named Billy who was subsequently sold at auction, destined to become Farmer Furlong's (Skye Bywater) hen house. Thankfully, there was a happy ending that resulted in Billy coming out of retirement, being freshly painted and finally recommissioned as the school reading bus. Year 2 did a wonderful job of delivering the speaking parts and there were some great comic moments. Reception and Year 1 contributed with their super dancing and singing. We could all see a number of 'little stars' who will be taking centre stage in productions to come.



### Pre-School End of Year Concert

Children in Pre-School performed in their very own End of Year 'Sing, Dance, Play' show to celebrate their graduation from the Pre-School year. The children wore mortar board style hats with teddy bear faces and ears, the theme of the show being teddy bear songs such as 'When Goldilocks Went to the House of the Bears' and 'The Teddy Bear Blues'. Some very brave children also sang a solo for 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star'. Well done to Bella Burrows-Jarvis, Oliver Nichols, Bertie Harrison, Thea Grady, Ben Kennedy and Camilla Kinsey.



### Junior Summer Concert

The final musical event of the year was the Summer Concert. The winners from the Year 6 Musical Festival performed their solos and duets, demonstrating mature musical skill and understanding. The ensembles all performed brilliantly but mention must be made of Stringstars rendition of the '1812 Overture' which involved several tempo changes, changes of mood and tricky rhythms, all mastered by our young players.

The Year 3 and 4 Choir performed songs in two part harmony, with 'Yellow Submarine' a favourite, which also included a rap section! Year 5 and 6 Choir's song, 'You raise me up' was dedicated to Mrs Hulme-McKibbin and Mrs Squares, to thank them for all of their support of Junior music-making during their time at King's.

### Year 4 Panto

Year 4 pupils put on a dazzling rewrite of the classic story of Jack and the Beanstalk, this time set in the East End of London. All 43 children sang, danced and acted with enthusiasm and expertise and the packed audience of family and friends cheered them to the rafters. Lead roles were played by George Clark as Jack, Abi Thomas as Jack's mum, Sophie Chong as Morag the cow and Cora Seth as Chicken Nugget.

### Year 6 Musical

Year 6 pupils transported audiences back to the mythical Middle East for their colourful production of Aladdin. Famous big numbers from the show included 'Friend like me', 'Prince Ali' and 'A Whole New World', while the children's energetic dancing and singing set all toes tapping. The main characters were a credit to the



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school, learning pages of dialogue and bringing the humorous story to life with great comic timing. Sebastian Fitzgerald as Jafar and his evil sidekick Iago the parrot, played by Freya Ambrey Brosnahan, had the audience in stitches.

Emily Barrett shone as the Genie, whilst Alistair Fitzmaurice as Aladdin and Natasha Williams as Princess Jasmine, were powerful lead characters who portrayed a very convincing love story. The Year 6 chorus were on stage for most of the show, not only to perform songs but also to create busy crowd scenes.



### SENIOR MUSIC

#### Choirs

King's choirs had another busy and highly successful year. The Carol Service in December brought all three choirs together to perform a range of Christmas music at St Michael's Church. The last day of term in December saw all members of the Senior Divisions head to church for the staff and students' Carol Services.

This year, for the first time, the Girls' Division took part in a new Carol Service at St Paul's Church with the Songbirds (directed by Miss Hopkins) taking musical responsibility for leading the service. They gave excellent performances of a range of carols including Mr Tonks' beautiful arrangement of 'Jesus Christ the Apple Tree'.

In the Spring term, the Cambiata Group took part in annual

workshops with Cambiata North West and the summer term tour to Cartmel Priory (Songbirds and Cambiata) was once again a great success.

Right at the end of term, King's Sings served as a showcase for all three King's choirs. The Songbirds sang a wide range of music from medieval motets (Alle Psalite) to ELO (Mr Blue Sky). A particular highlight was their performance of the suffragette anthem 'Shoulder to Shoulder', arranged for the group by Mr Tonks with additional lyrics written by Jo Whiteley (Year 9), celebrating the centenary of Women's suffrage in the UK.

The Cambiata Group gave enthusiastic performances of pieces ranging from Tudor madrigals (The Three Ravens) to Rock classics including a spine-tingling performance of 'Don't Look Back in Anger'.

Such is the growing popularity of Barbershop in the Boys' and Sixth Form Divisions that we now have two boys' Barbershop groups, who rehearse on a weekly basis. Both groups sang individually and together, and their performances were both musically outstanding and highly amusing. Audience highlights certainly included 'Danny Boy' (Year 12), 'Heart & Soul' (Year 11 and 12) and a slumber-themed '9 to 5' (Year 11 and guests).

In advance of their summer term tour to Rome, the Foundation Choir sang two sets of sacred music from the 16th Century (Byrd) to the present day (spirituals arr. Chilcott



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and Todd). Particularly memorable was their performance of Benjamin Britten's cantata, 'Rejoice in the Lamb', including solo performances by Fiona Beeston (Year 12), Daisy Holden (Year 10), Sam Andresen (Year 12) and Josh Clayfield (Year 12).

#### Rome Tour

The Choir sang in the world-renowned St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City during a fabulous five-day tour of Rome. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity for staff and students alike. For nearly 2,000 years, Mass has been celebrated in what is one of the most sacred sites for the Christian religion, essentially the centre of the Christian World, and we were honoured to be part of that tradition.

The 38 students and four staff sang Mass in the Vatican City on the fourth day of the trip, following performances at two world-famous Rome churches: Sant'Andrea della Valle and Sant'Agnese in Agone in the Piazza Navona, where an audience of over 200 gave the

Macclesfield singers a standing ovation. Then, on their last night in Rome, the group enjoyed an open-air concert under the stars given by the world-renowned Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia.

#### Instrumental Ensembles

The Autumn Instrumental Concert once again highlighted the range of music-making at King's. The newly-formed Senior Samba Ensemble, led by Mr Black, opened the concert with a hall-shaking performance of 'Samba Batucada' that had members of the Concert Band dancing in the corridor.

Further highlights included the String Orchestra's performance of Heinrich Biber's 'Battalia' (complete with authentic 17th-Century sound effects), the Chamber Orchestra playing Beethoven's 'Coriolan' overture and the Big Band's closing set which included a pair of Herbie Hancock classics: 'Cantaloupe Island' and 'Watermelon Man'. Chamber music has been an increasingly prominent feature of

King's Music for the past few years. This year, we were pleased to present our first Autumn Chamber Concert featuring performances from smaller ensembles and soloists. Saxophone, Flute, Clarinet, Guitar and two Brass Ensembles all performed together with soloists from Years 7-13. This more informal concert proved hugely popular with performers and audience members alike, and we look forward to another such event in Autumn 2018.

Spring 2018 will doubtless be remembered for the inclement weather and sadly, the 'beast from the east' led to our annual Strings' Residential Weekend being cancelled. Members of the Wind and Big Band made it to Ilham Hall where they enjoyed a riotous weekend of rehearsals and snowball fights led by Miss Hopkins, Mrs Barratt and Mr Brown.

Our Spring Instrumental Concert included yet another hugely diverse programme. The Concert Band's performance of Steven Bryant's *The Machine Awakens* featured live



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electronics mixed and performed by Mackenzie Blackaby (Year 9), Chloe Henshaw (Year 13) and Dylan Eldershaw (Year 7) were the soloists in the String Orchestra's performance of Bartok's Romanian Folk Dances and the concert finished with Jack Campbell (Year 13) joining the Chamber Orchestra to perform the first movement of Schumann's Piano Concerto in A minor.

Jack's mastery of technique, sense of line and sheer musicianship were spellbinding and the audience responded with a richly-deserved five minute standing ovation. It was a truly memorable end to an outstanding concert.

As ever, King's Swings was a memorable, musical delight for performers and audience. With the hall transformed into a jazz club, the stage was set for barnstorming performances from the new, all-inclusive Big Band conducted by Mr Dearden and Mr Brown. As is now the custom, the audience was also treated to performances by smaller ensembles featuring staff and some of our more experienced Sixth Form musicians, Alex Clarke (Year 13) and Alex Campbell (Year 12). Alex Clarke's solo performances were both thoughtful and dazzling; a fitting end to her memorable time with us.

Throughout the year, King's musicians gave regular lunchtime recitals at St Michael's Church in a series of fundraising concerts for East Cheshire Hospice collectively known as Music at Mike's. These concerts also offer fantastic opportunities for individual students of all standards to perform in front of friendly, appreciative audiences. There were two Music Competitions this year. The Lower School Music Competition took place in January and culminated in a delightful soiree concert in the Fence Avenue Hall. In March, all musicians in 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 of the evening. Our external adjudicator this year was Tim Harvey, Director of Music at The King's School in Chester. Mr Harvey was hugely complementary to each finalist but, in the end, awarded the prize for performance of the evening to Alex Clarke who performed the first movement of Phil Woods' Sonata for Alto Saxophone.

### Thanks

I would like to give special thanks to our team of visiting instrumental teachers who take such care to nurture King's young musicians across all of our Divisions. Their skill and support is invaluable and we are very grateful for their dedication and hard work.

This year we have said a poignant au revoir to Mrs Jane Barratt OJC (Order of the Jaffa Cake) who is stepping down from her Senior Division teaching. She will continue to be involved with extra-curricular music, but will nonetheless also be hugely missed by us all, particularly the members of the Wind Band and Cambiata Group. To Mrs Barratt, Miss Hopkins, Mr Tonks and to all the staff across the foundation who give their expertise, time and support in service of the students' music-making, our sincere thanks.

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### Oliver!

In February, the Main Hall resounded to the familiar and well-loved sounds of Lionel Bart's seminal hit 'Oliver!' A cast of over 60, directed musically and theatrically by Mr Forbes, Mr Crawford and Mrs Thompson, and magnificently supported by a 12-piece band, lead us skilfully through the troubled tale of the young orphan boy Oliver (Angus Rutherford). Over four packed nights, the lights shone on Oliver's journey from workhouse to the safe arms of Mr Brownlow and Mrs Bedwin (Kieran Cullen and Jasmine England).

On the way, our young hero survives the merciless Victorian brutality of workhouse beadle Mr Bumble (Sam Andresen) and his manipulative side-kick Widow Corney (Sorrell Haughton). Oliver's further lonely demise finds him serving in the grim funeral parlour of Mr and Mrs Sowberry (Ollie Rushton and Fran Southern). Before our young hero finds himself in the devious clutches of Fagin (Harry Collett) and his gang, he meets the charismatic pick-pocket Artful Dodger (Eloisa Webster) who admirably captured



Dodger's cheeky charm and the two actors worked off each other splendidly. Once seduced into Fagin's murky underworld, we were treated to a highly effective chorus performance by a powerful ensemble of student actors.

A shimmer of optimism comes in the form of kind-hearted Nancy, (Fiona Beeston), who along with her friend Bet (Izzy Dronsfield) tries to save Oliver from the awfulness that awaits him. Nancy's rendition of 'As Long as He Needs Me', powerfully captured the trap of many who are domestically abused. That abuser comes in the shape of Bill Sykes, whose menace and thuggery



were powerfully captured by Josh Clayfield.

It all ends badly for Nancy and Bill, but not before she bravely secures Oliver's safety by explaining everything to Mr Brownlow and Oliver finally finds a family – his long journey magnificently realised by Angus Rutherford's mature and convincing performance.

All involved gave themselves wholeheartedly to many hours of rehearsing. The result was a delight; a truly convincing combination of uplifting chorus and solo numbers. Performances were all helped by a highly effective lighting design courtesy of the New Vic's lighting designer Danniella Beattie and a set creatively conceived and realised by the Art Department. Thanks, too, go to the Estates Department for their support.

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# Spotlight on BIOLOGY

*It has undoubtedly been an outstanding year for the Biology Department at King's, with numerous opportunities for students to challenge themselves both inside and outside the classroom.*



Our GCSE students have undertaken a variety of activities from carrying out population studies in the school grounds to enjoying the opportunity to get hands on with heart dissections.

Our Sixth Form students also had a busy year starting with our annual field trip to Yorkshire. This fantastic experience allows students to work 'in the field' in a way which we cannot recreate in the school environment. They have a full three-day programme, which covers many of the topics within the ecology section of the A Level course.

They collaborate to design a practical experiment to investigate the effect of desiccation on a rocky shore, before carrying out the experiment using specific data loggers and software packages. They use reasoning to work out the energy efficiencies of organic versus intensively-reared pigs. This obviously had to include weighing the amount of food pigs ingest every day! Opportunities are provided to interrogate the farmers and ask important questions about consumer and farmer responsibilities to the animals. Finally, students are able to set humane traps to investigate the populations of small rodents, which were especially successful this year!

Our Year 13 students visited Manchester University to undertake an incredibly inspirational day with the eminent anthropologist Dr Konstantina Drosou, who has spent time sequencing the DNA of two of the mummies at Manchester

Museum. The students learnt about life as a research scientist and used the techniques that Dr Drosou uses in her research. During the workshop, they had the opportunity to extract their own mitochondrial DNA, amplify it using PCR and then visualise it using gel electrophoresis. This gives the student valuable experience of important techniques and of using specialist equipment.

We have had success in two different biology Olympiads. We entered 12 biologists into the 23rd British Biology Olympiad and all students achieved an award, including two silver awards and seven bronze awards.

Miss Waller also took a group of Year 12 biologists to the Schools' Biology Olympiad at Edge Hill University for the first time. In this, they had to use reasoning to identify unknown mouse tissues under a microscope; calculate the water loss from a Costa Rican pineapple plantation under four environmental conditions and use keys to identify different plant species. They also had the opportunity to investigate heat loss using a thermal imaging camera.

This year saw our first biological research trip with Operation Wallacea. Dr Patrick and Miss Richards took 18 students in Years 11-13 to South Africa to carry out research alongside scientists in the field. The group stayed in accommodation in Balule Game Reserve, which is part of the Greater Kruger National Park. The camp was on the bank of the Oliphant River and the pupils



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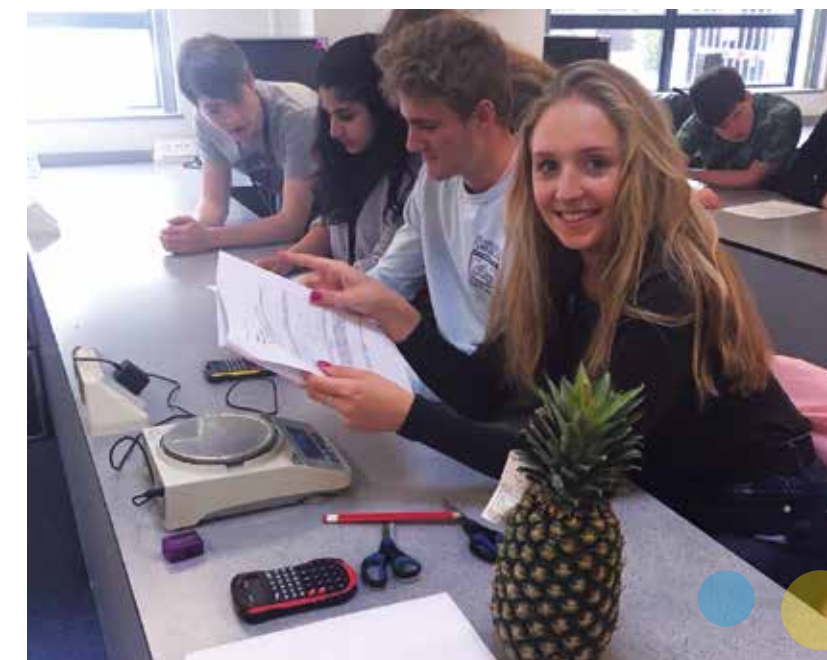
were even able to spot animals while eating their dinner! The students worked with the Operation Wallacea scientists to carry out early morning bird counts, large mammal transects and ecological lectures.

Students saw some amazing sights including a herd of elephants playing at a water hole and heard the eerie sounds of a pack of hyenas stealing a leopard's kill. They were also treated to a heartfelt plea by one of the scientists who told us that, at the current rate, rhinos will be extinct in five years. This had a profound effect on our students and we hope to do what we can to raise awareness of this issue during the next year. During the second week, they headed out to Sodwana Bay for a week of scuba diving.

Most students completed their PADI open water qualification in an unbelievably beautiful setting. The group regularly sighted turtles and moray eels while diving and one group even saw a huge manta ray, humpback whales and a huge potato bass!

This really was the trip of a lifetime and a fantastic experience for all involved and you can look back over our adventure – as well as enjoy future adventures – on the Biology Department twitter page:

@kingsmacbio





# Spotlight on PSYCHOLOGY

*This year, the Psychology Department has embarked on new and exciting challenges both in and out of the classroom, with a focus on furthering students' understanding through real world application.*

Students sometimes struggle to appreciate how their studies fit into the world around them and so through inspirational speakers and interactive classroom activities, we have brought Psychology to life.

## Brain day

In December our Year 13 students attended Dr Guy Sutton's 'Brain Day'. Dr Sutton, who is the Director and Founder of Medical Biology Interactive and a Professor at the University of Nottingham Medical School, gave an insightful lecture on how our grey matter impacts mental health and criminal behaviour. Additionally, as part of the day he also brought with him a box of sheep brains for students to dissect; an activity which proved to be highly popular! Biological Psychology is an integral part of the specification and is fast becoming the preferred psychological theory to explain all aspects of human behaviour. We were therefore thrilled that Dr Sutton managed to bring this area to life in what was a highly thought-provoking and inspiring day.

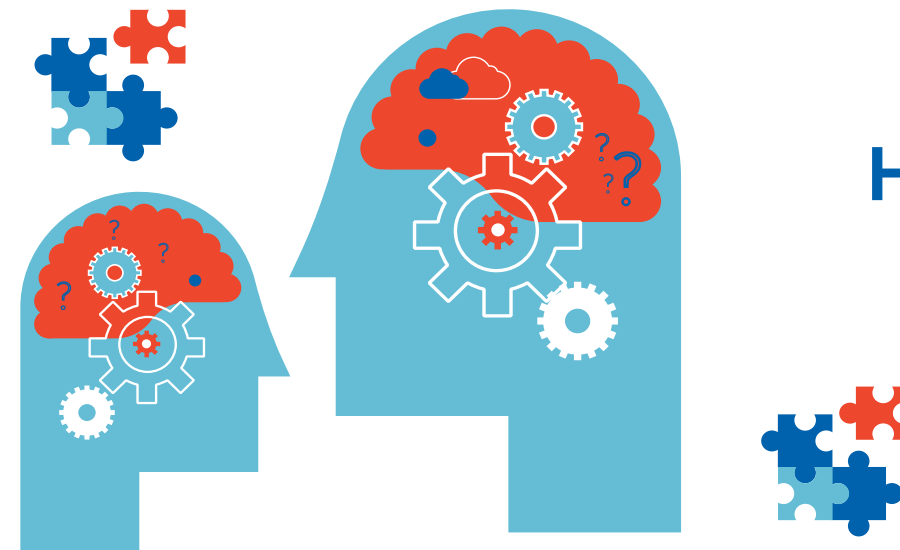
## Mental health

In March, our students were treated to a fascinating talk from local businessman Anders Timms about his experiences of living with depression. In Psychology lessons, students learn from an academic perspective about the cognitive explanation of depression and the treatments available to sufferers. However, to hear about the disease

first-hand gave students an excellent opportunity to further deepen their understanding of the nature of the illness and how it directly affects individuals and their families and friends on a day-to-day basis. Additionally, Mr Timms spoke about how difficult it can be to talk about depression, particularly with employers, due to the huge stigma that unfortunately still exists in this country regarding mental health. This is one reason behind his brave decision to speak more publicly about his own experiences of depression; he wants to raise awareness of the issues surrounding the mental health disorder. Both students and staff felt extremely humbled and grateful that he chose to share his personal experiences that day at King's and we hope that he has given our students the strength and confidence to talk more openly about mental health in the future.

## Research projects

An essential part of being a Psychologist is conducting research, as without it, they would have no proof that their psychological theories are valid. Although we do conduct small scale experiments within lessons in the classroom, this year we decided to introduce a group research project to run during the final half term. It was hoped that this would give students a more comprehensive understanding of the Research Methods component of the A Level and allow them to consolidate their learning. Students



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formed small groups and were given the creative freedom to research an area of their choosing within the psychological field that they had not yet studied. Students were required to put forward a detailed proposal outlining their plan of execution, along with careful consideration of any ethical issues and their proposed method of data analysis. Staff were overwhelmed by the standard of the projects; topics ranged from investigating the effects of social media on anxiety, how classical music can improve memory recognition, to how branding can affect perception and taste. If you would like to see examples of some fantastic work from our current Year 12 cohort then visit the Psychology classrooms in the Sixth Form Centre where you can admire the academic posters that they have produced.

## An eggciting experiment

During the Spring term, our Year 12 cohort (temporarily!) became parents for a week. We challenged students to adopt and care for their very own egg baby. Just like with a real child, they had to care for and tend to their egg babies' needs 24 hours a day, documenting the adventures that they had along the way! The purpose of the experiment was to enable our students to deepen their knowledge of Developmental Psychology and the theory of Attachment, a unit that we cover in the first year of

the Psychology A Level. In their final report students had to apply their knowledge of attachment research to explain the attachments they had themselves formed to their eggs. This was an extremely popular activity that prompted a lot of interest from both students and staff around the Sixth Form centre. If you would like to see an eggstraordinary eggxample of one of our student's work, check out Matt Follos' blog of Amelia Egghart's adventures.

[12follosm.wix.com/ameliaegghart](https://12follosm.wix.com/ameliaegghart)

## The Strange Situation

Our Head of Department, Mrs Bell, had recently given birth to her daughter Evelyn and so we decided to take advantage of the rare opportunity this presented to us by inviting her and her daughter in to the Sixth Form for a psychological experiment. The Strange Situation is a research method tool that is used by psychologists to establish the attachment type a child has to their primary care giver.

With Mrs Bell's consent, our students were allowed to set up their own version of the Strange Situation and test baby Evelyn's own attachment type, observing and recording her behaviour! We were highly impressed with the level of professionalism the students showed when dealing with real participants and are happy to report that Evelyn had a secure attachment!





# Spotlight on ART WEEK

*During the summer months, pupils devoted a special enrichment week to developing their creative skills and appreciation of some of the world's best-known artists.*

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In May, the children in the Infant & Junior Division immersed themselves in a week-long celebration of some of our best-loved artists and a wonderful array of creative techniques. During a week devoted to creativity, three visiting artists held workshops to show the process of making original three dimensional artworks from start to finish.

Macclesfield artist Patty Callaghan, whose work is on sale in the Silk Museum, made Papier Maché models with pupils in Pre-School and Reception, capturing the beauty of local wildlife.

Pupils in Year 1 looked at the works of Wassily Kandinsky and then painted their own Concentric Circles. They also considered how Kandinsky used lines and colour to show emotion: pupils used masking tape and primary colour paints to combine the basic elements of colour mixing.

Year 2 were learning about plants, animals and nature. Therefore Art Week provided an opportunity to participate in art activities related to nature and the seasons. Pupils spent time in the Ginkgo Meadow looking at the wide variety of plants and using objects found in nature to create pieces of artwork. All children then used their ideas to create a lovely watercolour painting with silhouetted flowers cut out of card.

Year 3 enjoyed creating 3D bee sculptures and a model bee hive. Sheffield-based artist Gill Cosford worked with pupils in Years 3 and 4 sculpting and then baking polymer clay models of

Lowry's iconic matchstick men and women. The children were taught how to condition the clay and they produced beautiful objects for display such as blossom trees, butterflies and stone paths.

Year 4 pupils studied the artist Roy Lichtenstein, observing how he took popular images and reproduced them as works of art, often in a 'dotty' style of stippling. Using a photograph of themselves, pupils produced a cartoon drawing and shaded this with ink dots. They then had a go at recreating a cartoon 'power word,' using pieces of their own writing and paint. As part of their Learning Challenge topic, 'Where on earth are we?' Year 4 researched the architecture of the city of Manchester. They then used paint pens to reproduce a building in bright colours to add to their Fauvism-style cityscape.

Textile artist Maeve Bridge worked with children in Years 5 and 6 and taught them about the process of tie-dyeing, allowing each pupil to make fabulous and colourful bags.

Linked with their Learning Challenge topic of Life Cycles, Year 5 pupils also studied flowering plants and looked at the artist Vincent Van Gogh, with particular focus on his Sunflowers. 5SM created a beautiful collaborative vase of oil pastel sunflowers and then crafted their own stunning clay sunflower bowls which have been painted and varnished. 5MW also visited the Ginkgo Meadow and took pictures of flowering and non-flowering plants and created a Pic Collage.





# Spotlight on Infant & Junior BOOK WEEK



*Our youngest pupils dedicated a whole week to immersing themselves in a literary world of make-believe.*

King's Infant & Junior Division spent a week celebrating all things literary in a special 'Book Week' to help young readers fall in love with literature.

Pupils enjoyed a range of book-themed activities, including visits from authors Robin Price and Fay Evans, who gave children an insight into their books through class workshops and assemblies. Each class decorated the door of their classroom with their favourite book cover, as well as creating literary-themed bunting for the school and enjoying a visiting Book Fair and a book trail around school.

Fred the Fire Sneezing Dragon and his creator, children's author Fay Evans, gave pupils a master class in storytelling. Her beautifully illustrated book is written in rhyming couplets and, during her session with Year 2 pupils, she challenged them to mimic her style, create their own characters and use their imaginations to bring their characters to life.

The week culminated with World Book Day, which was dedicated to the pupils' favourite characters from books, with pupils and staff alike dressing-up as book characters. Subject Leader for

English, Soulla Costanda, dressed as Maleficent the Wicked Fairy from Sleeping Beauty. Soulla said: "Reading should be a magical experience for the children, a world of fantasy and reality to excite the imagination. We want our children to turn off their screens and instead turn over the pages of their books."

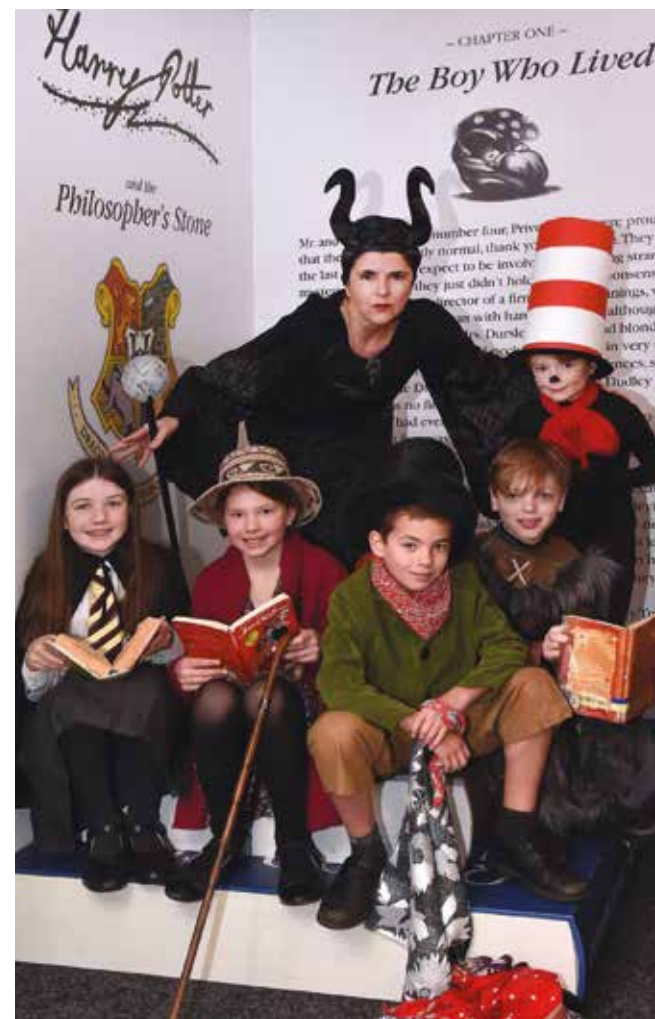
Pupils enjoyed a parade of their fabulous book character costumes. Year 6 pupil Sophie Robinson, who came as Hermione Grainger from the Harry Potter series, said: "Books are full of mystery and

wonder," while Cameron Syrett, who came as Hiccup from 'How to Train Your Dragon', added, "I prefer books because you know they are a finished piece of work with fabulous illustrations and not just something you can cut, paste and eventually delete. Books are there for ever."

Ollie Walsh, who came as the Artful Dodger, said: "I love the book 'Oliver Twist' as we share a name and my favourite character is the Artful Dodger because he's a cheeky rascal, just like me!"



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# Spotlight on RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

*If you asked me to define what the Religion & Philosophy Department is, I would offer the following adjectives: thoughtful, inquisitive, critical, respectful, diverse, open-minded, fun, intriguing and successful.*

The department continues to develop a legacy of success at King's, both in its contributions to developing thoughtful, well-rounded students as well as outstanding examination results. The incorporation of King's Learning Habits has felt like the most natural thing for our subject; developing rational, inquisitive minds.

The last two years have seen great change in the department, not least with planning new GCSE examination classes and new staff. We have been fortunate with the talent within the school and incredible support from the Psychology Department. Last year, NQT Chloe Parrish brought her Psychology nous to bear on Religious themes and took responsibility for our KS3 provision with enthusiasm and creativity. This year, the talented Carey Ratcliffe and Maria McMaster Howells continue this complementary marriage between the Psychology and R&P departments, offering a scientific edge to moral and philosophical debate.

## Philosophy for children

For several years now, R&P have employed a teaching strategy called Philosophy For Children (P4C) and all members of the

department are trained to deliver this style of learning. We open the lesson with a stimulus, which could be a striking photo, a piece of music or video clip. The students are asked to generate searching questions, then talk these questions through and vote on the question they'd like to discuss. Developing questions is a vital part and we often take an entire lesson honing the class question.

The following lesson is given over to what we call a 'Community of Enquiry'. This is not a traditional debate, instead the students are encouraged to listen to each other and to build on each other's views in the spirit of rational discussion and collaboration. This approach dovetails well with King's Learning Habits and is central to what we are trying to deliver for King's students.

## The challenges

One benefit of an independent education is the ability to make changes to our curriculum as we see fit. During the first couple of months of delivering the new GCSE, we decided it didn't suit us or our students. We felt the OCR syllabus required a more straight-jacketed approach to the study of philosophical and ethical

issues and that, in keeping with the school's ethos of challenge, aspiration and critical thinking, we would be better changing to a different exam board. With the support of the students, parents and the school, we did, and haven't looked back. The new course is more intellectually stimulating and the resources and support from the exam board clearer and more comprehensive.

In the summer, students again achieved better than expected GCSE results, with 56% achieving the new 9-7 grade of excellence (A\*/A) and almost 90% achieved above a grade 6 (B) or above.

## A Level

We are extremely proud of the fact that 82% of our students achieved A\*-B grades. This represents an excellent return for our students as they sat the new A Level examinations. There were significant differences from earlier incarnations of the course, including the addition of a third 'Religions' unit. We chose to study Buddhism as it has a fascinating relationship with modern western world views – no belief in a creator God, no belief in a soul, a focus on personal responsibility and compassion. It challenges students to develop

a wider appreciation of global ideas, vital skills for a post-Brexit environment. Students' ability to access the huge amount of information online has been very helpful, we have unearthed old documentaries on YouTube and can access authentic voices from across the world rather than merely receiving information from a textbook.

We have established an excellent link with Kagyu Ling, one of the oldest established Buddhist Centres in the country. We received first hand authentic information and students were able to ask questions and receive answers direct from the source. In addition, to further develop students' expertise, we undertook a field trip to Japan to study Zen and Pure Land Buddhism.

Partnered by a sister school from New York, the trip gave the students an insight into Japan's cultural and religious history and how modern life has increasingly become detached from its heritage. Criss-crossing the country from industrial Osaka, to the ancient religious centre of Kyoto and on to the modern metropolis of Tokyo, the trip was a fascinating opportunity to examine Japan's unique belief systems that allow for many different gods.

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• See page 44 for a full report on the Japan trip.



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# Events & ACTIVITIES

*It's been an action-packed year for our pupils ... here are some of the highlights.*



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### INFANTS & JUNIORS

#### Focus on Transport

In early May, and as part of their Transport topic, the Reception classes enjoyed a fabulous day out at Rudyard Lake. A former King's pupil, Mathew, showed pupils the steam train and explained the workings of these fabulous engines. Pupils considered the differences between electric trains and steam trains before enjoying a ride along the track by the lake. After a picnic lunch, pupils had the chance to test the boats they had designed and built at school. Their aim was to use items that would allow their boat to float for as long as possible and be waterproof. In groups, they launched their various designs and watched many of them sail very well.

#### Canal trip

Continuing their Transport topic, pupils travelled on a coach to the canal where they boarded the Judith

Mary canal barge. Travelling along the waterway, pupils had to spot as many different forms of transport along the way, and also listened to how the boats were pulled along in the past and how the canals were used. To finish the fabulous day, the children had the opportunity to do some pond dipping and paddling.

#### The Silk Museum

In April, Year 1 walked to the Silk Museum to learn about local artist Charles Tunnicliffe. The children enjoyed a workshop led by Art teacher Mrs Long. They learnt about the life of Charles Tunnicliffe and explored some of his works before participating in a workshop drawing animals in their natural environments. Next, the children used a ballpoint pen to engrave their pictures on to polystyrene tiles and printed their design on to paper. All the children created amazing prints of their original pictures in the style of Charles Tunnicliffe.

#### The Great Fire of London

In the Spring term, Year 1 children learned about the Great Fire of London. There were many exciting opportunities, including a visit from a firefighter who spoke to the children about Fire Safety, a trip to Staircase House Museum and a visit from our local fire station. Watch Manager Marke, spoke about how the fire spread in September 1666 and then set fire to the model Tudor houses that the children had designed and built from card. The children were amazed at how quickly the fire spread. After the excitement of the Great Fire, the children were shown around the fire engine and were able to discuss how much firefighting has changed over the years. The children finished the topic with a trip to the Staircase House Museum in Stockport. The children met Thomas Farriner, Samuel Pepys and King Charles II – all before lunch! They also enjoyed various workshops which included making wattle and daub. A fantastic day was had by all.

#### Jaguar Land Rover Factory

In November, Year 2 visited the Jaguar Land Rover factory in Halewood. The year group had been learning about the properties of different materials and why such a variety of materials are used in car production. At the factory, the children were able to learn how different materials are used and why so many robots are used in car production. They went on a tour of the factory to see how rolls of steel (along with lots of other materials) are transformed into Range Rover Evoques. The children were mesmerised by the various processes that the car undergoes during production, as well as watching the people working hard in the factory, seeing an army of 800 robots and the self-driving fork lift trucks in action.

#### Chester Zoo

In June, Year 2 enjoyed a visit to Chester Zoo. The children visited the Islands area, where they enjoyed a boat ride whilst observing wildlife.



The next highlight was seeing an Andean bear wandering around his habitat, a rare sight given how timid they are. Other highlights were the baby rhino, the huge number of elephants and babies, the penguins and giraffes. In school, the children were learning about lifecycles and were thrilled to see the cocoons of the giant moths in the butterfly house, which were amazingly large.

#### Spanish Day

In November, Year 3 took off to Spain for the day. Suitably attired as flamenco dancers, matadors, footballers and the Spanish flag, the day began with a food tasting session, including delicacies such as

Serrano ham, Manchego cheese and calamari. All the children were brave enough to try everything, and quite a few enjoyed some new tastes they had not tried before. Mr Seth and three A Level Spanish students gave a series of mini-lessons with the children. They held a conversation in Spanish, learned some everyday words, and found out about animals with the Spanish version of Old MacDonald's farm. After lunch, they played some Spanish playground games, using Spanish colour vocabulary and a track race. The grand finale was to learn an amazing Paso Doble routine, in which the children certainly showed their Strictly style talents!

#### River Mersey study

As part of their learning challenge topic on rivers, Year 3 visited Liverpool. They spent the morning at the Liverpool Museum, learning about the history of Liverpool and the River Mersey. The children then worked in groups to examine goods that are imported and exported through Liverpool ports. In the afternoon,





pupils strolled along the riverfront to catch the ferry across the Mersey. The children took in the views and were able to spot some of Liverpool's iconic landmarks. A highlight of the ferry trip was spotting a group of porpoises jumping out of the water.

## Lyme Park

Year 3 visited Lyme Park as part of their Learning Challenge topic on plants and nature. Pupils spent the morning taking a tour of the beautiful gardens on a nature walk. They were able to identify a range of plants, flowers and wildlife. After a picnic lunch, they spent the afternoon exploring the woodland and adventure playground.

## Royal Tea Party

To celebrate the most anticipated wedding of the year, our pupils hosted a tea party fit for royals. As Harry and Meghan were putting the finishing touches to their plans for their big day, all our infant and junior pupils enjoyed an outdoor celebration complete with bunting, sandwiches, cake and lots of home-made crowns.



## Viking invasion

Year 4 went back in time to the Viking period for a day led by Njal and Sven. Pupils experienced jobs done around the settlement such as churning butter, grinding flour, making clothes from flax and softening clothes using urine. They traded 'slaves' and silver pieces for items of clothing and jewellery. Towards the end of the day, they went on an adventure on a longboat, learning how to use oars to power the boat and how to protect themselves using shields and axes, finishing with a raid on a Viking monastery!

## Roman Chester

Year 4 pupils went to explore the Roman remains in Chester. Their visit involved sessions in the Grosvenor



Museum looking at Roman food, bath houses and past times and trying on some replica Roman armour and costumes. Pupils toured two galleries, answering questions on Roman life and identifying facts from architectural evidence. The highlight of the day was when the children dressed as legionaries and marched through the streets of Chester to the remains of the Diva Fortress, where they practised battle formations.

## Jodrell Bank Observatory

Year 5 visited Jodrell Bank as part of their Learning Challenge topic 'The Earth and Beyond'. They took part in a workshop and carried out various experiments; one of which led them to holding a meteor 4.5 billion years old! They experienced moving, what is thought to be, the largest



mechanical orrery in the world, which highlighted to them just how slow Neptune orbits the sun. The children certainly impressed, sharing the knowledge they had already gained and asking the experts some very in-depth and thought-provoking questions. Back at school, the finale to the topic was the opportunity to design and create their own Mars Rover buggies out of K-Nex. The children really enjoyed the challenge and many came up with innovative and well-built models.

## Roberts Bakery

Year 5 were visited by Roberts Bakery. The children learnt both about the history of Roberts Bakery and about the process of baking bread by master baker Paul. The children then got the chance to mix and knead dough to make their own delicious loaf to take home.

## WW2

Year 6 pupils, teachers and parent helpers 'packed up their troubles' and dressed in authentic 1940s style costumes to spend the day at the Air Raid Shelter and Museum. The day was an enriching experience to bring to life the Learning Challenge focus on World War 2 and illustrated the impact the war had on children. Pupils had a tour of the tunnels, the canteen, the medical centre and the Chief Warden's office. They experienced a total 'blackout' and lifted their spirits by singing popular songs of the era. At the museum, the Billeting Officer taught the children many jobs that would make them a useful asset to their new family. The children practised putting on gas masks and doing chores such as washing clothes, ironing, making rag rugs, beating the carpet and using a range of cooking utensils.

## Jersey Sports tour

During the Easter holiday, 39 Year 6 pupils undertook the annual Sports Tour to the beautiful island of Jersey. This five-day tour included Rugby and Hockey coaching clinics, a tournament and afternoon and evening excursions and activities. The sports' coaching was of a high standard and the children worked really hard and were commended on their attitude, behaviour and their abilities. The final morning of sport saw our teams compete in competitive fixtures, with the girls' hockey A team qualifying for the final. Excursions included a trip to Jersey Zoo and Aqua Splash. Pupils also enjoyed an afternoon of games at the beautiful Grev de Lecq beach in the north of the island, with a brief stop for Jersey ice-cream! **MKW**





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### Outward Bound Hollowford trip

Forty-two excited faces assembled under cloudless skies for the short coach journey to Castleton. Once again, the Hollowford Centre weekend came up trumps with five outstanding activities – and one hotly-contested Team Challenge – planned and delivered with patience, punctuality, passion and good humour by the ever-resourceful team of instructors. The pupils were an absolute credit to themselves, embracing challenges and facing their fears – occasionally tears too – with maturity, determination and a growing confidence at what they could in fact achieve.

*"My favourite activity was abseiling because it was the most thrilling and challenging. The hardest part was climbing through the metal railings over the edge of the bridge. We were told to lean back over the lip. After that, you didn't need to worry and could just walk to the bottom."* Eben Cooper

*"Caving was so challenging getting through the small squeezes. You had to help and encourage each other."* Natasha Williams

*"I enjoyed mountain biking because I managed to get up all the hills without stopping and go really fast on the down-hills."* Millie Clayton

*"The zip-wire was brilliant, but climbing the tall tower to start was terrifying."* Daisy Sutton

*"I really enjoyed the biking because of all the down-hills and was proud when I made it up the steep sections."* Kate Piper

*"When we got to the top of Mam Tor it was a stunning view over the hills."* Sienna Given

*"I was scared going caving; but felt really proud of myself when I'd done it."* Elsie Heyworth

*"Our enthusiastic team made a strong raft and then got to swim in the pond after we won our race."* Hannah Langslow

*"In the rafting, it was great fun trying to beat the girls, but instead we all fell in and had such a laugh."* Sebastian Fitzgerald

*"The caving was great because we were encouraging and comforting each other by singing World War Two songs. I overcame my claustrophobia."* Matthew Ennis

*"I really enjoyed building the raft although when we put it on the water, one of the barrels popped off! We had to pull it out and tie it back on tighter."* Connie Roden

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### SENIORS

#### Spanish Trip

In the very early hours of Easter Saturday, 16 sleepy Year 9 pupils gathered at Manchester Airport, eagerly awaiting the long-anticipated flight that would not only take us to Spain, but to a world of new experiences.

Upon arrival in Alicante we undertook the coach journey to the Arbolar centre, situated merely 20 feet away from the beach in Murcia. The weather was glorious! After settling in to our rooms, we had some fun playing sports such as volleyball and football on the beach.

The next morning we were given a Spanish lesson, introducing us to the vocab necessary for the day. This included Spanish names of shops and buildings in the town. We then boarded the coach and set off for Cartagena. When we arrived in the authentic town, we were met with numerous stalls and street entertainers ready for the Semana Santa celebrations that day. We were allowed to explore the town freely and witness the cultural celebrations. We later visited the famous Roman theatre in Cartagena, and had a very



informative visit to the museum. After a meal back at Arbolar, two teams went head-to-head in a fierce song competition, testing their knowledge of both English and Spanish.

On Monday morning we were given a practical role-play lesson in the art of bargaining ready for our trip to the market later that day. All prepared, we set off to the market where products ranged from strawberry crates to clothes. Many of us tested our bargaining skills against stubborn sellers, surprisingly being able to negotiate very good prices.

Back at the centre, the group participated in an energetic salsa class. We had fun learning typical Spanish dancing and, although it was complex, we all danced well as a group.

As it was our last night, we had a party to say farewell, and to celebrate what a fantastic time we had in Murcia.

*Jack Phillpotts, Year 9*

#### Winter Walking

In February, 16 adventurous Year 7 - 9 pupils headed north to the Lake District for, what was for many, their first taste of the British Mountains in winter. The minibuses were packed with warm kit, ice axes, crampons and a significant amount of excitement and energy. After a long journey, we arrived at Conistone Coppermines Youth Hostel, nestled in the hills above the famous Lakeland village. The darkness hid the mountains from us that evening, so we all had to wait until Saturday morning to see how much snow cover there was.

All the pupils and staff were yearning for a day in the white stuff and the Conistone Fells did not disappoint us. It was decided that our objective would be an ascent of Wetherlam. At 762m it was just a little lower than The Old Man of Conistone, which we hoped to save for Sunday.



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Low cloud ahead threatened to provide some potential navigational challenges for the staff higher up the fells as we worked our way up past the old mine workings and heading for the snow line up Red Dell.

The conditions and the snow cover proved a suitable challenge for the party; however, all made it to the summit of Wetherlam. At this point an 'extension activity' was offered. Accompanied by Mr Edgerton, Dr Fitzgerald and Dr Oliver, three Year 9 pupils Mia Buchdahl, Trinny Mack and Martha Wood and one Year 7 pupil Dylan Tyrrel took the opportunity to extend the day.

The route continued westwards over Swirl Hawse to summit Swirl How and follow Swirl Band south before an exciting little descent to Levers Water via Levers Hawse. The students showed great resilience and kept a keen pace throughout their extended journey. Mr Street and Miss Agour led the remainder of the party back to Coppermines Valley for early tea and cakes back at the Youth Hostel.

In contrast to the cloud and wildness of Saturday, Sunday morning was beautifully clear and sunny.



It drew gasps of amazement from some of the pupils as they fully appreciated the beauty of the snow clad fells before them. A cold night and a cloudless sky to start the day ensured that ice had formed over the paths as we headed up towards The Old Man of Coniston via Brim Fell.

Another split in the party saw Mr Edgerton, Mr Street and Dr Oliver continue with a smaller party over The Old Man, cunningly avoiding the icy (and by now rather busy) descent path by dropping off the nose, a far better route choice. Dr Fitzgerald and Miss Agour escorted the remainder of the party back to Coppermines Valley. All pupils had an exciting experience and learnt many lessons about how to care for themselves and their friends in the challenging conditions of winter in the British Hills.

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### Rugby tour

Year 8 rugby players trod in the footprints of giants when they played at the world-renowned Cardiff Arms Park on their inaugural tour of South Wales over the Easter break. The 20 boys in the U13 squad were kept busy with three fixtures against local club sides; Pontypridd, Llandaff and St Peter's, the last of which was played at Cardiff Arms Park, home of the Blues and several European Cup Finals.

Player of the Tour award went to Oli Watson for his physicality around the park while 'Man of the Tour' went to Toby Denton. The touring party also enjoyed a visit to The Principality Stadium, ten-pin bowling and white-water rafting.



### China

King's young entrepreneurs went on a school trip with a difference when they spent 10 days in China analysing what has created the world's most confident economy.

Economics and Business teacher, David Williams, said: "There isn't a week that goes by when we do not discuss what has made China such a dominant economy and the new workshop of world. Over the last 30 years the country has transformed itself from an internationally isolated, largely rural based economy to an increasingly confident industrial superpower with a rapidly emerging, wealthy middle class."

He added: "The speed of the transformation has been unprecedented and we feel Britain's future business leaders should experience for themselves both the economic structures that has enabled this rebirth and the traditional and contemporary culture."

Students visited Beijing with a trip to a pearl factory, the Olympic Park,

Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City before taking the bullet train to Shanghai to see the new Volkswagen Factory, the Urban Planning Museum and the Financial District.

Pupil Marcus Nowak, who wants to read Economics at university, said: "I was surprised to see that many of the cars seemed to be the same style whether police cars, taxis or family cars and how the influence of a more command style economy has driven forward growth but at the same time limited choice and freedom."

James Jordan, who wants to study Business Management at university, said: "I felt overwhelmed by the sheer size of the country and the vast numbers of people. Our visit to the Urban Planning Museum showed how such dramatic change has been in part imposed on the people."

Nancy Xia, who wants to study Psychology at university and whose parents are Chinese, said: "I feel I have both a Chinese and a Western perspective. I still feel the West is more influential as its culture has been adopted more easily worldwide and

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it is also important to remember that there are still many areas of China that would be classed as developing world. However each time I visit China I can see how quickly the country is changing."

Their visit coincided with a historic announcement at the Communist Party's 19th annual congress, when President Xi Jinping was consecrated as China's most powerful leader since Mao Zedong with a new body of political thought carrying his name added to the Communist Party's constitution.

Verity Griffin, who wants to study Environmental Science said: "I was pleased to see so many Chinese people alongside tourists at the country's most famous attractions and to learn that there was so much more freedom of political discussion than I had expected particularly during the Party Congress."



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### South Africa Sports Tour

In July, 23 girls and four members of staff spent 15 days on a truly amazing, cultural and memorable netball and hockey tour. The experience will certainly stay with the girls for the rest of their lives. The South Africans are hospitable, friendly and the most patriotic of people, giving the girls memories of a lifetime.

King's fielded two netball and two hockey squads. The quality of the games was of a high competitive standard, giving the girls some hard fought matches. The scenery, friendly atmosphere and context of the games were played at the highest level where the South Africans were a perfect opposition to be able to give King's intense matches. There were simply no adjectives that could describe the beauty and the spectacular countryside where the girls played their fixtures; each and every venue had stunning backdrops of outstanding natural beauty.

We arrived at Pretoria High School to a warm welcome. The opposition were delightful and extremely affable.



The U14s won 4-0, U15s lost 3-4. Pretoria High School gave the girls an amazing experience, with the girls making acquaintances for life.

The first netball fixture was in the most incredible picturesque setting. Hartbeespoort High School (Harties) were once again incredibly hospitable and welcoming. The girls played some amazing netball, U15s won 24-11, Player of the Match Susie Moores. The U14s lost 6-15, Player of the Match was Lottie Dennett. Special mention to the fabulous hospitality from Harties, with each girl given a gift and bouquet of flowers, followed by a wonderful barbecue. King's then travelled to Cape Town and played outstanding netball against Redham Durbanville.

This was a newly built school with an breathtaking backdrop of mountains. The girls won both games convincingly: U14s won 11-7; Player of the Match was Holly Burke, U15s won 24-1; Player of the Match was Issy Thomas.

Pinelands School was the next Hockey fixture and both squads won their games decisively. The U14s won 4-0 and U15s won 3-0. Special thanks to Matt Shaughnessy for umpiring so assuredly.

Westerford was the next netball opposition and probably the most competitive and hard fought. The U14s lost; Player of the Match was Scarlett Brough and the U15s won; Player of the Match was Susie Moores. Westerford also fielded competitive hockey squads but King's proved to be too good, with both teams triumphing. U14s won 2-0 against an unbeaten team, and U15s won 5-0, showing how incredibly

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fierce they are in front of goal. The final netball fixture was to be against the Goedgedacht Trust and King's girls played against girls from the townships. This was an emotional and heart-warming experience; the results slightly irrelevant. King's girls came away having formed new friendships and without their training shoes. It was an eye-opener for the girls, hopefully getting a true understanding of the poverty that exists within these townships.

The last hockey fixture took place in the township of Langa, another unforgettable experience for the girls. Langa Hockey Club were a group of tenacious young ladies with passion and desire. King's came away victorious, but the score lines were irrelevant. The experience was tremendous and King's Girls came away feeling appreciative and having fully embraced this opportunity.

The girls had the most amazing cultural experience, visiting the Apartheid Museum – where they learned about Nelson Mandela and apartheid, spent a night at The Lesedi



Cultural Village where they visited five traditional homesteads, listening to stories about cultures and daily life rituals. The girls then spent two days at Mabula Game Lodge undertaking three game drives on the lookout for 'The Big 5' with some breathtaking scenery.

In Cape Town, the girls toured District Six, which was torn apart by the Apartheid Regime, enjoyed a boat trip to Seal Island at Hout Bay and a visit to The Cheetah Outreach Centre where the girls had learnt about the conservation of these animals.

One of the most unforgettable experiences was a day spent at the Goedgedacht Trust, where the girls had the opportunity to be involved

in two Path Out Of Poverty (POP) Programmes, 'The Care for the Planet' and 'The Bicycle' Project. It was an emotional day, interacting with children much less fortunate, and learning about projects in place to help children reach their full potential, be healthy, educated and escape poverty. King's girls were incredibly kind having made boxes of gifts to donate to the POP Centres and handing out their trainers and sporting equipment during the netball fixture.

From here, the girls visited Boulders Beach to see the penguins, undertook a tour of The Cape of Good Hope, the most south-western point of the African continent and rode on the Flying Dutchman funicular to Cape Point, a world heritage site.

The South Africa Tour was a remarkable experience; the girls made lasting memories, performed exceptionally well in fixtures, met a rich diversity of people and cultures, and learned a huge amount about the country and its culture.

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### Japan

East met west when students made the 12-hour flight across eight time zones to the Land of the Rising Sun. Partnered by a sister school from New York, the trip gave pupils an insight into Japan's cultural and religious history and how modern life has increasingly become detached from that unique heritage.

The 10-day trip started in Osaka, an enormous, industrial city that has built itself up from the devastation of the Second World War and is described as vibrant, colourful but down to earth.

After two nights, pupils travelled to Kyoto, an ancient city filled with Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples, where they learnt the ancient art of calligraphy. A short drive then took the party to the famous Deer Park at Nara, home of the Todaji Buddhist temple, the largest wooden structure in the world.

The students fell in love with the hundreds of tame deer. Later, the frenetic pace slowed as they took part in an ancient tea ceremony ritual. The final three days were spent in the magnificent metropolis of Tokyo. Pupils visited the Imperial Palace, the National Museum and, a highlight for the young technophiles, the world-famous electronics district of Akihabara.



It was a fascinating experience and pupils discovered a lot of cultural differences were due to the feudal background: with many districts separated by feudal lords there was no central theology for hundreds of years, meaning lots of different religious systems evolved from district to district.



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*At King's, our aim is to create an environment where all students are presented with challenge; we strive to develop students' 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.*

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#### Road safety

Cheshire Fire Safety Officers gave an engaging and practical workshop to all Year 6 pupils on the topic of road safety. They covered the different perspectives of pedestrians, car passengers and cyclists and taught pupils about identifying hazards, the Green Cross Code, speed limits, mobile phone use and the importance of wearing a cycle helmet. The pupils contributed enthusiastically to the practical aspects of the workshop and made many mature and plausible suggestions.

#### Digital Leaders

Eight talented Year 5 and 6 pupils were successful in gaining a place in the North West Digital Leader School. Throughout the year, they have attended various training sessions and developed skills across a variety of areas. They were delighted to be awarded all nine achievement badges at the presentation in June. Our Digital Leaders have been able to offer advice to both pupils and staff alike.

#### E-safety

Our E-safety officers attended important internet safety training at the Cheshire Constabulary headquarters. Upon returning to school they put together an action plan detailing how to promote E-safety at King's. They held a very successful Internet Safety Week which focussed on connecting with respect online. They also ran various competitions which received record numbers of entries. In the Summer term, a team of enthusiastic junior pupils put together an outstanding internet safety film which was entered into the national Childnet film competition. The team should be incredibly proud to have been placed in the top six teams out of 220 primary level entries.

#### Q&A with Shay Given

In support of their focus on writing Autobiographies and Biographies, Irish International footballer, Shay Given met with Year 6 pupils to answer searching questions from the eager, engaged audience such as how he went about gathering evidence and information for his own autobiography and his favourite anecdote. When asked how he accounted for his successful career he replied without hesitation, "Hard work!" Excellent advice for our children.





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### Bikeability

Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed developing their cycling skills under the expert guidance of Bikeability instructors. A record number of children took part this year. Year 5s 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 six hours over two days, the level 2 course for Year 6s is a significant step up. Instructors take the pupils out onto local roads in small groups which, for many, is their first experience of riding in traffic. Several instructors repeatedly commented on the pupils' levels of determination, courtesy, behaviour and attitude.

### Heart dissection

As part of their study of the human body, Year 3 pupils took a close-up look at hearts. The children learnt about the purpose of the heart and why it is such an important part of our body. They found veins



and arteries on their own bodies and were then able to examine lambs' hearts. Despite being slightly gruesome, all children in the class handled a real heart and took part in identifying the different parts of the heart.

### Maths challenge

School continues to seek ways to promote challenging Maths, particularly to our most talented

mathematicians. Three of our Year 4 pupils attended a Maths Workshop, run by the Northwest Gifted & Talented organisation. Eight of our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the regional heats of the School Maths Quiz, a fiercely competitive event. Many pupils in Year 5 and 6 took part in the Primary Maths Challenge. There were many Bronze awards won by our pupils and Silver Awards went to Natasha Clark, Euan Gillespie, William Harris, Carlie Lau, Eleanor Mitchell, Alex Bailey, James Waters, Simon Shadwell and Joseph Bailey-Heald.

Special congratulations go to Natasha Williams who qualified for the Gold Award and progressed to the National Challenge, where she achieved a Bronze certificate.

Several Year 6 pupils were chosen to compete in the Junior Maths Challenge, which is for children up to Year 8. Impressively, Euan Gillespie achieved a Bronze award, Eleanor Mitchell and Natasha Williams a Silver award, and William Harris a Gold award.

### Junior Chess Club

The Junior Chess Club was busy all year with up to 30 keen players and beginners coming along each week. A talented group of Year 6 players led the way, and the standard of play improved through the year under the expert guidance of coach Mr Ireland, whose enthusiasm and help brought home two medals for King's at the AJS tournament in November. Thatcher Nulty and Joey Richardson ended the tournament by having to play off for the Gold medal spot, with Thatcher edging a narrow victory. In January, pupils took part in the UK Chess Challenge

over seven rounds of hard fought chess, Thatcher was once again School Champion, but was joined at the North West Finals by Joey, William Harris, Phoenix Bacon, Astley Heywood and Albert Bogdan. All played exceptionally well against top level opposition, with Thatcher, Joey and Albert progressing to the Northern final in July. Grateful thanks to Mr Ireland and the Sainsbury's community scheme, which allows him the time to come and coach and provided a complete outfit of new chess sets this year.

### Creative Writing Workshop

More than 30 primary school children from across the county unlocked their imaginations during a Creative Writing Workshop in November. Organised by King's Senior English Department, the afternoon event aimed to inspire Year 6 pupils to produce their own poetic masterpieces, using Autumn as their theme. The children worked really hard to develop methods such as imagery, pathetic fallacy, advanced punctuation and presentation skills amongst others.

### RSPB visit

The RSPB visited school in January as part of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. Years 3 and 4 spent the morning in Victoria Park searching for, identifying and recording a wide variety of birds. Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 were able to attend a session in the Ginkgo Meadow spotting birds on the school grounds. Pupils then participated in the Big Garden Birdwatch with their families at home.



### SENIORS

#### Language Leaders

Eleven Year 9 pupils, guided by Mr Burrows, undertook the Language Leaders Course which allowed us to develop core skills necessary for teaching. Our lessons discussed how to structure and arrange lesson components, different teaching theories and how to vary lesson activities to help visual, auditory and kinaesthetic learners.

We also took part in many language-related events. We ran the European Day of Languages and raised money for charity by selling cultural food and other activities. In July, we took on the challenge of teaching our own year group 10 animals in a language outside of German, Spanish and French. I taught Russian whilst the other groups taught Hindi and Polish. This forced us to learn and understand different alphabets and the vocabulary itself and put us in the shoes of the learner. It was our first attempt at

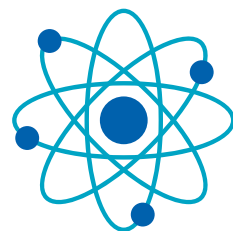
teaching, which we found quite difficult, but we kept going and by the end of the lesson, most pupils could recall most of the words. We found out what activities worked, which allowed us to reflect and improve for next time.

We also taught in our own languages to younger year groups, covering vocabulary relating to Christmas and grammar rules, for example, the verb positioning after using 'weil' in German. These lessons with Year 7 and 8 allowed us to build up confidence and to improve key skills such as how to support and adapt lessons to help pupils who find learning languages difficult.

After every lesson we taught, we filled out a reflection form to highlight what we did well, where we made mistakes and how we can improve. Overall, my fellow Language Leaders and I enjoyed the course and think we gained a lot from it, which could help potential teaching roles in the future.

*Misha Higham, 10TJA*





## Physics trip to CERN

In December, Dr Hartnett took 21 students to visit CERN, the European Organisation for Nuclear Research. The students had a most interesting tour of the facility lead by an expert. Pupils were able to develop further their ideas of particle physics studied in the classroom. During their stay in Geneva, they also visited the world renowned Red Cross Museum and explored the old part of the city.

## Engineering Education Scheme

A team of five Year 12 Physics students worked with an engineer, Mr Blackwell, and his company Opus Technical Ltd to design and test a method to help the production of foam. Students Josh Blake, Harry Collett, Sam Crosby, Adam Murray and James Rous worked as a team and had roles such as project leader, technical director and project manager.

The project started at a launch event at Liverpool University where engineers explained the importance of collaboration. The students learnt the importance of recording meeting minutes, communicating to all team members and carefully logging

experimental results. After Christmas the team attended a residential at Liverpool University and had the opportunity to use the Universities laboratories to further develop their project.

Back in school, students worked on the final stages and produced a detailed report on the project. This included theory of the Chemistry and Physics involved in the manufacture of foam. Their report was entitled "Designing a dynamic mixer to optimise cell formation for the production of polyurethane foam using high pressure technology".

The research carried out by the team resulted in a new mixer head being manufactured by Opus Technical Ltd. That is now being used in their foam machines. The final stage of the EES involved the students attending a celebration event at Liverpool University where they presented their project to a panel of engineers. The team were commended for their work and presented with a gold engineering cadet award for their efforts. Gold Crest Awards will also be given for their project.



## Forensic science at Manchester Museum

In March, Year 13 students experimented with forensic techniques at Manchester Museum. They started by learning how DNA PCR is used in the laboratory to amplify small quantities of DNA to allow analysis to be undertaken on ancient museum specimens. They then swabbed each other to see if they could amplify their own mitochondrial DNA. Our students had the opportunity to carry out techniques that are used in genetics laboratories all over the world and they successfully managed to visualise their own DNA using gel electrophoresis!



## Greek

In April, Rowan Sutton completed an OCR qualification called Entry Level Greek. He has been working for this qualification for two years by doing weekly lunchtime sessions and self-guided study. He had to learn four verb tenses, four noun declensions all with four noun cases and over 100 words of vocabulary. In the exam, he completed comprehension questions on two different translation passages from Greek to English and wrote a 400-word mini essay in English on the modern legacy of the Ancient Greek Olympic Games. This is an outstanding example of independent learning.

## History Forum

The roots of the continuing conflict in the Middle East were examined by King's A Level History students when they were given a detailed insight into the medieval mind by five of the country's leading academics. The day-long 'History Forum' was organised by King's Head of History, Giles Barker, to give the current cohort of 52 A Level Historians a taste of university learning. Five professors and

specialists from St. Mary's London, Royal Holloway London, Nottingham Trent, Canterbury Christchurch and Manchester Metropolitan universities gave a series of lectures and seminars on what prompted and what resulted from the Crusades and the Wars of Roses. The purpose of the History Forum was twofold: to help Year 12 and 13 students prepare for their upcoming exams by accessing world respected expertise and, secondly, to give them some experience of what university education is like by attending lectures and seminars.

## Crime-writing masterclass

Former pupil and crime writer Michael Ford returned to King's to teach the craft of penning a best-seller. He told Sixth Form students studying English Literature of the importance of finding their own voice, rather than following trends, and writing about what concerned or is relevant to them. Michael, who went to King's from 1991 to 1998 before going to Oxford University to read English and Classics, is now writing his second novel, speculatively titled 'Keep Her Close'. He explained to students, who cover

crime writing as part of the A Level course, the process of rewriting, refining and working with an editor to produce a finished work.

## Robotics expert

Robotics expert and former pupil Dr Jonathan Aitken spoke to pupils about the life-changing opportunities presented by robotics and artificial intelligence. Now a Research Fellow at the University of Sheffield in the Department of Automatic Controls and Systems Engineering, Jonathan's research specialises in the deployment of field robotics in dangerous and hazardous environments. Jonathan, who went to the University of York to study Electronic Engineering ultimately earning a PhD in artificial intelligence, outlined to pupils the possible future careers for those with an interest in technology, science and engineering.

He explained the need not just for computer scientists or electronic engineers, but for psychologists, graphic designers and mathematicians to enter the robotics industry to work in multi-disciplinary teams to get new and exciting products to the market place.



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### Young Samurai author

Million-selling novelist Chris Bradford, who specialises in action and adventure books for teenagers, gave pupils an exciting and action-packed series of workshops on how to captivate the reader. Among his 25 books are two major series, the Bodyguard books and the Young Samurai series. He told King's pupils of the need to read, to acquire a bank of knowledge, conduct detailed research and be relentless in order to enjoy success as an author.

### King's Weekly newspaper

The King's Weekly is a fortnightly (ironic, we know) newspaper that is emailed to all boys in Years 7–9, containing school news, book reviews, sport, cartoons, notable dates and much more. It aims to deliver consistent, accurate and reliable news to the student body. Established by Year 8 pupils Phillip Delikouras and Ben O'Donnell, the first edition of King's Weekly was emailed out to all Year 8 boys in January, and since then, has thrived with ongoing support from staff and pupils alike. The newspaper

covered many topics, from Mr Griffith's bungee jump, to how much sleep you need. As more keen members joined the reporting team, the variety and number of articles in each edition increased significantly. New and exciting additions included comic strips, movie reviews and interviews. Throughout its progression, the King's Weekly's values have remained consistent: a newspaper for pupils, by pupils, providing reliable, relevant and helpful news.

The King's Weekly expanded to include Year 7 and 9 pupils and is now more widely read with more pupils wanting to be involved. A recent development has been the interest from pupils in the Girls' Division to set up a similar newspaper. This led to our keen reporters talking to the girls about the troubles, struggles and hardships that were faced creating and managing a school newspaper.

This is a true testament to the success of the King's Weekly; seeing students inspired to set up a similar project themselves. The Girls' newspaper King's Chronicle, was launched in September 2018.

Huge thanks are due to everyone who helped make the King's Weekly a reality, from Mr Cooper, to all the hard-working reporters of the newspaper. As with all things, it would not be possible without the help of dedicated people behind the scenes. A huge thanks to: Rory McCabe, Ashton Nulty, Reuben Thornden, Ben Lloyd, Charlie Oakes, Harry Heath, Sam Parry, Thomas Sheridan and Toby Fraser. But most of all, our readers.

*Ben O'Donnell and Phillip Delikouras, Year 8*

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### Linguists Win Silver Medals

Two young linguists won Silver medals in the UK Linguistics Olympiad. Sixth Form students Daisy Hammersley and Megan Whiteley were able to decipher dialects from central Africa and remote northern Iceland to come in the top 1.5 per cent of the very best 1500 Modern Foreign Languages A Level students nationwide. Daisy is studying Economics, German and French at A Level plus Japanese and wants to study German and International Management at university. Megan, who is studying German, Latin, Maths and History at A Level, wants to study Anglo Saxon, Norse and Celtic at university.

There were several artists who led the weekend, each one thinking of a completely unique interpretation and project idea based on the overall theme, meaning that no group's work was the same. For example, my group focused on using textiles with print inspired by a contemporary Japanese artist and included the local landscape using texture and line. Another group took a completely different approach by looking at Islamic art and calligraphy with outcomes made as papier mache vessels.

The trip was thoroughly enjoyable and an excellent chance to gain experience by working alongside new artists and peers.

*Olivia Hunter 10LAT*

### Art residential

In April, I attended the GCSE Art trip to the Conway Centre on Anglesey, alongside other Year 10 art students. The trip was an opportunity to explore a variety of new art techniques and media that could potentially be incorporated into our final coursework component for GCSE.

The theme for the weekend was 'East Meets West' and we explored the work of artists from eastern and western parts of the world. We looked at various individual styles of the work and how we could utilise a range of techniques to create a collaboration of the two.



### Warhammer Age of Sigmar

In June, our Age of Sigmar team won second place in the School League National Finals. The boys played exceedingly well and picked up a quantity of "best game" and "most sporting player" votes along the way. In addition, John McDermott's army was selected as one of the best and will go on display in the Warhammer World Exhibition Centre.



# Community ACTIVITIES

*A sense of community and helping others is extremely important to us. Our community programme is wide-ranging and involves fundraising, teacher training and mentoring schemes, community outreach and sharing our facilities.*



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#### Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival was a splendid celebratory occasion: the hall was overflowing with the generous donations of food, and Woodwind Wonders and Stringstars formed an orchestra to accompany the hymns and choirs. Revd Scott Manning from Mobberley Methodist Church spoke to the children on the importance of spreading love, joy and kindness. The harvest gifts were distributed by Year 2 pupils to residents of Harry Lawson Court; other recipients were Silklife Foodbank and Cre8 Youth and Community Programme, all of whom were delighted with the donations.

#### Christmas activities

A fantastic total of £1,195 was raised for Destiny Garden School in Kenya by the Year 5 School Shop, Year 4 Post Office and Carol Service retiring donations. Pupils had great fun participating in the sponsored Elf Run, which was generously supported by family members and friends and meant that we were able to present East Cheshire Hospice with a cheque for £3,572. Following the Christmas Jumper Day, with some very impressive garments on show, pupils raised £227 for the NSPCC.

#### Fairtrade

In February, all pupils took part in Fairtrade Fortnight to explore where our food and other products come from and the supply chains and production processes involved. All classes now understand why it is important to pay a fair price for our food, and that they have power as consumers by choosing what to buy. Every class chose a Fairtrade product to research and then shared their knowledge on potatoes, cotton, footballs, chocolate, bananas, coffee, avocado and argan oil.

#### Sport Relief and NSPCC

In the Spring term, pupils dressed in red for Sport Relief and raised a fabulous £330. Finally, in the Summer term, we held a cake sale in aid of the NSPCC. This exciting event was very popular and a further £280 was raised in the process.

### SENIOR BOYS & GIRLS

#### MIND

The Girls' Division charity for this year was Macclesfield MIND and events throughout the year allowed pupils to present the charity with their largest ever single donation. Chair of Trustees June Plymen was thrilled to receive a cheque for £5015 for the charity adding: "Crucially it will enable us to fund another part-time member of staff at our drop-in centre on Duke Street. We are the only community-based mental health support organisation for people with mental health problems in East Cheshire." The girls raised the fabulous sum with a Gala Dinner for parents, a Santa's Sleigh ride, Year 7 Disco; and a spa for parents to relax and unwind.

#### Argentinean visit

King's pupils welcomed a party of 11 Argentinean language students aged 14-16 during their whistle stop tour of the UK. The students from the Collegian Manuel Belgrano and the Dalian School in Buenos Aires enjoyed every moment of their tour of the school sites followed by the pyrotechnic wizardry of Head of Science, Jim Street.

#### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Parents and grandparents were welcomed to Fence Avenue Hall for a cup of tea or coffee and lots of cake. This was the second year that we have hosted a coffee afternoon for Macmillan and we



were delighted to raise £630. Other charities supported by the Girls' Division included Beechwood Cancer Care and Wateraid, for whom £1000 was raised. Girls also participated in non-uniform days in aid of Children in Need and Sport Relief.

#### Easter Egg Appeal

Very generous pupils and parents donated a whopping 2000 eggs to the Francis House Children's Hospice Easter Appeal. Each of the eggs donated was paired up with a knitted chick or bunny and then sold, with all proceeds going to Francis House. This year, the appeal raised £50,000 for the children's hospice. Thank you to all our families and the House Captains for supporting this initiative.

#### Making Headway

The Boys' Division chose to raise money for Headway, a charity dedicated to improving life after brain injury and providing essential services for patients and their families. The boys organised a range of events including cake



sales, a French cafe, touch rugby matches and a Christmas jumper day. Particular highlights were the Fright Night Halloween disco and the Christmas Fair, which raised over £500 alone.

Special recognition must go to Rory McCabe (8AGB), who ran 100K in one month and managed to raise over £2,290 for Headway. Rory said: "Headway is an amazing charity: every year, one million people have a head injury and 135,000 people are admitted to hospital because of the severity of their injuries."

With the help of Ben Lloyd and Chris Edge (8AGB), who raised £126 at the King's Christmas Fair, the Boys' Division raised a total of £3,250 for Headway.



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### ECO-King's

Over the Summer term, Miss Lally and Miss Youssefi organised a term-long Eco-King's campaign to highlight a number of key issues affecting our society including litter, waste and ocean plastics. Senior pupils were engaged in a range of recycling and upcycling activities, undertook cross-curricular studies of these major issues, raised funds for the Sea Life Trust, gave talks on the problems facing society, undertook beach cleans across the UK and South Africa, participated in a sponsored clean-up of the Bridgewater Canal and enjoyed a workshop with wildlife artist Tori Ratcliffe.

### Winter Wonderland Ball

In November, Friends of King's hosted a Winter Wonderland Ball at the Hilltop Country House in Prestbury. The school's biggest ever charity ball raised £12,000 not only for the school, but also for MIND, Destiny's Garden School in Kenya, Maggie's Centre and Headway. King's mums and dads enjoyed the spotlight with a glamorous evening with showbiz legend and parent Les Dennis, who hosted the fundraising auction. Thanks go to the members of the organising committee and to sponsor, Holmes-Naden.



### CKEF

King's continued its links with the African continent and was able to make further donations to Connecting Kids Education Foundation (CKEF) which go directly to several small, rural schools in Ghana. The latest donations include textbooks and a projector.

### Barnaby Festival

In June, pupils again participated in Macclesfield's Barnaby Festival. Girls in Year 7 made the giant BARNABY letters that adorned St Michael's lawn, our Year 8 pupils provided a number of talks and presentations at the 'Macc-Tastic Less Plastic' event, and we also helped the event organisers with their printing requirements.



### Outreach Science

As part of King's Outreach programme, a team of Sixth Form scientists visit neighbouring primary schools on Wednesday afternoons to allow the youngsters to explore the life scientific. Exploding chemical reactions are used to inspire young minds at schools such as Greenbank Preparatory, Yorston Lodge, Marlborough Primary and Prestbury Primary. Head of Science, Jim Street, said: "Our students gain so much from this teaching experience, often using it on their university application forms to show they have volunteered to teach and engage a full class of 9-11 year-olds, which is much easier said than done."



### Sixth Form Fashion Show

Students danced their way down the catwalk during a 'Night At The Oscars' themed Fashion Show which raised over £8,000 for The Christie. Setting a new record for the amount raised by the annual charity fundraiser, the sell-out event had an audience of over 300 fans and was only made possible by the support of leading online fashion retailers Boohoo and Glamorous, who donated the clothes, while some amazing raffle prizes were donated by parents. Thomas Cook Airlines provided two return flights to USA, a parent donated a four ball at Gleneagles and another donated a bungee jump, which was bravely undertaken by Deputy Head Richard Griffiths (raising £1,360).

### Primary Maths Challenge

In June, we held a Primary Schools' Mathematics Challenge event for talented teams of Year 5 pupils from local primary schools. Eleven schools participated alongside two teams from King's Juniors. The winning team, from Parkroyal Community School, won the tough three-hour challenge thanks

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to effective teamwork. In second place were Marlborough Primary School and in third place were Alderley Edge Community Primary School. The other teams competing were Hollinhey, Lower Peover, Ash Grove, Bollinbrook, Marton, Bollington St. John's and Rainow Community Primary schools.

### Recycling target hit

In the autumn term, King's achieved 100% diversion of waste from landfill for the first time ever. Peter Jackson, Estates Manager, said "As a large school, we generate a lot of waste and we see it as part of our responsibility to dispose of

it in a sustainable and eco-friendly way. We have achieved diversion of 100% of our waste away from landfill and into recycling schemes by working with Bagnall & Morris. Our cardboard and paper is recycled into new products, the general waste is taken to a materials recovery facility where any recyclables are removed before the residual waste is recovered as refuse derived fuel.

Food waste is converted to renewable energy and nutrient-rich bio-fertiliser at an anaerobic digestion facility." In July, pupils were able to visit the recovery facility for themselves, to see how our waste is processed.



# SPORT

*King's has a long and distinguished sporting history and offers a wide range of sporting opportunities to pupils.*

## ATHLETICS

### Boys

It was another fine year on the track for the King's athletes, particularly on an individual basis. Sam Worthington, Brandon Morgan, Ben Kersh and Lewis Johnson put in strong performances for the inter boys at their Regional B Final of the ESAA Track & Field Cup (having finished second in our area round). Worthington, Morgan Daly-Pattison and Sam Danson were all selected to represent Cheshire at the Mason Trophy Inter Counties competition in June at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham. Sam Danson (U15) and his brother Thomas (U13) had further success at the Cheshire County Track & Field Championships where they finished as County Champions in the long jump with personal bests of 5.80m for Sam (U15) and 4.46m for Thomas (U13). Sam's distance was an English Schools qualifying standard and he was

selected to represent Cheshire at the English Schools' National Track and Field Championships at Alexander Stadium.

In addition, Phil Goodfellow, Freddie Riordan and Thomas Danson all gained selection to represent Cheshire in July at an Inter counties event at Stanley Park Athletics Stadium. The King's Invitational Relays Meeting, sadly, was cancelled due to heavy rainfall. On a team basis, the King's Boys' were untouchable, winning the Macclesfield & District Championships at Minor, Junior and Intermediate levels. A very rare hat-trick in a competitive area. There were too many magnificent performances to name each and every success.

The highlight of the athletics season was the 2nd Annual King's Boys Sports Day, which was held in the baking sunshine in early June. Year 9 House Captains rallied athletes from across the lower school to compete across 12 events, with over 100

competitors in an incredibly close contest. Mr Cooper was on hand to present the trophy to proud captain Naim Chowdhury, as Capesthorpe got their hands on the trophy: just nine points between them and Gawsworth, as the event yet again went down to the final race.

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### Girls

The athletics season saw some outstanding performances for both individuals and teams. King's girls scooped the Stockport Relays Trophy with some competitive and impressive sprinting, and the Juniors and Inter teams went on to win the Macclesfield & District Athletics Championships. The Minors (Year 7) were second. The Junior and Inter Girls teams won the County round of the ESAA Schools' Cup with 315 and 264 points respectively.

The Junior Girls team went on to represent Cheshire at the Regional A finals in Wigan where they finished 5th out of 12 North West teams. They increased their points total of 324 as a result of some very determined performances from all athletes, and outstanding contributions from Cordelia Kight and Madeleine Johnson who were the top two scorers for King's. The Inter Girls team represented Cheshire in the Regional B Finals at Warrington and finished in 5th place out of 11 teams in the North West but managed to increase their points total to 302. Claudia Rodriguez-Martinez had an outstanding run in the 100m to finish first in 12.8s. Sophie Fletcher, Minty



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Kight and Sophie Kaye represented Macclesfield at the Minors County Schools' Championships, and Sophie Fletcher went on to represent Cheshire in the High Jump at an Inter Counties event where she finished 2nd and achieved a personal best of 1.35m.

Several girls were selected to compete for Macclesfield at the Cheshire Schools' Track and Field Championships. Olivia Hunter finished 3rd in the Inter Girls 200m Final (29.4s); Hope Sutton was 3rd in the Junior Girls Discus (18.85m) with Aimee Knight finishing 9th; Cordelia Kight was 5th in Junior Girls 200m final (30.0s); and Claudia Rodriguez-Martinez was second in the Junior Girls 100m (13.1s) and was selected to represent Cheshire at the Mason Trophy in Birmingham.

A highlight of the season was accompanying the Cheshire Athletics team to the English Schools' National Track and Field Championships in Birmingham in July, where Claudia Rodriguez-Martinez (100m) represented the county, alongside Sam Danson (long jump).

Finally, back at school, the Athletics season closed with the Annual Girls' Division Sports Day where all pupils from Years 7-10 competed for the House Trophy which was won impressively by Gawsworth. LB

### Juniors

A small group of athletes competed in the very popular AJIS Indoor Championship early in the year. Events include speed bounce, balance, turbo Javelin and one and

three lap races. The competitors did the school proud, bringing home a total of 13 medals, including three AJIS Champions! Xavier Alger and Tigerlily Dawson came 3rd and 2nd in the balance, Ollie Hufton and Sophie Payne were 2nd in the speed bounce, Sophie Payne and Isaac Hughes were 2nd in the three-lap race and Callum Richardson, William Cheney, James Reay and Ollie Hufton finished 2nd in the team obstacle. Congratulations to Matilda Machin, Ella Bray and Tasha Clark who all became AJIS Champions in the balance event, turbo javelin and chest push respectively.

A team of Year 5/6 Boys and Girls travelled to Witton Park to compete in the AJIS Outdoor Championship. The event is based on individual performances and it is extremely hard to win a medal, with over 20 schools taking part. There were excellent performances from Daisy Sutton, who claimed Bronze in the Year 6 Girls 80m, Ella Bray (Bronze in the Year 6 Girls 600m), Isaac Hughes (Bronze

in the Year 6 Boys 150m) and Sophie Payne (Bronze in the Year 5 Girls 150m). The performance of the day went to Tasha Clark, who claimed Silver in the Year 6 Girls Long Jump.

The season finished with the Macclesfield & District Athletics competition, where both individual and team results are recorded. All had an incredible evening, with King's taking home 10 individual medals and two relay medals: Alistair Fitzmaurice (3rd in Long Jump); Matilda Machin (3rd in 150m); Cora Seth (3rd in Year 4 60m); Tasha Clark (2nd in Long Jump); Daisy Sutton (2nd in 80m); Ella Bray (2nd in 600m); Daisy Sutton (1st in Chest Push); Ella Bray (1st Turbo Javelin); Isaac Hughes (1st in 150m) and Sophie Payne (1st in Year 5 150m). The boys relay team picked up a Bronze medal and the girls stormed to victory in their relay with a record time! The team results were amazing, with the boys finishing 3rd overall and the girls







claiming 1st place. This led to King's finishing 1st overall, with Athletics Captains, Tasha Clark and Matthew Ennis proudly collecting the shield.

## CHEERLEADING



The King's Cheerleaders worked incredibly hard throughout the year to memorise complex routines consisting of gymnastics, stunts, tumbling, dance and a cheer. The girls learned to focus quickly and drive each other in a positive way to achieve success. Every pupil performed outstandingly at the National Championships, thriving under the competition's pressure. The Allstar team achieved notable success in finishing first, with the Year 7, 8, 9 and Pom dance teams placed 2nd. The King's Allstar team put in many extra hours of training which paid dividends as they qualified for the World Championship in Disney World, Florida in February 2019. The girls were filmed performing their routine, which was sent to the World Cheer Committee, which decided in King's favour, and the girls will now represent the UK in the World Championship.

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## CRICKET

### 1st XI

The season began with a feeling of great optimism after a successful pre-season tour to Dubai. The first two T20 cup dates were rained off but, when the sun did eventually shine, it did so in some style. The early optimism seemed well founded with five good wins to start the season including victories against Newcastle and Stockport Grammar and very impressive wins against Cheadle Hulme and Myerscough in the U17 Cup. Both the U17 and U18 teams had excellent seasons in the shortest form of the game. Both reached the North West finals before both lost in very close games to Sedbergh.

The run of victories ended at Cheadle where the opposition chased down 228. The King's total was built around excellent innings from Joey Chong (64) and George Holden (52). Disappointing defeats to MGS, Birkenhead and Lancaster and a good win against Merchant Taylors' were all sandwiched between two of the most exciting games of the season. Against MGS in the T20 the 1st XI were faced with chasing a

mammoth 176 for victory. After five overs and two early wickets the task looked beyond the team, but Sam Buckingham and Sam Crosby batted brilliantly to stay within reach before skipper Owen Jones struck a superb 60 off just 33 balls (including six huge sixes) to leave the team close to victory. In a strange finish, the umpires declared King's the winners on 171 with an over to go after MGS had fallen behind the overrate and suffered a six run penalty.

Against Bolton, the opposition posted 251 in 40 overs. King's lost wickets but managed to stay in touch of the target. Sam Crosby (63) and Harry Elms (33) looked to be taking the team to victory before both were dismissed leaving Joey Chong (30\*) and Tom Carter (15) to see the team over the line off the innings' last ball.

The strength in depth of the batting was evident throughout the season with eight different players scoring 1st XI fifties. Talented left-hander, George Holden hit two fifties. Joey Chong scored a magnificent 100\* against the MCC, reaching his 100 and scoring the winning runs with the same shot. Joey, still in Year 10, produced some outstanding batting performances throughout the season finishing top of the batting averages with 426 runs at 33.

Angus Thomson was only a fraction behind in the averages and in the same MCC game scored an excellent 86, one of seven fifties for the season. Angus finished as leading run scorer with 653 runs and picked up 21 wickets to win the Most Valuable Player award. Powerful middle order batters Tom Carter, Sam Buckingham, Sam Crosby, Owen Jones and Harry Elms all reached the fifty mark and all scored at faster than a run a ball.

Regular opening bowlers Sam Cheetham and Will Fosbrook were miserly, with very few batters getting



on top of them. Both beat the bat regularly and were unlucky not to take more wickets. The change bowlers all did well at different times. The best figures for the season went to two Year 11 players, George Muirhead and Adam Kenyon. Both picked up five wicket hauls; leg-spinner George against the King's Old Boys and Adam against Leeds. George was also a regular contributor with the bat down the order, whilst Adam bowled with real pace at the end of the season and is a genuine all-rounder.

Angus Thomson and Owen Jones bowled hostile spells, often with the old ball whilst leg spinner, Harry Elms, was again leading wicket taker with 26 wickets; Harry is capable of getting the best players in any side out and will be a real key player next season. Josh Wyatt also bowled well.

The fielding unit was led by wicket keeper Joey Chong and by Captain Owen Jones. Joey was always reliable behind the stumps and on occasions brilliant. His performance in the field at Sedbergh in the U18 North West final was exceptional. Owen captained the team with great energy and passion. A strong leader, he was always in the thick of the action as a batter, as a bowler and also as a fielder, finishing the season with an amazing 14 outfield catches!

All the players made great progress under the guidance of newly appointed cricket coach AJ Harris, who is a Level 4 coach and former first-class cricketer with Derbyshire and Notts.

### 2nd XI

In a truncated season, the 2nd XI played some excellent cricket on those occasions when they got onto the pitch. Sadly, after two attempts to hold the F15 competition were rained off, the competition was not held this year. The enthusiasm amongst the players remained and the Friday night games against MGS and CHS were both excellent contests. Both games reached the last over with all results (win, lose or draw) possible. King's winning one on the last ball and losing the other on the last ball.

The team was a real mixture of players from occasional cricketers to U15 players. Cameron MacKinnon's 93\* against MGS was one of the finest innings of the season in any team. James Nichols picked up four for 49 against Cheadle and will hopefully be a 1st XI regular next season. Harry Norton and Oliver Payne both scored quick runs in the same game as did U15 Josh Rajendran. The end of term Abbotsholme fixture saw the team finish with a victory for a team that has shown great promise.

### U15

The U15s had a breakthrough season. After struggling during previous years, resilience and persistence paid off. A number of the squad toured Dubai in February half-term; Ben Kersh, Charlie Boddy, Josh Rajendran, Tom Moorhouse and Joey Chong all made significant contributions as the tour progressed. Josh Rajendran's hat-trick laid the



impetus for the season in the opening match at NULS, as a strong bowling attack would keep strong batting line-ups to lower than expected scores. The opening bowling attack of Dan Fosbrook and Ben Kersh bowled incredibly tight opening over spells. The spin attack then took advantage, when batsmen grew frustrated in the middle overs. Charlie Boddy, Charlie Murray and Ibi Ghaznavi both bowled attacking spells resulting in lower order collapses. Jacob Williams and Tom Moorhouse also enjoyed taking wickets when bowling at the death. Fosbrook shattered a stump on the Front Field against MGS and sent shivers through the opposition batsmen who folded for just 150 runs.

It was the MGS game where the team peaked, a little too early potentially. It was a sound performance nonetheless, epitomised by the grit and determination of Ollie Gandy, who hit 71 not out supported by Charlie Boddy to knock off the opposition total with five overs to spare. As the season progressed, the side brushed aside local opposition in the county cup, reaching the semi-finals at Derby Fields. Sandbach were the opposition, and one of their county batsman took advantage of the short boundaries to hit an unbeaten half-century and chase down the low total set by the King's batsmen.







An injury to Tom Knight (breaking his finger, diving to save a boundary) left the team a bowler short, but a tactical switch led to the team discovering a secret weapon, Alex Davies. Alex bowled well and had to relinquish the wicket-keeping gloves to opening batsman Hayden Heath, who kept wicket very well.

Many of the side represented the 1st XI throughout the summer, and after a strong season you can expect to see a number of other cricketers from this squad playing for the senior sides.

### U14

The U14s made excellent progress during the 2018 season. The team started strongly with convincing wins against Stockport Grammar and NULS, led by the all-round performances of Ben Willcock and James Payne. The win by 10 wickets against Stockport was the highlight of the season, all players contributing to a very pleasing success. A tight bowling performance by the seam bowlers (James Miller 3–5, Harrison Moulding 2–9) paved the way for an assured unbeaten partnership from Willcock (34\*) and Harry Owens (24\*) to see the side home.

James Payne was a stand-out performer throughout the summer,

he led the side in runs scored and is developing into a very classy batsman. He was backed up by several strong performances: Oscar Robinson, Ben Willcock and Harry Owens were particularly useful contributors. It was very much a combined effort with the ball, the team is packed full of seam bowlers with lots of potential. Ridley Partridge led the line well with several tight spells.

James Miller took many of the plaudits, he worked hard at his game and was rewarded with excellent figures of 4–21 late in the season against Merchant Taylors'. Many members of the side saw the benefits of training hard, there were notable contributions later in the season from a wider range of cricketers. Particularly pleasing was Jake Ogden's 5–18 at Merchant Taylors' and Ben Wallace's 30 at King's Chester.

The B team should be pleased with their efforts in the 2018 season. They showed great commitment throughout the year and made excellent progress. Their dedication and application at training should be commended and the results showed when they had the opportunity to play matches towards the end of the term. They fell just short against Repton, but Ollie Muirhead should

be proud of his contribution of 30 runs and 3-23 with the ball. The team followed this up with a very pleasing victory against Cheadle Hulme, showing the rewards of all their hard work. Contributions from all members ensured a victory in a nail-biting finish. As well as Muirhead, there were a range of pleasing performers, notably Will Bray and Stan Harrison.

*Jonathan Wales 11JWW*

### U13A

This was a season of clear progress. Captain Archie Close led the team well, while sharing the batting and bowling opportunities around the team. The skipper himself, who ended the season with a run of three 50s, finished as the team's top scorer, and was a threatening and consistent seamer. The season began well with encouraging wins over Macclesfield CC, Stockport Grammar and NULS. Runs came from Max Coates, Noah Reaney, Ollie Davies and Danny Williams, who smashed 32 in 12 balls at Stockport! Early wickets were shared around with Ivan Marr, Louis Finnegan and George Grant each recording two wicket hauls.

The boys also performed well in a narrow defeat at Cheadle Hulme where Ollie Davies bowled an excellent spell, whilst Harrison Milner and Noah Reaney scored good runs. The comfortable victory over St Ambrose, which included 24 runs for Sam Heath and a first wicket for Finlay Usher, punctuated slightly below par defeats to Lancaster and MGS. Further defeats followed against Altrincham Grammar, Birkenhead, Bolton, Merchant Taylors' and King's Chester, although there were positive signs in all of these games, including good bowling from Zac Spencer Pickup and an excellent team bowling performance at Chester. Stockport avenged their early defeat by one wicket in the cup,



despite four wickets from George Grant and late scalps for Max Coates and Leo Chinea-Rodriguez. And so, how nice it was to see the season end with a comfortable victory at Sandbach thanks to 53 runs from Danny Williams, and further good runs for Zac Spencer Pickup, Max Coates and Sam Heath. Louis Finnegan sealed the win with four wickets. Wicket-keeper Harrison Milner did a fine job behind the stumps throughout the summer, and a number of the boys show promise in the field. There is certainly plenty to work with ahead of next season, with a number of boys 'knocking on the door': Lewis Johnstone, Sam Mullins and Archie Little to name but three.

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### U13B

The cricket season began in fine style with an away trip to Stockport Grammar and an excellent all-round, 23-run win. Edward Gandy (most improved player over the season) and Louis Ellison-Brown (the player of the year) featured with both bat and ball.

A very tight finish against Cheadle Hulme in the next match saw the team lose by just two runs. The lads bounced back in fine style in their next encounter emphatically defeating Lancaster Grammar by 10 wickets at Derby Fields with Archie Little, Leo Chinea-Rodriguez and Tyler Keefe all getting into their 20s before retiring.

A short coach journey to Hale Barns saw the boys return with another victory as they overcame St Ambrose by 102 runs with some fine bowling from Xavier Moore, Sam Mullins and Edward Gandy who all picked up two wickets; Louis Ellison-Brown going one better and getting three wickets for three runs to add to his 22\*. Despite some sterling individual efforts and great spirit, the winning streak ended against MGS. Defeat at Altrincham Grammar followed as

did another narrow loss at Bolton Grammar. But, with the final game against King's Chester to come the team was clearly determined to finish the season in style and achieved this by winning by four wickets – the consistent Tyler Keefe in the runs with 36. Jack Nobes and Ollie Downes were other useful contributors, but the whole team's behaviour and conduct was exemplary throughout and they were a credit to the School.

*Fred Slater/Ian Robertson*

### U12A

There was a good feel to the start of the U12 season, and with the abundance of talent on show it wasn't going to be easy to select an A team without disappointment. As with every U12 squad, the talent is raw and this is the real start to their cricketing career. The understanding of field placements, running between the wicket, reducing extras and the value of your own wicket were some of the things this group of boys had to learn. Our first couple of games brought good, confidence-boosting victories against Stockport Grammar and NULS. Unfortunately, the boys were taught a tough lesson at Cheadle Hulme, as a batting collapse saw us all out for 34 chasing 162. A midweek cup victory against Birkenhead lifted the side, with Ollie Davies an impressive 52 out of our total of 88. Another speed bump came in the shape of Lancaster Grammar, on a wet but small pitch we only managed 27 and they knocked it off with just one wicket down. The confidence was low and a disappointing midweek loss to St Ambrose followed by a hammer blow from MGS and a terrible loss to St Anselm's in the cup. The side had to pick themselves up and focus more on their individual performances to help the team. They certainly did that, their attitude improved and so



did the results. Good wins against Birkenhead – with Billy Bridgwater and Freddie Griffiths each 50 not out – and Merchant Taylors' – Ollie Davies with 47 not out and Freddie Griffith one over, three wickets, no runs! The cricket sixes saw two King's teams do well; the A team finishing 3rd behind MGS and the winners Cheadle. The last game of the season was against Sandbach; for Lucas Hunter, his last for the school. He opened the batting and scored a fantastic 50 not out. Also in the runs were Davies and Griffiths, both scoring 50 not out and bringing the season to an end on a high. Well done to all players on a season of development. *RL*

### U12B

Over the year, the U12B team developed a huge amount. Many overcame their inexperience to be able to score important runs and wickets in our competitive fixtures. In the first few games the team struggled to score runs off the bat however after a few weeks of practice, Raphael Pfister scored the first 30\* against St Ambrose helping to bring the team's first victory of the season. Runs also came from Ben Chong who helped the side to a second win in the final





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game against Merchant Taylors' scoring 28\*. Many others made important contributions to the team in these games, with runs coming from Zac Wright, Tom Bagguley and Solomon Lever. As bowlers the boys struggled with accuracy at the start of the season, but they quickly found their line and length as the term progressed. Oliver Jones bowled with good pace and accuracy keeping teams to low scores and taking important wickets with a season's best of 3-7. Behind the stumps we had a lot of changes of personnel with Jake Jones, James Dudley and Callum Chopping, to name but a few of the players turning their hand to wicket-keeping.

Across the squad the level of fielding improved immensely with some superb run outs and catches. The boys showed great energy throughout the season even when games weren't going their way. With the way that some players improved they may be knocking on the door of the A team next year.

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### Junior Cricket

#### U11

The U11s began their season with a comfortable win against Macclesfield CC in a pairs game, with all players given an equal opportunity to bat and bowl. In the first proper game of cricket, the boys travelled to Cheadle Hulme in the first round of the AJS Cup. After putting the opposition into bat, the King's bowlers restricted the Cheadle openers initially, but some wayward bowling in the middle overs resulted in Cheadle scoring an above-par 76-4 from their 16 overs. In reply, King's started steadily with openers Jamie Williams and Christian Smith, but as the required run rate increased King's fell short of the victory target, reaching 54-3.

After losing narrowly to the same opponents a few weeks later, King's travelled to Stockport Grammar for the annual Reeman Sixes tournament. This proved to be an excellent day, with the boys performing extremely well in reaching the Semi-Final stage. After losing their first game against NULS, King's recorded a comfortable 18 run victory against Altrincham Prep School, with openers Joe Moores and Christian Smith batting through the five overs when scoring 43-0. In the last group match against Birkenhead Prep, the boys were involved in a thrilling tied match, with both teams scoring 42 from their allotted five overs. The boys qualified for the Semi-Final, but this proved to be a game too far, and after only scoring 25 runs in five overs against Merchant Taylors'.

In the final match of the season, King's hosted Macclesfield CC and were able to field both A & B teams. The A team 'pairs' match proved to be very exciting, but due to some excellent bowling in the latter stages, Macclesfield were victorious by a slender seven runs. The B team enjoyed their experience of hard ball cricket against more skilful opponents and despite being defeated, they all enjoyed the experience.

#### U10

The U10s performed very well throughout their season, with several of the boys also playing a year up in the U11 team. After an early-season defeat against Birkenhead Prep, the boys travelled to MGS to contest both A and B fixtures. In the A team match, the boys were invited to bat first and amassed a huge 124-3 from their 15 overs, with Simon Shadwell, James Waters and Zac Farrer all making useful contributions. In reply, the King's boys bowled with great discipline and restricted MGS

to 92-5, and were comfortable winners by 32 runs. The B team were involved in any exciting game, with King's the narrow winners by seven runs. After another win for the A and B teams against Cheadle Hulme, the boys hosted Stockport Grammar in their final match of the season.

King's demonstrated its great strength in depth, with the A team winning by a huge margin of 70 runs, whilst the B team were also comfortable winners by 29 runs.

#### U9

The U9s enjoyed their first taste of school cricket, with several competitive 'pairs' fixtures. King's began their season with a home fixture against MGS and King's were victorious by a wide margin in each of the A, B and C fixtures. In their next fixture King's travelled to Stockport Grammar on a scorching hot afternoon.

From the beginning, it was clear that the A and B teams would be far too strong for their opponents, and both were comfortable winners.

The C team fought a closely contested match and were defeated when the final ball of the match was hit for a boundary by the Stockport player! In their final match of the season the U9s hosted a very strong Macclesfield CC in both A and B fixtures. Unfortunately, the visitors proved to be too powerful for our teams and were winners in both of these matches.

This was an encouraging first season of cricket for many of the players, which certainly augurs well for the Juniors.

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## CROSS COUNTRY



### Boys

The Cross Country season started with The Schools' Cup at Walton Gardens in Warrington. Two teams were entered, the Junior boys made up from Year 7 and 8 boys and the Inter Boys Year 9 and 10s. The Junior boys had a competitive 2.8km run to complete; Phillip Goodfellow led the King's pack and finished an impressive 7th overall, running against Year 8 boys. Ollie Davies and Ollie Farrer, also Year 7s, finished an impressive 23rd and 33rd. Rory McCabe, the only Year 8 running, battled to a commendable 29th and Fred Riordan came 44th.

The Inter Boys had a gruelling 4.2km race on slippery ground after the previous races. A private battle between Jack Bray and Joe Tabachnik had Jack lead the way through the whole race, only for Joe to push past him as they crossed the line! They finished 19th and 20th respectively; next across the finish was Oscar Robinson, a late edition to the team, coming in 26th position. Liam Booth ran a tough race finishing in 41st place, followed by Sam Farrar and Niam Chowdary. The Cheshire Schools'

Cross-Country Championships were held at Delamere Forest this year for the first time. In the Minor Boys race, Phillip Goodfellow won, with a most impressive lead. This meant he was selected to represent Cheshire in their Inter Counties event. His brother, Peter Goodfellow was 4th in the Inter Boys race, and selected to represent Cheshire at the English Schools' National Cross-Country Championships in Leeds. Congratulations to both Phillip and Peter on their performances and everyone whom represented the school this year.

### Girls

In October, two teams of girls entered the County round of the English Schools' Cross-Country Cup. The flat, leafy parkland of Walton Hall Gardens in Warrington produced a fast race with some really talented runners leading the field. The Inter Girls team (Year 9 and 10) ran an excellent race, packing closely together to finish in a brilliant 1st place overall out of 9 teams with 30 points. The Junior Girls (Years 7 and 8) finished in 6th position with 88 points.

The Inter Girls team qualified to represent Cheshire at the Regional Finals held in Newport, Shropshire in November. Here the course was steeper and more challenging and the competition was stronger. The team finished in 7th place out of 10 schools with 118 points; Susie Moores, May Broadley, Betty Kemp, Jessica Evans and Charlotte Smith finishing 20th, 21st, 36th, 41st and 51st respectively.

Later in the month the Macclesfield & District Cross Country Championships gave the girls the opportunity to run as individuals on home turf. There were many successes: Minor Girls (Year 7) – Iona Whaley (17), Sophie Fletcher

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(22), Sophie Heslip (24), Minnie Jansen (25), Phoebe Thompson (27) and Lydia Hine (28); Junior Girls – Rebecca Foster (7), Maddie Lucchi (10) and Lottie Clark (17); Inter Girls – Lulu Griffiths (5), Susie Moores (6), May Broadley (7), Jodie Foxton (10), Jess Evans (14) and Betty Kemp (16), and were all selected to represent Macclesfield at the County Championships.

At the County Championships in Delamere Forest, Maddie Lucchi gave a determined performance to gain 17th place in the Junior Girls race, whilst Lulu Griffiths had an excellent run finishing 7th, which earned her a place in the Cheshire team at the National Cross-Country Championships in March in Leeds. Lulu ran well in the challenging snowy conditions to finish 176th out of 340 runners from across the country; Lulu finished as the 5th Cheshire runner, as the team claimed 9th position out of 45 counties.

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### Juniors

The Macclesfield & District race series is a very high standard that starts in September and finishes with the Championship in late March. In every race King's performed to a high level, with all age groups finishing in the top five schools. As usual, the weather was awful on the day of the Championship, but that did not stop the runners from putting in a fantastic performance. Both Year 3/4 Girls and Year 5/6 Girls teams finished in the agonising 4th position. The Year 3/4 Boys finished 2nd overall after brilliant runs by Walter Travis (3), Ludo Bywater (6) and Rory Horne (9). However, the Year 5/6 Boys went one better and were crowned Champions. Excellent runs from Oliver Bailey (3), Sam Booth (8) and Max Wilson (20) meant the team finished with an unbeatable score of 31.

The major event is the AJIS Championship, a very challenging course held at Rossall School at the end of September. This involves a team of seven competitors (with five to count) representing each school for each age group in a field of up to 140 runners. Although King's just missed out on the trophies, the results were exceptional.

Year 5 Boys finished 4th overall thanks to Max Wilson (13), Sam Booth (22), Toby Robinson (24), Alex Bailey (25) and Jared Snook (37), supported by James Reay and Callum Richardson. An incredible individual performance from Oliver Bailey (7) led the Year 6 Boys to a 6th place finish. Oliver was helped by Isaac Hughes (27), Owen Davies (39), Alistair Fitzmaurice (48) and Matthew Ennis (65), supported by Sebastien Fitzgerald and Sam Burns. The Year 6 Girls again finished just outside the medals after runs from Elin Davies (20), Sophia Calderwood (23), Tasha Clark (3), Phoebe Marshall (49) and Rosie Johnson (66), supported by Daisy Sutton and Sophie Clegg. The 'Team of the Day' was the Year 5 Girls, who claimed a 3rd place finish overall. Excellent running from Sophie Payne (11), Poppy Fletcher (29), Amelie Hunt (30), Charlotte Hanley (31) and Tigerlily Dawson (45), supported by Monisha Wilson and Phoebe Woods.

### FELL RUNNING



Five pupils from the Senior Divisions took part in the English Schools' Fell Running Championships at Giggleswick School in September. This was a demanding, traditional fell running course where girls and boys run in the same race.

The Year 7s ran 3.88km with a 109m ascent, and Philip Goodfellow (11th) in 14:35 mins did amazingly well in a strong field to secure the best King's performance of the day.

The Year 8 and 9 pupils followed a course over 5.1km and a 135m ascent. King's finishers included Rory McCabe (25:32 - 81st) in the boys and Isabella Hammond (25:57 - 39th) in the girls. Year 10 and 11 pupils ran a 6.81 km course with

a 211m ascent; Peter Goodfellow (29:16) secured 23rd and Suzie Moores (36:46) gained 22nd position. King's came 20th overall (with incomplete teams) and hopefully can build on this very creditable result next year. We hope this will inspire other young athletes to take up the fell running challenge and embrace the spirit of this rigorous sport, that requires resilience and true grit. **KLB**

### FOOTBALL



Both the U9 and U10 teams played matches against various independent schools and results were very mixed. The highlight for the U9s was the tournament held at Manchester City, where the boys unfortunately lost in the final 1-0, having not lost until that stage. The U10s had two fantastic tournaments: the first, held at Terra Nova, saw King's as runners-up but only due to goals scored. The second, the highlight of the boys fixture list, was the AJIS tournament. Led by Captain Ollie Hufton, they came out as winners of the Plate after a fantastic 2-1 victory against NULS. The U11s had a similar season; in the local league, both A and B teams struggled with



any consistency and both finished 3rd in their groups. A highlight for the A team was a crushing 6-1 win over Parkroyal while the Bs played a superb game against St Albans, winning 5-2. However, the season finished on a massive high with the A team winning the AJIS Plate competition in the most amazing circumstances. Going 4-0 down to Stockport Grammar after just 10 minutes was not ideal, but the boys somehow managed to produce the fightback of the century to take the game into extra time. With the trophy seemingly heading for shared ownership, up stepped Joey Richardson. A long ball forward was slightly misjudged by a defender, Joey reacted quickest to nip past the final Stockport player and lob the ball over the oncoming keeper. Absolute scenes of joy erupted as all the boys rushed over to celebrate with the hattrick hero and match winner. An incredible effort from all involved and especially to Captain Isaac Hughes for his 'never say die' attitude.

### GOLF



This year our young, developing team of golfers, under the captaincy of English Youth Team member Remy Miller, gave some brave performances, without progressing into the final stages of the HMC foursomes competition. Better fortune awaited in the ISGA singles, where they successfully reached the regional final; Remy Miller, Dan Fosbrook and Jake Wilshaw eventually succumbing

to a very strong Rossall team. With the younger players growing in skill and confidence, we have great hopes that 2018-19 will bring success.

### HOCKEY



#### Boys

##### 1st XI

The 1st XI had a very successful year. The squad had a very strong start and end to the season, but with an inconsistent middle. A total of 29 different boys played for the 1st XI at some point in the season with a core group of 15 players featuring weekly. With quite a young and inexperienced team, and only six regular Year 13 players from last season, it was with great pride that I witnessed the team mature and go from strength to strength. The fluidity and cohesion between the new and old players took time to come together, but that did not stop them getting some strong early victories.

In the middle part of the season, against the tougher opposition, the inexperience of the team was unfortunately exposed. This led to some significant defeats against Sandbach and Altrincham Grammar. Here the team learnt the tough lesson that effective defence has to come from every player in the team and not the back four alone. After this strong wake-up call, the boys raised their effort levels, organisation and team work in every subsequent

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game. The team was undefeated in every game after Christmas. This included the best parts of the season with a 4-2 victory against MGS and a 1-0 win against Sedbergh, with a very strong team in an end of season battle. The King's team was victorious by much larger margins in matches again NULS (6-1) and St Anselm's (4-1). Every player in the team contributed so much to each match, as such it is difficult to single out individuals. However, within each section there were some outstanding performances. In the defence, Max Ridings set himself up as an impassable force for attackers; supported by clinical tackling from the Captain, Keeran Manoharan, and intelligent distribution from Sam Jones and Joe Laughton. In the midfield the superb work of Charlie Toms, Sam Buckingham and James Davis, diffused any attempts by the opposition to gather momentum. Upfront, Ben Jones, Tom Dennett and Johnny Murray ran circles around the opposition defences, while in goal Tom Carter's sound decision-making and quick reactions continually denied the opposition attackers chances of glory. The whole team should reflect upon this season with great pride. **SFM**

##### 2nd XI

The 2nd XI had an excellent season; a large squad played with great enthusiasm producing some good results against strong opposition. With only certain schools offering 2nd XI Hockey and bad weather causing a few problems in the second half of the season, the fixture list was slightly shorter than in other years. In the games that were played, the school won four and drew two with just one defeat in the first game of the season. Mike Naismith captained the side well and was full





of running up front. His organisational and communication skills on and off the pitch helped to bring the team together. Mike was a very deserving winner of the Coaches' Player award. The Player of the Year award was a closely run thing with a number of the boys doing very well; Ben Calvin was excellent in goal all season and Cubby Callaghan a mainstay of the defence. In the end, the award went to Mark Stevenson. Mark scored important goals throughout the campaign and showed a significant development as the season progressed both technically and tactically. Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable season; the boys were always good company and we wish them all the best for the future.

SFM

## U16

The U16 hockey season forms part of a transitional period when the boys play more for the Senior 1st and 2nd XI teams than they do for their age group side. This often leads to a loss of identity. However, this season however was completely different. The players did find themselves in the senior teams and the increase in the amount of hockey they were playing saw an overall development of the team as players.



This meant that when they did come together for U16 fixtures, these games became the main events and not sideshows.

Throughout their time at King's the boys have always worked hard at the game. With all sides there are always slight frustrations when things don't go quite right, but these are countered by the improvements the team makes. These improvements were seen in abundance in all games, and in particular those games in the Cheshire Cup. All the results were greatly improved from previous years and the development in the quality of play was actually surpassed by the supreme efforts in work rate, attitude and determination.

The side included some excellent hockey players all over the pitch and it would be wrong to single out some players over others; it was a genuine collective effort.

## U15

On the whole the U15 hockey team had a positive season with players developing their tactical and positional play as well as their technical skills. Although the stand out result would have to be a 4-0 win against St Anselm's which included goals from top scorer Ben Sneddon and Player of the Season

and Captain Joe Tabachnik, the most challenging game was against a touring side from Guernsey. Whilst we suffered a narrow 2-1 defeat, the team demonstrated resolute defending and some outstanding, quick attacking hockey and were unlucky to lose against a very good team. Charlie Boddy put in a particularly impressive performance on the day. Whilst hockey games can be won scoring goals they can also be won by keeping shots out and the side have been blessed with two outstanding goalkeepers; Coaches' Player of the Year Jack Ancell and Fin Ross, who both contributed significantly to the season.

DJD

## U14

The season began with a couple of difficult matches against strong sides from Sandbach and Calday Grange Grammar. After the tough start, the team improved week by week under the guidance and encouragement of Miss Waller. With team spirit never failing, it wasn't long before the victories started and the side continued to build on this success over the season. The team has grown stronger and grown together since first starting out in Year 7. The school were recording victories against sides they had struggled against in the past with almost all results improved from previous years. The season ended on a high with a massive 10-1 victory away at Birkenhead with Will Worswick scoring a fantastic five goals and Ethan Moss scoring a hat-trick. Congratulations to Will Worswick on being the top goal scorer for the season, just beating Jack Phillpots. Nathan Harrop, Ridley Partridge, Louis Merica and Jake Ogden were all strong in midfield. Joe Clayton and Pieter Coyle became key defenders. A big thanks to the goalkeepers, Santi Houghton

and Simon Trier who kept us in the game on many occasions. Simon won the most valuable player award at the end of the season. Santi, an accomplished goalkeeper, played in defence when not in goal and his strength on the ball was a major factor in the improvements made by the team. New recruit Tom Willshaw was another player who came as a goalkeeper and became one of the most consistent outfield players on the team. Tom won the Player of the Year award. The final award, the Coaches' Player award, went to Euan Usher; a stalwart in defence, Euan had an excellent season.

*Jake Ogden, Captain (Year 9)*

## U13A

The U13s showed some excellent progress and hockey ability this season. Many of the team have now joined local hockey clubs and their exposure to stick on ball is proving invaluable. They started the season in the 11-a-side format before reverting to some six-a-side matches in preparation for the Cheshire and Rydal tournaments. Rudi Abraham excelled this year in midfield and alongside Jake Leech, they have linked up nicely with Danny Williams to provide the team with many quality goals. What was always going to prove interesting was how the A team squad of 10 from 2016/17 was going to grow to 14-15 players this academic year. Last year's B team stars such as; Ralph Skinner, George Grant and Jack Nobes fitted in perfectly and scored important goals this year. These boys never looked out of place and will be shining stars in the A team next year. Zac Spencer Pickup, Louis Finnegan and Lewis Johnstone all showed how adaptable their skills are by playing throughout the defence and the midfield. Probably the team's greatest achievement of the season was at the

Rydal Penrhos U14 6s (that's correct U14!). After winning the competition at U12 level the year before, the team were challenged to defend their crown but against opponents a year older. Undefeated, the boys tied for first place with Denstone U14s, who they drew against earlier in the tournament. Disappointingly, King's were placed second but only on goal difference. Billy Finneron and Will Lord were exceptional in defence on the day and King's only conceded one goal in the tournament.

Not conceding goals was a familiar theme for the team this year, and they have one man to thank for this. Archie Little transferred his football goal keeping skills with ease this season. He was often seen chopping down attackers and making reflex saves that frustrated opponents across the North of England: surely one to watch. Lastly, it would be unfair not to mention Archie Offer and Jake Jones, who on occasions were given the opportunity to play up in the U14s.

PJL

## U13B

The nature of the U13 season meant there were many players who would feature in an 11 a-side game at A team level who would be left out of a six-a-side fixture. Max Robinson led by example and created havoc on the astro, he was the team's top goal scorer and scored at least two hat-tricks this season, exemplifying his finishing ability in front of goal. He, alongside James Harman and Tyler Keefe – the latter who showed his excellent ability to read the game – will feature heavily in the A team next year. Harry Heath enjoyed getting forward with the ball and linking up with Aaron Raymon from the back. Aaron's no-nonsense defending was a sight to behold, often nearly taking out the umpire's feet with his sideways clearances. Ananiel Anthony and

Adam Butters played with athleticism and strength, respectively. The boys can be proud of an unbeaten season, which is a credit to not only the strength in depth in the U13s squad, but also the outstanding goalkeeping of Oscar Davies. Without a doubt the B team squad has served its purpose this year, it has provided the foundations for many of the players to be ready to feature in the A team next year at 11-a-side.

PJL

## U12

The U12s hockey team had an enjoyable season filled with plenty of goals and great skills. The overall squad featured a real mixture of players, with some who play hockey at clubs as well as many boys who were picking up a hockey stick for the first time.

The season started with a 'warm-up' match against Wilmslow HC. Playing against players who have played regular fixtures was always going to be tough, but the team acquitted themselves very well. In the remaining seven games of the season, the team won six and lost only one game, to a strong Denstone side.

The B team also played well with four wins and two losses with the single C team fixture also ending in a victory. The excellent Archie Offer (who won the Coaches' Player of the Year Award) captained the side and was one of a number of key players in the team. Jake Jones was devastating in front of goal and ended up as the team's leading goal scorer and winner of the Most Valuable Player award. Oliver Farrer was also a regular on the score sheet and was a real dynamo in midfield and attack. These three experienced and accomplished players would prove to be the backbone of the side but the emergence of players



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around them was just as pleasing. Lucas Hunter, Zac Wright, Thomas Clennell and Oliver Sapey were all excellent as was Fraser Day in goal. Key rugby players, Freddie Riordan, Oliver Jones, Oliver Jennings and Billy Bridgewater added hockey to their sporting CV and picked up the different skills required very quickly. It was great to see so many players representing the school with such skill and enthusiasm. **SFM**

### Girls

#### 1st XI

The squad was co-captained by Tori Blackwell and Evie O'Brien, and what a great job they did: not only were they fantastic role models but they were also able to glue the team together and make the younger players feel welcome.

The girls trained extremely well over the following few weeks, putting a huge effort in at practices and training with intensity. At the end of September, the team won the County Round of the National Schools' Competition, demonstrating some excellent passing hockey, this progressed them through to the North West Semi-finals.

The winning streak continued into November where they played against Stockport Grammar, displaying some fantastic individual

skills and team goals, resulting in a 4-0 win. Then the County Tournament took place where the girls again worked hard both on and off the ball, linking up well and scoring well-deserved goals, progressing through to the County Finals in March. At the end of November, the North West Semi-finals took place: King's drew some tough competition and with narrow losses and a draw they unfortunately missed out on going through.

However, getting to this round was a great achievement for the squad, demonstrating they could compete with some of the North's best schools. The Christmas break drew nearer, and for the last hockey session before the holidays the senior hockey squad took a trip to Ninja Warrior to show off their fitness and brute strength. This was an extremely enjoyable trip, and fun was had by all.

Our annual fixture versus NULS sprang upon us in January. A well-battled fixture allowed us to rotate a large squad around, resulted in a 2-1 win for King's, another confidence booster. At the County Finals the girls once again played some of their best hockey, but couldn't always find the back of the net, resulting in 3rd place. To finish off the season, one of the most exciting days in the hockey calendar was the Cheadle Hulme 7s Tournament at which King's came runners-up last year. A thrilling day of hockey filled with excitement and emotions, it was a great way to close an incredibly successful, positive season.

Player of the Season awards went to Olivia Moores and Abigail Cook, both tenacious, hard-working and extremely talented individuals who were a real asset to the Senior squad. Olivia and Abigail are able to play in a number of positions, they distribute the ball well, are hard to

beat for pace, skill and physicality; they are certainly looked up to by other players.

The Most Improved Player of the Season was awarded to Hannah McCormick who has developed into a strong attacker who reads the game well and her work rate is exceptional. Hannah's knowledge of the game has grown and she is certainly a great character to have on the team bringing lots of laughs to training and match days. Big congratulations to Olivia Moores and Zoë Thomas, who were both selected for the U17 Performance Centre as well as Chantelle Carroll who represented East Cheshire U17s. The Senior Hockey Squad has achieved a lot this season, and the season has been filled with giggles and great memories. This squad has huge potential and have been a pleasure to coach. **SAH**

#### U16

With many of the U16 squad representing the 1st XI Hockey team, their season has been relatively short. The U16s have competed against Rossall School, NULS, The Grange and Sedburgh, with King's Chester being cancelled due to frozen pitches. Many of the U16 team were selected to represent the 1st XI away in the 2-1 win at NULS, a great learning experience from which they will take away a lot.

The Player of the Season is awarded to Zoe Thomas who was selected for the U17 Manchester Performance Centre. An exceptionally talented individual whose work rate cannot be faulted, Zoe is a highly committed, tenacious player, able to eliminate players with her skill and quick pace. She is extremely coachable, listens to feedback and strives to improve her game. The Most Improved Player is awarded to Alex Brooks.



She has been regularly selected to represent the 1st XI hockey this season and has developed into a strong defender who carries the ball out of defence well and looks for an early pass. Alex reads the game well and has become more tactically aware and her positioning has improved.

The girls have trained incredibly hard this season, being stretched each week by the older more experienced players. It has been great to see the progression of some of the players within this team and hopefully many of the squad will continue to regularly represent the Senior 1st XI Hockey squad. **SAH**

#### U15

The U15 hockey team have had an excellent hockey season. Their first fixture took them to Stockport Grammar. The hockey from both teams was tremendous, with our defence absorbing strong attacks from Stockport. King's were not to be deterred and played some excellent hockey, it truly was a very exciting start to their season; the result does not reflect the game with Stockport winning 4-2. Excellent runs from Captain Flossie Blackwell caused Stockport many issues down the right wing, whilst strong defence from Felicity Bailey and Ella Thomson prevented Stockport making more attacks. Next the team faced Queen Ethelburga's in the Independent Schools' Cup. The girls were fired up from their previous fixture and capitalised on every opportunity. Again excellent play from Flossie Blackwell allowed Charlotte Smith to score a hat trick, May Broadley's ever-confident presence in midfield,

coolly distributing the ball to allow Flossie to score twice, whilst Felicity Bailey being tenacious as ever ably controlled the defence. Further goals from Lottie Dennett and May Broadley brought the final score 7-0 for King's.

The girls next played Rossall, and with their confidence soaring, they hit Rossall hard from the start bombarding their defence with attack after attack, which soon resulted in King's going 2-0 up at half time. A slight slip in concentration allowed Rossall to bring it back to 2-2, but this only spurred the girls on further and they added two more goals in quick succession to finish the game 4-2 to King's. Felicity Bailey was presented with the Coaches' Player award, Charlotte Smith received Most Improved Player and Freya Shaughnessy was voted Players' Player. **VJ**

#### U14

This team just goes from strength-to-strength with seven of the squad representing East Cheshire at either U14 or U15 level, and many of them competing at club level. There were some great results at the start of the season with wins against Stockport Grammar 7-0, Rossall School 8-0, Alderley Edge 3-1 and Wilmslow High School 4-0. In October the squad competed in the County Round of the U14 National Schools' Competition, which they won and progressed through to the North West Semi-Finals. Here King's suffered a narrow loss to Kirkham, beat Sheffield 3-0 and Altrincham Grammar School for Girls 1-0 thereby going through to the North Finals. Unfortunately, with such high

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competition and close games, the squad narrowly missed out on going to the Nationals. To brighten spirits in February, the team attended a Great Britain Charity event (raising money to help a hockey player who had lost his leg to play again) at Brooklands Hockey Club where they were coached by the GB men's players and watched the charity match against a North select side. This was an unforgettable and enjoyable experience for the team.

In March, the squad competed in the U14 County Tournament, which they won, and they progressed through to the County Finals where, on an extremely hot day, they narrowly finished as runners-up.

Player of the Season was awarded to Lottie Dennett, who captained the team through County and National Schools' Tournaments and was an extremely good role model. She is hugely committed and dedicated to the sport and constantly strives to improve her game. The Most Improved Players were awarded to Sophie Miller and Holly Burke. Sophie scored numerous goals this season, taking players on with more confidence and was a true asset on the forward line. Holly is an extremely athletic defender who possesses a very good level of skill and high work rate. **SAH**

#### U13 A & B

The U13 squad are an extremely talented group of girls who have had a tremendously successful season with 10 players representing East Cheshire in the U13 or U14 age groups. The season started with the U13B competing against Denstone, a tough annual fixture. The girls played some excellent hockey and came away with a 1-1 draw with most of the possession; a great way to start the season.







The A team then travelled to Stockport Grammar, another tough opponent, displaying brilliant passing hockey and creating many goal scoring opportunities, coming away with a 3-0 win. Other opposition included Rossall; a 10-0 win for the A team and a 16-0 win for the B Team, both teams were on fire on this particular morning. Following this success, the girls came up against Stonyhurst, playing against U14s resulting in a 1-1 draw and then The Grange finishing with a 4-0 win.

In October, five of the U13 squad were selected to represent the U14s in the County Round of the National Schools' Tournament. Here the team won and progressed through to the North West Semi-Finals in January and the North Finals in March. This gave the U13s a great experience playing alongside older players. The girls were also entered into the Independent Schools' Cup, a national knockout competition. The first opponents were Sedburgh, who King's beat 6-3 in a well-fought encounter to progress to the next round. The girls were really focused and ready to play an intense game of hockey, with Manchester High being known for their physicality.

King's matched this and excelled in their pace and passing hockey, winning 4-1 and progressing through to the quarter-finals against Leeds Grammar. Unfortunately, it didn't go their way, leading to a 2-0 loss. A fantastic achievement getting to this round and the girls did the school proud.

Other successes were the U13A team beating Wilmslow High 8-0 with the B team winning 2-0, and the U13B team drawing 2-2 with Alderley Edge A team. A great result, showing the strength in depth they have and the standard of hockey they can deliver.

The Coaches' Team Player of the Season was awarded to Molly Bridgewater, her determination to win the ball was admirable and her individual skills and ability to eliminate players and strength when in possession was exceptional. The Most Improved Player was awarded to Lily Cook, who at the beginning of the season was on the B Team, however she soon secured her place on the A Team by training extremely well and demonstrating her physicality, pace and determination.

The Coaches' B Team Player of the Season was awarded to Lily Todd, a physical player whose core skills have come on hugely this season. She is more confident in running at opposition and uses her skills

well to outwit opponents. The Most Improved Players of the season were awarded to both Maddie Lucchi and Mya Jagielka, both of whom work incredibly hard. Mya is extremely quick and takes on players with confidence creating many circle entries. Maddie's confidence in her ability has grown, she listens to feedback and tries to implement this into her game. Next year will be an exciting year as they progress to 11 aside, full pitch hockey. **SAH**

## U12 A & B

The U12 teams have had a solid season with numerous successes. Over 25 girls have represented King's, showing the great strength in depth that this year group has. Their challenge is to convert their great potential into dominance as they move through the year groups. The Year 7 squad has been extremely committed, training through hail and bitter weather in order to progress. They are a very receptive group of individuals who work extremely hard to improve; I have no doubt they will go far in their time at King's.

This season has seen many successes, with several squad members moving between the A and B teams due to dominating performances in matches or training sessions. Over the season the A and



B squads have won eight, drawn two and lost two, scoring 35 goals and conceding 14, leaving them with a handsome goal difference of 21.

A particular highlight of the season was the 8-0 victory against Rossall where we fielded a very strong A squad which was selected after a win against Denstone and a loss against Stockport Grammar. The girls worked extremely hard in games lessons, training sessions and matches to put themselves forward for selection and they did not disappoint. This was possibly their most complete team performance where they were able to link together some great sequences of play, retaining possession of the ball and being clinical in front of goal. After this match came commanding performances against AESG and The Grange, resulting in 4-3, 5-3 and 2-0 wins for all squads.

We lost several weekends due to heavy ice and snow, but despite this, they finished the season on a high with matches against Withington, where they were by far the better team but lacked the clinical finishing from the start of the season (A team lost 1-2 and the B team drew 1-1). After this, the team were motivated for their final game of the season and played some fantastic passing hockey, winning 8-1 against Fallibroome, showing their potential as a squad for the seasons ahead.

The following girls must be congratulated as they were selected as players of the game by the opposition which is a great accolade; Minty Kight, Iona Whaley, Sophie Fletcher, Amy Venables, Thea Bale, Phoebe Bajic, Poppy Robinson and Olivia Curtis. The Most Improved Players awards went to Bursu Uygurlu and Amy Venables, whilst the Players of the Season were Minty Kight and Sophie Fletcher.

**JLD**

## Juniors

### U11

This year's Junior hockey teams have gone from strength to strength. The girls have worked very hard, testing their commitment by training in wet and windy conditions, but being dedicated throughout, they have reaped the benefits. We have had both A and B teams competing this year and on some occasions C teams, which has been fantastic to see so many girls involved in hockey.

The A team had some superb results this season; being crowned Cheshire Champions and also raised the U11 AJS cup. This is a first for King's on both counts, and the girls should be extremely proud. Finishing so well in both competitions allowed them to move to the North West finals and then qualify for the North finals. All girls involved performed tremendously well as they came up against some worthy competition.

During the Easter holidays we moved to warmer climates, competing in the Jersey Games. The girls were comfortably one of the strongest teams in the competition and finished 2nd, after a narrow defeat against Jersey. It was a fantastic opportunity for all girls involved and I was extremely proud to field three teams in the tournament. **EJS**



## NETBALL

### Seniors

The Senior squad comprised of a strong cohort of 24 committed, able and eager girls from Year 11-13 who consistently attended training sessions and fixtures. This squad depth enables all squad players to have an opportunity to represent King's at in either the 1st or 2nd VII.

One of the most challenging competitions is the National Schools' Regional Round, which is an excellent and early opportunity for the 1st VII to display their hard work and determination, especially those who have dedicated themselves to the sport from Year 7-13: Antonia Bianchi, Frances Gurney, Sophie Jackson and Natasha Salem. The squad played some hard fought, tenacious and strategic netball beating strong teams from The Grange, King's Chester, Lymm and Christleton, and drawing with Wilmslow High. King's were successful and qualified to represent Cheshire in the North West regional round. Unfortunately, the squad were hampered by injuries, hence we took a depleted group. The squad were unable to play the disciplined and competitive netball that they played in the regional rounds,





finishing 4th overall. Nevertheless, an outstanding result to come in 4th place from the Lancashire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Cheshire regions.

Sadly, this year saw many schools withdraw from the Macclesfield & District Netball League, but King's were still able to play some tough, hard fought matches losing only to Fallibroome and Wilmslow High. King's finished 3rd within the league out of 10 teams. Defensively, the girls produced some amazing turnovers through Frances Gurney, Hannah Robinson and Jayde Sharp. The centre court ensured that the ball transitioned down court successfully with Sophie Jackson, Antonia Bianchi, Ellie Morten, Anna Kaczmarczyk and Katie Murphy ensuring the ball was played into the shooting circle successfully. The shooters Natasha Salem and Alex Cairns were then able to convert the turnover ball.

The U19 Cheshire County Tournament was played at Fallibroome in freezing temperatures, The squad, unable to produce the standard of netball they were capable of, came third overall.

Throughout the year Seniors play many standalone netball fixtures, which are a brilliant opportunity to involve all girls who participate and are committed to netball. Both the 1st and 2nd V11 squads displayed some tenacious and competitive netball putting into practice all the hard work and dedication over the year. Our first fixture was against NULS, a traditionally tough game, with the 1st VII winning 28-17 (Player of the Match Frances Gurney) and the 2nd VII losing 15-18 (Player of the Match Grace Heywood). The rest of the season featured highs and lows as three further games were won, one lost, and three postponed due to inclement weather. The highlight was both the 1st and 2nd VII beating AESG convincingly, 34-9 and 23-11 respectively.

The senior squad have been a brilliant group of athletes that strive for success. Sadly, we bid a fond farewell to Antonia Bianchi, Frances Gurney, Grace Heywood, Jess Petit, Sophie Jackson and Natasha Salem, who have all been excellent ambassadors for sport at King's.

CJC

## U16

This has been a dedicated team for several years at King's. Sadly, they had a torrid time at the National Schools', unable to produce the netball that they were capable of. Having two key players playing for the 1st VII also had a detrimental effect on their performance, and the squad came 4th in their division. However, the players took a mature approach, adopting a new attitude to training and a determination to move forwards with a more positive outlook.

The squad consisted of a very strong circle defence in Hannah Robinson, Jayde Sharp (Captain) and Franky

Sawyer; centre court linking play from defence to attack was Molly Pettit, Georgina Bergman, Ellie Morten, Freya Snook and Chantelle Carrol and Alex Cairns in the attacking circle. A special mention must go to Ellie Morten and Alex Cairns who have played for the 1st VII on a regular basis.

Unfortunately, the netball season was hampered by terrible weather. The fixtures that we were able to play the squad produced some outstanding netball. The highlight of the season came against Manchester High, as King's came out on top 17-11 in an extremely hard-fought game – Player of the Match was Freya Snook. Jayde Sharp did fantastic job as Captain; she worked hard to motivate, organise and make decisions with total commitment and efficiency.

CJC

## U15

The U15 netball squad comprises of a small contingent of committed, reliable, capable and enthusiastic athletes. They have worked tirelessly on their court craft, movement skills, strategic play and spatial awareness. They are a solid and compact group that work together brilliantly and produce some excellent netball. A large part of the year was spent rebuilding the squad following injuries, and developing a greater confidence. By the end of the season the squad had increased in numbers, they had made improvements and played some hard-fought matches. The Macclesfield & District Netball League saw the U15 squad play some outstanding netball. The first match against All Hallows was a convincing win 37-8; Player of the Match was Isabelle Thomas. The next fixture against AESG, an extremely close 15-21 defeat; Player of the Match was Elin Rands. Overall King's



finished in 4th place in the league. The season highlight was when the girls played Birkenhead; a brilliant, competitive match. Elin Rands made many important turnovers, centre court Charlotte Smith, Susie Moores, Jess Evans and May Broadley transitioned the ball down court to goal and Isabelle Thomas and Mya Bacon had the responsibility of putting the ball in the net – a great end to a mixed season. Isabelle Thomas captained the team and demonstrated great leadership skills. I would also like to mention Susie Moores, Elin Rands, May Broadley, Isabelle Thomas, Charlotte Smith, EV Wall, Claudia Freedman, Beth Henshaw who have consistently turned up to all training sessions throughout the year.

CJC

## U14

A large squad of enthusiastic and able girls regularly attended U14 training and were reliable and committed to fixtures. They worked tirelessly on their skills and embraced new strategies that were introduced throughout the year. Although the girls experienced a mixed season in terms of results, individually they made great progress in their own skills; they worked together well to develop as a team, and should be very proud of their achievements.

A good victory in the first game in the Macclesfield & District Netball league against All Hallows gave the team confidence. Two hard fought games and very narrow defeats against AESG and Fallibroome Academy were followed by wins against Wilmslow High and Congleton High; placing the team in second position in the league. The girls were proud recipients of silver medals and their contribution to King's winning the Aggregate Trophy for the best netball school overall.

The Spring term began with a defeat against a slick and talented NULS team despite determined and tenacious play from our defensive players, especially Lottie Dennett and Holly Burke. The snow and ice meant that matches against Wilmslow and Cheadle Hulme were cancelled. However, the girls gave a fantastic performance against Manchester High in a great game of end-to-end goal scoring where King's were unlucky to lose by one goal. Later in March victories were secured against Withington and Birkenhead. The team gave a good account of themselves at the County Tournament with two wins against Culcheth and Queen's. However, close losses to The Grange, Wilmslow and Holmes Chapel meant that they didn't proceed to the Semi-Finals.

Several team members represented the school on the netball and hockey tour to South Africa in July which was a great success. They played matches against schools in Cape Town and thoroughly enjoyed the cultural experience.

At the Sports Presentation evening, the Player of the Season was awarded to Holly Burke and Maya Bacon received the Most Improved Player award.

LB

## U13

The U13 squad consists of around 25 extremely able, enthusiastic and committed girls. There is such strength in depth within the group. Sadly, the netball season was hampered by the inclement weather.

This year the squad has worked exceptionally hard on strategic netball, strength and conditioning, movement skills, versatility in their passing and set plays. The Macclesfield & District Netball League saw a year of change where

a number of the schools withdrew, and as a direct result many fixtures were cancelled. However, the netball that was played was of an extremely high standard and King's U13 once again proved to be the best school for netball in the Macclesfield district, becoming joint winners with Fallibroome. This particular match was one of the highlights of the year during which the girls produced some of their best netball in an exciting 16-16 draw.

Shooters Hope Sutton, Charlotte McEwan and Eve Carter played great games creating opportunities and converting turnover ball. The centre court led by Cordy Kight (Player of the Match), Madeleine Johnson, Jessica Haywood and Georgia Aspray transitioning the ball through the court. Aimee Knight and Anna Warham made many interceptions and turned over the ball. It was a fantastic team effort and next year I am confident this squad can become out right winners.

The Cheshire County Tournament was another highlight of the season. In the qualifying round King's won all of their matches successfully qualifying for the semi-finals where they were to meet Fallibroome. Unfortunately, the squad were unable to produce the netball they are capable off, making errors costing them the match and losing 4-6.







The regular netball season got under way in January. Unfortunately, many of our fixtures were cancelled due to the snow and icy weather.

Against NULS, always a competitive fixture, King's were outstanding and won 25-2, with Hope Sutton Player of the Match. Against Manchester High, the girls once again proved to be unbeatable winning 15-14; Player of the Match Anna Warham. Despite the wet and cold conditions they were outstanding against Birkenhead, winning 34-3, with Player of the Match Cordy Kight.

The game against Withington was a real nail-biter and the girls had to draw on all their experience and ability before coming out on top 30-26 with Cordy Kight again Player of the Match. The B team were also successful 26-7 as Molly Bridgewater picked up the Player of the Match award.

Huge congratulations go to Madeleine Johnson and Anna Warham who were selected for Cheshire County U14s. They were amongst hundreds of trialists that went through a rigorous selection system and gained their honours a year young.

*CJC/CORDY KIGHT (Year 8)*



## U12

Both the A and B teams have been dedicated to working hard and have building on their skills. The U12 A team was captained by Cheshire and Loughborough Lightning netball Superleague Academy player, Lydia Hine, whose strength in defence and confidence on court has been integral to a team who have triumphed in their first season together.

Both A and B teams began the Macclesfield & District Netball League confidently with a win against All Hallows, followed by a win for the A team and a draw for the B team at Wilmslow High, and wins against Macclesfield Academy and Fallibroome. In January, they

won at NULS and in a tight contest, drew against AESG. Bad weather meant several fixture cancellations in February, but the girls finished off the season with a series of wins at Birkenhead School, Eaton Bank and Tytherington School. U12 As having not lost a fixture in the MDNL, were joint league winners with AESG. U12 Bs were league runners-up.

The performance of the season saw the girls triumph to 2nd place at a well-represented Cheshire County Tournament. They worked hard as a team and showed great determination, narrowly missing out in the final to The Grange. Aimee Venables in mid court and Sophie Fletcher in the shooting circle gave exceptional performances. The U12 As and Bs also finished in 2nd place at the MDNL Tournament and have been a delight to coach this year.

*VLT*

## Juniors

The U11 A Team had an enjoyable and successful season in which they have grown in both confidence and ability. In October, they travelled to St Pius V School in Preston to take part in their annual tournament. Following a closely fought tournament the girls finished as the eventual silver medallists. Throughout the year the A, B, C and D teams have played fixtures against AJIS teams, as well as in the Macclesfield & District Primary Schools' league.

The A team was placed second in the MDPS league and also finished as runners-up in the MDPS Netball Tournament in March. The squad also ended as runners-up in the plate competition at the AJIS Netball Tournament. The U10 A Team have played well this season and achieved great success. Following some hard work in training and games, the girls ended victorious at the U10 AJIS Netball Tournament here at King's.



## ROUNDERS



### U15

The team is a versatile squad of positive and enthusiastic pupils who show depth and experience. They were committed to attending practices and fortunately, the squad was large enough to field a strong nine at each fixture, even with several of the fixtures clashing with Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. The team made a great start to the season, winning away at Nottingham High School, 13 1/2 to 9 1/2. Zahira Walsh bowled confidently with varying pace and spin, which kept the opposition's batting score to a minimum. May Broadley demonstrated the skill and calmness required to field effectively from second base. An excellent overall performance and well-deserved Player of the Match was awarded jointly to Ella Thomson and Flossie Blackwell.

The team's fixture away against AESG was a close encounter with the teams drawing after the first innings. King's were victorious with one rounder in it, 10-9. Flossie Blackwell and Ella Thomson in deep field positions threw with accuracy and with speed to prevent the scoring of full rounders. Charlotte Warren and Felicity Bailey batted particularly well and made a valuable contribution to the ten rounders scored. May Broadley was voted Player of the Match for her superb fielding efforts

in preventing half rounders. The Grange did not have an U15 team for the final fixture of the season, so the girls ended the season with two wins. The Coaches' Player was awarded to Ella Thomson, who can be commended for her commitment, great captaincy and sportsmanship; always encouraging her fellow teammates. The Most Improved Player was awarded to Elizabeth Kemp who grew in confidence over the season and demonstrated excellent fielding skills.

*VLT*

### U14

The U14 squad are a particularly talented group of individuals who possess excellent fielding and batting skills, and have developed a great tactical awareness of the game. For the opening game of the season, the team travelled to Nottingham High School, with a depleted team due to other commitments. King's played against a mix of their U15 and 2nd Team. With a good display of batting and fielding skills and the girls incorporating the strategies, this resulted in an effective team performance and a 17 1/2-8 win.

Next they faced a highly competitive Withington team. With a strong selected squad and a well-fought game, King's only had one bat to go and needed half a rounder to win. This was a tense moment for the team, however a well-placed bat from Lottie Woods and a fast run to 2nd base meant King's finished the game with a 9 1/2-9 win, a game involving two extremely strong teams had given the girls confidence. The final game of the season was away at AESG, on a sunny afternoon. Again another solid performance left them with a 8-4 1/2 win.

Congratulations to Lottie Dennett who received the Coaches' Player award, thoroughly deserved for her consistent

excellent performances and Scarlett Brough for Most Improved Player, with her batting becoming more consistent and her ability to place the ball improving. Through their hard work, commitment and dedication to sport, the girls have had a successful season with no losses.

### U13

The squad consisted of a strong cohort of able, enthusiastic and committed players. The quality of the technique of throwing within the squad was outstanding, thus preventing many rounders being scored by the opposition. The quality of the batting was also of an extremely high standard, where all the squad had the ability to place the ball in the gaps and scoring many important rounders within match play.

The rounders season got off to a poor start with the first fixture against Denstone cancelled due to water logged pitches. The season finally got underway with a match against Nottingham High School. The U13s showcased their hard work, and convincingly played two high-quality innings in a 15-7 win, which saw Harriet Bailey finish as Player of the Match. This fixture gave the girls a huge amount of confidence moving into their next match against Withington. We were able to field two squads and once again both squads performed at an extremely high level winning both matches.

The A team won 18-8; Player of the Match was Georgia Aspray who was scored highly with the bat and also played a superlative backstop fielding position. The B squad also had an outstanding match, successfully captained by Millie Crummack, and won 20-7. Player of the Match was Maddie Lucchi, who was impressive with the bat and fielded with great resilience.



## SPORT HIGHLIGHTS



The match against AESG was a game of two halves; we had a terrible first innings, but the squad fought hard in the second innings to make the final score 10–6. Player of the Match was Eve Carter who, in the second innings bowled sensationally and score many rounders.

The squad qualified for the National Schools' Finals in Leicester. The U13s were nervous and this was shown in their play. They won their first game but went on to play St Catherine's (a boarding school from the Midlands).

The girls were out played and made costly fielding errors and they unfortunately, finished fifth in their division. The girls finished their last game of the season against The Grange in style winning 13½–6½ – Player of the Match was Hope Sutton for delivering some excellent bowling. **CJC**

### U12

This squad was a strong group of athletic girls who were especially competitive and ready to take on the opposition in our Saturday and mid-week fixtures.

The A team started with a positive result against Nottingham High School with an impressive 16½–7 win. Lydia Hine received Player of the Match with some formidable batting and mature and perceptive fielding in backstop.

Further victories for both the A and B teams were celebrated against Withington, 12–10 and 24½–9 respectively, followed by draws against AESG. The Grange proved to be our strongest opposition; the girls played well in an exciting game but despite being the better fielding team, unfortunately their batting skills let them down on this occasion. Over the course of the

season, many girls made great progress, especially in their batting skills: Georgie Sanders, Emily Ancell, Thea Bale and Alicia Ruben became consistently reliable at scoring and several players emerged as effective and tactical fielders with excellent throwing and catching skills. In particular, the magic triangle players in bowler, backstop and first post: Maddie Baxter, Lydia Hine and Iona Whaley, became especially effective at getting players out at first post; Sophie Fletcher played a reliable and perceptive 2nd post player; and together with Leah Shadwell and Aimee Venables, she made some excellent catches.

Georgie Sanders and Thea Bale were awarded Coaches' Players of the Year, Aimee Venables and Minnie Jansen received Most Improved Players and Emily Ancell was voted Players' Player. Congratulations to all girls who contributed to the success of both the A and B teams. **LB**

### Juniors

Junior rounders had a great season with plenty of participation as most year groups were able to offer A, B and C teams. Thanks to lots of hard work and determination to understand this complex game, the Year 4 and Year 5 teams remained undefeated in all matches played. Year 6 were also successful in finishing 4th out of 20 schools in the AJS tournament. This was a tough competition with only a half rounder between King's and the winning team during the semi-finals. Well done to all girls and boys who participated in Rounders Club – you made significant improvements over the term.



## RUGBY

### 1st XV

The 1st XV produced one of their most successful seasons for a number of years, which was highlighted by reaching the quarter-final of the National Schools' Cup and also a winning return of 74% over 27 matches. This success came on the back of a hugely successful tour of Australia and Singapore where all six matches were won against some significant opponents including: Singapore XV, Downlands College and Sydney GS. This was followed by a very confident showing at the 1st XV Festival against opponents Oundle, Trent College, KES Bath and St Joseph's Ipswich.

King's travelled to the birthplace of the game for the first competitive block of the season; Rugby School. A disappointing performance and subsequent loss brought the boys back down to earth and perhaps re-emphasised the competitiveness of our fixture list.

Further disappointments followed; being well beaten by QEGS, Wakefield (who also defeated us in the Cup before reaching the final themselves) and yet another early Cheshire Cup exit despite not actually losing the tie (drawn match, exit on try-count).



After the October half-term, a run of seven victories in nine matches began, this included a win against MGS (20–13 W) at Macclesfield RUFC, knocking St Ambrose (24–7 W) out of the Cup and an emphatic victory against nearest rivals Cheadle Hulme (33–7 W) to further enhance the school's reputation as the best in the area. Perhaps the most complete performance of the season came against Stonyhurst College, failing to concede a point on the way to a 26–0 victory and rightful place in the last eight in the country.

Although the result did not go the way we would have liked against Harrow School (38–18 L), to play at Allianz Park (home of Saracens) under lights was in some ways the season's highlight and an unforgettable experience for players and coaches alike. Harrow remained unbeaten all season and included a Vunipola amongst their ranks.

After Christmas, the now traditional unbeaten run repeated itself (P6 W5 D1). This included an emphatic victory against Schools Vase Finalists, Wirral GS, under lights at Widnes Vikings' Stadium (6–31 W) and a magnificent game against Liceo

Naval from Buenos Aires, Argentina (43–5 W). Standout players included 1st XV Captain and Number 8, Owen Jones, who also represented the ISRFC Lambs on tour against Italy and Croatia XV's (Peter Matthews 1st XV Cup), Ollie Leatherbarrow (Openside Flanker) Sale Sharks Academy and Scotland U16 XV, and Gus Fiennes (Centre) also of Cheshire and Sale Sharks Academy.

The Sevens season was seriously hindered by weather, although the 1st VII regained the Cheshire Cup after impressive victories against Rydal Penrhos and Wilmslow High. The success was all the more remarkable as this was after just one training session. The VII also reached day 2 and the quarter-final of the Rosslyn Park Bowl, only to cruelly exit on point difference (this included defeating eventual finalists, Kingswood School). At the Sedburgh Tens, we collected excellent wins versus Abingdon School and Seaford College in what is arguably the toughest schoolboy competition around. In all three aforementioned competitions, Josh Burke was outstanding and deservedly collected The Halewood 7s Cup.

## SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

The season finale was marked with a Leavers XV (Y13) versus Next XV (Y12 and 11) match held at Wilmslow RUFC. Keenly contested, with the score swung back and forth, the younger XV eventually took the spoils. Next season will see a return after 12 years to South America for the Senior Tour, including visits to Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil. **GJHH**

### 2nd XV

This was a difficult season when you take in to account the summer 2017 tour to Singapore and Australia, and it resulted in a 50% playing record overall with nine wins. When the squad left for Australia, the tour's objective was to build a 2nd XV squad which would support and push the 1st XV players. Tour fixtures were tough, but the boys achieved a playing record of Played 6, Won 3, Lost 3, after a final match 26–19 win over Sydney Grammar School.

Of the 23 boys who played for the 2nd XV on tour, 10 were then unavailable for selection. This resulted in only 38 boys being available for the 1st XV and 2nd XV.







Any injuries or unavailability would have a serious effect on the 2nd XV's ability to put out a full side of 15. This problem arose very quickly when the season began with both the 2nd and 3rd games of the season, verses Lancaster GS and QEGS, when we were only able to muster 12 players in both games. The most frustrating aspect of this was that in both games King's led until 10 minutes from the end when numbers and fatigue influenced the eventual outcome of both games, losing 29-28 and 26-13 respectively. As a consequence, the 2nd XV began poaching players from the U16s, and those who stepped up were superb: their commitment against bigger, stronger opposition was commendable.

Despite difficulties, there were also flashes of brilliance, demonstrated when we hosted Sir Thomas Rich at Derby Fields, with our first choice XV. Sir Thomas Rich arrived with an impressive playing record of played 12, won eight, lost four. However King's were too strong, and played with intensity, pace and commitment to run out 35-5 winners.



I would like to thank Kieran Bailey for his support and leadership on the field of play. He is not the type of Captain who is very vocal with his team, but he leads by example on and off the field and is very successful at it.

DT

### U16 A

This was always going to be a tough season for the U16s. Losing captain Ollie to the 1st XV, and Jamie Catto and Fin McKeever to injury, a small but talented unit was left to battle it out. Nothing better than starting the season with tough fixtures against

Lancaster, QEGS and Denstone, however the players didn't let themselves down, narrowly losing to very talented opposition.

Another injury against QEGS ended Charlie Ward's season – his last for King's. We faced Wirral Grammar in the Cheshire Cup, and after narrowly losing to them last year the boys wanted revenge. Unfortunately, we lost again by three points. Away to Kirkham saw a great performance and the 16s recorded their first win (26-0), and not conceding a point.

Weather led to the next three games being cancelled, until our next fixture and a strong Sir Thomas Riches team caught the boys cold, then another great game of rugby against Wirral. With 30 seconds left on the clock and King's 14-12 up, a penalty was awarded to Wirral. The Wirral 10 kicked it through the posts and we lost 14-15; a killer blow. The final game against Adam's recorded our best win – 45-0, a fitting end for the boys. Congratulations to Josh Laniado-Green on winning Player of the Season, and I wish all the lads moving on from King's the very best for the future.

RL

### U15 A

The U15s started the season with a pre-season training camp at Oakham School attended by 18 out of our small squad. We finished with a game against Oakham which we won comfortably. This set us up for a strong start to the season and a basic strategy and pattern that we would develop over the year. The boys lost only one game this season to MGS in the Schools' Cup, missing out on a trip to Twickenham. The squad played some fantastic rugby at times, but lacked consistency in performances and maturity at key points in games. But they are a small, talented group who will get better

with a good training regime and a positive outlook. They were very well led by Hayden Heath as Captain, but as the season progressed others started to show leadership potential and the decision-making improved as a result. It was also fantastic to see a number of B team players push themselves forward for contention for A team spots.

JPB

### U15 B

In a season marred by cancellations, the squad built on last year's development and fell just short of a 50% success rate. Excellent wins were recorded against Lancaster Royal Grammar School – reversing last year's defeat – and Denstone College, but the boys were disappointed to lose narrowly to QEGS Wakefield. Further defeats followed at the hands of a very good St Ambrose team, Nottingham High School and Sir Thomas Rich's. However, the boys showed a real growth in character at Adam's Grammar School as they brushed aside the loss of players for much of the final game to record an excellent turnaround 29-24 win. Individually, Fin Saunders soon progressed to the A team, along with



George Hodskinson and Brandon Morgan. Several other players also pulled on an A team shirt during the season: Ted Buckwell, Hugh Porteus, Christian Beeston, Harry Hulme and Seb Clarke. Jacob Williams was a welcome addition at scrum-half, where he linked well with Finlay Blakemore, as was Dan Herbert on the wing. Alex Keeling often played on the other wing with Jimmy Foxton showing his versatility in a number of positions and Tom Moorhouse playing on occasions. In the forwards Zac Patterson was an ever present force who worked hard alongside Archie Cracknell, Marcus Williams, Louis Moore and Lewis Redgrave-Scott.

CST / PC

### U14 A

Following a difficult season as U13s, it was obvious at early training sessions that the squad lacked confidence and self-belief. A lot of these sessions were based on skill development, defensive structure and game management. The first couple of games were tough, but the squad worked exceptionally hard and took on board the coaching. It wasn't long before they had their first win away at Denstone College and the victory meant a huge amount to the boys.

Billy Griffiths was a very good leader and always gave of his best. Outstanding Player of the Year was Jack Bray, who performed consistently well throughout the season. He is strong in defence and his support play was superb. Other impressive performances came from Charlie Warr, Mackenzie Blackaby, Ben Willcock, Ethan Quinn, Billy Griffiths, James Miller and Charles Morrison-Hughes.

The Most Improved Players were Mackenzie Blackaby and Harry Owens. Oscar Robinson also showed great potential at full back and is a fine goal kicker. The highlights of the season were victories against Cheadle Hulme and Sir Thomas Rich's, at which the boys showed real grit to earn the wins.





The squad can be extremely proud of their progress this season and parent support has also been most appreciated by the coach and the team.

SB

### U14 B

The team has been a pleasure to coach this year and have developed dramatically. This can be summed up by their results, winning 7 out of 9 matches. The contrast between the start of the season and the end was vast. The best example was our victory over Kirkham. King's dominated the game and went in at half time leading 30 points to 7. With the second half underway, there was an influx of A team players onto the Kirkham side, with their match having finished early. Undeterred, the lads held on through some extreme pressure and defended magnificently, to win 37-29. The game management and maturity on show was remarkable and the boys can be very proud. I cannot thank the players enough for their commitment

and desire to play for the school, and also thanks to parents for their support.

SR

### U13A

It was a tough, but enjoyable, season for the U13 squad. They had to get used to a new coach and often came up against bigger, stronger and faster boys. The players who made training twice a week worked hard and were willing to learn and get better, but attendance was low generally and this showed in the overall results.

Captain Noah Reaney, who led by example on and off the field, was a credit to the school. He was assisted with great aplomb by Sam Heath, Archie Close and Finlay Usher. Player of the Season was Harrison Milner: his passion to succeed always on show, he is a very talented rugby player who never takes a backward step. Mentions also to forwards Dylan Southern, Leo Chinea-Rodriguez, Jack Cookson and George Murphy for their hard work with and without the ball.

Out on the wing Edward Gandy deserves note for his elusive running and fast feet. Players also made the move up from the Bs to the As: Oliver Downes, Toby Denton, Elliott Naylor, Phil Delikouras and Louis Ellison-Brown, who all acquitted themselves very well and should be challenging for regular places in the As. Memorable matches were the draw against Lancaster; the season's first victory against local rivals Wilmslow; narrow defeat to Wirral; and the second win of the season in the last game versus Adams. There was some superb rugby played during the season which will hopefully be a springboard for next year.

Thanks to all the U13 squad for their hard work, and a huge thank you to parents and supporters who cheered the boys on in wind, rain and shine.

RJ

### U13B

The U13 B team had a successful season, with many making the transition from B to the A team on a consistent basis. The boys showed an unbelievable amount of courage, tenacity and teamwork as they saw off Denstone, Cheadle Hulme and Wilmslow with relative ease, in the early part of the season. The forwards played some outstanding rugby throughout the season and gave the backs good territory from which they could exploit the opponents' defence. As the year progressed, the boys came up against bigger opponents, but Xavier Moore, Louis Ellison-Brown, Toby Denton and Elliot Naylor were phenomenal in defence throughout and helped win a number of crucial turnovers of the ball at the breakdown. There are a number of boys in the 13B team who should be pushing for the A team jersey next season. The Most Improved Players of the season were Casper Kight, Sam Parry and Ben Ives, all of whom

played exceptional rugby, were aggressive in the tackle and were willing to sacrifice themselves for the team by playing in any position when asked.

TJA

### U12 A

The team enjoyed an excellent maiden season of senior school rugby and quickly demonstrated high skill levels and feel for the game. The boys' enthusiasm and love of the game are outstanding qualities and the quality of rugby played was at times outstanding with several opposition coaches noting the boys' ability to play beyond their years.

Highlights of the season included a strong opening victory over QEGS Wakefield, followed by an outstanding performance against MGS. The squad's best performance came against Kirkham Grammar, a game that featured two outstanding team tries. A close win against Sir Thomas Rich's followed before a strong season finale against Adams Grammar. The Sevens season was marred by poor weather and the boys were unable to express their skills in the mud at the inaugural U12s Myles Marshall Sevens competition. However, they finished on a high, undefeated at the Cheshire Sevens, at Cheadle Hulme.

The boys were led brilliantly throughout the season by the talismanic Ollie Davies, whose creative spark and impressive athleticism showed every week. Ollie was the deserved recipient of the King's Junior Player of the Year award, an impressive feat for a Year 7 boy. Special mention should also go to Player of the Year, Freddie Griffiths, who impressed up front with his tenacity. They were supported by an imposing forward pack of Evan Williams, Ollie Jones, Noah Wolstenholme, Fred Riordan, Christian Tattum and

Soloman Lever. Despite often being smaller than opposition forward packs, the boys displayed impressive physicality in both attack and defence. Zach Wright directed the backs competently at scrumhalf; whilst speedy backs Billy Birkett, Joel Sutton, James Hartley, Ed Roden and Morgan Davies all made impressive attacking contributions. In the centres, the trio of Jake Jones, Toby Wilson and Hugo Duckworth added power and pace to a well-rounded side.

MT

### U12 B

The team enjoyed a hugely successful season, playing ten, winning nine and losing just one. The squad's positive spirit reflected in the consistently high numbers that turned out for training. The commitment and willingness to learn were great assets, combined with a great pool of talent, many of whom gained valuable experience in Year 6. The season's highlights were hard fought, narrow victories against Sir Thomas Rich's and Wirral Grammar along with an impressive win over MGS. Perhaps

the most significant game was against St Ambrose, who currently set the area's standard and deserved to win 15-10. However, the courage and determination shown by the King's boys was outstanding. It enabled them to stay in touch, losing only marginally to a much more physically mature side. This must inspire them to continue working and improving.

PW

### U12 C

The season's start with a 30-5 victory against Denstone setting the tone for a very successful season. The squad's camaraderie and team spirit were outstanding and all performances typified this bond between the boys. There were also a number of standout performers; Arthur Bryson-Sharples' determined running, Fraser Day's strength, Archie Fern's tenacious tackling and Solomon Lever's barnstorming approach are worthy of mention. Fallibroome provided a close-fought match, which ended with King's as 20-15 winners. The season's final victory was a close and topsy-turvy match against Nottingham





# SPORT HIGHLIGHTS



High. A strong first half performance ended with King's in the lead at half time, but a determined fight back from Nottingham saw them inch back into the game. The victory of five tries to three was deserved. The final match of the season was on Cheadle's artificial pitch, a new experience for most and one that perhaps knocked them off their stride, and their performance did not match the earlier season highs. But credit is due to all boys for their participation and positive attitude throughout the season.

TDS

## Junior Rugby

The U9 rugby team began their school rugby career with the early season AJIS competition. The boys played six short matches against competitor schools, performing well overall, with two wins, two draws and two narrow defeats. The U10s enjoyed a fantastic season, which began with the AJIS U10 Festival, held at Merchant Taylors', Crosby. The A team won all three of their matches, demonstrating a high level of skill and commitment in defence and attack. As the season unfolded, the boys' confidence continued to grow and further wins were recorded against Cheadle Hulme and Birkenhead Prep School.



But a narrow defeat against The Grange (20-15) showed there is still room for improvement. The U10 B team also worked hard in weekly training sessions and enjoyed competitive fixtures against The Grange and Cheadle Hulme. After a narrow defeat against The Grange (45-35), the boys put in a fantastic performance away to Cheadle Hulme and were rewarded with a dominant 55-15 victory.

The U11 rugby team experienced a difficult year overall, although confidence and skill levels certainly improved. In September, King's hosted Leeds Grammar for their annual tour fixture. Despite the 45-15 defeat, King's certainly finished the stronger side and were rewarded with some late tries. Further fixtures were played against MGS and NULS, before the annual AJIS Sevens Tournament at Merchant Taylors', Crosby. After early defeats in the first three matches, the boys' recorded victories over Westholme (35-20) and St Mary's (30-15), performances which demonstrated the importance of never giving up. To end the season, King's travelled to Jersey as part of the annual Year 6 Sports Tour. The boys were hosted by Jersey Rugby Club for the week. The final fixture against Jersey U11s proved an exciting game, with both

teams regularly scoring tries. Despite losing 40-25, the boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

MKW



## SAILING

Sailing continues to grow in popularity with many new students getting involved in the sport. It is a worthy example of how learning habits, meticulously delivered throughout the academic curriculum, can be transferred to a different context as students new to sailing make rapid progress within a short period of time, with many taking up the sport at local clubs and having success in regional competitions.

The addition of new boats at Redesmere, as well as refurbishing some older ones, has proven to be very welcome amongst the students and will enable the club to continue running for many years to come. In addition, some of the older students have put themselves through a variety of external courses on a voluntary basis, and congratulations must go to Sam Rogers who passed the notoriously difficult Dinghy Instructor course last summer. Thanks also to George Dickinson for his continued support in the running of the club and the expertise he offers to other sailors. A special thank you also to Bryn Barker whose relentless enthusiasm for sailing has inspired myself and many other students.

The annual trip to Cumbrae in Scotland was hugely popular with all 27 students gaining RYA qualifications ranging from basic level 1-2 up to intermediate powerboat, the navigational equivalent of day skipper. It has been especially pleasing for myself to have watched the students develop their skills from Year 8 and to see them progress up to this advanced level.

ARP



## SWIMMING

Congratulations to all swimmers that took part in the AJIS Swim Gala. It is the biggest event of the year with the standard as high as ever. The boys and girls performed extremely well and were delighted to make nine finals.

The U10 Boys – Ted Brough, James Waters, Sam Booth and Callum Richardson – and the U11 Boys – Craig Chandler, Matthew Ennis, Eben Cooper and Marcus Lowe – both made the Medley relay finals while Craig Chandler made the U11 Freestyle Final individually. Phoebe Woods and Ted Brough both finished 6th in the U10 Breaststroke and Backstroke finals, Georgia Smalley finished 5th while Sam Booth in that annoying 4th place, just missed out on a medal.

The two outstanding performances came in the U10 Breaststroke final and U11 Backstroke final. James Waters was narrowly beaten to a gold medal in the Breaststroke final but should be extremely proud of his 2nd place finish. Swim Captain, Eben Cooper, went one better and won Gold in his Backstroke Final, a huge achievement.

## TAE KWON DO



It was another successful year for King's Tae Kwon Do. The club has enjoyed an increase in numbers again and it has been good to see such a wide spectrum of the King's population being represented. We have undertaken two belt gradings, where the standard was excellent and particular note goes to Jacob Martin for successfully completing his Red Belt exam, which was extremely challenging, both physically and mentally.

Training has been enhanced via the use of equipment kindly donated to us by the Friends of King's Association, and features target pads and chest protectors for improved safety during sparring. Another great year for the Club and I look forward to more successes next year.

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## TRAMPOLINING



The North West Schools' Championships was held at Robin Park Sports Centre, Wigan, with 59 pupils taking part from Year 1 to Year 12. Sixteen teams competed and 13 of these teams qualified to the North of Britain Championships alongside 14 individuals. These are our best ever results.

Susie Moores and Charlotte Baxter finished as North West Champions, in U19 Elite girls and U11 novice girls respectively. Otis Hughes was North West Champion in U13 novice boys. Eleven other pupils qualified individually in the top three places: Sophie Fletcher, Oliver Jones, Izzy Watkins, Lauren Whaley, Charlie Kaye, Jamie Pearce, Vicky Theaker, Izzy Hammond,

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Joseph Bailey-Heald, Zoë Thomas, Harry Pinches. Charlie Burrows-Jarvis in Year 1 was the youngest child to take part in the competition since it started over 50 years ago. Eight teams won their categories and five won second place, qualifying them to represent King's in the North of Britain Championships. At these, eight teams qualified for the National Finals in Northern Ireland. King's also had an outstanding seven individuals qualify, with Vicky Theaker, Otis Hughes and Oliver Jones winning their respective categories. King's went on to achieve great success at the National Trampoline Finals with the most competitors qualifying out of all the schools in the country.

All teams placed in the top five with the U11 novice girls – Lauren Whaley, Emily Carter, Charlotte Baxter and Emilia Pearce – finishing as National Champions. Oliver Jones and Izzy Hammond placed 3rd and 2nd individually. The U13 novice and U11 intermediate boys placed 2nd. The U11 intermediate girls and U19 Elite boys placed 4th. The U11 novice boys and U19 Elite girls placed 5th. The children's performances were executed with great strength and form and their positive outlooks and attitudes helped them to deal with the pressures of competition.

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*During the year, we welcomed a number of new members of staff and also said farewell to others who headed off to pastures new or retirement.*

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## HAIL

### Tommy-James Alexander

Tommy joined the History Department having spent three years teaching at Hinchingsbrooke School in Huntingdon. He graduated from the University of Edinburgh where he studied History after which he went to Jesus College, Cambridge to study for his PGCE. Tommy-James is a keen sportsman and enjoys playing football and long-distance running.

### Gemma Bailey

Gemma joined the Junior Department as a Teaching Assistant having spent 12 years teaching at primary level in London. She graduated from York University having studied English and holds a PGCE from the College of York St John. Gemma enjoys reading and walking in the Peak District.

### Helen Barrott-Asal

Helen joined the English Department. She graduated from Warwick University with a degree in English and Italian and made Italy her home for the following 18 years, teaching English at The British Institute of Florence. On moving back to England she worked as an English Tutor at The University of Manchester and then as an English Teacher at Sandbach High School before joining King's. She enjoys reading, theatre and art, cooking and spending time in the great outdoors.

### Paul Bridge

Paul joined King's as Careers and External Relations Officer. He is a History and Politics graduate from De Montfort University and has a PGCE from UCL's Institute of Education. Previous positions include Head of Humanities at The European School of Bergen and Teacher of History and Politics at Ryde School. Before teaching he worked for Reuters and Ernst & Young. He is an avid supporter of Cardiff Blues and Wales in rugby and spends most weekends walking in The Peak District.

### Joanne Bridgewater

Joanne joined King's nursing team having previously worked at Wythenshawe Hospital for 24 years. She has worked mainly on General Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and the Surgical assessment unit. More recently she has been mentoring student nurses and educating qualified nurses in their professional development. Joanne also enjoys exercising and spending time with her family.

### Emeline Charon

Emeline joined the MFL Department as a French Assistant. She graduated from Le Mans University, France and decided to work abroad. Next year, she will undertake a PGCE in French and Spanish.

### Paul Cooper

Paul joined King's in 2017 as Deputy Head, bringing a wealth of pastoral expertise after 10 years at Merchant Taylors' Boys' School as Head of Student Progress and

Head of Physics. He graduated from The University of Liverpool in Astrophysics in 2001 and completed a Masters degree in Advanced Educational Practice in 2014. He was recognised in 2017 by the Institute of Physics for his contribution to Physics education in the UK. Paul has enjoyed many years of coaching rugby teams and is an avid musician, playing bass guitar and singing in bands. He has two children, both of whom are at King's.

### AJ Harris

AJ joined as Cricket Coach following an 18 year first class career and the past five years as Academy Director at Derbyshire County Cricket Club. He graduated in 2016 from Gloucester University having completed his Level 4 ECB Master Coach qualification and then established SEAMS Cricket Coaching Academy. AJ is innovative and his coaching techniques have evolved through working with elite coaches from around the country.

### Dominic Hunter

Dominic joined King's as our first Pupil Manager. A graduate in Events Management from Leeds Beckett University, he has pastoral experience in two previous school roles. Dominic enjoys sport, including Rugby League and is a keen Widnes Vikings supporter. He likes to keep fit and plays Rugby for Hope Valley RFC.

### Andrew Jackson

Andrew joined the PE Department having just finished his degree in Sport Coaching from Sheffield Hallam. Andrew enjoys a wide

range of sports such as cricket, hockey, tennis and golf. He is currently playing National League Hockey for Brooklands HC and County League Cricket for Toft CC.

### Isobel Lally

Isobel joined the German Department as an NQT having spent five years at the University of Birmingham completing her PGCE in Modern Foreign Languages and her degree in German Studies. She also studied an SKE course for French to be able to teach Year 7 French. Isobel is interested in contemporary dance, having studied it throughout school and university. Isobel enjoys looking after the environment and has designed an Eco-Kings initiative to promote further awareness.

### Gareth Robinson

Gareth joined the Mathematics Department having spent six years teaching at Hazel Grove High School. He graduated from Lancaster University where he studied Criminology. He is also a holder of a PGCE and Certificate of Higher Education in Mathematics from Keele University. Gareth enjoys a wide range of sports such as squash, football and golf.

### Sheyla Ros

Sheyla joined the MFL Department as a volunteer and will become the Spanish Language Assistant in September. She graduated from the University of Jaume I where she studied for a teaching degree and also studied a master's degree in Research in Specific Didactics, specializing in Language and Literature at the University of Valencia.

### Emma-Jane Speirs

Emma-Jane has joined as the Infant & Junior Coordinator of PE and Games, after teaching at Brighton College, Abu Dhabi. She graduated from

the University of Lancaster where she studied Physical Education. She enjoys participating in a wide range of sports and has represented Abu Dhabi Netball Team, in addition to playing Hockey at her local club. Emma-Jane also has a keen interest in dance and performing arts.

### Victoria Tunney

Victoria joined the PE and Games Department as a Netball Coach. She is a UKCC Level 2 coach with experience coaching and umpiring at Didsbury Netball Club. A former University of Manchester First Team Netball Captain and First Class BSc graduate who has played competitive ladies netball and volleyball in the UK and Australia. Hobbies now include umpiring, the gym and travelling.

### Hanna Youseffi

Hanna joined the MFL Department having spent two years teaching overseas at The British International School of Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam. Prior to this she taught for a number of years at Alderley Edge School for Girls. She is a Languages and International Business graduate from Sheffield Hallam University and holds a PGCE from The University of Manchester. Hanna enjoys cooking, travelling and yoga in her spare time.

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### Amy Broderick

Amy joined in 2013 as member of the After School/Holiday Club. Her talent for working with children led to her being employed as a TA in the Junior Division. Her dedication was such that she worked during term time and continued as Deputy Manager in the Holiday Club. As if that were not enough, at the same time she gained a 1<sup>st</sup> class Honours degree in

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Education. Amy leaves us to pursue a PGCE and to become a primary school teacher.

### Alexander Burrows

Alexander joined in 2017 and his enthusiasm for teaching and learning was evident from the outset. He has shown himself to be a hugely reflective practitioner, enthusiastically engaging with MFL colleagues to discuss innovative ideas, not least within the role of MFL Challenge and Enrichment Coordinator. He initiated the highly successful Language Leaders scheme, took over the running of the Spanish Department trip to Murcia, and undertook the administration and preparation for the French Château trip. His commitment to his students' academic and emotional well-being and their success has been exemplary, especially as a Boys' Division form tutor. Alexander also played a significant role with the LGBT and Diversity Group. We wish him every happiness and success.

### Matthew Calvin

Matthew joined as a part-time rugby coach – having spent seven years as a pupil – coaching and refereeing across most age-groups. Matt is now travelling before taking up a place at Sheffield Hallam University. We hope to welcome him and his whistle back for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and Myles Marshall Festivals.

### Tina Campbell

Tina has been the Design Technology and Art technician since 2008, but much more too. Aside from running both departments efficiently for nine years, her background in Graphic Design made her a huge asset; managing the department's resources with an eye for making the most of what is available. Tina has also supported the Drama



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Department with her considerable stagecraft skills, helped with art residential trips, ran Jewellery Club and introduced the now highly successful Fantasy Gaming Club, leading her team to great success over many years and being recognised as 'Teacher of Legend' at last year's competition!

## Emeline Charon

Emeline joined in September 2017, and enthusiastically threw herself into the life of the MFL Department, working tirelessly with students. She also supported colleagues keeping them up to date, helped students in the Infant and Junior Division and supported bilingual students. We wish her well as she moves to become a classroom teacher.

## Andrew Clark

Andrew joined King's as Head of Computing. In his time with us he investigated a range of new technological ideas as well as outreach projects. He demonstrated a clear passion for ICT and taught in all three Senior divisions. We wish him well with his new ventures.

## Julie Cocker

Julie joined King's as Principal of the Sixth Form from The Merchant Taylors' School in Northwood where she had been Head of Biology. As a Cambridge graduate with a Ph.D. and diploma in wine and beer, she had much to offer the sixth form team! In addition to being an outstanding classroom practitioner, Julie proved to be a dynamic leader of the Sixth Form who fostered an environment of collaboration amongst the team to enrich the offering in the sixth form. Julie had an open door policy and always found time for people. Her attention to detail was legendary, and her dedication to syntax and punctuation unwavering. This skillset

will prove invaluable in her new role as Deputy Head (Academic) at Brighton College Bangkok and we wish her well in her new post.

## Jane Cole

Jane joined King's in 1997 on a maternity cover contract, but the school was quick to recognise her knowledge and skills and retained her dedicated service for the next 21 years. Jane contributed enormously to the Infant and Junior Division's development. As a classroom teacher, her attention to detail and desire for each child to make the best progress won her great respect. She held various curriculum leadership roles including RE, History and Display. Her legacy is her meticulous approach to the role of Academic Head in developing procedures and systems for assessment and reporting. Jane has a love of sport, running teams in Netball, Rounders and Football with notable successes in Rounders. We wish her every happiness in her retirement.

## Francisco Espinosa

Francisco has been a dedicated Spanish Assistant for two academic years and showed his natural flair for teaching from the outset. Fran is skilled when explaining language patterns and has worked with pupils at all levels with a kind, patient and enthusiastic manner. Fran has captivated Infant and Junior pupils with his exciting language games and inspired pupils right up to A Level with his thorough historical and cultural knowledge. We wish Fran every success at his new school.

## Kate Gilbert

Kate joined as a teacher of Spanish and French and quickly established herself as a caring and dedicated member of the department. A member of the Sixth Form pastoral team, Kate helped many A Level

students to embrace their studies and choose exciting career paths. Kate has a natural rapport with pupils and she was committed to helping them achieve and enjoy language lessons. Kate was also a keen participant of the Duke of Edinburgh cooking skills programme. We wish her every success in her new teaching post.

## Sarah Heginbotham

Sarah joined King's in 2007 as a Biology and Year 7 General Science Technician at Fence Avenue, also looking after snakes, marine fish and geckos. In 2010, she also took on the Year 8 General Science Technician duties and regularly helped with Taster and Open days. We wish her every success.

## Mike Houghton

Having joined King's in 1995, Mike quickly established himself as a highly competent teacher with great leadership qualities. He was promoted to Head of Classics from 1996. Throughout his 23 years at King's, Mike's love for his subject, care for pupils and friendliness as a colleague have all been in much evidence. An authority on the Classics, Mike also taught Spanish, Italian and French, and led numerous pupils to success in regional Latin Reading Competitions and games of Scrabble. Mike has the Midas Touch for Oxbridge entrance and King's should be proud of the number of Classicists nurtured by Mike who subsequently won places at Oxford or Cambridge. Mike also coached the U12 rugby team for over 20 years and more recently introduced Guitar Group. Mike's most remarkable achievement is the number of trips he has led or accompanied; over 40 trips in 23 years! We all wish him every happiness and good health in the future. Ave atque vale, magister!

## Andrew Hillman

Andrew joined King's three years ago as Mathematics' Assistant Head of Department, leading at KS4 and ensure a smooth transition on to the new A-level. He has completed this task brilliantly, and been an excellent addition to the department and will be missed by colleagues and students. We wish him all the best with his new west country venture.

## Amy Holland

Amy joined in 2015 as a Physics teacher, immersing herself into many other activities. Her contribution to the Engineering Education Scheme (EES), two Physics trips to CERN, Physics Club and cheerleading was greatly appreciated. She made a real difference as a form tutor, and her teaching was inspirational. We wish her every success.

## Caroline Hulme-McKibbin

Caroline joined the school in 1993 as a Key Stage 2 teacher and progressed to the role of Vice-Principal, Juniors before pursuing a Headship at Alderley Edge School for Girls in 2005. Caroline then returned to King's as the Infant & Junior Division Principal in 2009. Her passion for education has always been clear. Her drive to enable all pupils to achieve their best was always at the forefront of the initiatives she championed. Her achievements include: reacting to assessment without levels and formulating our own individualised approach, introducing us to the SCARF behaviour model, leading us through an inspection that resulted in a judgement of 'excellent' and the introduction of the Learning Challenge Curriculum. Common qualities of great leaders often include: honesty, confidence, decisiveness, empathy, adaptability, a sense of humour and the ability to inspire and motivate.

Caroline possessed all of these and more, and she invested so much into the school and leaves a great legacy behind her.

## Sally Jones

Sally joined as Head of Spanish in 2013 and brought culture and language learning alive from the outset. She shared her wide knowledge of the Hispanic World at every opportunity and sparked passion for the subject among all her pupils. She launched the popular annual Spanish trip to Murcia and developed many extra opportunities for pupils, such as clubs and competitions. A highlight included a competitive regional debating competition. Sally also taught French to A level and was a dedicated and approachable form tutor in the Boys' Division. She led thought-provoking assemblies and was committed to Amnesty International causes, encouraging pupils to be involved in projects. We will miss Sally's enthusiasm and wish her the very best in her new teaching post.

## Atsuko Koido

Atsuko joined in 2006, having already run some highly successful Japanese cultural and language clubs in the Boys' and Girls' Divisions. She set up and taught the Japanese language course for Year 13 students and made an immediate impact, with her enthusiasm for her culture and language. Students will fondly remember the sessions spent learning to make sushi correctly, or those relating to Japanese calligraphy. We will miss Atsuko's endless good cheer and wish her all the best.

## Andrew Kyriacou

Andrew joined the Sports Department as a rugby coach with vast amounts of playing experience with Saracens,

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Ulster and Cardiff Blues. He worked as 1<sup>st</sup> XV forwards coach, which is where he was key to the development of the senior group of players, with the side reaching the quarter finals of the Schools Cup.

## Jackie Locke

Jackie joined the Chemistry Department in 2002 as a part-time teacher, and always gave her time generously, both academically and pastorally. She has been an excellent classroom practitioner; well known for her strict adherence to health and safety procedures, frequently donning her lab coat and safety spectacles during lessons, earning her the nickname 'Risky'. She always helped out with form time and played a role in the pastoral development of many year groups. In her early years, she was a regular feature in the Girls' talent shows. Outside the classroom, she was involved in running Junior Science club, a popular Girls' football club and many Year 9 camps. She will be greatly missed.

## Collette Lumbert

Collette joined in 2000 as a Netball coach. She coached a variety of age groups and had many successes in the Macclesfield & District Netball League, County Netball and National Schools' tournaments; most notably with the U16 and Senior netball teams, who were County Champions in 2009. Collette organised two very successful netball tours to La Manga in 2009 and Lake Garda in 2011. As Head of the House system at the Girls' Division, Collette arranged several activities and was also involved with the school's wider life, such as Year 9 camps to Edale and end-of-term charity events. Collette will be particularly remembered for her dance choreography and all-round



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good humour. We all wish her every success in her new role.

### Kim O'Sullivan

Kim joined the Infant & Junior Afterschool and Holiday club in 2014, working alongside Infant staff before moving into Year 5–6, where her passion for sports shone through, encouraging pupils to participate in sports activities and games. Kim was a popular member of staff with a keen thirst for learning, extremely hardworking and enthusiastic. We wish her the very best for her career in Health and Social Care.

### Chloe Parrish

Chloe joined the Psychology and R&P departments as a NQT and instantly fitted into both. As a teacher, she delivers interesting and thought provoking lessons and has the ability to inspire all those she encounters. A brilliant teacher, Chloe is also kind and compassionate and has proven to be a real support system to those who have needed it. She will be moving on to teach Psychology at Alleyne's Academy – her new school and students are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated teacher. We wish her all the luck and success for the future.

### Jackie Quin

Jackie was a valued member of the nursing team for over 12 years, working mainly with the Senior Boys. Her wide range of skills and experience will be missed, but we wish her all the best in her retirement. We know she will be kept busy looking after her 4 grandchildren, playing golf and tending to her beautiful garden.

### Simon Ridgway

Simon joined as a rugby Gap student, having previously been a pupil. He supported the PE

Department in all areas, although his biggest influence is in rugby, where he was lead coach for the U14B team. Simon was instrumental in their progress and development, and also made significant contributions on the school ski-trip and Cardiff Rugby Tour. Simon will now take up a place at Leeds Beckett University.

### Nicola Squares

Nicola, who joined King's in 2003, was a very committed teacher, employing a variety of strategies to ignite pupils' enthusiasm. She carried out a number of key roles, including RE Curriculum Leader, Learning Enrichment Leader, Head of Key Stage Pastoral Care and Phase Leader Role for Years 2–4. Nicola has been an active member of the senior management team in reviewing and revising the curriculum and assessment and reporting procedures, supporting the staff to implement and embed the Learning Challenge Curriculum. It would be remiss not to mention Nicola's contribution to Netball. Her coaching and infectious enthusiasm has brought many wins and trophies for successive teams, with a large number of girls going on to represent the school in the seniors and Cheshire County Squads. Nicola will be greatly missed, but we wish her joy and happiness.

### Helen Schilling

Helen arrived in October 2017 and immediately made a good impression with staff and students alike. She brought with her a wealth of experiences and knowledge which she was happy to share. She engaged with staff and students alike with enthusiasm and commitment, and was always prepared to go the extra mile in supporting them. She successfully ran a German Club at the Infant and Junior Division, and

also helped with support clinics and a regular Sixth Form conversation group. As she returns to complete her studies in Germany, she takes with her our best wishes for the future.

### Rosa Suarez-Ortiz

Rosa is a creative teacher, passionate about the Spanish language and culture. During her time at King's, she shared many innovative teaching and learning ideas. Her strong interest in phonics and pronunciation in Spanish and French has helped pupils at all levels to develop their speaking skills. Rosa contributed to many aspects of wider school life, including the launch of a popular Cartooning Club where she shared her creative flair and talents with pupils. We wish Rosa the very best as she moves forward with her career.

### Melissa Sharp

Melissa joined the Girls' PE Department as a Gap student, having completed her A Levels the previous year in King's Sixth Form. She has supported the department in many areas; helping with administrative tasks; posting team lists, recording sports results, assisting coaches on the netball courts and, more recently, making valued contributions to Junior Games lessons. We wish her every success in her future nursing studies.

### Alice Taylor

Alice brought boundless enthusiasm and superb organisational skills to the role of Careers Officer. Her approachable style was very well received by teachers, support staff, parents and pupils – the students trusted her to give sound and accurate advice, as did many of the Sixth Form tutor team. Alice successfully led the World Challenge expedition to Costa Rica. She left with our very best wishes and is missed!

# Awards & PRIZES

### Distinctions in Public Examinations

#### A Level

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

Kieran Bailey  
Fionn Carman  
Daniel Harrop  
Chloe Henshaw  
Nancy Xia

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

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Rebecca Austin  | Sorrel Houghton |
| Lewis Bell      | Lauren Hayward  |
| Molly Bessell   | Angus Homer     |
| Samuel Cockayne | William Jones   |
| Abigail Cook    | Helen Nixon     |
| Madeline Dawson | Evie O'Brien    |
| Daniel Earl     | Caitlin Plant   |
| Alexander Fray  | Molly Robinson  |
| Emma Gosnay     | Isobel Taylor   |
| George Graham   | Hannah Wilcock  |

### GCSE

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

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Kieran Cullen | Joshua Howdle        |
| Aisling Day   | Fiza Kokan           |
| Matthew Hall  | Oliver Leatherbarrow |
| Olivia Holder | Abby Todd            |

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

Jamie Catto  
Emily Higginbottom  
Samuel Jones  
James Nichols  
Timothy Parkinson  
Lottie Thomas

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

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Joshua Allmand-Smith | James Krassowski   |
| Susie Austin         | Ellie Morten       |
| Thomas Barker        | Jonathan Murray    |
| Louisa Boden         | Jayde Sharp        |
| Peter Goodfellow     | Jamie Shuttleworth |
| Imogen Harker        | Julia Trier        |
| Julia Harman         | Henry Weetman      |
| Adam Humphreys       |                    |

### Special Prizes

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| Headmaster's Prize   | Keeran Manoharan |
| Headmaster's Prize, English Literature Prize                       | Abigail Cook     |
| Principal's Award, J O Nicholson German, Mathematics Single Prizes | Nancy Xia        |
| Principal's Award  | Alec Welch       |

### School Prizes (all age groups)

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|---|----------------------|
| Sainter Prize for Scientific Research                       | Thea Preston         |
| Maimi Wright Prize for Computing                            | Henry Potts          |
| Ben Davies Poetry, Alan Cooper Prizes                       | Lauren Hayward       |
| Dr Norman Maurice Arclex Prize                              | Callum O'Shea        |
| Ridac Cup for an outstanding sporting performance           | Oliver Leatherbarrow |
| Selwyn Russell Jones Sports Prize                           | Owen Jones           |
| Thornber Chemistry Development Prize, Theatre Arts Prize    | Sorrel Houghton      |
| Marcall-Costello Award for Endeavour in Geman               | Daisy Hammersley     |
| Ken Brookfield Elizabethan Prize, C A Bradley History Prize | Caitlin Plant        |
| I A Wilson Economics Prize                                  | John Daly            |
| Alex Anderson Memorial Quaich                               | Andrea Ciocoi        |
| David Pook Poetry Prize                                     | James Harman         |
| Mick Brown Good Egg Award, English Language Prize           | Francesca Southern   |
| Boys' Division Robert Batchelor Prize                       | William Barrett      |
| Girls' Division Robert Batchelor Prize                      | Iona Whaley          |
| Junior Division Robert Batchelor Prize                      | Ben Kay              |
| Junior Division Robert Batchelor Prize                      | Sophie Robinson      |
| Infant and Junior Division Enquiry Prize                    | Caolan Coulthurst    |
| Highly Commended  | Ebony Gaddum         |
| Highly Commended  | Abdullah Atif        |
| Boys' Division Year 9 Aspire Project, Year 9 Achiever's Cup | Oliver Hall          |
| Girls' Division Year 9 Aspire Project                       | Charlotte Woods      |

### Retiring Prizes

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| Mike Houghton Prize, Year 10 Challenge Cup               | Rowan Sutton      |
| Jane Cole Prize  | Andrei Kretov     |
| Jackie Quinn Prize, Thorneycroft Religious Studies Prize | Thomas Clennell   |
| Tina Campbell Prize                                      | Tommaso Roncaroli |



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## Former Pupils' Association Prizes

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| Alan Cooper Prize, History Prize                           | Alexander Fray   |
| TT Shaw Sixth Form Prize                                   | Lucie-ann Lawton |
| TT Shaw Sixth Form Prize, Senior                           |                  |
| Choral Prize   | Samuel Andresen  |
| TT Shaw Boys' Division Prize, Biology, Theatre Arts Prizes | Kieran Cullen    |
| TT Shaw Girls' Division Prize, Head Girl's Prize           | Sarah Abrahamse  |

## Upper School Prizes

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|---|--------------------|
| Selwyn Russell Jones Art Prize                                    | Molly Bessell      |
| Biology Prize   | Evie O'Brien       |
| Business Studies, Politics, Thorneycroft Religious Studies Prizes | Tilly Davis        |
| Product Design Prize  | William Kemp       |
| Chemistry Prize   | Isobel Taylor      |
| Wilmot Classics Prize   | Meghan Whiteley    |
| Canon F W Paul Economics Prize                                    | Victoria Blackwell |
| William Broster French Prize                                      | James Crummack     |
| T B Cartwright Extended Studies, Psychology Prizes                | Isabelle Nuttall   |
| Extended Project Qualification Prize                              | Hannah Wilcock     |
| Geography Prize   | Robert Devon       |
| Global Perspectives Prize   | James Hudson       |
| Mathematics: Double Prize   | Samuel Cockayne    |
| Music Prize   | Jack Campbell      |
| Physical Education Prize  | Natasha Salem      |
| Physics Prize   | Lewis Bell         |
| Ron Darlington Jazz Prize   | Alexandra Clarke   |
| Senior Orchestral, Senior Reading Prizes                          | Chloe Henshaw      |
| Simon Schuler Computing Prize                                     | Callum Evans       |
| Spanish Prize   | Molly Robinson     |

## Middle School Prizes (Boys' Division)

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| Head Boy's Prize, Art & Design, French Prizes                            | Samuel Jones         |
| Principal's Prize  | Ben O'Donnell        |
| Deryck Siddall Cup   | James Nichols        |
| Best All-Rounder Cup, Chemistry Prize                                    | Joshua Allmand-Smith |
| Macclesfield Grammar School Challenge Cup                                | Finlay McKeever      |
| Boys' Division Council Cup, Latin, Thorneycroft Religious Studies Prizes | Joshua Howdle        |
| Year 7 Achiever's Cup  | Oliver Jones         |
| Year 8 Achiever's Cup  | Samuel Earnshaw      |
| Year 7 General Science Prize   | Francesco Roncaroli  |
| Year 8 General Science Prize   | Christopher Edge     |
| English, Geography Prizes  | Peter Goodfellow     |
| GCSE Physical Education Prize  | George Holden        |
| German, Mathematics, Music Prizes  | Timothy Parkinson    |
| History Prize  | Mark Stevenson       |
| Reading Prize  | Jussi-Peter Hill     |
| Physics, Spanish Prizes  | Aidan Carman         |
| Product Design Prize   | James Krassowski     |

## Lower School Prizes (Boys' Division)

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| Choral Prize     | Alexander McCall |
| Orchestral Prize | Thomas Langham   |

## Form Prizes (Boys' Division)

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| 10ARP                                      | Bryn Barker        |
| 10MRW                                      | Wadoud Charbak     |
| 10TJA                                      | Jacob Baxter       |
| 10SLH                                      | James Smith        |
| 9GJH                                       | Charlie Beeson     |
| 9GSR                                       | Jack Bray          |
| 9RSO                                       | Charlie Oakes      |
| 9AFH                                       | Mackenzie Blackaby |
| Thorneycroft Religious Studies Prize       | Ben Wallace        |
| 8TSJ/RCO                                   | Vaseegaran         |
|  | Vasantharajan      |
| 8KB  | Phillip Delikouras |
| 8HBA                                       | Xavier Moore       |
| 8AGB, Thorneycroft Religious Studies Prize | Rory McCabe        |
| 7TCA                                       | Aaryaa Premanand   |
| 7JLN                                       | Fraser Day         |
| 7PJL                                       | Freddie Griffiths  |

## Middle School Prizes (Girls' Division)

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|---|--------------------|
| Principal's Prize, Victrix Ludorum Cup  | Zoë Thomas         |
| Macclesfield High School Best All-Rounder Cup, Anne Craig French Prize, Chemistry, Mathematics, Music, Physics Prizes | Aisling Day        |
| Year 7 Achiever's Cup   | Maya Levy          |
| Year 8 Achiever's Cup, Thorneycroft Religious Studies Prize   | Niya Alias         |
| Year 9 Achiever's Cup   | Jo Whiteley        |
| Macclesfield High School Somerville Challenge Cup   | Grace Harrison     |
| Girls' Division Council Cup   | Fiza Kokan         |
| Jenny Lee Mathematics Prize   | Amanda Vel         |
| Macclesfield High School Susan Russell Jones Cup for German, English Prize  | Lottie Thomas      |
| Macclesfield High School Isobel Day Cup for French, Latin Prize   | Julia Trier        |
| Sue Bream Crystal Star  | Imogen Vernon      |
| Year 7 General Science Prize  | Madeleine Baxter   |
| Year 8 General Science Prize  | Rebecca Foster     |
| Art & Design, Thorneycroft Religious Studies Prizes   | Imogen             |
| Biology Prize   | Harker-Haigh       |
| German Prize  | Abby Todd          |
| Geography, Physical Education Prizes  | Emily Higginbottom |
| History, Theatre Arts Prizes  | Jodie Foxton       |
| History Essay Prize   | Imogen Collinson   |
| Middle School Reading Prize   | Olivia Holder      |
| Modern Languages Prize  | Eloisa Webster     |
| Product Design Prize  | Niamh Morgan       |
| Spanish Prize   | Katie Kitchen      |
|   | Tasia Osborne      |

## Lower School Prizes (Girls' Division)

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| Choral Prize     | Madeline Holden     |
| Orchestral Prize | Georgina Bloomfield |

## Form Prizes (Girls' Division)

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 10RAA                                | Charlotte Warren  |
| 10LB                                 | Flossie Blackwell |
| 10LAT                                | Lily Evans        |
| 10ECS                                | Freya Shaughnessy |
| 9EB                                  | Beatrice Hamilton |
| 9CLR                                 | Rosie Ibberson    |
| Thorneycroft Religious Studies Prize | Charlotte Hudson  |
| 8RWV                                 | Annabel Townsend  |
| 8LSH                                 | Hope Sutton       |
| 8JLD                                 | Zoe Griffiths     |
| 7JCR                                 | Alice Jordan      |
| 7GBS                                 | Sophie Kilroy     |
| 7MEH                                 | Lydia Hine        |
| Thorneycroft Religious Studies Prize | Sophie Fletcher   |

## Music Examinations

### Autumn Term 2017

#### Associated Board Practical Examinations

##### Sixth Form

| Name               | Instrument    | Grade | Result   |
|--------------------|---------------|-------|----------|
| Alexander Campbell | Bass Trombone | 7     | 115 Pass |
| Harry Collett      | Trumpet       | 6     | 117 Pass |

##### Boys

| Name        | Instrument     | Grade | Result    |
|-------------|----------------|-------|-----------|
| William Gem | Oboe           | 1     | 121 Merit |
| Toby Gray   | Flute          | 6     | 112 Pass  |
| Aidan Ling  | Alto Saxophone | 2     | 114 Pass  |

##### Girls

| Name                 | Instrument | Grade | Result          |
|----------------------|------------|-------|-----------------|
| Eleanor Adamski      | Guitar     | 3     | 110 Pass        |
| Harriet Bailey       | Piano      | 2     | 127 Merit       |
| Georgina Bloomfield  | Piano      | 6     | 134 Distinction |
| Abigail Breese-Tovey | Piano      | 5     | 115 Pass        |
| Eve Carter           | Flute      | 5     | 111 Pass        |
| Charlotte Clark      | Flute      | 2     | 104 Pass        |
| Lily Cook            | Singing    | 4     | 130 Distinction |
| Emily Currie         | Flute      | 2     | 117 Pass        |
| Lucy Evans           | Singing    | 5     | 100 Pass        |
| Catherine Ling       | Singing    | 1     | 117 Pass        |
| Jessica Morgan-Hoole | Guitar     | 3     | 123 Merit       |
| Loryn Robinson       | Singing    | 3     | 107 Pass        |
| Keerthi Sujith Menon | Guitar     | 2     | 126 Merit       |
| Birsu Uygurlu        | Singing    | 1     | 121 Merit       |
| Eloisa Webster       | Clarinet   | 1     | 126 Merit       |
| Josephine Whiteley   | Violin     | 7     | 136 Distinction |

##### Juniors

| Name           | Instrument | Grade | Result          |
|----------------|------------|-------|-----------------|
| Raphael Baker  | Piano      | 2     | 125 Merit       |
| Harriet Bright | Piano      | 1     | 137 Distinction |
| Patrick Busby  | Violin     | 1     | 116 Pass        |
| Natasha Clark  | Guitar     | 2     | 124 Merit       |
| Poppy Fletcher | Piano      | 3     | 130 Distinction |
| Astley Heywood | Guitar     | 2     | 111 Pass        |
| Oscar Kenning  | Cello      | 2     | 109 Pass        |

# Awards & PRIZES

## Juniors (continued)

| Name                  | Instrument | Grade | Result    |
|-----------------------|------------|-------|-----------|
| Felix Oliver-Williams | Singing    | 1     | 115 Pass  |
| Constance Roden       | Guitar     | 1     | 114 Pass  |
| Cameron Syrett        | Guitar     | 1     | 102 Pass  |
| Lauren Whaley         | Singing    | 1     | 121 Merit |

## Associated Board Theory Examinations

### Sixth Form

| Name            |        | Grade | Result   |
|-----------------|--------|-------|----------|
| Jasmine England | Theory | 5     | 85 Merit |

### Boys

| Name          |        | Grade | Result  |
|---------------|--------|-------|---------|
| Joseph Larner | Theory | 5     | 77 Pass |

### Girls

| Name                 |        | Grade | Result         |
|----------------------|--------|-------|----------------|
| Abigail Breese-Tovey | Theory | 5     | 90 Distinction |
| Lily Cook            | Theory | 5     | 78 Pass        |
| Jodie Foxton         | Theory | 5     | 78 Pass        |
| Emily Friston        | Theory | 4     | 85 Merit       |
| Emily Higginbottom   | Theory | 5     | 88 Merit       |
| Cara Holliday        | Theory | 5     | 72 Pass        |

## Trinity

### Boys

| Name       | Instrument | Grade | Result  |
|------------|------------|-------|---------|
| Jake Leech | Keyboard   | 5     | 69 Pass |

## Rockschool

| Name         | Instrument | Grade | Result         |
|--------------|------------|-------|----------------|
| James Harman | Drumkit    | 1     | 90 Distinction |

## Spring Term 2018

#### Associated Board Practical Examinations

##### Sixth Form

| Name               | Instrument  | Grade | Result          |
|--------------------|-------------|-------|-----------------|
| Samuel Andresen    | Singing     | 7     | 123 Merit       |
| Fiona Beeston      | Singing     | 7     | 124 Merit       |
| Sarah Catlin       | Double Bass | 6     | 130 Distinction |
| Jasmine England    | Singing     | 6     | 131 Distinction |
| Isobel Rose Taylor | Piano       | 3     | 123 Merit       |
| Harry Wallace      | Singing     | 5     | 124 Merit       |

### Boys

| Name             | Instrument | Grade | Result    |
|------------------|------------|-------|-----------|
| Fraser Day       | Trombone   | 4     | 124 Merit |
| Joseph Larner    | Cello      | 5     | 120 Merit |
| Raphael Pfister  | Oboe       | 4     | 128 Merit |
| Oliver Sapey     | Singing    | 1     | 123 Merit |
| Christian Tattum | Singing    | 4     | 123 Merit |

### Girls

| Name            | Instrument | Grade | Result          |
|-----------------|------------|-------|-----------------|
| Niya Alias      | Violin     | 1     | 120 Merit       |
| Amelie Ansell   | Oboe       | 4     | 124 Merit       |
| Sophie Fletcher | Flute      | 4     | 128 Merit       |
| Sophie Fletcher | Piano      | 4     | 136 Distinction |
| Madeline Holden | Piano      | 6     | 130 Distinction |
| Cara Holliday   | Piano      | 5     | 130 Distinction |
| Agnes Homer     | Singing    | 5     | 123 Merit       |



Awards & PRIZES

Spring Term 2018 (continued)

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Girls

| Name               | Instrument | Grade | Result          |
|--------------------|------------|-------|-----------------|
| Iona Lovatt        | Flute      | 3     | 115 Pass        |
| Molly Richardson   | Singing    | 2     | 124 Merit       |
| Jennifer Wallace   | Trombone   | 3     | 132 Distinction |
| Josephine Whiteley | Piano      | 5     | 131 Distinction |

Juniors

| Name              | Instrument | Grade | Result          |
|-------------------|------------|-------|-----------------|
| Sophia Calderwood | Violin     | 2     | 117 Pass        |
| Isabel Challinor  | Violin     | 1     | 115 Pass        |
| William Gandy     | Violin     | 2     | 140 Distinction |
| Oliver Pinches    | Violin     | 1     | 118 Pass        |

Associated Board Theory Examinations

Boys

| Name        |        | Grade | Result  |
|-------------|--------|-------|---------|
| Bryn Barker | Theory | 5     | 70 Pass |

Girls

| Name          |        | Grade | Result         |
|---------------|--------|-------|----------------|
| Aisling Day   | Theory | 7     | 95 Distinction |
| Emily Friston | Theory | 5     | 78 Pass        |

Rockschool

Sixth Form

| Name         | Instrument | Grade | Result   |
|--------------|------------|-------|----------|
| Simon Wagner | Drumkit    | 4     | 79 Merit |
| Alec Welch   | Drumkit    | 3     | 72 Pass  |

Trinity

Boys

| Name            | Instrument | Grade | Result   |
|-----------------|------------|-------|----------|
| Edward Broadley | Clarinet   | 3     | 79 Merit |
| Sebastian Bye   | Flute      | 5     | 72 Pass  |

Girls

| Name           | Instrument | Grade | Result  |
|----------------|------------|-------|---------|
| Rosie Ibberson | Clarinet   | 5     | 60 Pass |

Summer Term 2018

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form

| Name            | Instrument | Grade | Result          |
|-----------------|------------|-------|-----------------|
| Jasmine England | Singing    | 7     | 130 Distinction |
| Harry Pinches   | Piano      | 7     | 120 Merit       |

Boys

| Name            | Instrument | Grade | Result          |
|-----------------|------------|-------|-----------------|
| Oliver Carter   | Oboe       | 4     | 117 Pass        |
| Thomas Danson   | Singing    | 4     | 120 Merit       |
| Fraser Day      | Piano      | 4     | 122 Merit       |
| James Dudley    | Piano      | 2     | 124 Merit       |
| Dylan Eldershaw | Piano      | 1     | 144 Distinction |
| Joseph Lerner   | Piano      | 6     | 110 Pass        |
| Lewis Sawyer    | Guitar     | 1     | 125 Merit       |

Girls

| Name            | Instrument | Grade | Result   |
|-----------------|------------|-------|----------|
| Poppy Barber    | Singing    | 3     | 116 Pass |
| Samantha Barton | Piano      | 2     | 101 Pass |

Girls (continued)

| Name               | Instrument | Grade | Result          |
|--------------------|------------|-------|-----------------|
| May Broadley       | Singing    | 6     | 114 Pass        |
| Jessica Burton     | Singing    | 4     | 114 Pass        |
| Emily Friston      | Singing    | 6     | 112 Pass        |
| Miya Grady         | Singing    | 4     | 108 Pass        |
| Jessica Haywood    | Singing    | 3     | 121 Merit       |
| Emily Higginbottom | Piano      | 4     | 133 Distinction |
| Lydia Hine         | Flute      | 5     | 117 Pass        |
| Cara Holliday      | Clarinet   | 3     | 120 Merit       |
| Isabella Johnson   | Singing    | 4     | 111 Pass        |
| Jemima Jordan      | Singing    | 1     | 117 Pass        |
| Lily-Elaine Kemp   | Singing    | 4     | 120 Merit       |
| Raima Naweed       | Violin     | 2     | 112 Pass        |
| Amelia Phillpotts  | Singing    | 1     | 114 Pass        |
| Katy Radcliffe     | Piano      | 2     | 113 Pass        |
| Georgiana Sanders  | Violin     | 2     | 112 Pass        |
| Hope Sutton        | Singing    | 4     | 121 Merit       |
| Ella Thomson       | Singing    | 4     | 117 Pass        |
| Annabel Townsend   | Singing    | 2     | 116 Pass        |
| Imogen Vernon      | Flute      | 1     | 126 Merit       |
| Mila Waseem        | Singing    | 5     | 116 Pass        |
| Amy Willock        | Singing    | 3     | 116 Pass        |
| Martha Wood        | Violin     | 4     | 105 Pass        |

Juniors

| Name                 | Instrument | Grade | Result          |
|----------------------|------------|-------|-----------------|
| Oliver Bailey        | Cornet     | 1     | 125 Merit       |
| Joseph Bailey-Heald  | Piano      | 2     | 112 Pass        |
| Emily Burton         | Singing    | 2     | 114 Pass        |
| Emily Carter         | Flute      | 2     | 125 Merit       |
| Sophie Chong         | Singing    | 1     | 109 Pass        |
| William Fernie       | Clarinet   | 2     | 109 Pass        |
| Sebastian Fitzgerald | Piano      | 3     | 124 Merit       |
| Poppy Fletcher       | Clarinet   | 3     | 123 Merit       |
| Annabelle Jordan     | Singing    | 1     | 135 Distinction |
| Marianne Knuckey     | Cello      | 2     | 134 Distinction |
| Olivia MacKenzie     | Singing    | 1     | 135 Distinction |
| Eleanor Mitchell     | Flute      | 2     | 114 Pass        |
| Poppy Moore          | Singing    | 1     | 130 Distinction |
| Adithya Nair         | Violin     | 1     | 128 Merit       |
| Lorcan Pfister       | Bassoon    | 2     | 126 Merit       |
| Lorcan Pfister       | Singing    | 3     | 126 Merit       |
| Daisy Sutton         | Oboe       | 1     | 120 Merit       |
| James Waters         | Singing    | 2     | 124 Merit       |

Associated Board Theory Examinations

Sixth Form

| Name                |        | Grade | Result   |
|---------------------|--------|-------|----------|
| Isabella Dronsfield | Theory | 5     | 80 Merit |
| Charlotte Heine     | Theory | 5     | 80 Merit |

Girls

| Name       |        | Grade | Result         |
|------------|--------|-------|----------------|
| Amanda Vel | Theory | 6     | 91 Distinction |

Trinity

Boys

| Name            | Instrument | Grade | Result         |
|-----------------|------------|-------|----------------|
| Adam Rowley     | Drumkit    | 1     | 87 Distinction |
| James Smith     | Drumkit    | 6     | 87 Distinction |
| Christian Tatum | Drumkit    | 1     | 71 Pass        |

Leaver DESTINATIONS 2018

In 2018, around 70% of Sixth Form students achieved their first choice of university and 60% joined Russell Group institutions. The full list of leavers' destinations is as follows:

|                                  |                                       |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Aberystwyth University           | Criminology                           |
| BIMM (Music Institute)           | Music Journalism                      |
| Cardiff University               | Archaeology                           |
| Cardiff University               | English Literature & Creative Writing |
| De Montfort University           | Architecture                          |
| De Montfort University           | Biomedical Science                    |
| De Montfort University           | Film Studies                          |
| Dublin Institute of Technology   | Data Analytics                        |
| Durham University                | Economics                             |
| Durham University                | Psychology                            |
| Durham University                | Theoretical Physics                   |
| Harper Adams University          | Geography & Environmental Management  |
| Imperial College London          | Chemistry                             |
| Keele University                 | Chemistry                             |
| Keele University                 | Pharmacy                              |
| Lancaster University             | Computer Science                      |
| Lancaster University             | Financial Mathematics (Industry)      |
| Leeds Beckett University         | English and Media                     |
| Leeds Beckett University         | Business Management with Marketing    |
| Leeds Beckett University         | Project Management                    |
| Leeds Beckett University         | Physical Education                    |
| Liverpool John Moores University | Accounting and Finance                |
| Liverpool John Moores University | Sport and Exercise Science            |
| Liverpool John Moores University | Sport and Exercise Science            |
| Liverpool John Moores University | Business Management                   |
| Loughborough University          | Chemistry                             |
| Loughborough University          | Geography with Economics              |
| Loughborough University          | International Relations               |
| Northumbria University           | Business with Marketing Management    |
| Oxford Brookes University        | English Literature                    |

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| Plymouth University                                    | Marine Biology                                 |
| Plymouth University                                    | Mechanical Engineering                         |
| Queen Mary University of London                        | Computer Science                               |
| Sheffield Hallam University                            | Food and Nutrition                             |
| Sheffield Hallam University                            | Marketing                                      |
| Sheffield Hallam University                            | International Business                         |
| Southampton Solent University                          | Computer Games (Art)                           |
| The Academy of Contemporary Music                      | Professional Music Performance – Guitar        |
| Manchester Metropolitan University                     | Computer Animation & Visual Effects            |
| Manchester Metropolitan University                     | International Business Management              |
| Manchester Metropolitan University                     | Law (Foundation)                               |
| The University of Bradford                             | MPhysiotherapy (Sport and Exercise Medicine)   |
| The University of Law (inc De Broc School of Business) | Law  |
| University of Liverpool                                | Business Economics                             |
| University of Liverpool                                | Business Management                            |
| University of Liverpool                                | Medicine                                       |
| University of Liverpool                                | Psychology                                     |
| University of Liverpool                                | Psychology                                     |
| University of Manchester                               | Chemistry with Industrial Experience           |
| University of Manchester                               | Economics                                      |
| University of Manchester                               | Engineering with an Integrated Foundation Year |
| University of Manchester                               | Law  |
| University of Nottingham                               | Chemistry with a Year in Industry              |



Leaver  
DESTINATIONS  
2018

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| University of Nottingham  | Modern Languages  |
| University of Nottingham  | Psychology  |
| University of Sheffield   | Architecture  |
| University of Sheffield   | Architecture  |
| University of Sheffield   | Business Management                                       |
| University of Sheffield   | Economics   |
| University of Sheffield   | Geography and Planning                                    |
| University of Sheffield   | Landscape Architecture                                    |
| University of Sheffield   | Medicine  |
| University of Sheffield   | Politics and Philosophy                                   |
| University of Warwick     | International Management<br>(including year abroad)       |
| University of Warwick     | Liberal Arts  |
| University College London | Economics   |
| University College London | Psychology  |
| University of Bath        | Business Administration<br>(with professional placement)  |
| University of Bath        | International Management and<br>Modern Languages – French |
| University of Bath        | International Management and<br>Modern Languages – German |
| University of Bath        | International Management and<br>Modern Languages – German |
| University of Birmingham  | English   |
| University of Birmingham  | History   |
| University of Bristol     | Chemistry with Industrial Experience                      |
| University of Bristol     | Chemistry with Study<br>in Continental Europe             |
| University of Bristol     | Education Studies   |
| University of Bristol     | English   |
| University of Bristol     | Medicine – MBChB Standard<br>entry (5 years)              |
| University of Cambridge   | Mathematics   |
| University of Exeter      | Computer Science  |
| University of Exeter      | Economics   |
| University of Exeter      | Geography   |
| University of Glasgow     | Veterinary Biosciences                                    |
| University of Leeds       | Classical Civilisation and English                        |
| University of Leeds       | Chemical Engineering                                      |

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| University of Leeds               | Chemistry with a Year in Industry                                  |
| University of Leeds               | Cultural and Media Studies   |
| University of Leeds               | Economics and Management   |
| University of Leeds               | Environment and Business   |
| University of Leeds               | French and Italian   |
| University of Leeds               | International Business<br>and Marketing                            |
| University of Leeds               | International Relations  |
| University of Leeds               | Liberal Arts   |
| University of Leeds               | Medicine   |
| University of Leeds               | Psychology   |
| University of Leeds               | Psychology   |
| University of Leeds               | Psychology   |
| University of Leeds               | Sport and Exercise Science   |
| University of Leicester           | Chemistry  |
| University of Newcastle           | Business Management  |
| University of Newcastle           | Civil Engineering (4 years)  |
| University of Newcastle           | Dentistry  |
| University of Newcastle           | Geography  |
| University of Reading             | Food Marketing and Business<br>Economics                           |
| University of Reading             | Real Estate  |
| University of York                | Environmental Science<br>with a year in industry                   |
| University of York                | Politics with International Relations<br>(with a year in Industry) |
| Royal College of Music,<br>London | Music  |
| Royal Birmingham<br>Conservatoire | Music  |

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