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COVER IMAGE:
Little Shop of Horrors
production,
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Head of Foundation's REPORT

Jason Slack, Head of Foundation at King's, takes a look back at the highlights of the school year.

It is an absolute pleasure to be able to celebrate here the achievements of the 2021-22 year. It was a delight and very exciting to have a relatively 'normal' year with greater freedom than the pandemic years allowed. With the notable exception of overseas trips, we were able to provide a more recognisable 'King's' education and fulfil our school aims. Pupils and staff grabbed the return of this opportunity with both hands.

We held our first ever whole Senior and Sixth Form Division Assembly in the Jackson Hall, which turned out to be a moving occasion. Academically, pupils returned to sitting external exams in a traditional manner with all of the anxiety and uncertainty that brings. Results days, this year, were very different from the previous two years, as not even teachers knew in advance what grades pupils would receive (as was the case with CAGs and TAGs). We needn't have worried as they gained results of which we can all be immensely proud.

At A Level, a remarkable 20% of all grades were at grade A* and 53% of all grades were A* or A. More than half of all A Level grades were an A or above and a third of Year 13 gained grades of three As or better. More than 70% have now joined their first-choice university. CAGs and TAGs of the pandemic years aside, this represents our strongest performance in A Level exams stretching back for eight years.

At GCSE level, 63% of all exams were at grades 9-7. Half of all pupils had nine subjects with grades of 7



and above - again, our strongest performance in non-pandemic times for nine years. This year group will go on to make a very strong Sixth Form.

It should not be forgotten that both of these cohorts have experienced significant disruption to their learning over the last two years and have had to show immense resilience. They deserve huge respect and lots of praise.

It was wonderful to re-introduce our extra-curricular provision this year and the outcomes were nothing short of sensational. The *'Little Shop of Horrors'* production was an absolute delight. The first ever Senior production in the Jackson Hall played to more than 1000 people over the three nights. It was a joy to see the

humour and maturity of individual performances come together in an entertaining showcase of creative arts.

Music at King's is on a journey to rebuild to pre-pandemic levels of participation, having suffered more than most areas with fewer pupils taking up instruments during the periods of lockdown. However, we have been treated to ensemble performances of real variety and skill, particularly in our Summer Concerts.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award continues to thrive within the school and this year saw multiple expeditions and thousands of hours of volunteering for good



causes, details of which can be found in the following pages. It is difficult to recall any year in living memory where the school has experienced so much success in the sporting arena. Our U14 rugby team were down to the best four teams in the country, reaching the semi-finals of the National Cup. Our U16 netball team qualified for the England Schools' Netball Finals Competition, as well making the semi-finals of the National Cup. And our U13 Boys' cricket team went one better when they were crowned National Champions, defeating Dulwich in a well-contested final that went down to the very last ball. We are the first school in Cheshire to win a National Cup in cricket for over 40 years. We also reinforced our position as a centre of excellence for trampolining; hosting the National Schools' Championships with four of our teams walking away as National Champions in their respective age group and category. That we are competing at the very highest level in the country and across a range of different sports is testimony to our commitment as a school to a holistic approach to education.

I worry that the frequency with which we announce County Champions in whole school assemblies is too routine, and risks trivialising significant achievement. Three of our cricket teams are County Champions; four of our girls' hockey teams are County Champions; our U12 netball team are County Champions. Our U12 and U13 rugby teams were unbeaten all of last season and the U16 rugby team were also, guess what, County Champions. Alongside these team successes, we also have a huge number of individual successes with pupils becoming National Champions, or representing their country in a whole host of different sports including: fencing, netball, long jump, equestrian, gymnastics, swimming, tennis, climbing, trampolining, inline skating and hockey. Our new campus is, undoubtedly, making a massive impact on our extra-curricular provision. This year saw us host our first inter-school swimming gala and, a particular highlight, on a sunny summer's day, was seeing no less than eight cricket fixtures taking place across the site - girls as well as boys. Our success does not stop with sport or performing arts. Our

Engineering Team gained national recognition from the Engineering Education Scheme with an award for their collaborative approach to their project; harnessing the energy from composting to accelerate seed germination. Our debating team reached the regional finals of the English Speaking Unions Mace Debating Competition and we had a British Physics Olympiad Gold Award. Of course, one of the highlights of last year was the outcome of the School Inspection. 'The call' came on Monday morning, 24 January and we were descended upon by a total of nine inspectors during that week. It could not have gone any better; fully compliant and with the top grading of 'Excellent' in every category. Most impressive were some of the wonderful words used in the text of the report:

- Pupils have extremely positive attitudes to learning and achieve highly in both academic and other areas.
- Pupils have excellent communication skills; they are highly articulate and confident speakers and listen and respond maturely.
- Pupils' social development and collaborative working skills



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are excellent, and relationships between pupils are warm and considerate.

- Throughout the school, pupils demonstrate a high level of self-understanding, self-confidence, self-discipline and resilience. Of course, no school is perfect and within the context of these excellent outcomes, we had one recommendation: to ensure that pupils develop a deeper spiritual understanding and appreciation of the non-material aspects of life. Something which will help with acting on the recommendation is the extensive charity work we do. Our pupils raised £30,000 for various charities last academic year – a phenomenal figure. Just as impressive is the amount of time that our pupils give to charity. This year has seen real developments in one of our strategic priorities to be at the centre of our community. Seven local schools visited King's to receive outdoor education and bushcraft lessons last term. Local Junior Schools and Park Lane Special School came into school to receive swimming lessons in the pool. Twelve local schools attended King's for a Junior Schools Maths Challenge. Ten schools were visited

by our Science staff to receive our 'flashes and bangs' Science presentation. Again, further details of this and our charity work can be found in the Community chapter of this publication. This year has been incredibly successful. We are in a strong position to move forward and it has been exciting to plot that route forward through our strategic plan. The plan was published last Easter and gives a roadmap for the direction that we will take and the further development of our school. Our vision is to make a difference to each and every child in our care, giving an individual approach that develops rounded and grounded adults with choices beyond school. We have six priorities centred around; academic aspiration, a holistic approach to education, strong pastoral care, being a centre within our local community, having the stability to bring confidence, and making the most of our new site. Much work has been completed already. King's remains an exciting place to learn. The energy that drives our collective endeavour comes straight from our aims of aspiration, hard work and achievement. We gain strength from our shared effort. The combined impact creates

the character of a community which values good fellowship and cooperation. The heart of a school beats through the individuals that come together to make up its community – a community working together to achieve those aims. A community with staff, I might add, who work incredibly hard. I believe that this sense of community has only grown stronger since the restrictions of the pandemic have lifted and we have been able to come together to undertake those activities that we all enjoy. We are a school that creates a positive and supportive atmosphere for all members. This is not a position we will take for granted. We must stay dynamic and ambitious in our approach and sustain a level of excellence in our teaching and learning and in our emphasis on the broader, holistic education of children. The route forward will inevitably present challenges, but we are superbly well placed to meet these challenges head on, maintaining our aspiration and fulfilling our aims.

Jason Slack
Head of Foundation

Year 6 Hollowford TRIP

This year saw the reintroduction of UK-based trips following the pandemic years, with all of our Junior pupils experiencing the joys of a School trip.

During the first half of the Summer term, all 70 Year 6 children embarked on their final Junior residential trip to the Hollowford Centre in Castleton, in the High Peak of Derbyshire.

On arriving, they faced the task of making their own bed; those duvet covers proved tricky for more than a few but with some help from their friends, they managed. Life skill number one ticked off! The five activities the children would take part in over the ensuing 48 hours were caving, cycling, raft and zip, hiking and abseiling.

On their first evening, pupils enjoyed a hearty, warm dinner to fuel them for their first evening activity which finished at 9:15pm. Eventually peace descended on the centre until the 7am wakeup call when the children got dressed and had breakfast, ready for their next activity.



The weather was kind and the sun high in the sky. Three activities were crammed into the day, interspersed by mealtimes.

The caving really made children face their fears – after navigating a few vocal sheep in the field, they arrived at the cave's entrance. It quickly narrowed down with some parts a real squeeze to pass through. The cave became darker and darker, and deeper and deeper until only their headtorches cast light. Stalactites and stalagmites were a plenty as well as the chance to crawl through a worm hole – not for the fainthearted!

The cycling started with a limbo challenge where children had to move one leg across their bike, while cycling, to stand with both feet on one pedal in order to crouch down. This was not as easy as it sounds, but everyone had a go and kept trying until they succeed, again displaying great resilience and determination. They then stacked their bikes onto a trailer and were taken to a nearby cycle track which led to a local reservoir.

The raft and zip involved two teams working against each other to build a substantial, pond-worthy raft with a race to the finish. The children were given four barrels, six planks of wood and a crash course in rope tying to get them started. It was fantastic to watch the children collaborate, problem solve and use their initiative to build the best raft. On completion, they

then had to sail on their raft with half of their team, pick up the other members, row to a middle island before managing the home straight. Hilarity ensued as everyone started rowing, screaming, laughing and falling off – it quickly became apparent that the real point of this was to get as wet as possible and those that didn't fall off jumped in at the end! While the raft construction took place, individuals were called to go on the zip wire across the pond. It wasn't until they climbed the ladder to the top that they realised just how high it was!

The abseiling activity involved children climbing over a bridge on a local viaduct – a popular hotspot for climbers – and descending 60 metres to the ground. Again, the bravery shown was phenomenal as instinct tells you to cling on and stay on the safer side of the bridge. Every single child had two goes despite some initial wobbles!

Funnily enough, peace descended a little earlier on the second night as the children were exhausted. The final day involved one more activity before a mini-Olympic competition.



Spoilt by the stunning surroundings, the hiking groups went to various locations. One group went via a huge cave and fossil hunted – it turned out that the cave was once at the bottom of the sea bed.

From there, they passed a castle which was built by William the Conqueror for William Peveril. Other groups climbed Mam Tor, which is a 517m hill near Castleton. The views from the top were breath-taking.

All teams fought heart for the winning spot in the mini-Olympics finale. The staff soon realised what a competitive bunch of children we have in Year 6. Mrs Speirs gleefully posed with her winning team on the podium, much to Mr Barker's dismay!

We arrived safely back at school later that day, having had a very quiet coach journey home. Seventy children returned more resilient, more determined and more capable and prouder. On asking the children to sum up their residential experience in three words, we heard the following: fun, exciting, hard, brilliant, amazing and epic. All in all, a huge success!

Year 6
TRIP

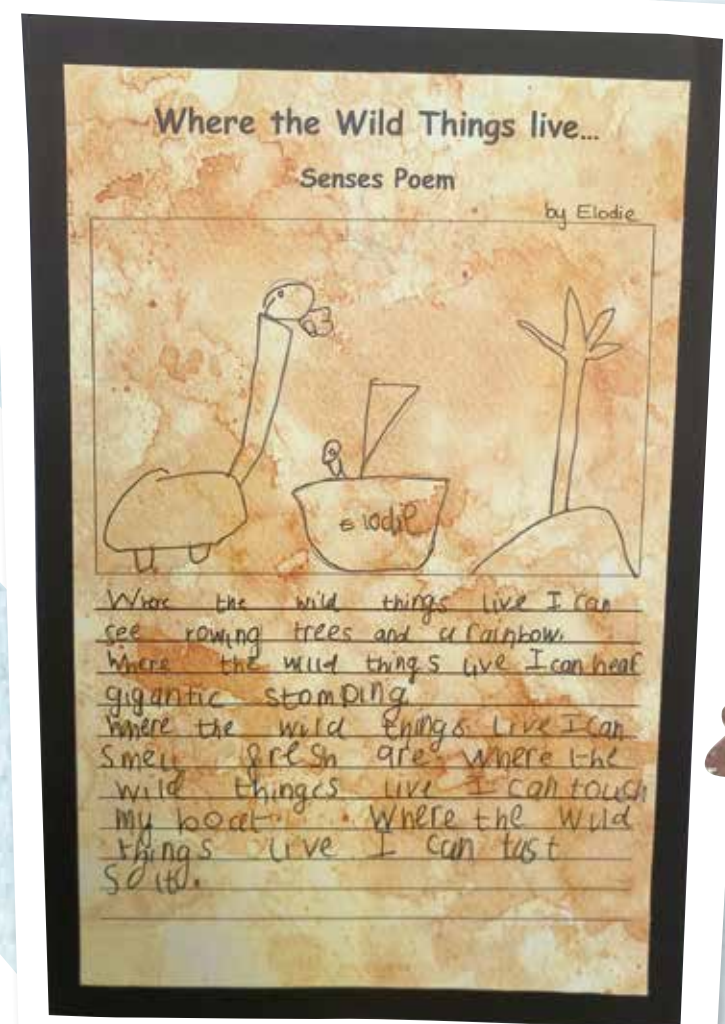
King's gets CREATIVE

Creative expression is incredibly valuable and, at King's, we're lucky to have so many talented, creative pupils. Here is a small selection of their amazing work from Pre-School up to Sixth Form.

Creative
WORK



Harry Shatwell
Pre-school
Bee handprint picture.



Elodie Heald
Year 1

Poem based on our book 'Where The Wild Things Are'.



Elsie Young
Reception

Pupils created their favourite dinosaur, using paint and pastels.



Rayyan Rasool
Reception

A self portrait.



**Eliana Hume
Year 2**

Artwork in the style
of Henri Rousseau,
using brush
and oil pastels.



**Robert Phillips &
Scarlett Tushingham
Year 1**

Flowers in the style of
Georgia O'Keefe.



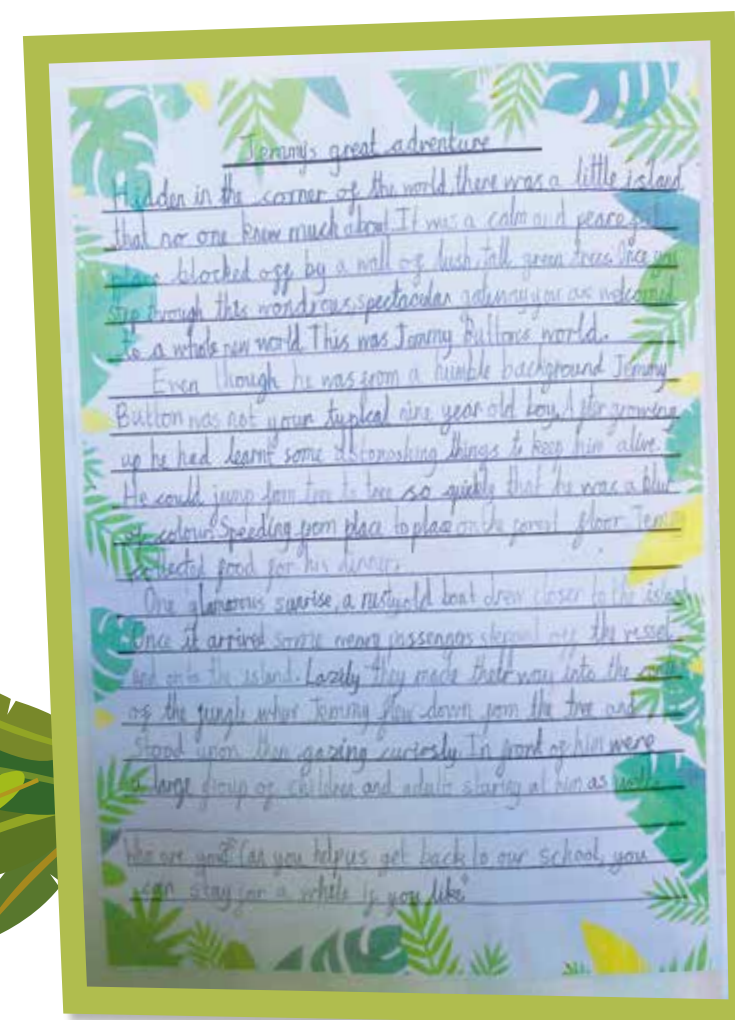
**William Wallace
Year 3**

'The Swimmer'
artwork in the style
of David Hockney,
using oil pastels and
brushes.



**Xanthe Watkin
Year 4**

Art competition winner, based on Hokusai's
classic 'The Great Wave'.



**Satsuki-Mei
Shepherd-
Echells
Year 3**

The adventures
of Jeremy
Button.

Creative WORK

Hugo Blake Year 4

Art Prize
winning work,
inspired by
Japanese artist
Hokusai.



Jessie Hanley Year 5

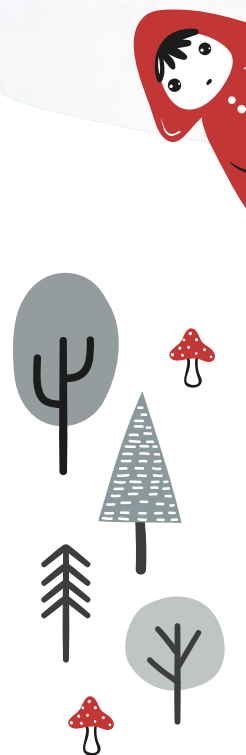
Interpretation
of Van Gogh's
'Sunflowers', part
of Lifecycles topic.



Heath Stockton Year 4

Creative writing, inspired by 'The Lost Happy
Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy and Jane Ray.

The armed woodcutter emerged
from the trees that swayed like
leaves rooted to the spot. He was
about to reach her, but he tripped
on a root that was as sticky as
a rock. As he fell, his rusty axe flew
out of his hands landing painfully
on her foot, forcing her to the
cold, dry ground, bruising her
foot, or what would be left
of it. As Little Red Riding hood lay
on the grim ground with the wood
woodcutter who was out cold as
the wolf, tearing the ground getting
nearer and nearer she looked at
her foot that was a volcano bleeding
out like someone squirting a water
bottle. Her vision went black.



Creative WORK

Maryam Atif & Nahia Ahmed Year 5

Bird Hide,
Design &
Technology
project, part of the
Lifecycles topic.



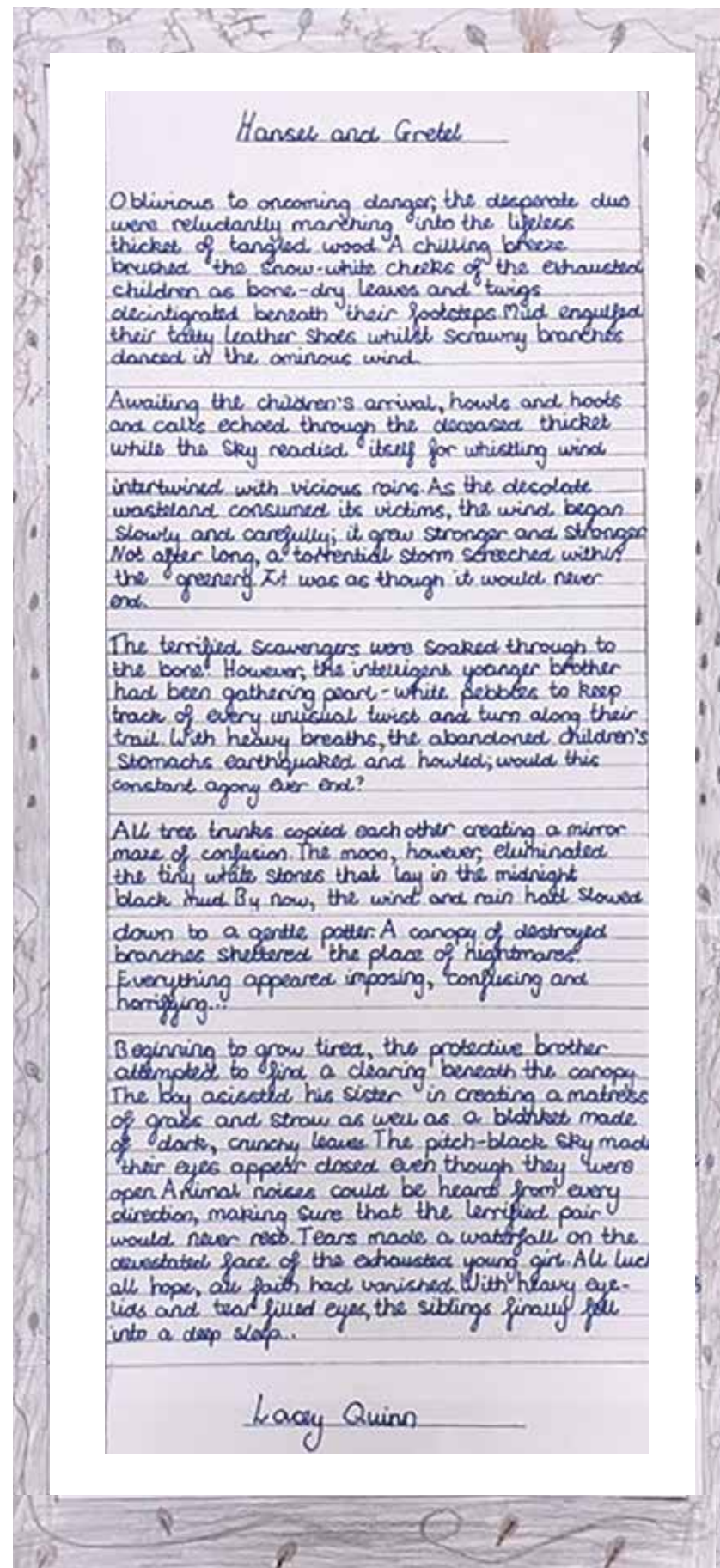
Aleena Hansraj & Elana Manson Year 5

Paper-maché
mask, part of Maya
topic.





Year 7
Colour Wheel plate
designs group art project.



Lacey Quinn
Year 6

A dual narrative -
writing a story with two
perspectives.





SUSTAINABLE 'TRASHION'

Lucy Bridgewater
Year 6

An outfit made entirely from 'trash',
part of a Design & Technology
project looking at the 'fast fashion'
world, and the huge waste
it creates everyday.



The **Abandoned** *Library*

Burnt and charred, scratched and scuffed
is how many describe this magical land.

Books caressing the vine gripped walls,
trees engulfing his home of knowledge
and unique fencing becoming a
green house for vines.

Although ancient, hugged by nature,
it stayed beautiful as ever. Glass, and fallen
ash lay on the floor giving the familiar
scent of a calming bonfire.

Stained and still, overgrown, scaring most
with a startling chill. Swirling cedar trees
tickle trifling tales and fun little
fungi fidget into the sage green walls.
The marigold sun illuminates the
abundance of greenery, whilst chairs
stay, very still, in nature's pillow.

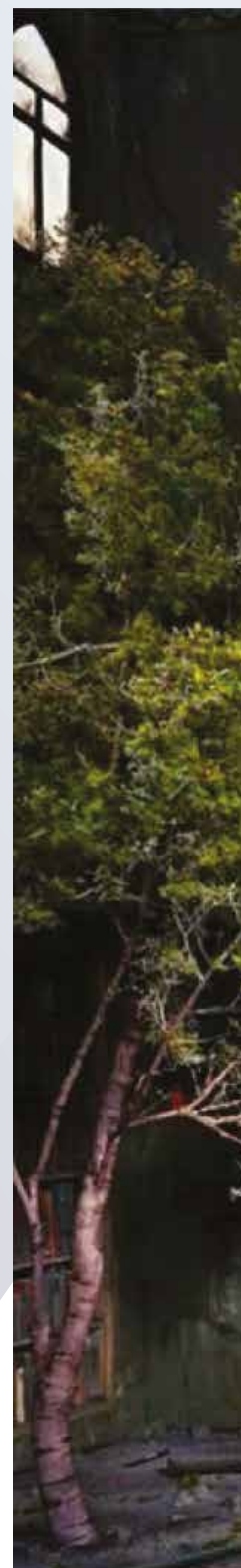
Many still wonder what had happened, but
many assume it was a great fire but who, or
what, had blessed it to stay in such
a preserved state, none know but all
who enter feel calm, tranquil.

You can hear the eccentric whispers of
deceased rambunctious readers and
the buzzes of bees. Its breath-taking array
of anecdotes stand with vivid colours
and pure black ink inscribing
its semi-burnt pages.

It's well decorated estate, now ruined
and a home to nature. No matter the state,
the library will never cease to impress.

Brianna Gargoles, Year 7

A poem inspired by a photo
of *The Abandoned Library*.



**Raph Sherry,
Jack Taylor &
Chloe Green**
Year 8

Laser cut,
self-portrait faces.



Year 8

Aluminium and
acrylic novelty
tealight holders.

Abdullah Atif
Year 9

Child's toy truck hand
made in wood.



Jessin John
Year 9

Child's toy developed
on CNC router.

Jemima Jordan
Year 11

Felt & screen printed
costume, inspired by
the flowers of Portugal
and Barbados.





Sophie Fletcher
Year 11

GCSE coursework
for 'Identity',
featuring etching
& collage.



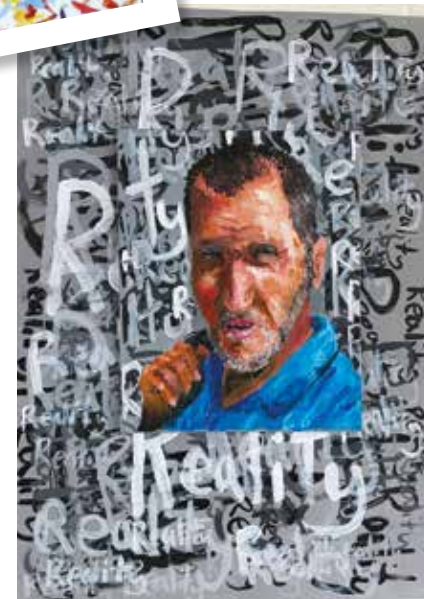
Otis Hughes
Year 11

Prototype of
hedgehog house,
final GCSE piece.



**John
McDermott**
Year 11

GCSE
coursework
'Identity'.
LEFT: Digital
composition.
BELOW:
Acrylic
painting.



South America *Travels*

Ed Reynolds
Year 11

Year 11 pupils were
asked to write about a
memorable journey as
part of their GCSE work.

Some people believe that it is important to travel and see the world, none more so than me. I have been transformed, in my opinion for the better, by new experiences and challenges. None more so than my recent journey across the seas to South America.

South America is known by some simply as the place where the 2016 Olympics were held, but that is just a drop in the vast expanse of diverse cultures and experiences that this continent has to offer.

I began my trip by visiting the infamous city of Rio, one of 1.5 million tourists a year who venture there for the stunning scenery and the great night life. I myself took a trip to Christ the Redeemer, one of the seven wonders of the world.

I spent two nights there, experiencing the hustle and bustle of the city during the day, coupled with the florescent lights that glowed and flashed when the moon came up.

The night life of Rio is so spectacular, and, as I sit here it is impossible to describe to you, so instead I will take you there with me.

As you walk down a street at night, the gleeful chuckles of tipsy tourists

can be heard in nearby bars. The deep bass of local music reaches down your throat and beats in your heart. Smells of tropical foods and local cuisine build with each restaurant and form a tsunami of amalgamated colourful scents which reach your nostrils.

Each light inside a local restaurant or bar lures you in like a gentle magnet. The sound of each jolly, drunken reveller entices you in, yet you resist and carry on, as I did, until you reach the calming waves of the shore. Quiet. As each wave crashes slowly onto the shore, you realise: Rio has everything.

After my eye-opening experience in the capital, I continued, taking a safari through the Amazon, learning and loving every second of it. Did you know that there are more species of ant on one tree in the Amazon than in the UK altogether? From there I travelled south down to a place just east of the Andes – known to locals as the spine of South America and I could see why! It was as

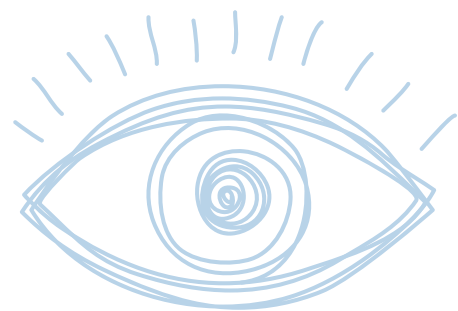
if they rose up to meet the moon.

And what about the highlight of my trip? This is not easy to answer, although one moment stood out for me and I can say with confidence it is a feeling I will never forget: on the final day of a seven-day journey – as a grand finale - I had booked a helicopter tour over the Andes. It was magnificent. The convulsion of crests seemed endless to me. Snow iced the tops of the peaks whilst crystal clear water trickled lightly down the valleys, joining together; brooks became streams, which became vast rivers, plunging and gushing down the matt grey rocky surface lower down.

As the helicopter flew over pinnacle after pinnacle, my mind wondered, would I ever experience a journey like this again?

Ed Reynolds, Year 11





India Grainger Hulme
Year 11

GCSE coursework
'Identity', fluted fused
glass bowls, inspired by
relatives eyes.



Olly Muirhead
Year 13

Sculptural fashion
inspired by *Armour*
(mixed media).



Ethan Burke
Year 13

*'The Changing
Landscape'*
(oil on canvas
Triptych).



Minnie Jansen
Year 11

'Facial Distortions'
acrylic painting.



Milly Pinkerton
Year 13

'I Am Not An Object'
life-sized ceramic
sculpture.

Cultish

My life has a sense of urgency,
What's an antonym for that?
Nobody is immune to the seduction of a cult leader
I know this,
Because I am one.

Join me.
I promise I won't leave you hanging out to dry, maybe.
The entrails of your innards aren't as nice as the entrails of your brain,
through the sweeping chambers of your mind.
I can make a home in the dusty corners of it,
hunched over in the corner,
eyes scintillating,
absorbed and wrapped around your skull.

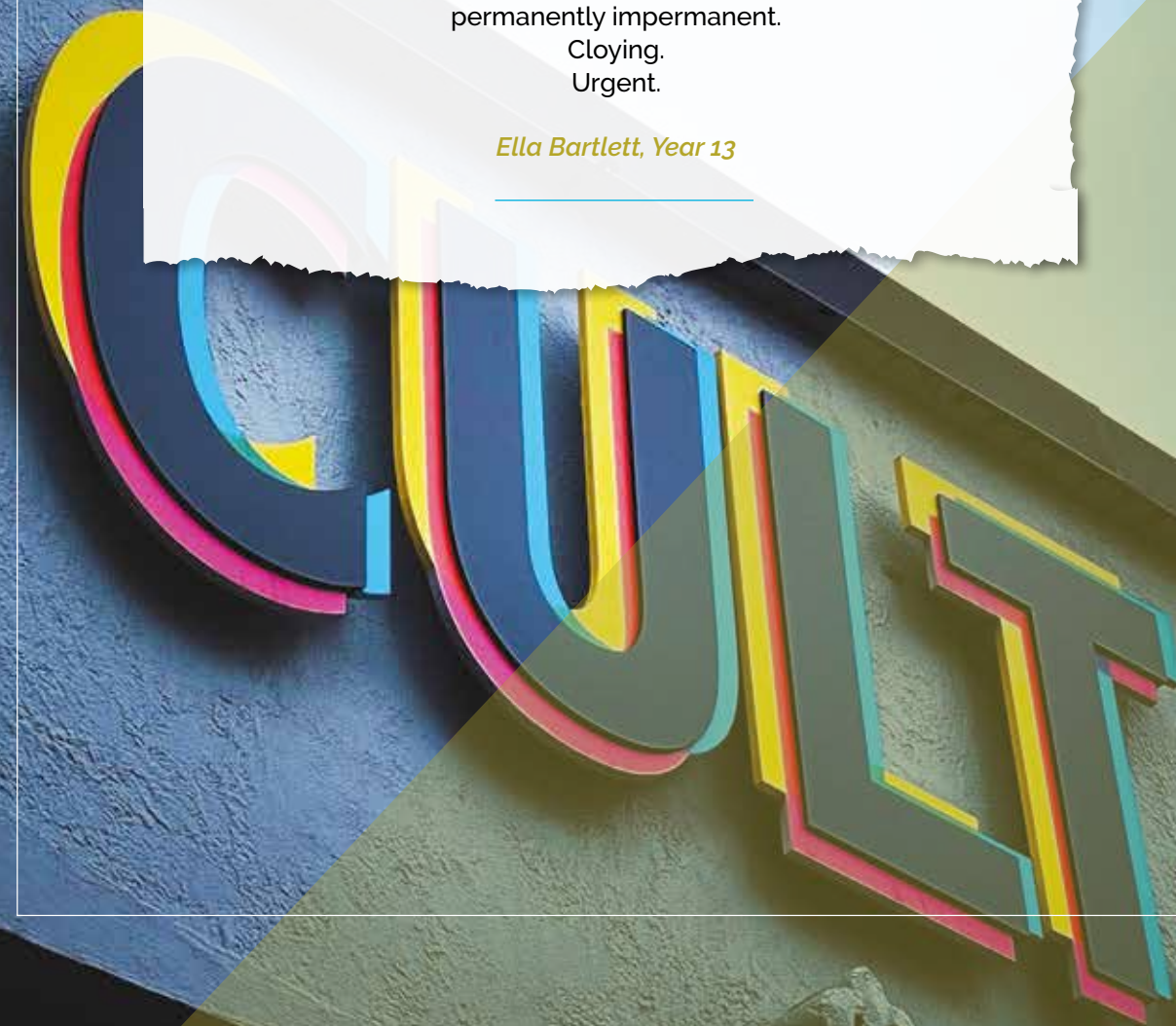
You already know me.
You know it.
You like it.

You open your mouth
and let me slither in,
reaching the grooves of your brain, settling there,
inking my sweet poison,
permanently impermanent.
Cloying.
Urgent.

Ella Bartlett, Year 13

Ellie Bartlett
Year 13

Talented
Ellie's poem,
Cultish, was
long-listed
for the Hive
Young Writers'
Competition.



Performing ARTS

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



INFANTS & JUNIORS

Our musical year began with the whole division performing in our Harvest Festival. We heard songs from each key stage with Pre-School giving a wonderful debut. We were also treated to five soloists; **Lacey Quinn, James Wharfe, Amelia Grace, Joseph MacKenzie** and **Annabelle Brown**. It was such a pleasure to hear our entire division sing together after such a long break apart.

The Christmas period was not without its difficulties and Covid saw off our Instrumental recitals and the Junior Carol Concert. We were however, fortunate to be able

to squeeze in the Infant Nativity of ***Straw and Order*** before cases became too high. For our Year 2 children, this was the first Nativity they had ever been able to take part in and I am sure parents would agree that it was a special moment to witness this rite of passage; we all need at least one picture dressed as a sheep!

By Easter, our lives were a little more normal and our Daffodil Service was a huge success with the Juniors singing an extremely complex arrangement of ***Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho*** before the whole Division came together for a setting of the Brontë poem ***I See Heavens Glories Shine***. The



very next day, we were able to host our first Infant & Junior Recital since being on the new campus. Having had the Recital Hall used as a Covid testing centre for so long made the event even more poignant and the children played and sang beautifully.

Summer term made way for a further recital and opportunities for our Clarinet and Recorder Clubs to perform. We also heard from the Percussion Group with Mr. Priest leading an energetic performance. The year was closed with the Infant Moving Up Service and the Junior Prize Giving. The repertoire featured new settings of the Infant Prayer and ***I Was Glad*** in honour of the Platinum Jubilee to which the children gave great justice.

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Rumours

This year's Year 4 Christmas production, ***Rumours***, was written by Paul Vowles (Music teacher) and directed, choreographed and produced by Soulla Costanda (Junior Teacher).

The plot followed the unrest in the town of Hamlin. Terrible things kept happening; houses were being



destroyed, prized possessions stolen in the night and the darkness was taking hold of the residents. Rumours were spreading like wildfire – and the residents were convinced that something menacing was haunting them.

They needed answers, so the people of the Town headed to the courthouse to settle this, once and for all, before fear and panic completely took hold of their lives.

Featuring many familiar faces – Mr Wolf, the Witch, Pinocchio, Jack (of beanstalk fame), Cinderella, Prince Charming and the 'Red Riding Hood' gang – the moral of the story was not to judge people on their past mistakes – give them a chance.

Audiences from Years 5 and 6, Senior members of staff, Governors and parents, were impressed with their joyous singing and highly synchronised dance routines.

The principal characters, **Heath Stockton, Sofia Sherratt, Sophie Evans, William Taberner**, to name a few, delivered their lines with great expression and perfect timing and the enthusiastic chorus were committed and professional throughout; accompanied beautifully by the tuneful Year 3 choir. They were all stars and they should be so proud of what they achieved. Well done!



Charlie & The Chocolate Factory

The Year 6 production of Roald Dahl's flamboyant ***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*** was a huge success, performed in the Jackson Hall to an audience of theatre-starved parents, siblings and grandparents.

Directed and choreographed by Soulla Costanda, with music arranged and directed by Paul

Performing ARTS

Vowles, the mammoth production was a riot of colour, comedy and charisma. It borrowed from both the 1971 Gene Wilder film and the 2005 Johnny Depp remake with, just for good measure, some original scenes to incorporate all 39 pupils who auditioned for a speaking role.



Indeed, every one of the 70 Year 6 pupils was involved on stage as they performed at a slick pace and with consummate professionalism. The superb **Anisha Kumar**, as Willy Wonka, held the night together with an enigmatic performance exuding both whimsy and menace. This girl has presence.

Elijah Gaddum as Charlie Bucket, the holder of the fifth and final ticket, and the only decent soul among the heartless entourage of the spoiled and spineless, played the genuinely kind and caring Charlie, with natural flare and enthusiasm.

James Cresswell, as Grandpa Joe, brought distinction to a man aged 96-and-a-half, 'as old as any man can be' with a performance of which his own grandparents would have been proud.

The same was true of **Jessica Thomas** as Grandma Georgina, who, though bedridden, watches

on with her innocent humour and hilarious observations. For comedy, **Saskia Patton** demonstrated the sheer exuberance of getting to grips with the supposedly goody two shoes turned ghastly girl Veruca Salt, the over-indulged and manipulative young girl, who wraps her father around her little finger. **Lacey Quinn** charmingly, but cogently, narrated the story pressing the buttons for the fantastical plot to unfold.



SENIOR MUSIC

This academic year has been a hugely important one for Music at King's. After nearly three years, it was wonderful to be able to run multiple mixed-year group choirs and ensembles once again as we started to go about rebuilding King's Music post-pandemic.

Our first concert of the year, November's Autumn Soiree, was also our first ever concert in the Jackson Hall and it proved to be a joyous occasion. Our larger senior ensembles had re-formed in September and all gave outstanding performances of a reassuringly eclectic range of repertoire from *Bartok* (String Orchestra) to *Imagine Dragons* (Wind Band) via some Big Band classics.

Our changing voice choirs had likewise re-formed following Covid and gave stirring performances of *Rule the World* (Boys) and Leonard Cohen's *Hallelujah* (Girls), whilst the Senior Foundation Choir demonstrated their range in Mozart's *Ave Verum Corpus* and *The People's Song* (Les Misérables).

Amongst the larger group performances, we were also able to celebrate pupils' success in chamber music during 2021/22; **Will Gandy** and **Emma Foster** (Year 9) performed *Valse Russe*



by Frank Bridge, and our Senior Brass Quartet (**Fraser Day**, **Jenny Wallace**, **Becky Foster** and **Chris Drake**) gave the world premiere of Mr Brown's *Quartet for Four Trombones*.

Christmas this year was a cautious affair. With a public Carol Service impossible due to ongoing restrictions, the Senior Choir recorded some carols in various locations on-site, most memorably under the canopy outside the front of school, and a short service at St Michael's with Year 7 as a congregation. The Changing Voice choirs recorded two carols – *There Was A Star* (Boys), *Little Town of Bethlehem* (Girls) – at St Peter's, Prestbury. Highlights of these recordings were shared with the wider school community and we look forwards to singing carols 'live' for Christmas 2022. Another first for 2021-22 was our first large-scale musical production in the new school, *Little Shop of Horrors*, (see page 28 for full report) which played to packed houses just before February half



term. It is always a pleasure to collaborate with colleagues on large-scale productions and *Little Shop of Horrors* was no different. We all enjoyed working with a large, talented cast led by **Angus Rutherford**, **Jen Rutley** and **Ben O'Donnell**.

In March, the Senior Foundation Choir were invited to Chester Cathedral to sing Choral Evensong. Chester is renowned for its choirs and choral programme, so to be able to return there (our first time since the pandemic) was a





great pleasure and privilege. The choir sang a wide range of music including Howells' *Take Him Earth for Cherishing* and canticles by C.V. Stanford.

Later that month, our Spring Concert showed the rapid progress being made not only by our larger ensembles, but also by new, smaller groups including the Oboe Group (a Blues-inspired programme) and the Senior Wind Ensemble (Percy Grainger). Further highlights included James Bond from the Wind Band, Nirvana (*Smells Like Teen Spirit*) from the Changing Voices Girls' group and, nearly two years since the group first opened their copies, the Senior Foundation Choir singing

Will Todd's jazz-infused *Stabat Mater*, accompanied by jazz specialist Dan Whieldon (one of our fantastic piano teachers). Singing/playing in groups is a vital part of Music at King's, but it was also fantastic this year to be able to offer opportunities for pupils to once again stand up and play/sing solo in front of a friendly audience. Our Senior (Years 10-13) Music Competition in the Spring Term concluded with an informal concert where an external adjudicator (Mr Michael Dow, Director of Music at Stockport Grammar School) gave detailed, glowing feedback to the dozen or so finalists before declaring **Morgan Daly Pattison** (Voice)'s rendition of *Lydia* by Gabriel Fauré to be the performance of the night. Not to be outdone, the following

term's Years 7-9 Music Competition saw over 100 performances take place during an action-packed day in the Recital Hall, with pupils from all year groups roundly cheering on their peers (and eating cupcakes). Historically, the Summer Term has always been busy for King's Music and, thankfully, Summer 2022 continued in that vein. The Changing Voice groups went 'on tour' to the Lake District once again, having a fantastic weekend at Blackpool Pleasure Beach and Kendal Climbing Wall before finishing with a memorable concert at Cartmel Priory where they played and sang to a very large, appreciative audience. The final concert of the year, Music for a Summer's Evening, crackled with anticipation from the outset and the audience were treated yet



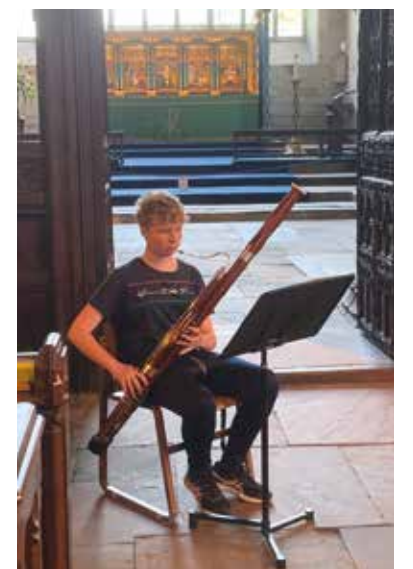
again to a sequence of memorable performances. Highlights included the concert debuts of the Brass Group (*Blues Band*) and Rock Band (*Smells Like Teen Spirit*), Changing Voices Boys performing *Skyfall* in black tie (of course), a set of sea shanties from The Shipping Forecast (a new, Sixth Form a cappella group) and, to bring the year to a close, Latin jazz classics (such as *Tequila*) from the Big Band with a dress code to match.

2021-22 was all about rebuilding King's Music post-pandemic and, looking back on the year, it's very clear that we have done that in spades. Established groups and activities have been revived and are flourishing, together with new groups and initiatives built to reflect and develop the skills and passions of our students. All will

continue to grow and flourish in 2022-23.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic team of Visiting Music Teachers who take such time and care to prepare and nurture King's musicians. Their support of our students is second to none. Joel Banerjee (Postgraduate Musician) leaves us to begin his MPerf studies in Piano at the RNCM; he has been a tremendous asset to King's this year and we wish him all the very best for the future. As ever, our huge thanks to MEH, SHo, PV and all our colleagues for their tireless support of King's musicians.

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Little Shop of Horrors

The macabre comic romp *'Little Shop of Horrors'* delighted packed audiences in the first ever drama production in our new Jackson Hall. Although pupils have been waiting to get their teeth into a big show since moving to the new campus in 2020, Covid meant large, packed audiences were not permitted.

And what a first show it was! Lasting memories were formed in the production of Menken and Ashman's Sixties nightmare musical, now a modern classic. The plot centres on an ever more bloodthirsty, man-eating Venus Flytrap that makes short work of the ingénues and misfits that try to profit from its murderous quirks. Directed by Head of Drama, Donald Forbes and Olivia Soutter, this multi-faceted production was a

celebration of artifice, effect and fabulous acting skills from a cast that celebrated every morsel of its carnivorous potential.

Starry-eyed yet ultimately doomed young sweethearts Audrey and Seymour played by **Jen Rutley** and **Angus Rutherford** set the tone for what one hoped might be a happy ending. As the plot twists and turns, the versatile leads both touched the hearts of the audience, yet appalled their moral compass at the same time. This spoof of the Fifties B movie horror flick had its share of malevolent wrong doers and **Ben O'Donnell** turned the ruthless dentist Orin into a figure of contempt with a charismatic display.

Rory McCabe too, as the unsuspecting store-owner, Mr Mushnik, milked, indeed, one might even say bled, every sweet and sour nuance from his performance.

Off stage, it was the voice of the murderous plant **Toby Fraser** who

raised the tone from peculiar to menacing to devastating with perfect pitch. The puppeteers inside the impressive and ever-increasing stage plant, **Caoimhe Durkin, Ben Kay** and **Jamie Pearce** synced perfectly with his mesmerising tones.

The piece's fast-flowing pace and musical force was propelled by the Ronettes, a Second Century BC Greek chorus turned charmingly alluring Motown all-girl group, performed with gusto and glam by **Freya Ambrey Brosnahan, Tali Doran, Phoebe Harrison, Maddy Holden, Amelia Philpotts, Daisy Webb** and **Natasha Williams**. They formed just part of a wonderful musical backdrop with a 12-piece band directed by Ian Crawford doing full justice to the show's many standards.

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Spotlight on CHEMISTRY

What a year we have had making the most of our wonderful, brand-new laboratory facilities!

THE most exciting occurrence in the Chemistry Department this year has undoubtedly been the opportunity to make full use of our brand-new laboratory facilities for practical work without any restrictions. Practical work is an integral part of the subject from Year 9 through to Year 13, and an aspect of teaching and learning that really brings the subject to life.

Year 9 pupils begin their GCSE course and every lesson, without fail, starts with someone piping up "are we doing a practical today?" Of course, the answer is not always "yes", but where a concept can be explained more successfully through a demonstration or an experiment, then this is our favoured option.

This approach continues right through to the end of the GCSE course. It is most rewarding to watch our A Level chemists develop their practical skills; alongside their examination grade they also achieve a pass for the practical component of the course. We are fortunate to be well enough equipped so that students can make their own individual aspirin sample or run their own thin layer chromatography plates for analysis of medicinal drugs.

As part of our extra-curricular programme, Chemistry Club proves a very popular option

on a Friday lunchtime, with a whole range of ages attending. Year 7 thrive on the excitement of additional explosions, whereas Year 10 and Year 11 also want to know what is happening in each reaction and why. We have made the most of our fantastic outdoor space for the club this year. Weather permitting, there is far less cleaning up to do if a messy reaction is performed outside, rather than in, and there is also the added bonus of attracting a larger audience! My particular favourite from this year was having several oscillating reactions in sequence, and fortunately it was in full swing just as the inspectors walked in!

Our elite chemists in Year 13 are given the opportunity to participate in the prestigious Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad. They spend a gruelling two hours completing an extremely challenging question paper, well beyond the complexity of A Level. The paper draws upon aspects of undergraduate level Chemistry, and each question applies to a relevant and real-life application of the subject. This year, for example, we had questions on E10 petrol and

coronavirus testing. As teachers, we are always amazed by how well our students perform. This year, Oliver Hall achieved a Gold Award (a feat matched by very few participants) and Trinity Mack and Euan Usher both achieved Silver Awards.

When the rigour of end of year exams is over, Year 12 embark upon a molecule research project. They choose their own molecule of interest and produce a poster in the style of those used in the scientific community for peer review. Favourites from last year include mushroom alcohol, the chemical that attracts biting insects, and serotonin, the chemical that plays a key role in regulating mood. Inspired by this research, one student went on to base their EPQ on their chosen molecule, asking the question: "To what extent is love a drug?"



The Chemistry Department is also at the forefront of the school's programme for supporting applicants for Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Dentistry. In an increasingly competitive environment, we offer regular sessions from Year 12 onwards. These include personal statement writing, how to play to your strengths when choosing universities, characteristics of successful applicants, admission tests practice, interview practice and ethics.

Over recent years, we have been increasingly supported by both our alumni students and governors with direct experience of the admissions process, the courses and the professions themselves. The tenacity, talent and determination of our Sixth Form applicants never fails to amaze me; they make such a valuable contribution to both the King's and the wider community in so many ways.

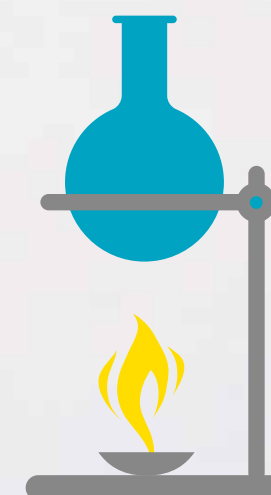
Jim Street and Becky Williams from the department continue to run a highly successful outreach programme on Wednesday

afternoons. This year, they have delivered their hands-on Science workshops to over 500 pupils from Year 2 to Year 6 in schools in the local area, as well as covering a much wider area encompassing South Manchester, Staffordshire Moorlands and the High Peak. In a new initiative, we have also hosted a number of schools in our labs and the pupils (and teachers) have enjoyed activities such as carrying out firework flame tests and making everlasting bouncy balls. These workshops are completely free, and those involved work extremely hard to make them enjoyable and successful.

Of course, nothing we do in the Chemistry Department would be possible without our superb technicians: Peter Jackson, Nadine Gravett and Gareth Thomas. As well as providing support on a

day-to-day basis, they are an instrumental part, both at the forefront and behind the scenes, of the highly acclaimed 'flashes and bangs' Science shows that are run on Entrance Exam day, Taster Day, Open Day and for Year 11 and Year 13 leavers.

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Spotlight on KING'S COMPASS

King's Compass is our bespoke outdoor learning programme which focuses on developing pupils' resilience, communication skills, independence, as well as collaboration and teamworking.

INFANT and Junior pupils have grasped every opportunity they can to get outside during King's Compass sessions this year. Regardless of the weather, they have wrestled on their wellies, zipped up coats and pulled up hoods to be able to spend time enjoying the School's woods, rivers and fields.

All year groups started the year by putting their mark on our school site by planting daffodils on the bank near the West Entrance, you will have hopefully seen these flowering in the Spring. King's Compass hopes to continue to work to fill this area with bulbs over the coming years.

In King's Compass sessions, Year 1 pupils ventured into Dumbur Wood to look for fairies, they enjoyed writing to the fairies and creating fairy houses for them to live in. Year 1s have also loved learning a variety of playground games from across the world. Their favourite was Strega Comanda Colore, a popular playground game from Italy.

Amongst many other exciting activities, Year 2s have started to learn basic navigation skills using maps, they have learnt compass directions and completed some simple orienteering tasks. Year 3 were able to take their classroom



learning outside, as part of their Stone Age History topic, they used colours found in nature to make paints and then created their own stone age artwork. Whilst studying Soil and Rocks in Science, in the Autumn pupils went outside to learn about the circle of life by making their own compost and gathering seeds from sunflowers, they then used these later in the year to take part in a Year 3 sunflower growing competition. A highlight for Year 3 was definitely

taking part in the river walk as part of their Geography topics on Rivers. Pupils filled up their wellies with water and splashed down the river identifying the source, meanders, waterfalls and identified locations of river erosion. Upon returning to the classroom, one pupil found that he had even managed to catch a fish in his welly!

Many of the Year 4 pupils' King's Compass sessions focussed on extending their learning about The



Vikings. They experienced how to build a house like a Viking by making a Wattle and Daub wall using sticks, straw and mud. They also improved their skills in lashing sticks together whilst building their own Viking mini rafts.

Year 5 are now more prepared for emergency situations as they have received training in First Aid. They learnt how to react if they encounter an accident, ensuring they look for danger and keep themselves safe first. They now know how to apply first aid to bleeds, as well as, bites and stings.

Year 6 pupils have gained important life skills as they

have learnt how to fix a bicycle puncture, how to follow a recipe to make apple crumble and how to use the internet to plan and price up a journey to and from the Etihad stadium. It has been a successful year as we watch the King's Compass programme continue to grow and improve. We will look forward to even more exciting and adventurous activities next year.

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Spotlight on PSHE

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education, known as PSHE for short, covers everything from learning about finances and careers to relationships and sex education.



PSHE has gained momentum as a subject in the last few years, becoming an increasingly important part of mainstream education and bringing incredible changes with it.

The first shift in recent years was an update to the PSHE statutory guidance, first published in 2013 and with the new update bringing in alterations and additions from September 2020. Another unforeseen change was the COVID-19 pandemic, which stalled some of the progress set out by the update and changed the education landscape dramatically.

RSE Statutory Changes from September 2020

The purpose of the RSE curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on respect. This is to encourage the development of safe and healthy relationships throughout life. As part of our PSHE programme, we already cover topics relating to relationships and sex (RSE) and this became a statutory requirement in all schools from September 2020.

The new guidance also changed the way parents can withdraw their children. Parents and guardians have a right to withdraw their children from sex education, up

to three terms before the child turns 16. At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, a school should plan for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent. Additionally, there is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education at secondary level. Should you wish to withdraw your child from sex education lessons, parents are asked to contact the Deputy Head (Academic) or the Principals.

As part of the guidance, we also adapted and changed our PSHE and RSE policies, both available on the Parent Portal and updated annually. We conducted surveys and asked all stakeholders to review this document before publishing and held a parental consultation evening to inform parents and families of the changes. We intend to carry out a further evening to keep parents in the loop and also send out termly newsletters with information about upcoming lessons and resources to use at home.

PSHE curriculum

From September 2020, all year groups from Year 7 to Year 13 have received a dedicated PSHE lesson once a fortnight. This is supplemented by assemblies, PSHE days for Year 7 and Year 9,



speakers and form time activities to allow for a deeper 'dive' into a topic. These different formats also allow for discussion and reflection.

We want to encourage participation and real engagement in PSHE, as the lessons pupils learn here can help improve their focus and achievement across their other school subjects. The lessons are about preparing them for the wider-world and fostering friendly, polite, caring and well-rounded individuals, as per our school aims. Students receive an effort grade for their contributions in class and also track their own progress with the understanding of concepts and ideas via confidence checkers, which they complete before and after the learning.

Another positive change is the move to include 'Aspire' in the

Year 9 PSHE curriculum. This allows more students to access this excellent study skills project and to reap the rewards from hard work and curiosity. Character education has also played a key role in framing our curriculum, taking advice and guidance from the Jubilee Centre at the University of Birmingham. We want students to not just focus on the knowledge but the skills and virtues they are building by learning about what it means to be a good friend or how to stay safe.

PSHE Days and visitors

This year, we have welcomed many visitors to support our various PSHE days and deliver assemblies. The Year 7 Wellbeing Day allowed for further bonding whilst encouraging students to stay healthy through meditation, yoga, resilience, reflection and compassion training.

The 'World of Work' day for Year 9 saw representatives from Balfour Beatty and Arup both set a series of tasks to test the students' ingenuity and challenge traditional thinking. During a relationship and sex education focused day, Brook, The Samaritans, Change Grow Live and the Cheshire Police talked about making healthy choices.

Another exciting day that brought the Psychology and PSHE Departments together was the 'True Life - Behind Bars Conference' bringing ex-convicts to talk about their experiences and encouraged students to think about the psychology of behaviour, decision and the justice system.

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During the Year 9 Diversity Day, pupils heard from a number of charities and experienced a Racism Workshop, Gender Equality awareness, a Samba workshop and heard from Diversity Role Models who discussed LGBT+ issues. Our visiting singer, Bronnie brought some real positive energy to the Jackson Hall during a live music concert and then talked about mental health, resilience and focusing on your dreams. We really have enjoyed such an abundance of voices and experiences this year and I would like to thank all those involved for coming in and supporting our school.

Change on the horizon

From September 2022, PSHE at King's is undergoing a name change and will now be called *King's Compass*. Based on the excellent Infant & Junior Division outdoor learning programme, we wanted to create a comprehensive, personal development programme that is Foundation-wide and covers all aspects of PSHE, outdoor learning and pastoral care.

This will be an excellent programme to further develop the virtues and character of our pupils. Year 7 will receive a lesson of indoor and outdoor learning once a week. We will continue to build on this throughout the year in the other year groups as well as introduce a new VESPA study programme predominantly for our Sixth Form students, looking at building their mindset as an A Level student. Year 11 will get a taste for this too, helping them better prepare for GCSE and for their future studies.

Miss Lally, Head of PSHE

Spotlight on GEOGRAPHY

The Covid pandemic provided a significant challenge for Geography as a subject, not least the ban on travel within our own country, but also overseas! Learning and being enthused about Earth's processes and human interactions with it, was tantalisingly narrowed.

THE pandemic also provided us with the opportunity to really connect with our locality, as exemplified by considering the physical landscapes and human features immediately around us, acting local to assist with global issues and virtually touring lands distant from our own. 2021/2022 has been another very busy academic year for King's Geography Department, yet thankfully we have seen a phased return back to somewhat 'normality'!

Realignment and new initiatives

This year has seen the recent restructuring of the Year 7-9 Geography programme completed. The course is now in complete alignment with the adapted learning requirements and 'knowledge turn' of the GCSE and A Level syllabuses. Year 7 now rate the environmental quality of our brand new site and, by becoming the politicians themselves, ponder the options with regard to managing an overpopulated or, as in the UK's case, an ageing country! Year 8 consider the impacts of increased storms on our coastline and how East Asia is geopolitically and economically becoming ever more important on a global scale.

While Year 9 break down the stereotypes associated with the continent of Africa and its peoples, learn about the topical issue of plastic pollution in our oceans and, with help of digital instruments, realize that there are some surprisingly different and nuanced weather conditions around the School's grounds!

Furthermore, King's participation in, and exposure to, geographical enrichment continues apace. King's fielded its first-ever online GCSE NW Worldwide Quiz team, namely; Leah Shadwell, Lydia Hine and Madi Baxter, all from Year 11. The group admirably represented the school and we cannot wait for next year when the face-to-face event returns. In the Sixth Form, students have benefitted from the monthly Monday Night Lectures

as delivered online by the Royal Geographical Society and the Geographical Association's Manchester branch's A Level Geography focused lecture series. Topics such as how inequality varies in the developed world, the age of geography and how climate change is re-shaping the Arctic have generated much debate! Maintaining the media and streaming theme, Mr Wales has been running the increasingly popular

KS3 Geographical Film Club, recently giving pupils an awareness of what a 'Perfect Storm' looks like according to Hollywood and George Clooney!

Geographers getting back into going out and about!

King's Geography has a decade-long tradition of visiting many awe-inspiring locations around the world to enthuse those taking part in all matters geographical. I do not think there was any past

pupil who failed to be inspired by the Grand Canyon/West Coast of the USA, geysers in Iceland, the young fold mountains of the French Alps or the urban mass of New York! Next year is no different, with our soon to be launched Easter 2023 trip taking in the natural wonders of Sicily, Italy – river tubing down the Alcantara Gorge and taking the cable car up to the summit of Mt Etna, will it erupt before we visit?!

Additionally, we have managed to fully return to fieldwork out of school, which has been a true delight and is a central and crucial component of the subject. Year 8 have studied first-hand the coastal management processes and impacts of tourism on Llandudno. Year 9 the impact of overfishing at the Blue Planet Aquarium, here also feeding their inner David Attenborough by designing and filming on-site documentaries. Year 10 have been able to identify and map glacial landscapes in the field in Snowdonia and Year 11 measure hydrological processes in the Peak District. Finally, our week-long residential with Year 12, in and around North Wales, was a great success and helped facilitate the coursework

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component of the course. Pupils got to measure water transfer rates in contrasting land use locations, assess socio-economic inequality in urban areas and estimate carbon content in wood and peatlands, from which they were able to scale this up to identify whether they sequester or store enough carbon to make a standard settlement carbon neutral. During the trip, we also got to sample some seriously good local Chinese and pizza restaurants and test our surfing skills on the hydro-powered wave garden at Surf Snowdonia!

Future exciting plans

As we settle into our new surroundings on our Alderley Road site, we are evaluating the extra out of classroom possibilities that it offers the subject. Proposals afoot are to enable KS3 pupils to assess our water management or SuDs (sustainable urban drainage) facilities. Moreover, to take advantage of our extensive grounds by creating a geocaching course, whereby Year 7 pupils will use a Global Positioning System receiver or, more simply, their mobile device to find containers, called "geocaches" at specific locations. Finally, also being able to survey and then map our very undulating grounds! Follow how everything develops on our Twitter page - @KingsMaccGeog!

Mr Andrew Puddephatt,
Head of Geography



Spotlight on EXTENDED STUDIES

'Extended Studies' at King's is a fantastic opportunity for students to extend their learning outside of the classroom and outside of the core subjects they study.



KING'S offers a wide range of opportunities to suit different personalities and learning types. Students who are taking three A Levels study Global Perspectives in Year 12 and can choose from an exciting range of courses in Year 13, including the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). This year has seen a much more 'typical' programme as COVID restrictions have eased, meaning the return to EPQ presentation events and further interaction between students.

Offered in Year 12, the IGCSE Global Perspectives is a stimulating course that stretches across traditional subject boundaries and is both cross-curricular and skills-based. The Global Perspectives IGCSE allows our Year 12 students to explore stimulating topics that have global significance, such as the digital world, migration, sustainable living, transport, sport and recreation. They learn to collaborate with others from another culture,

community or country. They assess information critically and explore lines of reasoning. They learn to direct their own learning and develop an independence of thought. Cambridge IGCSE Global Perspectives emphasises the development and application of skills rather than the acquisition of knowledge. Students work together to develop transferable skills that will be useful for further study and for young people as active citizens of the future. Some of the more topical areas investigated this year have included period poverty, body image and social media, and transgender sport involvement.

Offered in Year 13, the EPQ is an A-level standard qualification designed to extend and develop students' abilities beyond the A-level syllabus and prepare for university or their future career. This year, we had 37 keen EPQ students, who were dedicated enough to spend Monday evenings in the school's new lecture theatre, learning all about academic writing,

referencing, research ethics and time management to name but a few topics. The EPQ allows students to lead their own projects on topics that are particularly relevant to their interests. Students get to plan and carry out research on a topic that they've chosen and isn't covered by their other qualifications. They can take inspiration from something touched on in class or something personal and unrelated to their studies. Project topics were wide ranging, from 'To what extent is love a drug?' and 'Does money buy you happiness?' to 'Do the top 1% wealthiest individuals hinder development in global economies?'

The EPQ involves a presentation evening and marketplace activity, at which students explain their experience of EPQ and topic of choice to an audience of parents, teachers, Governors and their peers. Presentations covered a vast range of subjects from the rise of Hitler to the revolutionary poetic style of Charles Baudelaire, from the successes and failures of third



wave feminism to the rise and fall of Japanese technology.

We are already looking forward to our Year 12 students selecting their Year 13 Extended Learning option. The process starts with an EPQ day in the lecture theatre and school library, at which a former pupil, currently at Sheffield University, will talk about their experience of studying the EPQ a few years ago, along with Mrs Snook who will talk about research and plagiarism, and Mrs Foster our Careers Advisor.

Leadership Skills are more important now than ever before, and the Sports Leadership award offered at King's allows students to develop these skills further. Students learn and demonstrate important life skills such as effective communication and organisation whilst learning to lead basic physical activities for younger people, their peers, older generations and within the community. The courses involve both guided and peer-to-peer learning and supervised leadership to ensure that learners have all the skills they need to lead physical activities for other people. Our Year 13 students have been able to work

with and coach younger students for the first time since the COVID pandemic began, and it has been a joy to see year groups working together.

In the Languages for Business course, students have covered modules on Sales and Marketing, Customer Services, International Travel, Business Correspondence and Health and Safety. Whilst it was still difficult to organise trips at the start of the year to put these skills into place, students were fortunate enough to have a Health and Safety Briefing of the school kitchen by Diego Gutierrez, Catering Manager who is a native Spanish speaker. The students were also able to research some important industries in Spain such as the Inditex Group (Zara, Bershka, Pull and Bear) and focus on a niche hotel group, Parador, to market and sell its products and services. It has been an excellent course and the students will be well equipped to take on any international business opportunity in the future.

In Japanese, students started learning one of alphabets, Hiragana, in September. During the course, students covered the following

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topics: Self-introduction, At a restaurant, Daily life, Shopping, Buying train tickets and Booking into a hotel. At the end of the course, all students obtained a qualification called Entry 3 Level Certificate in Practical Japanese (by SEG). For the culture sessions, students did chopstick practising, Origami, researching on Japanese cities and Sushi rolling.

In Music this year, the group have worked with a professional producer to write, rehearse, perform and record tracks for a debut EP. Students started the year exploring how to use the equipment: DAW software and a range of microphones, before using it to record a range of ensembles in different spaces. After Christmas, they started work on this year's group EP. Recording took place mainly in early March, leaving time to edit and mix tracks in time for the launch event in May where they also played several tracks live in front of an invited audience.

Extended learning is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop transferable skills for their life after King's. **DMJ**

Challenge & ENRICHMENT

We aim to create an environment at King's in which all pupils are challenged; we strive to present pupils with opportunities that are engaging and develop skills of evaluation, analysis and reflection. Pupils are encouraged to think about the process of their learning, not simply the outcome, to take risks in their learning and be unafraid to 'get stuck' in order to develop strategies for when the answers are not obvious.

INFANTS & JUNIORS

Pre-School

In Pre-School during the first week back after Easter, the children were busy enjoying the glorious warm weather. As part of their topic of Growth, Life Cycles and Changes, the children made sunflowers in their arts and craft sessions, and then measured themselves along the length of the stem.

The pupils excitedly explored their 'Garden Centre' in the role-play area and were very busy on the telephones taking orders! During their Forest School lesson with Miss Winstanley, the children went on a bug hunt; found a millipede, woodlouse, Cray fly and lots of wiggly worms. The children also planted their grass heads and enjoyed watching them grow!

Reception

Host of Heroes

Our pupils in Early Years flew, leapt, hovered, swung and zoomed in to School as a Host of Heroes dressed in their favourite Superhero costumes. This inspired our little planet-savers to begin creating their own Superhero story.



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They had some wonderful ideas as to who or what their 'Sidekicks' could be and made lists of skills that they would need to have. The children thoroughly enjoyed this focus which formed the base for Literacy.

Year 1

London's not burning!

Year 1 pupils enjoyed an exciting topic on The Great Fire of London, which concluded with a visit from Charlie Watch from Macclesfield Fire Station. The pupils answered many questions about what happened in 1666 and what has changed since then. Pupils made their own Tudor houses out of



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junk modelling materials and the firefighters helped to recreate the fire of 1666. Pupils were lucky enough to have local firefighters on hand to put out the blaze; no leather buckets were necessary! Finally, all of the pupils had a tour around and inside the fire engine, looking at special tools and modern equipment that makes up a standard fire-fighting kit in the 21st century. This was a truly wonderful experience for the pupils, which really brought their History learning to life.

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Year 2

We're going to the zoo!

During the Summer term, Year 2 enjoyed a very eagerly awaited trip to Chester Zoo. With their recent studies of animals and their habitats, and investigations into lifecycles, they were keen to see the wide variety of animals at the zoo. The children were amazing at engaging with the different sections, from the reptile house and bat cave to the giraffe and elephant enclosures. It was delightful to see them learning through first-hand experience, and sharing their enjoyment with their friends.

Year 3

As part of their study of Ancient Egyptians, pupils enjoyed a day trip to Liverpool. Starting at the World Museum, pupils learnt a huge amount about what it would have been like to live in Ancient Egypt. Following that, a 'Meet the Mummy' interactive workshop took pupils through the various stages of the embalming process including: washing the body, removing organs, stuffing the body, replacing eyes with artificial ones



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and carefully placing amulets between layers of bandages. Everyone agreed it would have been a rather disgusting and very smelly job. The afternoon took pupils down to the Liverpool waterfront and on a journey aboard the famous Mersey Ferry. They found out new and interesting facts about the River Mersey and even got to sing 'Ferry Cross the Mersey' as they sailed through the sunshine. A fantastic day was had by us all.

Year 4

Salvete!

Year 4 pupils (as well as their parents – thank you!) transformed their old bedsheets into togas as Ancient Rome came to King's. With a fashion parade, military displays, chariot racing and the Aqueduct Engineering Challenge, pupils really enjoyed being part of their topic on Romans coming to life. This was supported by a trip to The Grosvenor Museum in Chester to learn about the history of Roman

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Deva. Pupils particularly enjoyed marching round the streets as soldiers from the Twentieth Legion calling out "Sin...! Dex...! Sin...!" and recreating the formidable testudo battle formation with shields interlocked.

Year 5

It's Bread Week

After a three-year absence, Roberts Bakery made a much-anticipated return to King's and enthralled Year 5. Pupils eagerly donned their fetching disposable pink aprons and blue hairnets as bemused Senior pupils and staff went about their usual breaktime routines.

The pupils were soon mixing their ingredients for all they were worth until the crucial time to knead came. Our visitors from Roberts, Carol and Rachel, carefully explained some of the science behind bread-making, why kneading and proving are such important parts of the process and the role played by the yeast.

They reassured all the pupils that they would indeed get back their own baked loaf from the correct dough they had prepared. Mouth-watering patisserie aromas filled the Junior corridor as the baked loaves made their way back to classrooms in time for afternoon break. Huge thanks to the patient Roberts Bakery team for this experience.

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Year 6 *Blood Groups & Function*

In Science, Year 6 pupils had fun in the STEM lab learning all about blood. To find out more about the components it is made up of, they made some blood smoothies. The raspberries represented the red blood cells, the mini marshmallows were the white blood cells, some sprinkles were added to represent platelets and pineapple juice was used to represent plasma. After, pupils discussed the purpose of each component, and looked at the blended mixture.

Group one added apple juice (to represent blood group A), Group 2 added a blue juice (to represent blood group B), Group 3 added both apple and the blue juice (to represent blood group AB) and the fourth group added orange juice (to represent blood group O). They then had the option to taste it!

Year 5 & 6 *Bikeability*

Bikeability provides Year 5 and 6 pupils with the chance to develop their cycling skills in a safe, controlled setting under expert guidance. At a more general level, pupils gain confidence – not to

mention increased independence – from successfully navigating public roads or removing an arm from the handlebars to indicate for the first time. For pupils who live within a couple of miles of school, there is also the added benefit that, having completed Level 2 training, commuting to and from school by bike becomes an option.

Year 5 pupils completed a one and half hour training session on the playground developing their bike-handling when stopping and starting, practising riding in pairs and small groups and using each arm to indicate whilst still pedalling. Our external instructors ran the sessions efficiently, making them enjoyable and beneficial for the wide level of abilities amongst our pupils.

All three Year 6 classes came off timetable for a day to take part in Bikeability Level 2 cycle training. They learnt about road safety on foot and bike, cycling on roads and negotiating junctions around Macclesfield Leisure Centre. All participants received a handsome badge and certificate at the end of their training. They braved the odd shower or two but came back beaming with smiles, and the instructors commented on their polite manners and exceptional listening skills.

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Years 5 & 6 *Chess Success*

Chess Club for Year 5 and 6 pupils has enjoyed a terrific year, with a regular attendance of 24-30 children, from complete beginners to skilled players. In addition, the Infant and Junior Learning Zone has frequently been a-buzz with pupils playing socially at breaktimes.

In the Autumn Term, our coach, Mr Ireland, concentrated on recognising tactics and improving game positions, before we held our School tournament in the Spring term. After 7 rounds, Sef Cooper (Year 6) became our new School Champion. He, along with nine other children scored the required points to enter the North West round of the Delancy UK Chess Challenge in May. This was the first real tournament that any of the children have entered, and all of the team scored points on an intensive day of 5 matches against some experienced opposition. Congratulations go to Xander Hume, Phoebe Denham and Maryam Atif (Year 5), and Sef Cooper and Sacha Rimouche (Year 6) who qualified for the next round – the Northern Gigafinal, which took place during the Summer holiday.

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Year 6 *North West Gifted & Talented*

King's is a member of NWGT, a charity offering workshops in specific curriculum areas. We are a host school for certain events, and regularly put forward our Junior pupils to attend NWGT 'Saturday Challenge' workshops. A highlight in the Autumn Term was a Year 6 Design & Technology day attended by Eva Sheppard and Hattie Ellis called 'Pouring Piping Pewter'. The girls learned how to create a mould, then heat and pour the pewter to make their initials, before filing the letter down to a smooth finish.

Olympic Inspiration

Britain's greatest ever Paralympian, Dame Sarah Storey, told pupils: 'Never wonder...what if?' Speaking as part of the School's 'Wellbeing Day', the veteran of eight Paralympics told an awe-inspired audience of boys and girls aged between 8 and 12, "If you feel upset when you fail, then let that build your determination and, most importantly, don't be down-hearted, just think of failing as an opportunity to learn where to improve." Sarah, who began swimming seriously at Stockport Metro aged 10, remembers being told, "I'm sorry but you're a bit too old to start."

"Well I wasn't going to let that stop me and I tried all the harder," said Sarah, going on to tell her audience of the 5am starts in Grand Central Pool, then going back after school to swim often until 7.30pm. That dedication certainly paid off with the young



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Sarah going on to win two gold medals, first in swimming, before transferring to cycling and winning a further 12 gold medals. For good measure there have also been a further eight silver and three bronze medals in swimming, and gold medals in cycling, with 40 world titles and 77 world records across both sports. Dame Sarah answered pupils' questions about life on the road and her how she balances her sporting and family lives. She told the pupils: "Determination, hard work, practice and resilience aren't just reserved for sport but should be transferrable skills across all aspects of your life."

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Year 3-6 *World Book Day Author*

Multi-million bestselling children's author Steve Cole launched his latest book 'Swarm Rising' at King's on World Book Day in March. Written in partnership with astronaut Tim Peake, the book takes up an idea that the British astronaut had while on the International Space Station. Steve told pupils: "British astronaut Tim Peake dreamed up the idea while he was on the international space station looking out into the vast, infinite blackness of space and trying to imagine how we might make first contact. He thought what if an alien intelligence was able to download its intelligence onto a tiny speck of matter that could then travel the vast distances of space at the speed of light and when arriving on earth could then print itself out a human body. What would that mean for the Human Race and how would we react when the swarm rose?" Steve, who has written 210 books for pre-school children up to older teenagers, including accounts of the young James Bond for the Ian Fleming estate, and has sold over 3 million copies world-wide, was keen to explain the secret to getting the reader to turn the page.

Challenge & ENRICHMENT

SENIORS & SIXTH FORM

*This has been a hugely successful year for **Challenge & Enrichment** at King's, with more students than ever getting involved in the various activities on offer and stretching themselves beyond the curriculum.*

We have had a record number of students achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards for completing Challenge options as part of their homework and classwork, and also for activities outside of lessons.

This is testament to the many students at school who are seeking to reach their highest potential and develop their intellectual curiosity. We would also like to congratulate the following students who received Special Recognition Awards for completing the most Challenge & Enrichment activities in their year group over the whole year:

*Will Stephenson (Year 7)
Anya Clayton (Year 8)
Kieran Schwartz (Year 9)
Freya Ambrey-Brosnahan (Year 10),
Owen Branthwaite (Year 12).*

Kindness

Kindness is simple, strong and contagious,
Beautiful, knowing and courageous.
Those who present kindness to you,
Know it will come back to them too.



What do you get from being selfish and heartless?
Cruel and savage? You will ponder in darkness,
Barbaric, brutal, bitter and boasting,
Nothing will come from being grumpy or gloating.

Why not try something thoughtful and right?
Next week? Tomorrow? Or even tonight?
You will be in a world of empathy, friendship and happiness,
You shall feel jovial, contented, optimistic and fearless.

Be kind, I beg you – or you shall never know,
All the things you will forego.

Rosie Browen | Year 8

Percyvale Prize Competition

One of our annual events is the Percyvale Prize, which this year asked students to consider life 'Beyond the Material'. There were a number of outstanding entries in response to thought-provoking questions such as 'If an ancient Pompeian's house was on fire, in what order would they try to rescue their belongings?' and 'Can we use Maths to explain the meaning of life?'. The winning entries were from **Rosie Bowen, Year 8** (above), **Adeline An, Year 8** (below) – who both wrote poems about something that makes them happy beyond material objects – and **Margi Javle (Year 10)** who wrote an essay in response to the statement 'money cannot buy happiness'.

Walking in the Woods

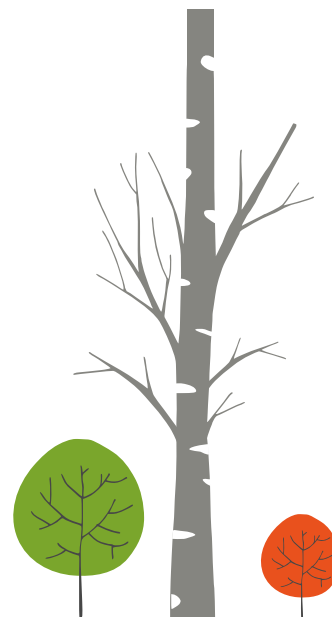
The trees stood, resolute
Past the frigid winter.
They towered high above me,
Strong and solitary.
Unwavering in the wind,
The strange twisting branches,
Were like a fantasy.

Shining like a vivid sapphire,
A dragonfly soared above the bluebells.
Azure like the crashing waves in a dream,
Fluent like the long flowing stream.
Gone in a second, left as a memory.

The sun was a distant orb,
In a pearly river of clouds.
The young beech leaves rustled,
Like whispers in a crowd.
The fresh scent of petrichor,
Sunlight seeping through the leaves;

All was content beneath,
The surreal seas of green.

Adeline An | 8GSR



Year 7 Learning Challenge

The end of June saw the annual Year 7 Learning Challenge, a two-day event where the year group have a break from 'normal' lessons to complete a series of cross-curricular sessions which are designed to enhance their King's Learning Habits. The theme of the Learning Challenge was 'Around the World', with the big question 'why do people move?'.

The Year 7 pupils participated in a range of sessions, including 'Reinterpreting Movement', which involved creating artwork inspired by Aboriginal maps; researching famous migrants; a refugee simulation which immersed the pupils in what it would feel like to have to leave their home country with a moment's notice; 'Multilingualism and the Arts' in which the students created a dramatization of the story of Icarus using a combination of all of their linguistic knowledge; learning about the different groups of people who have moved to Britain since the Romans onwards; and exploring cultural identity through poetry.

All of the Year 7 forms thoroughly enjoyed the two day challenge, particularly the opportunity to do something different and work collaboratively. Congratulations to Dylan Fineberg, Mason Byrom, Daisy Whittington, Maya Alhassan and Brodie Clarke who won prizes for best overall contribution to the Learning Challenge.



Here are some quotes from the students in their written reflections on the two days of Learning Challenge:

"I didn't know that famous people I knew were refugees"

"I have learned to remember how lucky we are and to not take the simplest things for granted"

"All of my questions have been answered in class and I've learned more than my questions could ask"

"The sessions let you learn a lot more than just one normal lesson"

"It really made me feel a lot of empathy"

"They made me realise how lucky I am and I enjoyed learning about different cultures all around the world."



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Year 9 Enterprise Day ECO focus

Young eco campaigners teamed up with two British multi-nationals to start planning for a more sustainable future.

The research was gathered during a Year 9 event with Balfour Beatty and Arup. Organised by King's Head of PSHE, Isobel Lally, the day saw representatives from Balfour Beatty and Arup both set a series of tasks to test the pupils' ingenuity and challenge traditional thinking. A key element of the day was set by the Arup team to devise a greener transport policy and it really got the children thinking.

James Reay, 13, voiced the youngsters' concerns: "Our generation is becoming more aware of climate change and how the earth is being destroyed but I am not sure the problem will be solved because we are still far too reliant on a carbon powered economy."

Emma Foster, 13, said: "The school already has some electric car charging points, but as more people make the switch to electric vehicles, we will need to install more, as well as continue to encourage car sharing, facilitate walking and cycling to and from school and choose eco-friendly transport companies."



Miss Lally said: "The Enterprise Day showed pupils how many different roles and skill sets there are in today's world of work. Construction giant Balfour Beatty and engineering expert Arup manage high profile projects worldwide and are at the forefront of creating an eco-friendly future. What the pupils were learning could also be adopted by King's as we look to minimise our own carbon footprint."

Poetry Celebration

Author Miles Salter, who is a renowned author, poet, broadcaster, band musician, teacher and former prison chaplain, spent National Poetry Day in November with Year 7 pupils, first getting them to read contemporary and classical poetry and then helping them to start their own magnum opus. "I don't think you can just give a child a blank piece of paper. You need to give them some ammunition, an opening line, something they can work with. You want them to engage with their senses. Tell them it's the middle of night and then ask them to describe what they can hear, see, feel, smell and touch. It's important to engage their sensory perception."

Miles gave pupils a fantastic whistle-stop tour through a wide variety of different poetry and really got them thinking about what each poem means. They used this insight in their own poetry writing and came up with some powerful poems which have been published in our school creative writing magazine 'Tapestry'.



Anti-Semitism talk

Freddy Naftel gave a series of spell-binding lectures to King's Year 9 and 10 history classes on Anti-Semitism and laid bare all its horrific guises. He told his audiences, "it is happening today under your noses, but is rarely reported."

Tracking the history of anti-Semitism from the middle ages through to the shocking inhumanity of the Holocaust to today's continuing trauma, Freddy earned a series of standing ovations from his young listeners.

Freddy previously taught Music and Religious Education before deciding to write his own lecture series based on his family's and his peoples' struggles. Though his own grandparents had the foresight to evacuate Germany in 1934 with his mother, then aged two, his great uncle and great aunt were gassed in Auschwitz. The most powerful testimony was of the Holocaust and the disturbing notion that 1 in 10 people believe

it never happened and over 50 per cent of people don't realise that "six million Jews and another five million Slavs, gypsies, homosexuals and disabled people were exterminated in Nazi Germany."

Finance Qualification

Several members of our Year 10 pupil body have completed their Level 2 Award in Financial Education. The course provides an insight into personal finance, touching on topics such as tax, inflation, interest rates, and the impact these factors have on the personal life cycle.

The after-school sessions were led by Donna Jestin and the Business and Economics Department. The course culminated in two assessment opportunities examined by the London Institute of Banking and Finance.



War of Roses Online Conference

A Level historians took part in a pioneering online lecture series on the War of the Roses.

The Richard III Society gathered nine of Britain's leading authorities on the Medieval age to give lectures on the fight for the Hollow Crown.

Students from 26 schools nationwide and one university shared the experience listening to world famous lecturers, including the legendary Dr John Watts from Corpus Christi, Oxford and leading revisionist Dr Rachel Moss. The day-long event was designed to give students a taste of university life and a broader based knowledge of the subject than the standard curriculum can provide.

King's Head of History Lianne Hughes said: "Each speaker focused on a different individual from the Wars of the Roses and showed students how our understanding of those people had been built up from the primary source material, and how far we can be confident in our assessments of them."

Physics Olympiad

Young scientist Ollie Hall won a Gold Medal in the National Physics Olympiad.

From an elite entry of the nation's top young physicists, the A Level student came in the top 12 per cent, to earn the hugely prestigious Olympic Gold. Sitting a demanding two-hour paper, higher than A Level standard, and requiring a high degree of lateral, out-of-the-box thought, Ollie showed why he is in demand from Britain's top universities.

Ollie, who is also a keen racquets sportsman, said: "Physics is an incredible subject, which though so diverse, comes together beautifully to explain the phenomena of the universe both on a grand and minute scale.

Physics specialists are in high demand not just because of the specific training it offers, but because all the other sciences are derived from Physics." Ollie, who went on to achieve A*A*A* in his A Levels, will now go on to study Physics at Durham University.



Debating Success

King's debating team reached the regional finals of the English Speaking Union's Mace Debating competition. The oldest debating competition in the country sees many hundreds of schools nationwide compete each year, with just six ultimately making the finals in the Oxford University Union.

Head of English, Mr Richard Kellett, who runs the King's Debating Society, said: "More and more of our students are extremely politically aware and keen to discuss and debate the issues of the day. It's a massive achievement to reach the regional finals."

One of the longest-running clubs at King's, the Debating Society attracts over 30 young orators each week to the Friday lunchtime debates, wooing youngsters who all believe the pen is mightier than the sword. The weekly practice made perfect for the three-person team, who sailed through two local qualifiers to go to the regional finals. Ben O'Donnell, Sofia Ghorbanian and Nicholas Reynolds, who successfully opposed the motion that: "This House believes MPs should be barred from holding second jobs."



EES Competition Winners

A team of Sixth Form engineers won a top national award in this year's Education Engineering Scheme. From over 350 entrants, the team of six Year 12 Physics students won the Teamwork Award, after designing a system to convert the natural heat from compost into an energy source to promote seed germination.

Working under the guidance of King's Head of Physics, Dr Hartnett, and John Blackwell, the Engineering Director of Opus Technical Ltd, the team produced a full design and prototype to impress the regional panel of judges. Over a six-month period working in lunchtime and after school sessions, the team had to determine the ideal blend of compost material, type of composter, and methods to convert and control the resulting energy before managing the heat transfer to the horticultural system.

John Blackwell, who has been helping the King's Science Department every year for the last decade, added: "Their idea might be small in scale, but it could have massive benefits on a large scale."

Student Owen Branthwaite, who wants to read Mathematics at university, said: "We learned so much about the practical application of scientific principles, from the perfect blend of compost to methods to transfer/use of energy."



Model UN Success

In December, a team of nine excellent Year 12 and 13 students attended a Model UN conference at MGS. The team was outstanding for the whole day and left with multiple awards and accolades, including: Commended Delegation (the team placed 3rd overall), Outstanding Delegation in the General Assembly (the team of Owen Branthwaite, Sofia Gorbhanian and Oliver Lewer-Soitiou), pupil Ben O'Donnell won Outstanding Delegation (winning the Human Rights Council) and Owen Branthwaite received a special mention while Jussi Peter-Hill was a highly commended delegate.

Community ACTIVITIES

We have made real strides forward this year with one of our strategic priorities: to be at the centre of our community. Our new campus is having a massive impact on our ability to host members of our wider community and provide a venue for large-scale events. Pupils have also returned to pre-Covid levels of fundraising, charity work, volunteering and engagement, which they gain so much from.

Facilities for community benefit

With Covid restrictions easing this year, we had more opportunities at the new campus to host events for organisations outside the school.

Examples have included the Sports Centre hosting the National Trampolining Championships in March 2022, hosting a conference for AJIS (Association for Junior Independent Schools), hosting various sporting tournaments such as the Cheshire Hockey Club County Championships and the Macclesfield Primary School Girls' Cricket Tournament, as well as the Junior Chess Tournament and a Cheshire Police Community Cohesion Group meeting.

In an interesting turn of events in the summer, we also welcomed a few VIP guests from the professional football community for the filming of a global sportswear commercial.



Primary Mathematics Team Challenge

Macclesfield's brightest young minds were invited to participate in the Mathematics Team Challenge hosted by King's. 12 teams of four Year 5 pupils all competed in the third Macclesfield Mathematics Team Challenge, the first since 2019 because of Covid.

The winners were Rainow Primary School, with Upton Priory School in the silver medal position and Broken Cross Primary Academy a highly creditable third place.

The other visiting teams were from Ash Grove, Bollinbrook, Gawsworth Primary, Marlborough, Marton & District Primary, Alderley Edge Community Primary, Hollinhey Primary, and Wincle Church of England Primary.

King's Head of Mathematics, Timothy Jones, said: "It was a very special and exciting day for the King's Maths Department; our objective is to try and build the students love of Maths and problem-solving and to offer an opportunity to extend and challenge some of the brightest local young mathematicians." Caroline Johnson, Director of External Relations, said: "It was fantastic to be able to host this event again and bring together pupils from across the town's Primary Schools. There was some serious strategic thinking going on, but it was also a lot of fun. Well done to everyone who competed."





Science Workshops

This year saw a welcome return of the 'Science Workshops' community programme, which King's has offered for many years for the benefit of local primary schools and our own Sixth Form students.

Over the year, students and staff from King's ran workshops for Marton & District Primary School, Bollinbrook School, Altrincham Prep School, Marlborough Primary, Rainow School, Yorston Lodge, Prestbury Primary, All Saints (Leek), Parkroyal Community Primary and Broken Cross Primary. In total, around 960 local primary school children experienced workshops delivered by a group of keen and enthusiastic King's A Level science students.



Charity Support

In a more 'normal' school year without the Covid restrictions of prior years, pupils at King's raised an enormous £31,700 for a range of local, national and international charities and good causes. Giving back to society and answering the call to help others is something that motivates our pupils of all ages. Often the selection of charities, the fundraising activities and the organisation is done by the pupils themselves, as they demonstrate their leadership skills. This year, pupils chose to support Unicef, Friends for Leisure, Save The Children, Visyon, Prostate Cancer Research, Wood Street Mission, Red Cross, Sporting Minds, Macmillan, Children In Need, DEC Ukraine Appeal, Place2Be, Scope, Comic Relief, The Christie, Royal British Legion and The Salvation Army.

Destiny Garden School

King's Infant & Junior Division is continuing to support its partner school, Destiny Garden School in Mombasa, Kenya, by sponsoring the school's feeding programme. At the start of the year, representatives Mrs Kennerley and Mrs Bell provided pupils in Years 1 to 6 with a special assembly about life in Kenya and the key differences between life

TRASHION SHOW

Year 6 learnt about sustainability within the fashion world in their Design & Technology project, as well as how to recycle creatively. Following some market research to maximise sales potential, the teams of pupils decided on the design of their outfits. They were given one binbag, Sellotape and string – everything else had to come from their bins.

From a playing-card bodice to upcycled, heeled trainers, a Match Attax card skirt and a bag made from egg boxes, the finished outfits were inspiring and eye-catching. Team members worked together effectively to prepare a written commentary which then accompanied the model's catwalk debut in the final show:

"An edgy corset, in the finest midnight-black bin liners, secured with re-purposed trainer laces..." was typical of the pupils' summaries.

The hand-picked judging panel - Mrs Cookson, Miss Yoxall, Mr Cooper and Mrs Skelley (Head of Year 7) – scored and encouraged each entry. Congratulations to models Anisha, Lacey and Poppy and their teams who secured the top three places.



there and life here. The Infant and Junior pupils were surprised to hear that the school meal is the only meal pupils receive each day. Later in the year, Junior Charity Ambassadors had the pleasure of presenting a very large cheque to two of the Committee Members from the Destiny Garden School Charity. Pupils raised more than £1,362 using a range of fundraising

ideas, from cake sales to the Year 5 Christmas shop. The money raised will go towards feeding the 350 children at Destiny Garden School with nutritious school lunches for eight weeks.

Help Ukraine

Following the invasion of Ukraine early in the calendar year, pupils were moved to help their European counterparts in any way they could. As well as collections of items which were sent over to help the initial wave of refugees, Year 4 pupils organised a Penalty Shoot Out to raise money. Pupils Emily, Clara, Lilly, Leila, Martha, Verity, Amiee, Bella and Sadie organised the penalty shout out against staff and raised a total of £215.



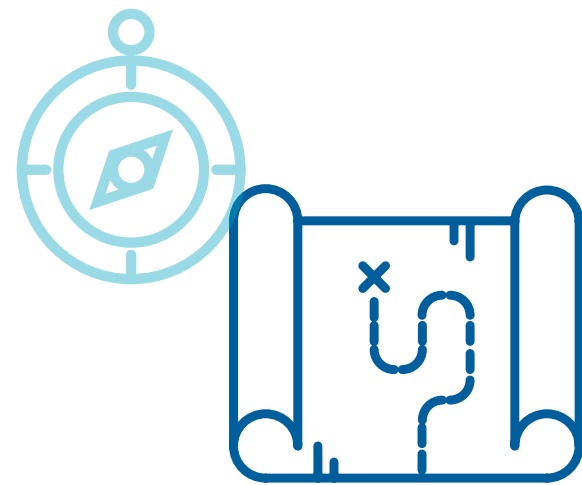
A range of further activities included a Sixth Form cake sale, a Junior cake sale, an infant loom band sale and a 'wear blue and yellow' day, which combined to raise over £7,000 for the DEC Ukraine Appeal.

Movember

Eight members of King's staff grew a moustache for Movember to raise £1,417 for men's health. Some were compared to Lee van Cleef others to Wolverine and even Magnum PI, but it was all for a range of often-ignored causes.

With men dying on average six years earlier than women, the team were raising much-needed funds for some of the major factors: prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide





Outreach Scheme

This year, we were delighted to launch an Outreach Scheme for the benefit of local children which aims to exploit our wonderful facilities and campus.

Utilising King's specialist staff to deliver the outreach activities, pupils from local primary and secondary schools have attended King's to experience sessions in the school's outdoor areas and Sports Centre.

A range of different types of sessions have been offered, including Bushcraft Sessions, Forest School, Cricket Sessions, Orienteering and Swimming. Schools have been able to pick multiple different sessions, or chose the one most relevant to them.

King's specialists in outdoor activities and those staff that run our DofE scheme have offered sessions focussed on developing skills in shelter building, fire lighting and bushcraft.

The sessions are specifically tailored for the age of the pupils attending, which range from Year 3 – Year 9, and are designed as a fun way to get children engaged in outdoor activities, building confidence through teamwork and co-operation. A number of

local schools have very limited outdoor space and resources and a limited budget for booking facilities and staff. Schools that have attended this year include Macclesfield Academy, Park Lane Special School, Bollinbrook Primary School, Upton Priory Primary School, Park Royal Primary School, Wilmslow Prep School and All Saints Primary School. In the case of Macclesfield Academy, the school hopes to use these sessions to build pupils' engagement in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

Orienteering Sessions have been delivered to Year 5 and 6 pupils from Bollinbrook School and All Saints Primary (Leek). Using our extensive 80-acre campus, the aim was to offer children an introduction to map reading and independent outdoor learning.

As well as the space and staff required to run the sessions, King's provided the necessary equipment such as maps, compass, checkpoints, needle punches, etc.

The engagement levels and enthusiasm from visiting pupils and staff was very high. Incorporating a physical challenge as well as a technical challenge

brings out different qualities in all pupils who work in teams. It gives teambuilding, collaboration and leadership opportunities to the various groups.

Cricket Sessions have been delivered to pupils from local schools including Broken Cross Primary, Parkroyal and Park Lane Special School. Sessions were delivered by our cricket coaches and used our indoor cricket centre. Swimming sessions have also been popular, using our pool when it is not in use by our own pupils during the summer term and holiday period.





Gender In Schools Equality Conference

Ensuring that King's is a welcoming and inclusive environment for students has long been at the forefront of our thinking and planning. The move to our new campus in 2020 brought together all of our boys' and girls' in a co-educational structure, allowing us to make a huge leap forward in terms of providing equality to students, regardless of gender.

For staff, our journey has included training on Equality and Diversity issues as well as the creation of an Equality and Diversity Lead post. For students, we have introduced an Equality and Diversity Council and the setting up of a popular LGBT+ group for students.

As a continuation of our journey and learning, we wanted to make the most of our new school facility to offer a conference to discuss important gender-related issues with our colleagues in other schools, to share ideas and discuss ways of moving forward.

In March 2022, we were delighted to host our first ever 'Gender in Schools' Conference, which was

attended by representatives from schools both locally and nationally. Key note speakers included Catherine Mayer (Co-founder and President of the Women's Equality Party) and Matt Ellison (an inspiring transgender speaker). Workshops included a Stonewall workshop on Gender in the Classroom, a workshop on Rethinking Masculinities and a workshop from Brook on delivering an Inclusive Sex Education. Our own pupils on our 'Equality and Diversity Council' also provided a live Q&A.

Senior Division Charity Challenge

Year 11 pupil, Will Gem, was one of the School's Charity Prefects who had a busy year fundraising for chosen charities. Here, he explains their activities and success in raising significant sums for good causes. "This year it has been a pleasure to help those less fortunate than us. Often, I feel it is too easy to forget all we have and take a step back to be grateful. I believe King's always strives to exceed expectation and we often raise much more money than ever expected.



None of this would be possible without the immensely supportive parent body, nor without the various extremely hard-working charity teams that make events happen.

Throughout the year, the Senior Division Charity Prefects have taken part in many activities to raise money for our charity of the year, Visyon, a local teenage mental health charity, and Kerry and Linda, from the charity came in to tell Senior and Sixth Form pupils what Visyon does and how our money supports them. So far, in total, we have raised over £6,000 for Visyon in six months.

We have also supported a number of other charities including Children's Adventure Farm Trust, the Wood Street Mission, East Cheshire Hospice, Francis House Trust and Silk Life Food Bank. Our fundraising activities range from: getting soaked doing a Christmas Charity Dash around Congleton, throwing sponges at teachers' heads, holding fairs in the Jackson Hall and cake sales (so basically, a load of fun).

Pupils across the school have also been motivated to support the people of Ukraine and have raised over £7,000 for the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Appeal, as well as organising collections of clothes, toys and supplies for refugees.

Charity prefects are already looking ahead to next year and recently met with Ronald McDonald House charity to discuss fundraising opportunities for them next year.



Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Over the academic year, a huge number of pupils have participated in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme operated by the School. Overall, 120 new participants have signed up for the Bronze Award and 43 Bronze participants have completed their award;

58 pupils have signed up as Silver award participants and 28 have completed their Silver award; while 35 pupils have signed up as Gold participants and 13 have completed their Gold award.

These figures are all the more impressive when you consider that the completions were made during Covid times and there are a significant number at each level who will be completing their awards before the new academic year.

This represents around 8,000 hours of volunteering, 8,000 hours of new skill acquisition, 12,000 hours of physical activity, and around 600 nights spent under canvas!!

Volunteering is an essential part of a DofE award programme and it has a huge impact on young people as well as those charities and groups benefitting from the input of time and energy. Whether it's by giving back to their community, developing a passion for a particular cause, or learning a new skill through their volunteering

activity, the Volunteering section of an award changes lives and has a positive impact on communities. Between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022, King's pupils dedicated 2,223 hours to volunteering with a social value of £10,270.26. This is an incredible achievement and we're delighted to see the impact of our pupils' volunteering.

Young Volunteer of the Year

At this year's North West Netball One Awards, King's Year 11 pupil Madi Baxter won the Young Volunteer Award, and will go to the National England Netball One Awards in December 2022 representing the North West.

Madi has registered close to 400 volunteering hours over the last 2 years and has been a fantastic role model for junior players both at Macclesfield Netball Club and at King's. There were some very strong contenders for this award, but Madi was the panel's unanimous selection! She is empathetic and understanding and younger players feel a real connection to her. However, she has taken her volunteering to the next level having qualified as a C umpire 1 month after her 14th birthday; is a Level 1 coach, an award she obtained just 2 months after her 16th birthday, and is



halfway through her B award having gained experience umpiring across multiple leagues, at inter-counties tournaments and umpires regularly for Manchester Thunder Junior pathway games. All this and in the midst of her GCSEs! A massive well done Madi.

Bursary Fund Golf Day

A record-breaking Alan McInnes Memorial Golf Day was graced by three generations of his beloved family. Wife Gwen, daughter and organiser Nicola Moores and granddaughter Izzy handed out the prizes at the major fundraising event. Played on Prestbury Golf Club course, the King's School's bursary fund event honours one of Macclesfield's most famous sporting sons.



A former King's pupil and teacher himself, who played for Sale RUFC before transferring to Salford and coaching Wigan to the Rugby League Challenge Cup, Alan McInnes was a hugely respected sporting all-rounder.

Though one of Macclesfield's most successful sports people, he was always humble, and universally respected. He played the game, hard, but fair, with a smile and handshake at the end; in a manner he advocated to his pupils as well as his friends and family.

The event raised a record £7,500 for King's Bursary Fund, helping the School edge closer to its goal of £1 million.



Nicola Moores said: "My father came to King's when it was a grammar school and his family simply would not have been able to afford fees. He knew only too well that his love of cricket and rugby was

nurtured in that environment and that he may not have gone on to have the career he loved so much without that wonderful start in life. That's why continuing to develop and support the Bursary Fund was so important to him."

The four ball better ball format off full handicap was won with a stunning 93 points by the Mobberlonians, captained by King's parent David Clayton but starring the sombrero wearing Ben Foster, as well as Rick Forrest and Stuart Nicholson. In second place was Rob Thorneycroft's team and in third was Neil Drummond's team.



Wheelchair Basketball

Pupil and wheelchair athlete Harry Smith introduced his teachers and classmates to his own favourite sport on a day devoted to wheelchair basketball at King's.

The teenager from Leek has been a hot shot at wheelchair basketball since he was just seven years old and gave his willing apprentices a real run-around on the basketball court in King's Sports Centre.

Harry's diagnosis of Spina Bifida means he has limited opportunity to join in with other sports, but his competitive spirit is brought to the fore when playing for Stoke Spitfires in the National League 3 Central Division and for the West Midlands at national level for their under-15 team.

Harry said modestly: "There's no secret; it's just practice. As I spend a lot of time in my chair I know how to move around much more easily than my friends."

During the day, King's pupils in Years 7 – 10 were introduced to the sport Harry loves during PE and Games lessons. Chair and player coach of Stoke Spitfires, Andy Flower, brought down around 20 wheelchairs and gave coaching sessions to various age groups. Andy, who then refereed

a highly competitive Staff v Pupils match, said "The secret is to learn to move the chair and control the ball at the same time. It's a bit like tapping your head while rubbing your belly and, as Harry says, takes a lot of practice."

Head, Jason Slack, who Harry somewhat aggressively man marked out of the game with the occasional clash of wheels, said: "It was very hard work but great fun. I have played a little bit of basketball but never in a wheelchair and its whole set of different skills. Harry didn't really need to mark me so closely; he was so much better than me in every department of the game."



King's Head of Community Outreach, Steve Moores, who, after a chat with Harry's mum, arranged the day and the Staff v Pupils match said: "We certainly hope to make this an annual event. Andy Flower from Stoke Spitfires did so much more for us than we could have expected, and it was much appreciated by everyone at King's." Harry concluded "I'd just like to thank our coach Mr Flower, all my teachers and friends for taking time out to find out about my sporting passion."



Sakura Tree Project

The blossoming relationship between the UK and Japan was celebrated by the planting of an ornamental cherry tree donated to King's by the Japanese Embassy.

King's began offering Japanese language teaching in 2006, initially in a lunch-time club established by former teacher Atsuko Koido, and now has some 48 students in Years 3 to Year 13 in special clubs, formal classes and project work mastering the ancient oriental language with current teacher Emi Tamai.

The Sakura Project Cherry Tree Project was conceived in 2017 by the countries' two former prime ministers, Theresa May and Shinzo Abe, to mark 150 years of UK - Japan friendship. Since then over 7,000 cherry trees have been planted nationwide.

Emi Tamai explained that learning Japanese was much simpler than many might imagine, especially if students are introduced at as early an age as possible. "The grammar is much simpler with a more straightforward order of words. There are no plural articles and no feminine and masculine denominations. It's just a very simple language to learn."

Despite Emi's assertion of its simplicity, she added: "Students, however, must still learn three different alphabets, with two of the alphabets each containing 46

characters, along both pictorial and phonic systems, and the third alphabet representing specialist imagery."

Former teacher Atsuko Koido said of The Sakura Project: "The cherry tree is a very special symbol in Japan of rebirth and new life, blossoming as it does in Spring, when the countryside and city streets are full of wonderful colour and I am delighted that future generations will see this symbol of the friendship between the two countries."

Head of King's Foundation, Jason Slack, said: "We want our pupils to have a global and not merely local perspective, and the younger they start to learn the more receptive and more confident they will become."



Macmillan coffee afternoon

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and bought cakes in support of the charity. We were delighted to raise over £1,000 for Macmillan. Each of the School's Houses stepped up to the mark and created wonderful cakes sales, which were enjoyed by parents, staff and pupils. House points were awarded for creativity and contributions raised for charity.





Cancer Research UK

A huge well done to the 'Kings Super Six' team who undertook the Children's Tough Mudder 5k race for life in October in aid of Cancer Research UK. The team of Year 8 boys, Harley Coulson, Leeson Sheldon, Josh Phillips, Joe Moores, Freddy Hempstock and Zach Al-Ausi, wore their King's rugby kit with pride and together they raised a huge £3,300.

Mental toughness for Mind

Henrietta Clay was part of a 22 strong party who climbed Helvellyn, pulling one member of the party in a wheelchair up the

mountain and back down again. The 8-hour challenge in poor weather conditions was difficult at times, testing everyone's resilience. The challenge successfully raised £2,220 for the mental health charity Mind.

Students put best foot forward for The Christie

Sixth Form students Lottie Dennett, Anique Kuiper, Izzy Watkins and Freya White raised almost £4000 for The Christie by walking the 20 miles to school from Glossop. They set off from one of their houses in the small hours of the morning, and walked the 20 miles to school in the dark in order to arrive by 8:20am and deliver an assembly! Well done girls on your amazing effort.

Former Pupils' Rugby

December 2021 saw the return of the annual charity rugby match between King's alumni and MRUFC and what a night it was. The King's team had 28 players who played a fantastic game, eventually coming out winners although it was a close game. Supporters came out in force with the stand full to the brim, all in aid of East Cheshire Hospice. Well done to all players.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Trees

At the start of the year, pupils and staff planted an oak tree to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Mayor of Macclesfield, Councillor David Edwardes, donated the 'Quercus Robur' to King's as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project.

The Mayor (pictured right) with Year 7 pupils Alex Spivey and Lola Bianchi, who were both born on February 6, the date her majesty acceded to the throne in 1952.

Later in the year, two fruit trees donated by catering partner Holroyd Howe were planted as part of the School's Jubilee celebrations.

The apple and pear trees were planted in the outdoor learning area at the rear of the Sports Centre.



Charity Swim

Georgia Smalley completed her charitable Swimming the Distance challenge in September 2021, swimming 26 miles for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation. She raised just under £250 for the charity. Thanks to all the parents and staff who supported her and the charity.

King's SPORT

After two Covid affected years, this year saw a welcome return to a full sporting calendar and a significant number of successes across a range of sports.

INFANT & JUNIOR SPORT

The Infants and Juniors have had a wonderful year of sport, balancing 'Sport for all' and 'excellence' within the Division. Some noticeable highlights have been the School for Sport event when Lauren Quigley came to visit for a sponsored fitness programme; the Cheshire East Hospice Run Jingle Bell Jog, Sports Days and the Year 6 Sports Tour to York.

The children have had a successful **football season**, performing well in whole year group fixtures and AJIS Tournaments. The Year 6 A and B squads finished first place in the Macclesfield and District League. Various children ranging from Year 3 to 6 also enjoyed visiting the Manchester City Tournaments held at the Etihad Stadium.

The Year 6 A and B **Netball team** competed in the Macclesfield District Tournament, which consisted of 14 teams in and around the Cheshire East area. The A team produced a clean sweep in the group stages, including a very tense final against Whirley, resulting in a deserving win. Raising

the trophy was fantastic way to wrap up the netball season in the Juniors. Year 3, 4 and 5 have made noticeable improvements in their netball performances and I would like to congratulate the Year 3 children for taking part in their very first fixture.

The Year 6 **Rugby Team** went unbeaten this year, culminating in a very hard-fought victory against St Mary's. A highlight was seeing all the Year 6 children compete in a fixture against Manchester Grammar, it was excellent to see so many children playing and coming away with four wins from the four matches. It has been a pleasure to see the Year 3, 4 and 5 children grow in their rugby knowledge and skills this year. Both Year 3 and 4 competed in Tag Rugby Festivals and Year 5 also attended the AJIS Festival. Both the Year 5 and 6 AJIS Teams travelled to AKS Lytham to compete in the annual AJIS **Rounders Tournament**. Both teams had huge success coming first in their group stages, qualifying into the Cup League. Both teams performed very well and finished in second place overall, a triumph

with over 20 Independent school competing. In the league, Year 4, 5 and 6 children have been undefeated, a testament to all their hard work during the summer. The Infant and Junior **Swimming provision** goes from strength to strength. We have had all children participate in House swimming galas during the summer term. Children have made exceptional progress from Reception right through to Year 6. This is down to the dedication of the swim team and a well-balanced programme of skill development, confidence building and competitive elements. The children performed well in the swimming gala against Cheadle Hulme, winning overall at both Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 age groups.

The **cricket season** has been short but successful. The children have competed in numerous fixtures with many firsts along the way. The whole of Year 4 travelled to The Grange to take part in the first match of the season which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Cricket within the Junior school is looking very promising with a number of outstanding individuals.

Sports Day this year was a great success with all children across the Infants and Juniors participating and their parents supporting. This was a first at the new site and personal highlight for the sports staff. The Infants enjoyed a carousel of activities led by the Sports Team and Class teachers and then finished with a traditional sports day relay race. This was a positive event and the children thoroughly enjoy receiving their certificates, stickers and wrists



bands. The Junior Sports Day was spread over a day and half and all the children competed in great spirits. It was wonderful to see all the children compete with passion for their respective House.

Another highlight of the year has been the **Junior Sports Tour** to York. The Year 6 children had a fantastic time away, competing in fixtures, tournaments and specialist coaching sessions over the four days.

The children also enjoyed various excursion's such Go Ape, Indoor Golf and a wonderful end of tour disco. The children returned from the tour walking taller, embracing the experience of being away from home and everything it had to offer.

A focal point which demonstrated the determination and hard work the children put into sports is the great success King's had in **Cross Country** this year. Both Year 3/4 girls and boys teams came first in the Macclesfield Cross Country

SPORT Highlights

SENIOR SPORT

Athletics



After a couple of years of cancelled athletics competitions due to the pandemic, the summer term provided many opportunities for our athletes to compete and it was fantastic to watch so many excel.

Middle distance runner Philip Goodfellow warmed up for the athletics season with very good 800m runs at three indoor club events. Philip finished 2nd, 3rd and 3rd respectively at the City of Birmingham Games, the Northern Athletics Indoor Track & Field Championships in Sheffield, an England Athletics Age Group Indoor Championships at Sheffield. He now ranks 27th nationally on the U17 indoor 800m circuit.

Meanwhile in school; the Girls' teams performed very well in a closely competitive relay competition hosted by Stockport Grammar School, with the Year 10 athletes putting on an impressive display of athleticism to win all of their races.

The King's Year 7 athletes competed well in the Macclesfield and District Athletics competition to finish in second position overall, with the girls team 1st and the boys 5th. There were some superb individual performances with seven of our athletes qualifying to represent Macclesfield at the Cheshire Minors County Championships: Sophia Heywood



(100m), Hattie Usher, (200m) Lola Bianchi (800m), Grace Taylor (1500m), Bobby Tomlinson (1500m), Rocky Maguire (Shot) & Dylan Fineberg (Discus).

Dylan, Bobby and Lola all went on to finish in the top three at the County Championships, and were selected to represent Cheshire in the Inter Counties event against Merseyside, where they performed tremendously well: Dylan claimed 3rd place in the discus, Bobby came 4th in the 1500m, and Lola was 6th in the 800m.

In Round 1 of the ESAA Schools Cup, the Junior Girls' team (Year 7/8) was 3rd, the Junior Boys' team 7th, Inter Girls' (Year 9/10) were 4th, and the Inter Boys' team came 3rd. As a result the Junior Girls team and both Inter teams qualified to compete in the Regional B finals.

There were some outstanding performances at the Macclesfield and District Athletics Juniors and Inters Competition: our Junior Girls and Inter Boys teams were 1st overall, and the Junior Boys and Inter Girls were 3rd overall out of the 10 schools in the district. 27 of our athletes earned selection to represent Macclesfield at the County Championships on 11th June at Ellesmere Port.

Here there were some outstanding performances; Sam Keep won the JB 200m, Jake Lewis ran a superb 800m and won his 800m heat and then went on to finish 4th in the final. Philip Goodfellow ran a most exciting IB 800m, narrowly missing the win by 100th of a second! Tom Danson was 2nd in the IB Long Jump, Corinna Knuckey finished 5th in the JG 100m final, Lalli Brown was 3rd in her JG 800m heat, Neave Stanway had a tough 1500m but competed with determination, Poppy Fletcher was 5th in the JG Shot, Emily Danson was 4th in the Junior Girls Javelin, Phoebe Marshall was 5th in the IG High Jump and Sam Danson won the SB Long Jump.



The highlight of the season was seeing Sam compete for Cheshire in the National Schools' Track and Field Championships in Manchester, where he won the Long Jump with a personal best of 7.13m. We wish him the very best in his future athletic career as he continues his studies at Loughborough University. At the end of the term there was opportunity for all of our pupils to compete in the Inter House Sports Day.

It was wonderful to see pupils in action on the athletics track on the Brocklehurst Field, where they competed with true House spirit and demonstrated resilience and determination to gain points for their House; and setting some of the first House Sports Day records at the new school. Gawsworth House were winners of the House Athletics shield.

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Cross Country



It was a successful Cross Country season for the King's Cross Country teams and several individual runners emerged as having amazing athletic potential. In October, our runners competed in the English Schools Athletics Association Cross country cup competitions at Walton Hall Gardens in Warrington. The Junior Boys team (Years 7/8) qualified for Regional finals at Bromsgrove School where they had superb runs and finished in equal first position. They went on to compete in the National Cup Final in Newquay in December. Individually they ran exceptionally well which contributed to the team finishing 14th overall out of the 27 teams from across the whole country. Bobby Tomlinson and Ross Hallinan ran especially well, finishing in 16th and 17th place in a field of 148 runners. There were other good runs from Walter Travis, Stan Slater, Hugo Blackwell and Jack Ledger.

Following the Macclesfield and District Cross Country Championships, Bobby Tomlinson, Ross Hallinan, Grace Taylor, Lalli Brown, Jamie McCabe, Callum Richardson, Marianne Knuckey, Bella Reid, Jake O'Donnell, Philip Goodfellow and Morgan Davies were selected to represent Macclesfield at the Cheshire Schools County Cross Country Championships at Knight's Grange



in February. This proved to be a tough event; against many club runners and in very muddy and wet conditions. However, Bobby Tomlinson, Grace Taylor and Jamie McCabe had fantastic runs and finished in 3rd, 7th and 7th place respectively. Jamie was selected to represent Cheshire in the English Schools Cross Country National Finals in Kent in March where he finished in very credible 173rd position out of 329 runners from across the country. This contributed to the Cheshire Junior Boys team gaining 10th team place out of 42 Counties.

Bobby and Grace represented Cheshire in an Inter Counties event at Ellesmere Port in March against Merseyside. Bobby finished in 3rd place in the Minor Boys race which enabled the Cheshire team to win the Minor Boys competition. Super performances from both runners allowed Cheshire to also take the overall prize over Merseyside. In October, Jake O'Donnell competed for England Orienteering in the U16 boys against the other home nations. As a scorer, he helped England to a narrow victory over Scotland and the other nations.

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Boys' Cricket

Cricket 1st XI

The players were delighted to start using our new 1st XI Field, "The Wilson Field". A young but tremendously talented squad commenced the season with the National Cup in short format T20. Giggleswick were swept aside by 10 wickets, as Archie Close (34*) and Liam Yahathugoda (59*) chased down 105 with overs to spare. Then the 1st XI faced local rivals Cheadle Hulme in back-to-back fixtures away from home within 4 days.

Both matches resulted in a loss but the latter Saturday return leg provided King's with a chance to improve on the prior performance - Saturday's highlight being a late order partnership from wicket-keeper batsman Joe Moores (38) and experienced Upper Sixth batsman Jake Ogden (36). The pair went at 8+ runs an over for a sustained period without

much worry, which prompted the opposition to bring back the opening bowlers. Moores and Ogden would have similar partnerships throughout the season.

A poor outing at a strong Lancaster Royal Grammar School left King's without a win in the longer format of the game as Newcastle-under-Lyme School were welcomed to the Wilson Field. King's scored 198 in their 40 overs and set about dismantling the opposition batting, Fin Nash proved to be an economical and effective opening bowler in this game and throughout the season, King's finally victorious by 42 runs.

In a loss to Manchester Grammar, only Close (42) threatened with the bat before half-term came and went as King's travelled to Bolton School. Captain Harrison Milner (36) and senior batter Oscar Robinson (36) started the innings well, and Christian Smith (31) contributed in a fast-paced

innings, before demonstrating his outstanding fielding skills. The aforementioned Moores (43) and Ogden (31) collaboration showed up again with a 56-run partnership to steer King's to 213 and make the boys favourites. The fielding innings got off to the best possible start: an Ollie Davies slower ball bouncer, mis-timed and plucked from the sky by Ollie Jennings, sent Bolton's star batter back to the pavilion for a golden duck, and the rest followed shortly after!

A notable 144 run victory was secured, as it has been a long time since King's have triumphed over the traditionally strong Lancastrians. Saturday fixtures ended with a strong win against Birkenhead School. Young duo Yahathugoda (94*) and Nash (62) powered King's to their second successive 200+ innings score. Debutant Toby Wilson took 3 wickets, and he was shown the way by the experienced Ben Wallace, who also took 3 very deserved wickets. James Hartley's off-spin caused the Birkenhead batters trouble and they never really looked like threatening the King's total.

Wednesdays didn't offer much luck for King's, with examinations impacting on availability, as well as the unfortunate long-term injury to Zac Spencer Pickup. It did however, provide the opportunity for Year 11s Freddie Griffiths, Archie Offer, Ollie Farrer and Ollie Sapey to demonstrate they all have the potential to play regularly next season. The one midweek highlight came against Wilmslow High, where Robinson singlehandedly took King's to another 10 wicket win with 61 from 31 balls.



Thankfully, the squad were able to attend the Cricket Festival at Edinburgh. This had been cancelled for the previous two seasons due to Covid. Up first, Barnard Castle who boasted a talented side and certainly looked dangerous with the ball as King's found themselves 49 for 3. Outgoing Upper Sixth batters Harry Owens (40) and Robinson (46) rescued the innings before the familiar Moores (62*) and Ogden (43) partnership of 112 helped King's to a season's best 232. It proved enough, especially combined with a strong bowling performance, epitomised by Jennings's 3 for 36.

In the second outing, Edinburgh Academy threatened to topple King's until a skipper's innings from Milner (61) and fifty from Owens (52) gave King's a defendable lead that had looked unlikely at the start. Wilson and Nash made light work of the Edinburgh batters as King's won by 31 runs. Day 3 and King's faced Rossall School in a heavily rain effected match. Unfortunately, it proved a game too far, as Rossall's opening batter top scored with 101. Once he was caught behind, Rossall only added one more run in the remaining 4 overs. However, the run chase proved too much, and the 58-run loss was a disappointing way to finish the festival, but the future is certainly bright!

The selection of lower school cricketers on merit, is reason to be

excited alone. Their contributions this year and the experience they have gained will benefit the side in future years.

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U15

It is rare to have a King's age group that doesn't have enough players for a 'B' team but unique to have one that doesn't have enough players for an 'A' team! That was the predicament for this year's U15 side; a group that had perhaps suffered more than most from two lost Covid seasons.

Fin Nash would be a stand out cricketer in any era but his talents saw him elevated to the 1st XI with only brief appearances in U15 cup fixtures. Of the other players, there were only 5 or 6 who represented the team consistently but they were a pleasure to work with and never gave less than 100%. Ben Kay as a keeper batsman continues to improve in both disciplines. He hits the ball hard when he gets in and helped provide the backbone for the Saturday XI. Newcomer Elijah Willcocks was a welcome addition to the group. Matthew Craig was also new to the team and new to cricket and made great strides through the season. Jamie Williams has been a stalwart of the side since Year 7 and he continued to make strong contributions with both bat and ball.

The strength of the U14 squad meant the school were able to play players in the U15. The U14s players all played key roles. Ollie

Hufton and Callum Richardson contributed with valuable runs and wickets.

Given the issues the team had, the season was very successful. In the cup fixtures with Fin Nash playing and the support of the best U14s the team reached the semi-final before a mixture of work experience and other games forced the team to withdraw. In the Saturday blocks the team were competing in almost all the games against some very good cricketing schools. The overall record of 3 wins and 5 losses was a fair reflection of the season as a whole.

U14

A summer that was blessed with good weather seemed to have the U14s on the 1st XI cricket pitch for almost every game! Sam McDowell hit the first 50 on the new field when he helped the team to a good victory against The Grange.

Early defeats by strong Cheadle Hulme and Lancaster sides were followed by three good victories. A cup victory against Stockport Grammar was followed by wins against St Ambrose and Newcastle. Against Newcastle the team were rescued from a perilous position when Charlie Cresswell hit a fine 50. Charlie was well supported by Harry Bolton with 36. With a now difficult target to chase, Newcastle succumbed to the wily leg spin of Joe Bailey-Heald.

The run of victories was ended with a tie against Manchester Grammar. In truth, the result felt more like a loss as King's were on top throughout the second half of the game.

U14 (continued)

If Charlie's innings against Newcastle had been good, his 50 against MGS was a belter. King's were able to post a very good score. Lewis Wheeldon (who deservedly won the bowler of the season award) took the MGS top order to task with three quick wickets. Disappointment at a tie with MGS showed how far the team has come.

A loss to Bolton School was followed by a defeat at Birkenhead, where our U14s were matched against their U15s. Against Merchant Taylors' school, King's were very quickly out of the blocks. Sam McDowell and Joe Bailey-Heald started things off spritely enough before Charlie Creswell and Lewis Wheeldon (with a rare but well-deserved journey into the top order) scored 50s and retired. The excellent Simon Shadwell then smashed the ball to all parts of the Wilson Field, nearly reaching the Music block with one big six, to finish with 40 not out.

The last two weeks of term came with a rush of fixtures. In the Cheshire Cup draw the U14s found themselves in the toughest half. In the quarter final they faced Cheadle Hulme (last year's winners). Another strong bowling performance saw Cheadle dismissed cheaply and King's ran out comfortable winners. In the semi-final King's faced Altrincham GS,

Altrincham had knocked King's out of the cup the previous year and with several Cheshire players in their ranks were always going to be a tough opposition. Christian Smith, back from 1st XI



duty, was in a belligerent mood smashing 86 off just 44 deliveries with 22 coming off the last over alone. Chasing 140 plus to win, Altrincham needed a good start; the bowlers made sure they didn't get it. Rain eventually ended the contest but Altrincham were already 8 wickets down and out of the game.

The final against King's Chester was almost an anti-climax. A strong batting line up saw the school amass 208 runs in just 20 overs. Sam McDowell 44, Christian Smith 68, Charlie Creswell 30 not out and Joe Moores 57 not out all scored quickly to leave the Chester batters a mountain to climb. Looking for early runs, Chester had an early collapse and were never able to recover. It was a fitting way to end the season.

Their Cheshire Cup victory gives the side entry into the National Cup next season where a full-strength King's side will be a match for anyone.

U13

It is hard to know where to start with the U13 Cricket season. The first game of the school year was the U12 Cheshire Cup Final in September. The game had been carried over from the previous season when the return of Covid sanctions brought the season to an abrupt halt. The game ended in a comprehensive victory; a win that would see the side go on to represent Cheshire in the National Schools KO. It was a glimpse of things to come.

If fixtures in September are rare, fixtures in the Spring term are even rarer. Nevertheless, the first game of the summer was played at the end of the Spring Term. On a day when winter sports would have been cancelled the snow was brushed off the Astro pitches and the U13s completed victory number 2 against the touring, Rokeby side.

Summer may have started with snow but when the summer term itself arrived, the good weather



came with it. The games came thick and fast. As well as the regular Saturday matches the team also had two cup competitions to complete.

In the Saturday fixtures the team had to manage without key players as two (and often three) players played up in the senior squads. This gave all the squad members a chance to perform and to take responsibility in these games. Leo Burns captained the Saturday side with skill. He was ably supported by Alfie Usher. Both boys played for the Cheshire U13 side and both would be key contributors to the side, with runs and wickets throughout the season. Seven wins and three defeats is an excellent season but with players missing this represented a really good team effort.

In the Cheshire Cup run, the early rounds were notable for some strong batting performances from the King's players. Posting 200 in 20 overs against Altrincham (Liam Yahathugoda with a brutal 132 no)

and chasing down 100 in 10 overs against Wilmslow. The semi-final against Cheadle had to be played on a Saturday and, with key players not available, a lot rested on the shoulders of Leo and Alfie, when both were out cheaply it looked as though King's would struggle to make a defensible total.

Will Bennett batted patiently and top scored with 23 but there were also vital contributions from Will Hayes, Ted Black and Alex Cresswell which gave the side something to bowl at. The bowlers then stepped up to see the side home. Dylan Parks-Szymborski picking up 2 crucial early wickets and the rest of the bowling attack all chipping in.

The early National Cup rounds saw the team play some excellent cricket. In the first round against Lancashire cup winners MGS, King's posted 244 for 1, another fine innings from Liam Yahathugoda (135no) who was well supported by Alfie Usher (58no). MGS reached 187 in reply, with wicket keeper Rory Horne picking up two late wickets! In Round 2 against St Peter's, King's again batted first.

Liam with another century (112) as King's 187 was too many for the Yorkshire winners. The next round was the North Final against Sedbergh. King's batted first against a hostile Sedbergh bowling attack, but Leo and Liam weathered the storm, Liam making a crucial 74 and a key late partnership between Alex Cresswell and Austin Woods taking the team to 169. Sedbergh never recovered from a tight opening bowling spell from Ollie Price and were dismissed for just 38 runs.

King's were back on the Wilson Field as North Champions against Midlands winners Warwick in the National Semi-Final. King's lost the toss and for the first time fielded first. The Warwick batters scored a patient 156 off their 30 overs with Ollie Price and Adi Nair both picking up key wickets. Another 50 from Liam and an excellent 85 not out from skipper Joe Moores saw the team home, and secured a place in the National Final. It would be the first time a King's side has reached a National Final for over 20 years.



• U13 National Cup winners

At the magnificent Oakham School King's played Dulwich College in the final. The biggest of stages saw a large crowd of travelling spectators witness a truly remarkable finale. King's batted first and posted a very competitive 192. Liam, Leo, Joe and Alfie all with strong contributions. Dulwich College were always up with the run rate but lost wickets at regular intervals. It all came down to the final over and the final ball.

With Dulwich needing one run to tie and two to win off the final delivery, Leo Burns held his nerve with the ball and Ollie Price held on to a remarkable catch at cover point! Ollie was mobbed by his teammates; King's had triumphed in the closest of finishes. It was an excellent all-round team performance, skipper Joe Moores was awarded joint man of the match with the Dulwich captain. It had been a brilliant cup run as King's became the first Cheshire school to win a National Final since 1978!

The season was still not quite over. Fixture congestion meant that the Cheshire Cup final had to be held in the first week of the school holiday. Against a strong Sandbach team, King's batted first and posted 157 in their 20 overs with Joe (66) top scoring and Alfie (41) and Liam (29) also in the runs. On a turning wicket Sandbach struggled against some tight bowling from the spinners before finishing on 133 for 5. It was a fitting end to a season the players and parents will never forget.



U13B

There was much to be pleased about with the U13B season. The playing record itself was strong with seven excellent victories out of the eleven completed fixtures. Two of those successes came in impressive fashion as the boys secured 10 wicket wins against Cheadle Hulme and Bolton School.

The other victories were equally encouraging, coming against some strong opposition, including Rokeby School from Surrey, Lancaster Royal Grammar School, MGS, King's Chester and NULS. However, perhaps the most pleasing element of the season was that some 33 Year 8 boys represented the team over the summer, with 21 of those boys playing at least twice. This genuine interest and commitment was reflected in training, which was always well attended and lively.

No one played more than Tom Moore, who shows promise with bat and ball, whilst seamer Archie Hood, hard-hitting batsman Xander Hunter and wicket-keeper batsman Asad Aizad (batsman of the year) were also among the first names on the team

sheet. Arthur Winterton showed all-round ability as batsman, bowler and wicket-keeper, and Alex Fahy could always be relied on to bowl a steady line and length with good bounce. Other regulars included Leeson Sheldon, Charlie Mould, Freddie Hempstock and Adam Lancaster (bowler of the year), whose seam bowling often challenged the opposition batsmen. All were capable of scoring runs as well, and quickly. Stan Slater, Finn Cross and Zac Al-Ausi were important team members in around half of the games. All-rounder and committed fielder Jack Saunders was one of those players who also experienced A team action, whilst other valuable and consistent contributions came from Ted Hatton, Walter Lowe, Marcus Mather and Ollie Walsh. The remaining representatives were no less important, and they featured in either one or two of the fixtures, and they included Atti Johnson, Walter Travis and Josh Martin.

FH

U12A

This was an excellent season for the U12As. They produced their best all-round performance at Birkenhead to lift the Cheshire Cup and book their place in the U13 2023 National Cup.

On a hot afternoon, the boys bowled tightly and fielded with great commitment to restrict the hosts to 102-2 from their 20 overs. Theo Frangos took one wicket and captain Harry Boddy claimed the other wicket to fall with a run out, as Toby Boyd, Fred Slater and Oscar Wheeldon all conceded less than 4 runs an over. The run chase was timed superbly, with Lucas Burns scoring an excellent run-a-ball 39 to anchor the innings. In the end, Toby Boyd (21 not out) and Fred Knight (12 not out) sealed the victory with 3.1 overs to spare. A fantastic effort from all the boys as King's successfully retained the trophy won last year.

This was a squad full of strong all-rounders all keen to bat in the top 6 and bowl several overs. There were many highlights over the summer: Hayden Oliver showed what a destructive batsman he can be, and he went beyond 40 against Bolton, Stockport and NULS. Batsman of the year Lucas Burns got better and better over the season, and included a fine 50 against Cheadle Hulme.

Captain Harry Boddy scored an entertaining 43 at Merchant Taylors' and bowled some good overs, whilst bowler of the year Fred Knight (3 wickets at Merchants) was a regular threat, and scored important runs, including against Lancaster. Toby Boyd delivered some excellent left-arm seam bowling and scored valuable runs. Theo Frangos, Jack Williams,

Oscar Wheeldon and Fred Slater all moved the ball in the air and off the seam at good pace, and all showed batting potential. Harry Hardcastle displayed a fine range of shots and good running between the wickets. George Davis (4 wkts at Wilmslow High) bowled some excellent leg-spin and off-spin deliveries, and Seth Oliver-Williams claimed some great wickets with his leg spin. Both showed promise with the bat. Other valuable contributions came from George Hamilton and Oliver Halfpenney.

U12B

With 5 wins from their 8 completed games, the U12Bs can be very pleased with their record over the season. Over 30 boys represented the U12A and B teams over the season, which is testament to the depth in the squad, and there was no shortage of quality. That quality was on display in the

victories came against Rokeby School, Cheadle Hulme School, Stockport Grammar, Lancaster Royal Grammar and King's Chester. As a result, several boys earned a call up to the A team on the back of strong performances for the Bs, including Seth Oliver-Williams, Oliver Halfpenney, George Hamilton and Ed Lovett. Key wicket-taker Kieran Garcha claimed the bowler of the season award having regularly threatened the opposition batsmen, and Charlie Burns deservedly claimed the batting award after consistent run scoring; He also took valuable wickets.

Wicket-keeper/batsman Tom Machin also did an excellent job over the season, along with regular all-rounders Freddie Bartle, Laurence Riley and Elias Barnsley. Other valuable performances over the summer came from Miles Smethurst, Henry Gale, Tom Ingleby, Will Stanway, Tom Parker, Oscar Wolff, Alvin Raju, Max Slack, Ritz Brown and Rocky Maguire.





Girls' Cricket

U13

This was the first season of competitive cricket for the U13s girls' team. There was some apprehension when the girls went into a real-life match situation against CHS. However, this was not evident as the match went on, with solid wicket taking from Olivia Kitchen, Mia Lamb, Imogen Nugent, Jasmine Oakes, Anya Clayton, and Ava Finnagan ensured it would be a great way to chase the game. Creative batting skills and good placement on strike ensured the girls took the first win of the season. With the player of the match going to Ava Finnagan.

Further highlights throughout the season, were wins against Wilmslow High school, The Grange, Stockport Grammar School and a second match against CHS.

The girls also played a match against Macclesfield Cricket Club, this was a more challenging affair, with some talented Cheshire players along with skilled Club players for the opposition. Ava Finnagan was the top batter with 21 runs on the day but unfortunately, the girls were unable to take any wickets and were defeated by 6 wickets. This was a great experience, and the girls took a lot of positives from this match.

A great effort from all the Under 13s!

MJS



U12

This year saw the introduction of a fixtures program for girls' cricket which sparks the start of something very exciting. The growth of women's cricket starts at school and lots of pupils have begun participating in greater numbers. The potential within our school body is vast and each year will see the introduction of more fixtures.

Over the winter, Mr Harris (X1 team coach) has been working with pupils indoors to coach batting, bowling and fielding. It is clear to see that the pupils who have taken this opportunity have shown huge improvements in their skill levels. Each year group will have the chance in 2022-23 to practice over the winter and I hope more pupils attend this club.

This season, pupils have been introduced to hard-ball cricket which brought great excitement and also trepidation in equal measure. Getting used to 'padding up' allowed pupils to show excellent collaboration skills and some resilience was required with some questionable calls when running between the wickets.

This year saw fixtures against Macclesfield Cricket Club, Cheadle Hulme, Newcastle-Under-Lyme and The Grange. Each fixture brought opportunities to apply new batting shots learnt in games and also challenge themselves to bowl in a competitive environment.

My particular highlight from the season was our commanding batting performance against The Grange. The running between the wickets was excellent and our shot selection allowed an array of boundaries to be scored around the ground.

A very tight bowling and fielding performance followed this to run out as clear winners. It has been great to see lots of parental support on the sideline and the opportunity for girls to showcase their potential in this sport.

Well done to Rosie Gyurkovits who was Player of the Year and Emily Danby who was Most Improved Player of the season.

Mrs Dunn



Equestrian



This year, the Equestrian squad managed to qualify to the Autumn finals at Keysoe and Spring National Final at Hickstead with 10 members qualifying for these finals, individual and teams.

At the Autumn finals, Emma Coope was 3rd at Keysoe as an Individual in Dressage. All other team members did extremely well, just missing out on rosettes in Show Jumping and Jumping with Style.

At Hickstead, the teams could hold the school flag high after winning the Eventers Challenge at 70/75cm (Rubi Ambrey Brosnahan, Poppy Holding, Issy Lyons and Oliver Ravenscroft) and 80/85cm (Poppy Holding, Hattie Lowe, Georgina Lyons and Oliver Ravenscroft) with a number of individual places as well.

We have been very lucky this year with strong teams and individuals, and Minnie Longdon has been achieving her own success with being selected to ride for the British Pony Squad Eventing at the Home International at Blair at the end of August.



Hockey



BOYS

1st XI

This was certainly a season of re-development for the senior boys' hockey squad. The impact of Covid-19, and the loss of a number of the school's hockey players before their Sixth Form years limited the competitive playing time of many of the boys and reduced playing numbers. As a result, the 1st XI squad of 2021-22 was less experienced than in previous years. Added to this, the team struggled a little for continuity in selection as a result of illness, injury and academic requirements. Nevertheless, the boys worked hard to implement

the defensive and attacking systems coach Mr Jameson introduced, and there was clear progress made over the season. Victories were thin on the ground, with two great results against Birkenhead being the highlights.

However, there were also some encouraging performances and narrow defeats as the boys fought hard against some strong opposition. Captain Euan Usher led from the front with some determined performances, and he continued to encourage the squad over the season. Further motivation came from Santi Houghton, who took on the role of squad leader.

Of the other leavers, Simon Trier had another excellent season in goal, continuing to make great saves and deliver valuable instruction to his defence from the 'D'. Jake Ogden passed and carried the ball well, and looked comfortable in a number of positions. Jack Phillpotts took up some excellent attacking positions, and he provided an important attacking threat, along with Derrin Scott. Joe Clayton displayed a range of skills when he was available, and Pieter Coyle proved to be a valuable work horse wherever he played.

Tom Willshaw returned to boost the squad in the second half of the season leaving Mr Jameson to lament the fact that he hadn't returned sooner. Jake Jones was also a significant asset when he was available. Other players to feature strongly over the season included Zac Spencer Pickup, who was a regular target up front, and Lewis Johnstone who distributed well in midfield. These two boys will take on the leadership of next year's team, which will benefit from the extra experience gained by some of the strong Year 11s, such as Archie Offer and Ollie Farrer.

We'd like to thank the numerous coaches we've had over the years: Mr Sanders, Mr Ashton, Miss Waller, Mr Jackson, Mr Mattingly, Mr Jameson and Mr Higginbotham for turning up at the weekend, travelling with us to away games and sticking with us when times were tough. Most importantly, we'd all like to thank Mr Moores and Mr Thomson, who have been with the team since day one, pushing us



to perform at our best and being with us in our winning moments, and also those moments when we weren't so successful. Finally, we hope those who have stuck with hockey will continue to play for club and at Uni, and who knows we may be lining up against each other in years to come.

Euan Usher & Santi Houghton

2nd XI

This was another good season for the 2nd XI boys' squad. In terms of results, the nine completed fixtures yielded six excellent victories and one draw, with the boys scoring 35 goals and conceding on 11. Those wins came against Birkenhead (twice), Newcastle-Under-Lyme (twice), Wirral Grammar and St Anselm's, with the drawn game away at Manchester Grammar School.

A number of the boys experienced playing time with the 1st XI, and time spent in those matches as well as in training clearly paid dividends as the boys were able to translate what they had learned to the 2nd team arena: Adam Butters, Derrin Scott, Aaron Raymon, Pieter Coyle, Nick Reynolds, Ben Martin and Ollie Sapey were all able to demonstrate the benefit of their 1st team exposure. Year 11 provided the mainstays of the 2nd XI team, with Fraser Day the corner stone in goal - Fraser had another excellent season and he will deservedly graduate to the 1st team next year. Tom Bagguley

distributed well from the centre of the pitch, often linking with George Barratt who made regular forays into the opposition 'D'. Thomas Lowe, Raphael Pfister and Matthew Simpson all performed well, often from more defensive positions, and the work they put into training saw their games improve over the season. The good numbers and commitment amongst the incoming Year 11 bode well again for another successful season in 2022-23.

Euan Usher, Santi Houghton & CST

U15

Judging on results alone, you would have to say this was a very successful season for the U15s. The results, however, don't tell the whole story. A team with very few 'club' players and including a number of players who were new to the sport, had a remarkable season.

As a year group they struggled to win games in their earlier school years. Covid then curtailed one season and obliterated the next. The coaches were worried when fixtures resumed that a lack of game practice would leave the side struggling in matches. In the end, five wins and a single defeat, with the rest of the games drawn, gave the side an excellent return.

Fin Nash grew into the game in the centre of midfield and became a very good player. He will have a role to play in the 1st XI next season. The Craig brothers, Matthew and Oliver, were ever present members of the team and excelled in left and right midfield. All three were relatively new to hockey, but for Elijah Willcocks and Conor Dunnigan this was their first experience of the game, and both would more than play their part.

The defense was strong throughout the season. Alex Court tackled and passed the ball with great precision. James Price ran his socks off at the back. Ali Hussain and Sam Burns operated up the flanks in defence and midfield and distributed well to Aidan Hague and Oliver Woodward up front. Aidan continues to grow as a skillful forward runner and it was a real bonus to have Oliver playing when we could pinch him from the rugby squads.

The backbone of the team was provided by those players with club experience who have been part of the squad since Year 7. Ben Kay in goals was awesome (he had to be at times), Alistair Fitzmaurice led the team from the centre of midfield. A strong and skillful player and a well-respected captain. Jamie Williams and Sam Kilvert provided the strike power. Both scored some excellent goals, always pressed hard at the top of the pitch and tracked back when the team were out of possession.

This was a group of lads who worked hard together, hardly ever missed a training session and were good fun to be around. They thoroughly deserved the success that came their way.

SM

U14

The U14As regular season got off to a great start with some convincing wins against strong opponents. We showed our full potential with 6-0 and 8-0 wins early in the season against St Anselm's (twice). Further victories followed against Calday Grange (5-0) and MGS (4-3).

Our next matches were against Cheadle Hulme and Newcastle-under-Lyme with a strong 7-1 victory and a close fought 2-1 win at home.

Then as the cup season began, we faced King's Chester in the Regional Finals and achieved a well fought 2-2 draw, against the eventual national cup qualifiers. Initially we were off the pace and unfocused falling 2-0 down early on, but we fought back to tie things up in the 2nd half.

Our next cup matches were against Sandbach, where we secured a very convincing 4-0 win, and at home to Altrincham Grammar, which saw another very strong victory (4-1). This qualified us straight into the U14 Tier 1 North West finals at Timperley Hockey Club. On the finals day, we started out strongly in the group stages, but as the day progressed some negative results saw us fail to make the knock out stages.

The season ended with further friendly victories over Rydal Penrhos (3-0), Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2-1) and Sandbach (6-0). Overall a good season, with perhaps a little disappointment at the Regional Finals. Over the season, some 25 boys played for the U14 team. Particular congratulations should go to team regulars: Sam Booth, Callum Richardson, Edward Hammond, Isaac Todd, Alex Bailey, Joe Bailey-

Heald, Zac Farrer, Jamie McCabe, Archie Robinson, Charlie Cresswell, Anson Wong, Oliver Gotts, Will Clark, Sean McDowell and Jobin Joseph.

Sam Booth, Callum Richardson and Joe Bailey-Heald

U13

Boys' Hockey at King's continues to grow as a sport. The 2021-22 season saw 38 different boys representing the A and B teams through the course of the season. The boys played almost all their fixtures as 7 a side matches. Both teams had excellent seasons under the guidance of coaches Mr Jameson and Mr Higginbotham.

The A team, with 13 wins and 4 defeats, had to wait until February to find themselves on the losing side! Highlights of the first half of the season included wins in the early rounds of the cups and a tournament win at the MGS Power Play tournament against the best hockey schools in the North. King's ended up convincing winners beating King's Chester in the final with goalkeeper Ollie Walsh named as GK of the tournament, and Midfielder Joe Moores the Player of the Tournament.

Defeats to Denstone and Solihull kept the team grounded and showed there is still work to do. But in reaching the North West Hockey final, the boys showed how good they are; the disappointment of losing to Chester who were much the better team in the final will spur the team on to greater efforts.

Overall a very strong season for the boys who had a number of key players. Thomas Carlyle, Walter Lowe and Alfie Usher are already experienced players and stood out in the team. Hugo Blackwell and Ross Hallinan also excelled in matches and developed as integral players. Ollie Walsh was outstanding in goal.

The Bs also enjoyed a successful season. Their victory against a strong Denstone team was one of the highlights. The key aspect to the B team was the development of strong athletes who would go on to represent the A team and will surely develop into future hockey stars.

Rudy Arnold, Isaac Whenman, Austin Woods, Josh Martin and Ted Hatton all found themselves moving up into the A squad before the end of the season. Stan Slater, Monty Logsdail and Liam Yahathugoda also stepped up well. Reuben Blackhurst made some exceptional saves in goal.

The team have a very promising future and it will be good to watch their progress as they move up to U14s next season and 11 a side matches on a full pitch.

FH

U12A

The U12A hockey team enjoyed an excellent season in 2021-22. There was great enthusiasm for the sport in training and this translated itself into some strong competition for places in the A and B teams. We were fortunate to be able to call on the services of a number of keepers with real potential, including Hayden Oliver and Gabriel Wade, who between them occupied the position for most of the season. Billy Bennett

demonstrated his experience from club involvement to lay the platform of a sound defence. On various occasions he lined up alongside Oliver Halfpenney, Austin Bale, Elias Barnsley, Ben Campbell, Noah Wild and Seth Oliver-Williams. Seth was another with considerable club exposure, and he was able to demonstrate a range of skills, which he also showed as a midfield player. Fellow Alderley youngster Harry Hardcastle was the principal play maker from the centre of midfield, working hard to break down the opposition as well as support his team's defence.

Harry linked well with Jack Williams, who proved to be a real livewire, as well as the dependable Oscar Diwakar and Oscar Wolff, who demonstrated great work rate between them.

Goals came from a wide range of players, but Ed Lovett contributed more than most, often adopting some great attacking positions, and Will Stanway also showed his threat. The season saw a number of good victories, included successes against local rivals MGS (6-0), Newcastle-Under-Lyme School (12-0) and Sandbach School (2-0). However, one of the most pleasing performances was in a narrow 2-1 defeat against King's Chester, where the boys had to react to the challenge posed by a strong and well-drilled opposition. Next year will provide further tests for the boys, as we attempt to build on their understanding of team play and strategy to advance their performance as a team.

CST

U12B

Season 2021-22 was a good season of development for the U12B team. A large number of boys earned selection for the team over the year, which reflected the excellent numbers at training and the growing interest in the sport. The boys developed a range of individual skills and grew in their understanding of applying these effectively to a game and working effectively as a team. This will be a continued focus next year.

Ieuan Roberts and Brodie Clarke did an excellent job as goalkeepers, and were a key factor in the team keeping a clean sheet in six out of the ten games. Max Brackley performed well in defence, often ably supported by Noah Wild and Lucas Burns, who showed a growing appreciation of using width to open up the game, along with the need to recycle the ball. Tom Machin, Oliver Chang, Jasper Blackwell and Gabriel Wade (when he wasn't playing as a goalkeeper for the A team) also settled well into a defensive role, as did Harry Tunmore.

A number of boys worked hard in midfield to transfer the ball forward in attack, as well as to assist the defence in managing opposition attacks. Jude Tugby grew in his influence in this role, alongside Kieran Garcha and Austin Bale, who also made A team appearances, and the committed Alvin Raju. Further up the pitch the attacking threat was provided by the "almost ever-present" Alex Price, Freddie Bartle, Freddie Knight, James Unsworth and Alex Spivey, who all adopted some good positions. Other valuable contributions over the season came from Louis Brindley, Oliver Tugby, Josh Clark, Dylan Fineberg,

Charlie Burns, Edward Densem and Henry Gale as the boys ended the year with a creditable 50% win ratio and one drawn match.

CST

GIRLS HOCKEY

Senior 1st XI & 2nd XI Girls

This year the Senior 1st XI Hockey Squad was co-captained by Lottie Dennett and Isabel Moores, an excellent duo of organisation, proficiency and fun: striking a fantastic balance in which all girls loved playing not only for the school but for them, too. The 2nd XI squad was captained by an exceptional role model and team player Charlotte Hudson.

The season began with a successful pre-season held at school which included wins against Kirkham, training sessions and team building tasks to get different year groups forming connections off the pitch as well as on.

The second game of the season was against Stockport Grammar in the U18 National Schools where King's came away on top, after an excellent display of hockey and progressing through to the next round. After a convincing win away to Nottingham High School in the next round King's came up against Denstone. With the majority of possession and a huge number of shots on goals and shorts corners, Denstone converted their two chances on goal, winning 2-1.

The Senior 1st XI had a good run in the Independent Schools Cup with wins against some strong hockey schools, including Wakefield Girls High School and a tough, competitive games against RGS Worcester.



Following some great performances, the players travelled south for an overnight trip to play Haileybury. The opposition were extremely skilful, well drilled and had some strong individual players. King's put out the best defensive performance given by a King's Senior team and their work rate was exceptional. Unfortunately, they were on the wrong end of the result narrowly losing 2-3 and their cup run ended. Although they were beaten in the last few minutes of the game they certainly did King's proud and were gracious in defeat.

Other successes involved a close, well-fought game against Cheadle Hulme where King's clinched a 3-0 win, and a 6-1 win over Manchester High School for Girls. Over the season the 1st XI played 15 fixtures excluding tournaments, winning 13 and losing 2, finishing with an exceptional goal difference of +55. The 2nd XI played 10 fixtures, won 5, lost 4 and drew 1, some of

which were against other schools 1st XI teams, seasons to be proud of. Christmas brought us more exciting hockey fixtures and the Senior Girls and Boys squads played against former pupils in a close well fought game, followed by a social. A Senior mixed festive hockey tournament was also held in the players' final games lesson of the year with 'Moorsey's Maids are milking' coming out with the victory.

This year King's entered the U18 North West Indoor tournament. With most players having never played indoor hockey before, they learnt the rules quickly and after a number of indoor lunchtime and after schools training sessions the girls competed against a number of schools in the NW Tournament held at Rossall.

Senior 1st XI and 2nd XI (cont)

After some fantastic, fast-paced games and well drilled set pieces King's finished runners up in the North West narrowly missing out on National Finals by a goal.

More success came the way of the 1st XI, when they travelled to The Grange School for the County Finals in March. King's were determined to leave with a medal and shield having been so close in previous years. The girls out played their opponents and were deserved winners of the Cheshire County Tournament.

At the end of March, we were invited to the annual Senior 7s tournament at Cheadle Hulme. The girls dressed as crayons and staff as pencil and notepads, ready for a competitive fun filled afternoon of hockey. King's were up against some really tough opposition and just missed out on the final, finishing in 3rd place out of 10 schools. A great way to end such a successful season of hockey.

The season finished off with a Senior Hockey meal and presentation evening held at Gusto. An emotional evening saying goodbye to all our leavers and celebrating a fantastic season for both the 1st and 2nd XI squads. All players found new friends, improved their games, trained with absolute determination and had such fun over the season.

This will certainly be a year to remember. Thanks must go to all the senior players who have coached over the year contributing hugely to the hockey programme, including Lottie Dennett, Isabel Moores and Scarlett Brough along with other players who helped in the organisation and running of tournaments. The Coaches' Player

of the Season for the 1st XI was awarded to Honey Dickinson, new to the school for Sixth Form and a huge addition to the team. Honey made a big impact with her work rate, skill and tenacity on the pitch.

The Most Improved Player of the Season for the 1st XI was awarded to Molly Bridgewater whose game has developed over the year, playing with confidence and always taking on board feedback and implementing this into her game. The Coaches' Player of the Season for the 2nd XI was Lottie Clark who had a fantastic season, contributing massively to the success of the team. She brings great intensity to training and always wants to improve her game. The Most Improved Player of the Season for 2nd XI was awarded to Olivia Burns. Over the past two seasons, Olivia has worked incredibly hard on her individual skills and overcome her injuries from an accident and came back fighting strong.

We look forward to welcoming the Year 10 players who will join the Senior Squad next season and continue to challenge each other and strive for another successful year of hockey.

SAH

U15

The U15 team had a successful hockey season playing 9 fixtures, winning 7 and narrowly losing 2 and scoring 51 goals across these games. With slightly smaller numbers at training, the players mixed in with the boys on occasions which allowed for competitive training each week, where players really challenged each other. The team put out some strong performances against local schools resulting in many wins against schools including Wilmslow, Stockport Grammar, The Grange, NULS, Fallibroome

and King's Chester. The team travelled to AKS in the Independent Schools Cup and were up against an extremely tough well-drilled side. King's showed great resilience and never gave up, however couldn't fight off the AKS attack and unfortunately lost. This meant King's went into the plate where they then faced The Grammar School of Leeds at home. This was an exciting, well matched end to end game of hockey. Both teams displayed fantastic hockey and until the final minutes the score line was 2-2. Again, King's finished on the wrong side of the result narrowly losing in the final minutes 2-3 and their cup run was over.

A number of players represented the U16 squad in the County Tournament held in November. They displayed some excellent passing hockey and came out as winners of their pool, progressing to the County Finals to be held at King's in March. They knew they would be up against some tough Cheshire teams. The girls fought hard, created many opportunities on goal and finished a respectable 3rd place in the County.

The Coaches' Player of the Season was awarded to Ella Bray who displayed an excellent level of skill on the pitch and dominated in the midfield throughout the season. The Most Improved Player of the Season was awarded to goal keeper Sophie Robinson whose confidence in her position grew over the year along with her ability to control the circle and work on different elements of her game.

Well done to all players in the U15 squad and to those who represented the U16s during the season.

SAH

**U14A**

The 2021/22 season proved an overwhelming success for the U14A hockey squad. The season began with convincing victories against Wilmslow, Stockport Grammar School and Alderley Edge School for Girls and a fantastically hard-fought draw with Withington Girls School. The girls worked hard during Games lessons and at after school sessions to develop their speed on the counter attack, which proved to be very effective in the first set of fixtures.

After the half term break, the girls faced a run of very tough fixtures against Newcastle-Under-Lyme School and King's Chester, who had very formidable players and tactics resulting in some narrow losses. These fixtures gave our players the opportunity to learn to further develop their tactics and structure in anticipation of the National Schools Competition and the Cheshire Cup, which is always a highlight of the season. After progressing through to the next round of the National Schools Competition, the girls unfortunately failed to progress further in the competition.

However, their performance in the Cheshire Cup was outstanding with a fantastic victory over Kings' Chester and then an extremely

hard-fought 0-0 draw so the girls were crowned Cheshire Champions for the first time in the competition's history at U14 level. It was an incredible sight to see the leadership team, consisting of Sophie Payne, Charlotte Hanley and Poppy Fletcher lift the trophy! Congratulations must go to Charlotte Hanley for receiving the Coaches Player of the Year award and Bella Reid for Most Improved Player.

Overall, the season can be seen as a great success, with the side showing cohesiveness, enthusiasm and strategy. The team have added a physical edge to their game and are in a fantastic position moving into next season.

LJB

**U13 A/B**

The U13A/B Hockey teams had a phenomenal season with lots of successes and great individual and team performances. It was encouraging to see such a large number of pupils who represented either the A, B or C teams across the season in fixtures. Numbers at training remained high and all the players put in a lot of hard work.

The U13A team played 19 matches, winning 17 of these and only losing 2. They scored 109 goals and only conceded 21. In the Independent Schools Cup, the team progressed to the last 8 teams in the country after some fantastic performances along the way.

They travelled to Reigate Grammar, a strong hockey school, for an overnight stay and put out an excellent display of hockey against a tough opposition, unfortunately losing 0-3.

At the U13 County Round of the National Schools Competition held in January at King's, the pupils played some fast paced, skilful hockey and deservedly came out as winners and were crowned County Champions.

**U13 A/B (cont)**

They then went forward to represent Cheshire in the North West Round held at AKS. After some difficult close matches, they finished in a respectable 4th place. The Coaches' Player of the Season was awarded to Olivia Bray for her physicality, skills, ball pace and the impact she had on games.

The Most Improved Player of the Season went to Imogen Nugent, an extremely coachable player who is always striving to improve her game and takes on board feedback and works hard to put this into practise, thoroughly deserved.

The U13B team had a strong season playing 13 fixtures, winning 8, drawing 1 and narrowly losing 4. The team showed great improvements each week, working hard at training and put out some dominating performances beating teams including Withington, AESG, The Grange, Wilmslow, NULS,

Fallibroome and St Edward's Academy. It was exciting to see how players were developing over the year in preparation for moving to 11 aside at U14s.

The U13B Coaches' Player of the Season was awarded to Lydia Wharfe. Her commitment to training was admirable and her desire to improve elements of her game was fantastic, she displayed some excellent hockey during the year. The Most Improved Player of the Season was awarded to Pippa Smith, an extremely tenacious player who would not give up. Pippa always tried to do the right thing and her work rate at training and in fixtures was excellent.

Well done to all players involved in the U13 Hockey squads and for your commitment to training and the work rate you showed throughout the year.

SAH

U12

The U12 Hockey Team had a fantastic season with numerous successes. A fantastic 42 pupils represented a Year 7 team during the season over the 46 fixtures played. This year group have great potential and will be a force to be reckoned with as they progress through the school.

The A team won 12 games and only lost 1 all season, with a goal difference of +50 which is an excellent record. In March, their season culminated with the County Finals at King's Chester. Unfortunately, this clashed with the National Trampolining finals, so we were without Charlotte Baxter and Lucy Clegg who were regular players. However, this year group has great strength in depth and we were able to call up Olivia MacCormack who had been a star in the B team all season and she slotted in easily.

The team played 5 matches against opposition from all over the county. They were commanding in their approach and scored 20 goals on the day and conceded none. The particular highlight was the brand of passing hockey that they played which was the main reason for their victories. Several goals were made up of excellent interchanges between the whole team, finished by superb finishes.

The A team Coaches' Player is shared between Grace Taylor and Beth Williams for their tenacity when winning the ball and their excellent finishing skills. They forged a formidable combination in attack. The Most Improved Player was Izzy Hague who listened to every bit of feedback given to her and progressed hugely into a calm and reliable defender.



The B team were superbly coached by Mrs Smith and won 8 of their fixtures and finished with a goal difference of +24 which was a fantastic achievement. The B team showed improvements each week and finished their season with a dominating performance against Bolton Senior School for Girls with an 8-3 win.

All members of the team showed confidence when carrying the ball into space and were very prolific in front of goal. The B team Coaches' Player is Emily Danby who played brilliantly in any position she was asked to play, whether it was in goal or outfield.

The Most Improved Player was Olivia MacCormack who increased her game awareness and skill levels immensely. I want to thank three Year 13s: Scarlett Brough, Lottie Dennett and Izzy Moores who supported myself and Mrs Smith at training each week.

They helped coach the pupils and are excellent role models for them to emulate.

JLD

Golf

The King's Golf Club have been having group lessons each week at Prestbury Golf Club with PGA professional Mark Pilling. They have worked on all aspects of their game, with the main focus being on chipping and bunker shots.

The school team played in three competitions this year, travelling to Moortown Golf Club in Leeds as well as Fleetwood Golf Club later in the year.

We had some close games, but didn't make it through the first round in either competition. We will hope for better luck this year when we play Hoylake in the first round of the ISGA matchplay event.

**Netball****1st Team Senior Squad**

After a year away from competitive netball, the seniors were looking forward to getting back on court and showcasing their talents.

Special recognition must go to Anna Warham from Year 12 who was successful at a promotion into the Manchester Thunder U19 squad. She started the season with Futures, was promoted to the U17s and then went on to secure a place in the U19s. She has been training and playing alongside athletes who have recently played for the Super League squad, so this was a great opportunity and very well deserved.

The teams first outing of the year was away against a very strong and well-drilled Leeds Grammar School, in the first round of the National Cup, a team coached by a Super League coach. The team battled hard for all four quarters but lost 30-44. Credit to Coaches' Player Hope Sutton on several turnovers and interceptions as goal keeper.

The next fixture was another close encounter against NULS, narrowly losing 16-18. The team's cohesion was lacking on through court transition, but they persevered through all 4 quarters.



The squad continued to work hard during training sessions, and went on an unbeaten 5 match run, winning against Wilmslow, Alderley Edge, King's Chester, Stockport and then managed to overturn their earlier defeat to NULS with a convincing 27-13 win, with Anna Warham being awarded Players' Player for her massive impact on the game at goal defence and centre.

The team's performance, however, at several Cheshire tournaments was not of a comparable standard. In the Cheshire round of the National Schools qualifying tournament in November, they had a mixed day, and unfortunately failed to progress to the next round. Their cause wasn't helped by an ankle injury to Belle Roche, but nevertheless all players took to the court and acquitted themselves well. Their last tournament of the season was the U19s Cheshire County Tournament in February played at

The Grange School. Spirits were high going into the competition, with all players making themselves available; for some it was their last outing for King's after many years of competitive netball. However, their match play didn't quite live up to their enthusiastic approach, and they suffered defeats against Fallibroome, Congleton and Lymm.

2nd Team U16s

The squad can reflect upon a very successful year, both in terms of individual achievements and accolades, but also as a whole team performance.

In February, Lydia Hine was selected for the England Roses Under 17s. Winning her first England Cap at the Netball Europe Tournament in Newcastle, she came away with a gold medal, winning all their matches to take the Title of Europe Netball U17 champions. In addition, Madi Baxter was selected to represent super league franchise Loughborough Lightning U17s, and Minty Kight and Aimee



Venables secured a place in the Cheshire County U17s Academy.

In terms of team success, the squad were successful in winning the Cheshire U16s County Tournament in October after a thrilling win by 'Golden goal' in the Final against The Grange. Furthermore, in November the U16s also finished in second place at the County round of National Schools and qualified for the Regional round of National Schools in January 2022. At this tournament, King's finished second and therefore qualified for the National Schools Finals in March at Oundle School. This was a fantastic achievement for our athletes and an opportunity for King's to raise their profile on the national netball stage.

They opened with an impressive 18-2 win against Whitburn Academy from the North East. However, in their second match they faced Putney High School, finalists from two years ago and lost 13-6. Their third fixture was against a well drilled Wellington College; despite their best endeavours they were unable to convert several turnovers, losing by 8. The whole squad continued to work hard for the remainder of the day, securing victories over King's High



school Warwick and The Perse School, Cambridge, ending the day with 3 wins and 5 losses. It was a great learning experience for all those involved and the girls should be very proud of the way they acquitted themselves and competed against the best in the country.

The squad also competed in the national 'Sisters n Sport' netball cup. After convincing wins against Oldham Hulme, Wirral Grammar and Scarisbrick Hall they faced High Tunstall School in the quarter final, winning a hard-fought match 40-25. The semi-final was played at home in February against local rivals Cheadle Hulme.

Unfortunately, several team members were unavailable due to injury, and the team went down 24-40. Credit must go to Year 10 players Daisy Sutton and Tash Clark who stepped up, worked hard and showed great potential. Goal Keeper Gabby McIntyre was awarded 'Players Player' for her relentless defending, while her defensive partner Lydia Hine received Coach's Player for her countless interceptions and transitions through court.

U15s

The girls had a mixed season with a total of 7 competitive matches across the season. The squad was unfortunately reasonably small and attendance at training was inconsistent throughout the season. However, those that did attend worked hard, and Angel Wale-Akinlua, Daisy Sutton and Tash Clark were invited to train with the seniors towards the end of the season as they had great promise in their respective positions.

The team's first outing was in the Independent Schools Cup with a tough away fixture at Leeds Grammar School. Despite a loss of 34-27, the team of 8 players showed good resolve with Daisy Sutton getting Players' Player and Tash Clark Coaches' Player for a determined performance. Their next fixture against Wilmslow saw a loss by 10 goals, but a much-improved performance in terms of defence and through court transition. Again, Daisy Sutton came away with Players' Player and Angel Wale-Akinlua Coaches' Player for her determined defending and interceptions. This improved form was carried

into their next game in the new year with a win by 1 goal away at Newcastle-Under-Lyme. Another good performance saw them win at home against King's School Chester 19-7 with Players' Player being awarded to Hannah Langslow for her accurate shooting and movement in and around the shooting circle. The following week the team achieved their third victory against a strong Cheadle Hulme team, winning 37-22 with Angel Wale-Akinlua again being awarded Players' Player.

Unfortunately, their winning streak came to an end with losses for their last 2 games of the season: 30-44 against Fallibroome and 30-31 against Alderley Edge.

Special mention must however go to Daisy Sutton who gained a place in the Cheshire Academy, and represented the county at several tournaments.

U14s

The U14s squad is a relatively small group of girls, who have worked hard throughout the season, with enthusiasm, reliability and commitment to both training and fixtures. Throughout training, they worked tirelessly on ball skills, movement and positional play variations and had to quickly grow in confidence with each other. The squad, captained by Bea Worlock (Cheshire U14s, MNC) and Maja Stafrin-Jones (Wilmslow NC) both supported the squad of girls in every match and gave them confidence and tactical awareness, which encouraged them to strive for positive outcomes.

The first match of the season saw a solid victory against Tytherington High School in the 'Sisters n Sport' competition, all the girls were outstanding; with some individual battles won in the shooting third, as well as in defense, final score 42-10. However, this is where the competition drew to a sudden close, the girls lost to a very talented Cheadle Hulme in the second round, costly mistakes and vital ball work ensured the opposition an easy passage into the next round.

The remainder of the season saw mixed results with some challenging matches against The Grange, Altrincham Grammar, King's Chester and Cheadle Hulme and some stronger wins over Wilmslow High School, AESG and Fallibroome.

The finale of the season was the Cheshire County Tournament held at Winsford Academy; the girls found themselves having a tough morning with mixed results throughout and were unable to produce the quality netball required to get through to the next round.

MJS

U13s

A large squad of U13s trained consistently throughout the year and were excited to be playing competitive fixtures after a year off court due to the pandemic.

Both A and B teams had successful seasons overall. They developed their ball skills, team play and became more tactically aware as the season progressed. The A team started the season well with a good victory over Wilmslow and went on to win six out of nine fixtures.



In the Independent Schools Netball Cup competition, they were unlucky to be allocated a bye in the first round and then their second round opposition pulled out of the competition. Consequently, they found themselves in the third round with a draw against Bromsgrove School who went on to be the overall winners of the cup. This was a very tough game and a steep learning curve for our players.

They displayed great resilience throughout the game and were determined to continue the season with a vengeance. Victories over Alderley Edge School for Girls, Newcastle-Under-Lyme school and The Grange School ensued. They experienced some competitive games against Cheadle Hulme, Altrincham Girls Grammar and Fallibroome due to being compromised by unavailability of players. Nevertheless, all players made excellent progress throughout the year and established their positions within the team. Esme Sutton emerged as a dominant

centre court player; bringing the ball down the court and feeding the circle well with tenacity and perceptive play. Emily Carter dominated the shooting circle and scored many goals together with Anya Clayton who grew in confidence over the year, and began to work the circle well together with Emily. Our defence was strengthened by Lalli Brown who made many valuable interceptions and was a most effective defender and versatile player.

Despite some very encouraging play and close competitive matches the team were disappointed to narrowly miss out on the semi-finals in the County Netball tournament in March; having finished third in their section by 1 point.

Individual successes included Esme Sutton who was selected for Cheshire County U13s and Manchester Thunder Youth Pod. Well done to Esme Sutton and



Elena Curat who were awarded Player of the Season for U13A and B team respectively, and Anya Clayton and Farrah Phillips who received Most Improved Players of the Season.

LB

U12s

The U12s were a strong group of talented girls, with both an A and B squads having several successful fixtures. The A team comprised of enthusiastic, versatile and extremely able girls, who regularly attended training sessions with passion and commitment along with flair and ability. The B team also had strength in depth, with girls who are dynamic, skillful and keen to do well which has enabled some of them to play in both teams.

The A Team's season started off with a 'Sisters n Sport' competition, where the girls found themselves playing Tytherington High School. The team, captained by Charlotte Baxter (Cheshire, KWP and Manchester Thunder U12s) took a convincing win 32-6 which took them through to the second round. However, the next round saw fierce competition against Cheadle Hulme and unfortunately the girls lost 15-35 which ended their run. Throughout the rest of the season, the girls went on to play another 8 matches and won 7 of them convincingly, but again came up against Cheadle Hulme, where the girls put up a great fight but unfortunately could not take the win.

The finale to the season was the Cheshire County Tournament held at Winsford Academy, where the girls played numerous matches in the qualifying rounds, they drew just one match and won



the rest. This found them into the Semi-finals where they took another convincing win. Uncannily, the girls were up against Upton School in the final, who they drew with in the qualifying round; this didn't panic them and the girls were outstanding, with on-point shooting, dynamic and skillful mid-court work and solid defensive play, they triumphed and become County Champions. A brilliant way to end the season!

The B team also had plenty of matches throughout the season with mixed results, two particular highlights were the domineering wins over Fallibroome 17-0 and AESG 17-2. This shows how the girls have gelled together, worked hard and played some creative and skillful netball and achieved some brilliant results.

MJS



Rounders

U14

The U14s had 3 fixtures, unfortunately losing their first 2 fixtures against Withington and Fallibroome, but finishing the season with a strong win against Alderley Edge 175 - 12. There was a strong contingent of players at training after school, and they worked hard on all aspects of the game.

Special mention must go to Bella Reid at backstop and Poppy Fletcher at first base who developed a strong working partnership. Emily Danson was very effective in the outfield with a very strong and accurate throw to base, and Sophie Payne also worked hard in the outfield with some strong throwing performances.

Unfortunately, batting for the team was inconsistent during the season, especially when facing the faster and more accurate opposition bowlers. However, special mention must go to Bea Worlock and Maja Stafrin-Jones who were reasonably successful and ran well between bases.

PJO

U13

This season demonstrated what amazing strength in depth this year group has. Over 20 pupils attended practice over the season which allowed the U13 squad to work on a combination of tactical and skill-based practices. This season saw fixtures for A and B squads against Withington, AEGS and Fallibroome.



The A squad won 18.5 - 16.5 against Withington in a highly skilled contest and the B won 9 - 7.5. In the next fixture against Fallibroome, only the As played and they were victorious winning 13 - 7.5. In the final fixture of the year against AESG, the As narrowly lost 7-9, however the Bs secured a commanding victory of 14.5-2.

Well done to Lalli Brown, Imogen Nugent, Emily Allmand-Smith, Mia Lamb and Megan Wood who have all received the accolade of Player of the Game in a fixture this year.

It has been a pleasure to coach this year group as they are extremely receptive to any feedback given, work extremely hard and are fiercely competitive. They reflect the ethos of King's Sport and other pupils will do well to aspire to be like them.

JLD & SAH

U12

Rounders continues to be a popular sport at King's, with a huge turn out to practices. The U12s were an enthusiastic and energetic

squad who made good progress, and played some excellent competitive games over the season.

They had a tough start against Withington School at the beginning of the season, but they learned quickly and honed their batting and fielding skills which lead them to an excellent victory for the U12As and Bs against Fallibroome.

There were some impressive batting and fielding skills, as well as excellent tactical play on display in the final fixture against AESG, particularly from the U12A team; where superb fielding put the opposition all out and strong batting skills created a high scoring win.

Grace Taylor had a hat trick of catches and scored the most rounders in this game and across the season.

At the Sports Presentation Evening, U12A team Coaches' Player was awarded to Grace Taylor and Sophia Heywood for the U12B team. Most Improved Player awards went to Beth Williams and Emily Danby.

LB

Rugby



1st XV

The Senior side finally took to the field and in a commemorative jersey sporting the old Grammar School crest, to celebrate 90 years of rugby being played at the school (albeit 12 months late). The usual Festival got the season started, once again attracting some of the finest rugby playing schools from across the UK, and plenty of optimism after some strong performances. Sadly, winning results were hard to come by and a lack of Senior players (only talismanic Captain Billy Griffiths, having represented the 1st XV before the pandemic) meant six losses of a margin of less than 8 points.

The side were clearly lacking confidence and seemingly unable to get a result 'over the line'. There were bright moments, even in a dour season, a routine victory over Cheadle Hulme still showed our class and a 'gritty' victory in rain-swept conditions versus Merchant Taylors' School. There were also some very tough defeats. Sedbergh School returned to the fixture list after a six-year absence and they were too strong, though the 1st XV did not show their true ability on that afternoon. Glimpses of quality remained ever present before the Christmas-break. Ben Wallace (scrum half and eventual Player of the Year) and Oscar Robinson (full back and vice-captain) were frighteningly good in attack and Griffiths produced several tries requiring sheer individual brilliance.



There were a couple of significant changes which helped rescue a disappointing season; Mr Burhan Torgut's arrival breathed 'fresh air' into the camp and the inclusion of several Year 11 players, most notably Ollie Davies, Freddie Griffiths, Toby Wilson and Koby Wilkinson added huge talent to the group but also inspired greater confidence amongst the Senior Players.

This meant as 2022 arrived we embarked on a six-game unbeaten run, which included going over three hours without conceding a try, defeating the recently-crowned Cheshire Champions and some last-minute defensive heroics versus Bishop Vesey's, Crossley Heath and Solihull to secure the winning end of the season. These were victories that would have been spurned earlier in the season and testament to the growth and maturity the squad had developed.

Ultimately, the overall results are not good enough for a King's Macclesfield 1st XV, but there was, as always, terrific spirit and as the graduates look back at those six narrow losses during the early part of the campaign, they will rue a far more successful return of results. A fitting conclusion to the season at the Super Tens competition, included three victories on the 'biggest stage' and just small-margins prevented an opportunity to contest the Plate Final having

gone down to an enormous Felsted School. Next year holds huge promise. Newcomer Haydn Keogh (Number 8), impressed in the back row and will lead the side along with Harrison Milner (vice and scrum half). The reigning Cheshire U16 Champions will bolster the two Senior XV teams and a tour to New Zealand & Malaysia to look forward to also. P18 W8 D0 L10

GJHH, RJ & BT

2nd XV

The 2nd XV were fortunate to be able to call on a large pool of committed players this year and they were able to field a strong team for all of the fixtures. Indeed, 52 players pulled on the 2nd XV jersey over the course of the year – a remarkable number compared to recent years.

A challenging fixture list saw only one victory before Christmas against Sandbach under the floodlights. However, the team produced spirited performances despite suffering several key injuries early in the year. In the early part of the season, several 2nd XV players performed well enough to be selected for the first XV and were able to create a healthy competition for places. The strength of character and team spirit of the group remained impressive as large numbers continued to show up week in and week out even when the weather

in Stonyhurst and Leeds made conditions almost unplayable and narrow losses increased the frustration of the team.

An improvement in form after Christmas saw the team win three of the five fixtures with notable strong performances in the games against away at Crossley Heath (29-14W) and at home in our last game against Bishop Vesey's Grammar School (22-7W). The team finished with 4 wins and 7 losses. However, it is notable that 6 of the losses were by 10 points or less showing the deeply competitive nature of the team in all of their fixtures. This led to a points difference in King's favour of 33 points over the season despite a greater number of losses.

Significant improvements were made over the course of the year, not least in terms of team discipline and the team's ability to manage tight games. Although, the team played with a number of captains, Sam Heathcote deserves particular praise for his leadership in early fixtures. There were many performances of note with Ollie Watson regularly playing at a very high standard.

RED

U16 A

After the disappointment of missing their U15 season, the 2021/22 season brought a welcome return to competitive fixtures for the talented U16 side. Following a brief pre-season, the squad showed no signs of rust, starting the season with commanding victories at home against Lancaster Grammar School and away at QEGS Wakefield.

**U16 A (cont)**

The latter a particularly impressive feat, considering the side were heavily beaten in their previous visit to Wakefield.

This early-season run of form continued through the Autumn, with comfortable victories against Merchant Taylors' Crosby, Altrincham Grammar School, Wirral Grammar School and Audenshaw. During this run, the side produced some outstanding attacking rugby, scoring 200 points across the 4 fixtures against only 5 points conceded; a testament to their hard work in defence. A gritty away win against Stonyhurst followed, where the boys expertly managed the typically challenging Lancashire weather.

A Cheshire Cup final date with rivals St Ambrose followed soon after. King's made a nervy start and endured heavy pressure early-on from a physical Ambrose side. Things looked bleak at half-time, with King's facing a 5-0 deficit. Clearly inspired by Mr Thorp's half-time speech, King's immediately conceded to start the second half. However, King's grit and determination eventually shone through and following 2 break-away tries, King's emerged Cheshire Cup Champions winning 14-10. King's celebrations had to be cut short however, as another



huge test away to Sedbergh School loomed. The squad braved snow and freezing winds to venture north, though sadly, the result fell to Sedburgh: King's losing 22-7. The side's first loss was a bitter pill to swallow, but credit to the players who gave a great account of themselves in the face of horrendous conditions and some 'unorthodox' Cumbrian refereeing. The squad rebounded quickly the following week, dispatching The Grammar School at Leeds 42-0 in emphatic fashion. Following the Christmas break, the squad faced additional challenges; losing 4 players to 1st XV duty. Although a just reward for those player's excellent play, this provided a great test of the squad's depth and provided opportunities for several players to step-up. The squad's first test was

a rematch against a full-strength St Ambrose. King's battled hard and were unlucky to lose 8-10. Finally, the side ventured south to face a strong Bishop Vesey's side and again, fought valiantly in a bizarre game that featured a concussed referee and a late attempted comeback from King's, though sadly the side came second, losing 14-19.

Despite a challenging run to end the season, the U16 side should be immensely proud of their achievements and the quality of Rugby they showcased every week. The side paired sublime attacking flair with dogged defence and resilience and every player made outstanding contributions to the team.

The side finished with a record of 9 wins, 3 losses with 403 points scored against just 91 conceded.

The side's success continued into the Sevens Season. King's entered 3 tournaments, Warwick, Stonyhurst and Rosslyn Park. At Warwick, King's faced a challenging group including rivals St Ambrose and Wellington College. King's topped the group emphatically, cruised through their quarter final vs Portsmouth Grammar School, before producing a sublime performance



to beat National powerhouse Kirkham Grammar School. Hosts Warwick loomed in the final. Blood, sweat and (Toby's) tears were shed, but King's secured the come from behind victory, winning 28-24 and securing the season's second piece of silverware. At Stonyhurst, King's again topped their group and progressed to the semi-finals, where they secured a nervy win over the hosts. This set up a final re-match with St Ambrose, who took the spoils on the day, emerging 12-26 winners.

Finally, King's travelled to London for the Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens; a competition in which they achieved an unbeaten finish as U13s. This success continued as U16s. The side comfortably topped their group and were victorious in their group-winner's playoff against Tonbridge school. This progressed King's to the second day of the tournament, where they faced Stamford School and Trent college, achieving victories against both. This set up a quarter-final game against the Trinity School, Croydon, who were unbeaten in 26 7s fixtures. Trinity proved the better side and an error-filled King's performance led to a 33-7 loss.

Despite the disappointing end, King's were able to reach the final 8 from a field of over 150 sides. A

phenomenal achievement and certainly one that will live long in the players' memories. The side were once again fuelled by a ferocious forward pack. An imposing front row of Williams, Griffiths and Wolstenholme set the tone with their physicality every week and they were ably supported by Ollie Jones and Chopping, who were both outstanding when called upon. In the second row, Lever, Tyrell and Onunekwu were the side's workhorses, always producing consistent performances. In the back-row, Tattum and Morgan Davies operated as the side's wrecking balls, disrupting opposition ball and being generally nasty. They were well-supported by Jake Jones, who added pace and power from number 8 and Roden, who performed excellently when given opportunities to play. Scrum-half featured a 3-player rotation between Carter, Nze-Simons and Wright, who proved impossible to separate given the quality of performance each offered. The side was steered by talisman Ollie Davies, who continued to lead from the front as the side's captain. Reynolds and Bridgewater, both deputized well in the playmaker role when required, whilst also showing their quality in a number of positions across the back-line. Wilson,



Duckworth and Wilkinson formed a formidable trio of centers, providing go-forward and solid defence all season. Brady, Danson and Riordan added pace and finishing ability out-wide, whilst Hartley again provided security and consistency at full-back.

It has been particularly pleasing to see a number of players rewarded for excellent U16 performances with call-ups to the 1st XV, where their hard-work and skill have made a noticeable impact on the senior squad. There are certainly a number of others who will garner serious consideration for places next season. This is a group I have had the privilege to coach since their U12 season. Their development both on and off the field has been outstanding and I have no doubt they will continue to find success.

MAT

U16B

In a testament to the depth of the U16 squad and the number of talented Rugby players available for selection, King's were able to field strong U16B sides for a number of midweek fixtures during the 2021/22 season. These fixtures provided great opportunities to experiment with players in new positions and also to give those not involved in Saturday fixtures the opportunity to play.

The squad started well, comfortably beating Wirral Grammar School 47-10 and Weaverham High School 47-28. A physical and abrasive fixture against neighbours Fallibroome followed; King's emerging victorious 34-5 in terrible weather conditions.



The side's greatest test came against The Grange School. Despite falling behind early, King's responded well and salvaged a late draw with the last play of the game. 10-10 the final result.

Sadly, additional fixtures proved hard to come by, but the side should be extremely proud of their performances, finishing the season unbeaten, winning 3 games and drawing 1. Whilst a number of players mentioned in the A team report also made excellent contributions to the midweek-side, special mention must go to those who played primarily for the B team. In the forwards, Archie Ferns showed his versatility, excelling in several positions and earning A team selection vs St Ambrose. Fin McElroy and Euan Sherrah-Davies were ever-present in the second row and showed improvement each week, whilst Ed Roden dominated at times across the back row, again earning A team selection. Zac Wright, Theo Nze-Simons and Ollie Carter all took

turns to steer the ship at Scrum half whilst also playing a number of other positions across the forwards and backs when needed. In the backs, Arthur-Bryson Sharples and Tom Bagguley both returned to the field, making strong contributions when called upon, whilst Aaryaa Premenand flashed great potential on the wing. The side's strike runner was Tom Danson, whose try-scoring record for the side was outstanding. His pace and power were central to the side's success and he too earned A team selection during the year.

MAT

U15

This small squad grew stronger and stronger as the season went on, culminating in some memorable victories in the sevens season. There was undoubted talent within the group, but more importantly, there was an attitude that made them a genuine pleasure to coach and watch. They worked hard for each other and celebrated individual success as a unit. A tough start to the season saw them outgunned by larger squads with players who dominated the physical side of the game.

Not to be deterred, the King's players worked hard on the newly introduced technical areas of the game in the scrum and line out. Charlie Taylor and Charlie O'Neill were particularly tenacious and our scrum was the match for the

best teams we played. Lucas Kuiper always demands more from those around him, and was able to secure a hugely impressive result against a talented Stonyhurst team with a cool last kick of the game from the touchline. Narrow losses against Cheadle Hulme and Audenshaw gave the boys belief that they were improving with each fixture.

A cup victory over Crossley Heath was a high point, with Ben Langford and James Lancaster combining to devastating effect in the centres. Equally as impressive was the way the forwards stood up to pressure in the final minutes of the game to not let Crossley get back on the scoresheet. The distribution and commitment of Eben Cooper and Charlie Saunders was a constant for this team, both with the ball and without it – few teams find an easy route through this 9/10 pairing. The introduction of Ben Golia-Foxley to the squad brought pace to match Matthew Ennis on the opposing wing, and they scored tries from the smallest of opportunities.

Adam Al-Ausi was able to adapt well to the role of fullback, and probably represents the most improved player of a long season. Winston Churchill said 'attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference'. I know this team will continue to prove that true, next season and beyond.



Following the XV season, was a hugely rewarding seven-a-side campaign which will forever be remembered for the 'giant-killing' of Millfield School amongst several other notable scalps.

PJC

U14A

This season proved to be a very successful one for the U14 squad. It began with a convincing win at Lancaster RGS. The first home game was a defeat by 0-30 to QEGS Wakefield, the worst performance of the season. However, the squad got straight back to winning ways in the National Cup at Bishop Heber which set them on a run of nineteen consecutive wins. Excellent victories against, Merchant Taylors' School, Sandbach School, Lymm HS and Cheadle Hulme School took them to the next cup game against St. Ambrose College which they won comfortably by 60-15.

This brought things nicely to the big game against Sedbergh School. 20-5 down at half time, the boys rallied magnificently to score some excellent tries and get a well-deserved victory by 40-30. Another 50-0 win followed against GSAL and then came the next cup game against QEGS and revenge was sweet. A fine performance all round and a 30-0 win took us to round 5.

The start of the Spring term brought narrow wins at St. Ambrose and Birkenhead.

Kirkham GS followed in the cup. King's blew them away in the first half and won in the end by 39-12 which took the squad to the quarter-finals. The National quarter final was at home against a strong Ellesmere College side who had only had one defeat previously. King's played some excellent 15-man rugby winning by 48-7 and booking a semi-final place away at Northampton School for Boys. The game was played in atrocious conditions, but King's stuck in well after conceding an early try. The game ended in a narrow loss by 14-10. This was a magnificent cup run and I was very proud of all the squad to come so close to getting to the final of a National competition. Our record for the season was played 22 fixtures with 20 wins. To add to this, we were victorious at the prestigious Warwick School Sevens.

The forwards improved as the season progressed and became more dominant at the set piece.



Millar Anderson led the side well from hooker. He is an all action player who does everything well and with purpose. Zachary Morris and Connor Dentith improved with every game. Angus Collins-Webb and Caolan Coulthurst proved to be good ball carrying locks. Arthur Scrase is to be complimented for his move to No 6 which was a great success. Charlie Kaye had an outstanding season at No 8, regularly making yards carrying the ball and strong in defence too. He scored 43 tries throughout the season which is an outstanding achievement.

In the backs, Will Oliver proved to be a fine scrum half and is learning his role really well. Simon Shadwell had a terrific season at mostly fly half. He developed his distribution and kicking and also defends strongly. The side have two outstanding centres in Christian Smith and Sam Keep. Christian is a fantastic all-round rugby player with exceptional defence, powerful lines of running and superb distribution. Sam is very powerful and quick with a strong hand off. He has great footwork and is also strong in defence.

SPORT Highlights

RUGBY



Sam scored 51 tries this season, an outstanding contribution. The outside backs are developing well. Ollie Hufton and Hamish Usher were regular players on the wings and really pack a punch for smaller players. They are very brave in defence and can also score tries.

U14B

The B team enjoyed a successful season this year winning 6/10 games and learning some good lessons against strong opposition with losses against Lancaster, Sedbergh and St Ambrose as well as a narrow defeat to local rivals Cheadle Hulme.

The first win of the season was celebrated in style with King's holding on 40-35 against a strong QEGS Wakefield, with the highlight being a rampaging score from Connor Dentith as well as rangy finishes from Joe Beecroft, Adam Ayub, Harry Dodd, Thomas Heslip and Jimmy Wilson.

Further wins against Sandbach and Stonyhurst bookended a loss to local rivals Cheadle Hulme before a tough challenge on a frosty day against a strong Sedbergh side: the boys showed great spirit to dig in and come away with 4 scores and a respectable 50-20 loss. Next up was GSAL where the hard-carrying, industrious forwards set the platform for powerful and rangy finishing from Jack Smith who scored thrice that day! Not to be outdone, Jimmy Wilson (3), Jack Banks (1) and Thomas Heslip (1) also scored.

A switch to U14 rules in the New Year saw more irregular scorelines with a loss against St Ambrose



in soggy conditions (12-39), and further wins against Wirral (40-30), where we very sportingly loaned our players to the opposition. We capped off the season in style defeating Bishop Vesey's (37-15).

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U13A

The U13s were "chomping at the bit" to have some competitive rugby following a fallow year with Covid-19. They showed great attacking threat throughout the season scoring tries from all over the pitch. The team started their campaign with an incredible encounter against RGS Lancaster. 20 points up with little time on the clock, the opposition managed to expose some inexperience due to a lack of competition over the prior 12 months. The game finished in a draw and after leaking tries late on, this showed great resilience.

The result was to shape the rest of the season. Another draw against QEGS Wakefield, but a much

fairer reflection on the game. The most important matter to the squad, they were unbeaten. This unbeaten tag followed the boys wherever they went and, with advancements in digital results, many of the schools we faced on Saturdays were fully aware of our strength. This made for some incredibly close encounters whereby King's came away winners by just one or two scores. Notably, vs St Mary's Hall in vile conditions, combined with gifting the opposition a 10 point lead and away at GSAL against a strong Yorkshire set up! After Christmas, the fixtures did get a little easier but impressively 25 boys represented the A team throughout the season. All playing their part in what was to eventually become an unbeaten season. The climax came at home against a determined Bishop Vesey's. Missing some notable leaders, King's secured their unbeaten status, by scoring to draw with the game's last play. Following the regular season, the boys enjoyed pitting themselves in three touring matches (one as hosts and two on tour in Cardiff). Whilst a reduced squad also enjoyed great success in sevens tournaments concluding in success, winning our own Myles Marshall Sevens Winners, with a last minute try in the final.

Record: P19 W16 D3 L0 plus Myles Marshall Sevens Winners.

PJL



U13B

The U13Bs featured a number of high-quality players, including many who rotated regularly with the A team squad. This is a testament to the year group's enthusiasm and ability! The squad had lacked exposure to competitive rugby and their baptism of fire came at RGS Lancaster, a 50-point loss. The following week they narrowly lost against QEGS Wakefield but it was a much-improved performance and this kick started the season. Unbeaten over the next six games, overcoming Audenshaw, St Mary's Hall and local rivals Cheadle Hulme. The danger now, was complacency. A loss at St Ambrose and the "hair dryer" treatment from "DT" assured the men in blue had their feet firmly on the ground.

A lot of lessons were learned about determination as well as fighting to the last! It was put into practice immediately when King's took on a tough Wirral side, eventually pinching a draw from the last play. The previous week, the result could have been a cricket score and credit to the boys who rectified mistakes so quickly.

In a normal season, many of the squad would have featured at a higher level on a regular basis. I know they are looking forward to 2 extra players being added to the playing side next season which will open up more opportunities to play at a higher standard!

P12 W8 D1 L3

DT



U13 Wales Tour

The U13s were extremely fortunate to revive the Cardiff Tour which fell foul of Covid-19 restrictions in the previous two seasons. In April 2022, a bumper touring party of 32 players left Macclesfield on the back of a very successful 2021-22 season, hungry to test themselves in the hotbed of British rugby. The tour features a classic seaside excursion to Barry Island led by local boy Mr P Williams and the boys' competitive edge was witnessed at the Ten Pin bowling alley later that evening.

With rugby in mind, the squad took on an Elite Training Experience. Utilising the excellent facilities at the University of South Wales Sports Park! This included video analysis with Mr Torgut, Strength and Conditioning with Mr Thorp and a grass led session by Mr Langley. Without a doubt the rugby highlight of the trip was a guided tour of the magnificent Principality Stadium and then taking the short

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walk to the infamous Cardiff Arms Park: stadia who's (artificial) turf has been trodden by almost every Legend of the game.

Llanishen RFC were our first opponents on the tour and rotating 32 players throughout the game was a bit of a logistical nightmare. The players did not let these changes disrupt their flow and scored with the final passage of play to tie the game, leaving only a successful conversion kick (the referee was using WRFU rules allowing us to experience kicks at goal for the first time) needed to win the game. It was dutifully knocked over to secure the first win of the Tour.

The following day the boys travelled to another famous Welsh Rugby Venue, Pontypridd RFC, Sardis Road! The opposition took advantage of some lax discipline from the boys in blue and pushed King's right to the wire. Fitness and concentration saw the large U13 squad victorious (35-19) and undefeated on tour to cap a superb season. The touring party were a pleasure to accompany and hopefully they have built strong friendships and memories through this touring experience.

PJL

U12A

This was a fantastic first season for the U12 Rugby squad and in particular for the 'A' team. The statistics for the season are: Played 15, Won 14, Drawn 1. When we add this to the 7s season of Played 24, Won 20, Drawn 3, lost 1 then this is an amazing playing record.



The boys came together in September with a baptism of fire away at QEGS Wakefield where they were shocked by the quality of the opposition and how hard the game was, we started with a draw! From that first game, the boys trained hard, played hard, and seen the fruits of their labours as they developed through the season into a well-rounded and balanced team. They had a physical presence that intimidated teams on occasion, but more impressively, they can play rugby. The trust and confidence that developed between the boys over the season has shown on the pitch and they have continued to improve, quite significantly as they moved into the 7s season in the Spring term.

Highlights of the season were many, but to pick out a few: Playing against Lancaster Grammar School in the Widnes Vikings stadium, winning our own Myles Marshal 7s tournament having been crowned Cheshire Champions the week before, and a pulsating match against Warwick in the final 7s tournament of the year to secure another tournament victory.

Next season we look forward to continuing the successes across all teams and to the King's Rugby Tour to Cardiff at Easter which will be another highlight along with entry to the National Schoolboy 7s at Rosslyn Park. We were magnificently supported by parents over the first season and hope to see many of you on the touchline again next year.

JPB

U12B

The team enjoyed a hugely successful season, playing thirteen, winning nine, drawing one and losing just three games. The squad's positive spirit was reflected in the consistently high numbers that turned out for training. I have been greatly impressed with the students' commitment and willingness to learn, combined with a great pool of talent.

The togetherness of the squad was fantastic to see, particularly during some tough moments in games.

The last game of the season against Bishop Vesey springs to mind, where the team fought back having gone four tries down. Although they lost only marginally to a more physically mature side,



the spirit and skill shown must inspire them to continue working and improving.

This season's highlight was a pulsating game against Lancaster Royal Grammar School, at the DCBL stadium. It was a fantastic game under the floodlights and the students had to battle it out against tough, physical opponents.

The game was decided by a last minute try in the corner to win the game 30-25.

The B team enjoyed an unbeaten season, including fantastic victories against The Grammar School at Leeds and Cheadle Hulme school.

I am incredibly excited about the abundance of talent in the squad and I am looking forward to seeing the students further develop in the coming years.

WJK

**Sailing**

"It's a good indicator of just how diverse the sporting opportunities are to be able to explore and participate in so many activities such as sailing on a regular basis."

Harry Shanahan 11ARP

The popularity of sailing at King's has never been in doubt, but the record number of students who signed up last year was hugely pleasing to see.

It is rare, unique maybe, for a school to be able to offer this sport as part of regular Games activities and I will take away many happy memories of watching the students develop their skills throughout the year.

From Year 7 students who have never sat in a boat to advanced sailors such as Derrin Scott who have gone on to win national competitions, there is a sense of community amongst the sailors at King's that perfectly captures the school aims to challenge, foster, develop, and support our students.

Sailing can be tough at times, particularly in high winds, yet the resilience of the students never



fails to impress me and the queue of students trying to get into Redesmere early on a Saturday morning provides evidence of just how much they enjoy it.

Thanks has to be given to the older students such as Charlie Parker and Lucy Bambrook who have been running sessions as part of their Instructor's Course, and have provided tuition and safety duties on a regular basis. Ellen Wells has also been a key part of the sailing club and I would like to thank her for the time and effort she has put in over the past year.

Whilst we were unable to provide the annual sailing excursion due to Covid restrictions, I am very much looking forward to future trips to enable our students to experience real ocean sailing and gain internationally recognised qualifications on the way.

ARP

Swimming

It has been a very positive year for senior swimming at King's. Things gradually opened up post-Covid, and we were able to set up a well-attended senior squad training on a weekly basis. This is aimed at swimmers who want to improve their fitness and be considered for swimming galas. We also have a general swim session on a Thursday morning aimed at providing opportunities for all abilities.

A small number of galas were possible as confidence grew across local schools in a resumption of these events. There were some outstanding performances across Years 7-10 in galas against Cheadle Hulme and Manchester High for Girls. Hosting Cheadle, some strong swimming saw the team secure a well-deserved win. Against Manchester High for Girls, the team also showed great determination in competing against some older girls.

The swimming gala calendar is growing, and we look forward to competing against new schools in next year. We were also able to run our first inter-house senior swimming gala in our new pool and look to build on this next year.

LDJ



Table tennis



Table Tennis Club had a very active year in 2021-22. With opportunities opening up again following the Covid disruption of the previous year, numbers were strong and there was great interest across the year groups. In particular, a new and eager group of Year 7s and 8s regularly attended the two practices and showed real competitiveness in their "friendly" matches amongst themselves. A specific focus area in the practice sessions was learning the fundamentals of serves and strokes.

In 2022-23 Mr Mallin is planning to introduce some inter-school matches, and the pupils are looking forward to the challenge of testing themselves outside their peer group. The Friends of King's kindly provided two new tables at the end of the summer term to increase our supply up to an impressive six in total, allowing us to cope even with the high numbers of eager beginners likely to join the club for the start of the year. Sadly, we had to say a table tennis goodbye at the end of the year to Mr Pauksztello, who will no longer be assisting with the table tennis club for 2022-23.

However, there is still much excitement looking ahead to the Monday after schools and Tuesday lunchtime sessions. Amongst other ideas, Mr Mallin plans to bring his Table Tennis robot to some of the afterschool sessions. The robot fires out balls at a cracking pace and imparts a variety of spins to drill the players in some consistent play, which will no doubt spark further healthy competition.

AMM

Tae Kwon Do



This was another strong year for King's Tae Kwon Do Club. Several gradings have seen students progress through the coloured belt system, with some excellent performances. Of note was the Black Belt promotion of Francesco Roncaroli. Francesco has trained at the club for over 6 years and this Dan Grade promotion was well deserved and a testament to his perseverance.

The year has also seen the Club grow in numbers, with a wide range of King's students enjoying the sport from Year 6 to Year 12. We continue to train weekly, following the structured grading syllabus.

MRW



Tennis



This was a successful season of tennis, which saw the players benefitting from the enhanced links with Prestbury Tennis Club and Star Coaching. There were Saturday fixtures in various formats (timed, singles and doubles) versus Stockport GS, Cheadle Hulme, Withington and MGS. U13 player Isaac Whenman has been in fine form alongside partner Hugo Blackwell, producing some dominating performances against SGS, in particular.

The girls encountered some very strong opponents but challenged each point tenaciously. Charlotte Hunt (U15) produced some excellent shots when returning to her old school, Withington, to play some very mature tennis. The fixtures against Cheadle Hulme School and The Grange brought some excellent victories, and demonstrated some development within the squads. Individually, Annabel Wong won singles and doubles competitions at the Junior International at Halton, a Tennis Europe event. The young tennis ace has also been selected as one of the three girls to represent Great Britain in the European Summer Cup Competition. The Qualifying Group will take place in Poland and the finals will take place in France.

GJHH

Trampoline



Spring Term was a big one for trampolining, as King's hosted the largest National Schools trampoline completion in history. It was an incredibly successful and enjoyable championships, the first one after the pandemic, which has prevented children from competing for the last 2 years.

There was a buzz about the place in the days leading up to the competition with pupils, parents and friends offering to help in whatever way possible and pulling this off to an exceptionally high standard. A huge team effort from all.

The build up to the National Competition started some time before with qualifying at the North of Britain Championships a key feature. There, some 11 out of 12 of the King's teams earned the right to represent the school, along with 22 individuals.

Seven of those teams qualified by winning their competitions at the North of Britain Championship: Year 7-8 novice girls (Mimi Ross, Elissia Smith, Izzy Cheney, Izzy Challinor); Year 7-8 novice boys (Isaac Whenman, Billy Bennett, Matthew Gas, Hugo Blackwell); Year 7-9 intermediate boys (Oliver Pinches, Joe Bailey-Heald, Reuben Blackhurst); Year 7-9 elite girls (Lottie Baxter, Lauren Whaley, Romily Hughes); Year 9-10 novice girls (Emily Burton, Francesca Moss Seymour, Edie Milner, Emilia Pearce); Year 11-14 novice girls (Jess Burton, Izzy Watkins, Ellie Shaw, Cara Holliday); Year 10-14 Elite girls (Leah Shadwell, Millie Crummack, Lottie Clark, Izzy Hammond).



At the National finals, four King's teams went on to claim National titles, with a further four teams finishing in 2nd place and one team claiming 3rd place. The winning teams were: Year 7-8 novice girls (Mimi Ross, Elissia Smith, Izzy Cheney, Izzy Challinor); Year 7-8 novice boys (Isaac Whenman, Matthew Gass, Billy Bennett, Hugo Blackwell); Year 9-10 novice girls (Emily Burton, Francesca Moss Seymour, Edie Milner, Emilia Pearce); 7-9 intermediate boys (Reuben Blackhurst, Joseph Bailey-Heald, Harry Hardcastle, Jack Smith).

The following pupils also achieved a podium result individually in their categories: Edie Milner (2nd), Francesca Moss Seymour (3rd), Jess Burton (3rd). After many years of competing and helping with coaching,

Sixth Form student Izzy Watkins signed off from her school trampolining with a 4th place finish in the Year 11-14 novice girls category, alongside Cara Holliday, who has also been a regular participant over her time at King's, Jess Burton and Ellie Shaw.

I am delighted that we had the amazing opportunity to host the British Championships at The King's school. What a wonderful memory this will always be.

Rachael Burrows

Hail & FAREWELL

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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Joel Banerjee

Joel joined the Music Department as a Postgraduate Musician on a temporary contract for one year. A recent graduate in Music from the University of Manchester, Joel is also a Piano Teacher and Accompanist. Away from music, Joel is a keen sportsman and enjoys football, cricket and spikeball.

Frank Barker

Frank joined the Sports Department in September 2021 as a part-time Rugby Coach. A former pupil of King's, Frank studied International Business at Loughborough University and is a coach and player at Macclesfield Rugby Club. He has travelled all over the world playing rugby.

Gemma Barriskell

Gemma joined the Infant & Junior Division as a Teaching Assistant having spent 10 years teaching at primary level in London and Austria. She graduated from St Mary's University London with a BA Hons in Primary Teaching with QTS. Gemma enjoys scuba diving and walking her dog in the Peak District.

Julie Browne

Julie Browne joined King's as a Learning Support Assistant in September 2021, having worked previously at Ryles Park School in a similar role. Julie attend King's as a

Sixth Form student and went on to study Media & Performance at the University of Salford and a Masters in English Studies at the University of Manchester.

Kate Byrne

Kate joined as Head of Biology in June 2022, having been Head of Science at Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School and Sale Grammar School respectively since 2010. She works hard to promote the role of women in science and to increase awareness of careers available to students who pursue further education in Science. As well as being a passionate biologist, Kate is an enthusiastic upholsterer, walker and gardener.

Laurie Chapman

Laurie joined in September 2021 as a Teaching Assistant in Year 2 after seven years working in a state school in Years 1 and 2. She qualified with NVQ Level 2 and 3 Advanced in Childcare before being appointed as Manager at Rascals Day Nursery in Macclesfield. Laurie currently runs Art After-School Club with Year 1 and assists in Stitch Club with Year 2.

Jo Craig

Jo joined the Admissions Department in September having previously lived in the USA and worked in Admissions in an American School in London. Jo immediately showed her natural ability to build rapport with

prospective families and provide a warm and engaging experience for families going through the admissions process. Jo has two boys at King's and enjoys spending her free time with her family and with her spaniels.

Andrea Denovan

Andrea joined the Infant & Junior Division in January 2022 as a Wrap-Around Care Assistant. A qualified Teaching Assistant and Early Years Advanced Practitioner, Andrea has several years' experience working in local nurseries.

Jessica Edward

Jessica joined the Infant & Junior Division as a Year 6 Teacher. After gaining a BA Hons degree in Primary Education with a specialism in English at Roehampton University, she began her life-long dream job as a teacher. She has over ten years' experience teaching across Key Stages 1 and 2 in schools in London and Cheshire. Her hobbies include tennis, skiing, walking and spending time with her husband and two daughters who also attend King's.

Sarah Farrer

Sarah joined the Main School Office as a Part-time School Receptionist, having previously worked at King's as an Exams Invigilator. Sarah studied Art and Graphic Design at college and went on to work at AstraZeneca for many years. She enjoys sport and manages a local hockey team.

Jo Fiennes

Jo also joined the Main School Office in September, initially on a temporary basis and then joined permanently from April. Jo has previously had a son attend King's and had an earlier career in legal services in London. Jo immediately showed her natural affinity to build rapport with pupils and parents and applied her energy to our administration systems. When not working, Jo enjoys spending time with her family and friends, particularly in North Wales or on the ski slopes.

Julia Fletcher

Julia joined King's as Head of Learning Support in April 2022. After graduating from the University of Warwick, she worked in mainstream schools before joining Manchester's Learning Support Service as an advisory teacher, supporting SENCos in schools and working with children with additional needs. Julia went on to work in a number of Local Authorities as an education consultant where she delivered postgraduate training to teachers and developed teaching and learning through staff CPD. Julia returned to a school-based role as a Specialist Leader of Education before working as an Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion. In her spare time, Julia enjoys horse riding and walking her two dogs.

Cathy Griffiths

Cathy joined us in January 2022 as a Temporary History and Politics Teacher to cover for maternity leave. A History graduate from the University of Manchester, Cathy completed her PGCE at the University of Leeds and a Masters in War, Culture and History back at the University of Manchester. She has worked in many Senior

Schools as a History Teacher and, more recently, set up her own business as a Registered Childminder.

Scott Hambleton

Scott joined King's in November 2021 as a Pupil Manager, having previously worked at Bramhall High School as a Teaching Assistant/Mentor. Scott enjoys many sports and managed a football team whilst at Bramhall High.

Emily Hargreaves

Emily joined the Infant & Junior Division after spending the last few years as a Teacher and Reading Lead in Windsor. She previously studied at the University of Greenwich where she achieved a BA in Education Studies. Her specialism is Children's Literature. Her hobbies include reading, travelling and cycling.

Connor Jameson

Connor joined the Sports Department in September as a Self-Employed Hockey Coach. Connor is the Director of Hockey at Southport Hockey Club and has worked as a Coach and Primary PE Teacher in the UK and Germany. Outside of hockey, Connor enjoys playing other sports, such as golf and football.

Victoria Jones

Victoria joined the English Department as a temporary teacher after having spent five years at Manchester Metropolitan University. She finished her degree in English with First Class Honours and the University's award for outstanding commitment. She completed her PGCE with the University of Manchester. Victoria loves to read and will almost always be found within the library if she's not teaching.

Michelle Lamprecht

Michelle joined the Biology Department as a maternity cover teacher for 12 months. She completed a Masters degree in Molecular Biology at Staffordshire University, and she has more than 16 years of international teaching experience working in Dubai, Luxembourg and England. She enjoys travelling, the outdoors and spending time with her family.

Choi Liu

Choi joined the Finance team as Purchase Ledger Assistant. Previously, Choi worked at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester where she held various posts in the Registry Department. Choi enjoys spending time with family and friends, has a keen interest in gardening, travelling and visiting historical properties.

Jack Mattson

Jack took on the temporary role of Sports Centre Supervisor in January 2022. Jack came to the UK from Australia to play cricket for Macclesfield Cricket Club. He has a degree in Business from Melbourne University.

Keely McNulty

Keely joined the Infant & Junior Division as a Wrap-Around Care Assistant in January 2022. She has a BTEC in Health and Social Care and has worked as a Rainbow and Brownie Leader.

Shane McNulty

Shane joined the Support Staff as Cleaning Operations Manager in November 2021. Shane comes with a wealth of experience from similar roles and has also run his own landscaping business.

Megan Mehra

Megan joined the Junior Division as a supply teacher in December 2020. In January 2022, she took over as a Year 6 Teacher on a temporary basis. Megan qualified as a primary teacher with MFL in 2004 after obtaining a Music degree from the University of Manchester in 2003. Since qualifying, she has taught children in the independent sector, the state sector and worked as a home tutor. She has taught children from Nursery to Year 6 and also transferred her teaching skills to work in Key Stage 4. She has a keen interest in children's wellbeing and recently trained as a youth and adult mental health first aider.

Colette Mossey

Colette joined Year 1 as a Teaching Assistant after eight years working in a state school primarily in the Infants. She took a Foundation degree in Teaching and Learning at Buxton and Leek College as a mature student. Colette runs a successful after-school multi sports club for Year 1.

Paula Percival

Paula joined as a Sixth Form Division Secretary. She has re-joined the school after working as an Admissions Registrar in the independent school sector. She has a Masters degree from the

University of Manchester and worked in the retail sector before joining the King's in the early 2000's. Her interests are the gym and watching rugby.

Sarah Rowley

Sarah joined the Music Department as a Visiting Music Teacher (Singing). Sarah is an Alumni of the Royal Northern College of Music, King's College London where she was a Choral Scholar, the National Youth Choir of Great Britain and Sedbergh School (Music Scholar), and she began her training as a chorister at Lincoln Cathedral. Sarah also plays the piano and flute. She continues to be in demand as a soloist and ensemble performer. Her work has taken her around the world and perform in the country's finest concert halls, including the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall.

Liz Rush

Liz joined King's as a Learning Support Assistant in the Senior Division in September 2021, primarily supporting a pupil on a one-to-one basis. With a degree in Educational Studies, Liz has many years of experience working in schools. She has also run her own businesses.

Gemma Scott-Pavey

Gemma joined the Infant & Junior Division in September as a Sports Assistant, having previously been a pupil at King's. Gemma graduated from Bangor University with a degree in Sport, Health & Exercise Science. She enjoys keeping fit and particularly enjoys dancing. Gemma is also passionate about music and plays the piano and flute. She works on a voluntary basis at a local hospital.

Lindsay Slack

Lindsay joined the MFL Department as Head of German with 25 years' experience of teaching in both public and independent schools. She has been Head of Subject, Department and Faculty and teaches French and German to A Level and beginner Spanish. More recently, she was Deputy Head of Sixth Form in a large inner-city trust in Warwickshire. Lindsay loves to spend time with family watching old movies and walking in the outdoors. She likes to keep fit, garden, read and socialise with friends as much as possible.

Karen Smith

Karen joined the Mathematics Department with 30 years of teaching and leadership experience in a number of Cheshire schools. She is an England Hockey National Badged Umpire and has officiated not only in the National Premiership Division, but also in several international tournaments. As a qualified Umpire Coach, Karen enjoys developing young umpiring talent across the North region and she still manages to find time to officiate and play hockey at Alderley Edge Hockey Club. Her other interests involve skiing, walking and painting.

Robert Stirling

Robert joined as Estates Manager in August 2021 from the compliance team at Peaks & Plains Housing Trust. He previously spent five years as a surveyor for commercial office developer, Bruntwood, refurbishing the investment portfolio in Manchester City Centre and had a spell locally as General Manager at Macclesfield Town Football Club. Robert, a keen flat green bowls player, regularly playing for Lancashire and has represented England.

Gareth Thomas

Gareth joined the Science Department in March 2022 as a Trainee Science Technician. Having studied Electronic Engineering, Gareth worked in several roles as an engineer and more recently has worked as a heavy goods driver and Post Office counter assistant.

Burhan Torgut

Burhan joined the PE and Games Department as a Rugby Coach. He is a UKCC Level 3 coach with experience in professional and international rugby as both a coach and analyst, working for teams such as the University of St Andrews RFC, Scottish Rugby, Glasgow Warriors and, most recently, Doncaster Knights. A former Cardiff Metropolitan University student, he has also played for both Worcester Warriors and Birmingham Moseley RFC, as well as going on to represent the Cyprus Rugby Federation on 27 occasions during their Guinness World Record run of the most international wins in a row.

Catherine Wells

Catherine joined the Infant & Junior Division as a Learning Assistant, having previously worked as a Teaching Assistant at Whirley Primary School and St Alban's Catholic Primary School. A graduate of the University of Durham, in her spare time,

Louise Whiteley

Louise joined King's as Academic Systems Manager. She holds a degree in Mathematics from the University of Sheffield and MSc in Information Technology. After working in website development for several years, she moved into an educational support role at Alderley Edge School for Girls where she worked for over 10 years.

Hannah Wicks

Hannah joined the Sports Centre in January 2022 as a Sports Centre Supervisor. She previously worked at Macclesfield Leisure Centre as Leisure Assistant and Swimming Teacher. Hannah has a BTEC in Sport and Exercise Science and a degree in Sport Development from Leeds Beckett University. Hannah enjoys playing and coaching many sports, particularly cricket, which she has played at county level.

Christopher Winter

Christopher joined the Infant & Junior Division after six years working at a local primary school. He gained a French and History Joint Honours degree at the University of Leeds before completing his PGCE course through Manchester Metropolitan University. Christopher is interested in sport, playing competitive cricket for the university 1st XI and for his local cricket club.

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Jenny Armitage

Jenny joined King's in June 2021 as Development & Alumni Officer and quickly impressed with her proactivity and drive. Jenny promptly set about organising the school's 90th anniversary of rugby at the school, which was a hugely successful event that saw rugby players and staff from across the decades coming together at the Derby Fields to play, watch and reminisce about rugby. This was the first of a series of successful events that Jenny organised over her 14 months at King's. Her final months saw no less than four events in four weeks: a record-breaking annual Bursary Fund Golf Day, the opening of the Wilson Field, an alumni Drinks event and a reunion for recent leavers. She leaves us to re-join the events management sector and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Tracy Aston

Tracy joined King's in 2015 as a newly qualified teacher. She hit the ground running and was instantly a highly valued member of the department who frequently shared great ideas and teaching resources. Tracy maintained high expectations of the students and, as a result, helped them to achieve excellent grades. As part of the Further Maths A Level team, she stretched and challenged our most able students. In addition, Tracy was an enthusiastic member of the Senior (Foundation) Choir throughout her time at King's and quickly became the backbone of the alto section.

She was a tremendous support to the group, particularly on overseas tours to Prague and Rome. Tracy re-established a keen interest in the students for chess and took the Chess Team to new heights, frequently attending tournaments. Tracy was a fantastic colleague and remains a close friend to the department. Her energy and positivity will be missed.

Stephanie Capon

Stephanie joined King's in 2014 as the second ever Human Resources Manager. She studied at the University of Toronto before coming to the UK and worked locally at Cheshire Building Society and the Cheshire NHS Trust. Stephanie worked tirelessly with her team to achieve high standards and she will be greatly missed.

We wish her well as she moves onto the Information Commissioner's Office in Wilmslow.

Andrea Denovan

Andrea leaves King's after two terms to start a new position at Kid's Allowed Nursery. Andrea supported pupils as a member of the Wrap-Around Care staff team. We wish her every success in her new position.

Tina Edge

Tina joined us in September 2021 as our Head of Learning Support. She quickly established a strong rapport with her team and also with the pupils, whom she greatly enjoyed teaching. She worked closely with Sarah Holliday, the Exams Officer, to update and improve records for access arrangements and also oversaw a number of staffing developments. Tina has returned to the primary

sector to teach, but we are grateful for her work during her relatively short time in post.

Cathy Griffiths

Cathy was appointed on a temporary basis to cover Miss Christie's maternity leave in the History and Politics department. She hit the ground running. Her superb organisation, professionalism and attention to detail ensured the students felt well supported and were able to excel. Her enthusiasm for the topics taught was palpable. The tasks created allowed students to discover and investigate historical enquiries, reaching their own conclusions with confidence. She promoted an inclusive atmosphere in lessons which allowed students to participate and challenge each other's ideas in a safe and supported way. We send our best wishes to Cathy, who is continuing her career at Cheadle Hulme School as a permanent member of the History Department. We hope to do battle with her at the Model UN in the future!

Freddie Higginbotham

Freddie worked as a GAP student and Sports Coach in the PE Department throughout the 2021-22 academic year. It soon became clear that Freddie would be a huge asset: he had a great work ethic and demonstrated his adaptability in happily taking on any task, regardless of the relative level of importance. Freddie's principal focus was on the hockey pitch, where he worked confidently with both boys' and girls' groups. Here he showed his versatility in coaching right across the age range from Year 7 up to the Senior Boys. Freddie also ably assisted with Infant & Junior PE and Sport, and he willingly

stepped out of his comfort zone to coach cricket teams and other practical areas that weren't his strength. He displayed a very professional manner throughout the year, and he struck just the right balance in his approach with the pupils. Freddie could always be relied upon and he tackled every challenge with a calm level of competence. We thank him for all his hard work, wish him well in his medical training in Newcastle and hope that we see him back at King's soon.

Dominic Hunter

Dominic Hunter was our first Pupil Manager at King's. He carved a pastoral role that is, now, invaluable. Dominic supported our pupils with all his heart. He went above and beyond when it came to pastoral care and pupil wellbeing. Dom's contributions to King's did not stop in the Pupil Manager Office. He was a key member of our rugby and outdoor pursuits teams, as well as a close colleague and friend to many

Vick Jones

Vick joined the English Department for a year to cover for a maternity absence, and very quickly made an impact right across the school. Within weeks of starting, she was setting up GCSE coursework, supporting colleagues and helping out in the Infant and Junior Division. Vick was much loved by pupils and staff alike, and brightened every day of the year with her infectious humour, energy and positivity. The steady trickle of children knocking on the English Department's office door to show her their work, ask for her help or simply share a funny story with her became part of the daily routine.

She was always willing to go the extra mile in any circumstance and she will be missed. We wish her every success at Wilmslow High School.

Sam Kelsall

Sam first joined the staff at King's as an invigilator and was soon welcomed into the Learning Support Department as a Teaching Assistant in September 2019. During her time at King's, she worked with several students on a one-to-one basis. She was Assistant Head of House, participating enthusiastically in their activities. Sam trained as a horticulturist and brought these skills to the Staff Common Room, where she arranged for plants to be donated – and, more importantly, she kept them alive! Sam also got involved in languages, being a linguist herself. She was a valued member of the Learning Support team and will be missed.

Cyrus Kerfoot

Cyrus joined the Rugby Department on a part-time basis, ahead of his study in Veterinary Medicine at the University of Nottingham. He made an instant impact and was involved in coaching across all age groups. He will be forever remembered for his welcoming nature, particularly whilst hosting fixtures at Derby Fields, and especially local schools. His overall management and professional nature allowed him to make a smooth transition from talented 1st XV player to knowledgeable and charismatic coach. We wish him well.

Eve McCallum

Eve joined the Infant & Junior Division as a temporary Sports Assistant during her gap year. Having completed her own education as a Sports Scholar at Uppingham School, Eve willingly helped out with swimming, netball, hockey, PE and Games lessons. She was an immediate hit with our young pupils and will be missed. We wish her well for her undergraduate studies at Nottingham University.

Simon Patrick

Simon Patrick joined King's in 2011 as a teacher of Biology. He quickly showed himself to be an innovative classroom practitioner who produced original lessons that the students really enjoyed. In 2014, he became Head of General Science where he rewrote the scheme of work to incorporate the school's move to learning habits. This enabled the Science Department to move seamlessly into dual focus lessons and a lot of them are still used today. In 2017, Simon became Head of Biology and brought the same innovative approach to this role. He ran a very successful trip to South Africa where over 30 students learnt to dive and do conservation work. Throughout his time at King's, Simon was involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme as well as numerous Science Clubs and events. He leaves us to be Head of Science at Alderley Edge School for Girls.

Josh Pencheon

Josh held the position of Leisure Assistant and was known by many Infant and Junior pupils as our main lifeguard when the pool first opened for use. Josh had a strong passion for Health and Safety and assisted in the development of the Sports Centre as we moved

from a school-use only facility to a community hub. Josh was also a key member of staff for training our first Sixth Form student lifeguard team. We wish Josh all the best for the future.

Jo Reynolds

Jo joined King's in 2007 as a Biology Technician. Over her time at King's, she helped run Biology, Zoology and Dissection Clubs as well as being a member of staff on Biology field trips and the annual genetics trips. Jo had a very positive influence on the department and her support of staff and students has helped the department a great deal. Her work for Open Days and Taster Days was exemplary and she always made the department look fantastic and we wish her well for the future.

Ruth Roberts

Ruth joined King's in 1998 on a one-year temporary contract as an English Teacher but clearly impressed. She graduated from Oxford University with a First in English and MFL (German) and worked for a period of time at Sotheby's in London. Ruth was appointed permanently in 2005 and within a year was a Head of Year. She was quickly promoted to Vice-Principal and then Principal of the Sixth Form Division. Tim Andrew, former Principal of the Sixth Form, described Ruth as 'the most talented colleague I have worked with in my 37-year teaching career'. Ruth did a huge amount to raise academic standards in the Sixth Form and overhaul many systems there.

Ruth has an incredible energy and work-rate, with the determination to always do the very best for the students and the dynamism to get things done. She was also a very sympathetic listener and always had the students' best interests at heart. Ruth moved on to become the Senior Teacher, and took the same wholehearted approach to any of the other projects that she has been given. She has led the school's CPD brilliantly, has run the induction programme for new staff and the PGCE programme.

Latterly, she has also spearheaded the school's wellbeing focus, as well as offering staff support where they need it. She has shown humanity and compassion alongside her other qualities. Ruth leaves us with our huge thanks for her massive contribution to the development of King's over many years. She moves on to a new role at HMC in charge of teacher development and we wish her and her family every success and happiness in the future.

Ian Robertson

Ian retired after a long and distinguished career in education. He joined King's in 2003 from Bolton Boys' School where he had been Head of Biology. As Principal of the Boys' Division, he quickly made a huge difference to the pastoral systems and the tutor programme. The pastoral excellence that we pride so highly today can be traced back to Ian, as can the wide ranging extra-curricular programme that the school has. Ian brought realism and humanity to his role, as well as his well-developed sense of humour.

The respect he was held in by staff, parents and students reflected the fact that everyone knew he always acted with the aim of making students as successful and happy as possible. On stepping down from Principal, Ian went straight back to his first love - classroom teaching. He has excelled in this and created huge amounts of resources and ideas for the Biology Department, as well as continuing his ability to gain excellent results with all of his classes. His long-term involvement with the AQA Exam Board as a marker, team leader and, latterly, as an exam question writer has been of huge benefit to all students, but especially those who took A Level. Throughout his career, Ian was always willing to embrace new teaching methods and his use of One Note and Teams at the end of his career was exemplary. The move to co-education and the new site allowed Ian to finish his career as he started, by teaching mixed classes and developing the amazing Biology Garden which will act as his legacy for future students. Ian leaves education to spend more time with his beloved family and dog, having made a genuine difference to a generation of students.

Callum Ruff

Callum held the position of Sports Centre Supervisor and was tasked with assisting the introduction of external bookings and the gym and swim membership. We would like to thank Callum for all the work he did as this has led to the Sports Centre becoming a community hub for many local sporting groups, as well as creating access to the swimming pool and gym to many different users. We wish Callum all the best in his career.

Charlotte Sampson

Charlotte joined King's as a teacher in the MFL Faculty of the Senior Division in September 2018, having previously been a pupil at the school herself. She has been a real asset to both the French and Spanish Departments, teaching all the way from Key Stages 2 to 5 throughout her time with us. Approachable, friendly and fun, Charlotte settled into both classroom life as well as the staff room in no time at all. She has helped the faculty to develop in so many ways, particularly during the pandemic period, when she was always sharing her innovative ideas for online teaching with the rest of the department. Needless to say, Charlotte will be greatly missed, but we wish her all the very best of luck on her next big adventure to Mexico, where she will be teaching in a primary school.

Angela Soutter

Angela joined the Support Staff team as the first Junior Teaching Assistant in 2011 and she has spent the last 11 years supporting pupils in Year 3 predominantly. She has supported, taught and steered hundreds, if not a couple of thousand children, in her time at King's, which goes back to 2001 when she first taught in the Infant and Junior Division as a supply teacher. Angela has taught every subject in every year group; she has been integral to the running of the Division inside and outside the classroom, as well as behind the scenes with her relentless support to pupils and staff at a great many shows and events over the years. Angela will be hugely missed by the pupils and staff. We wish her a wonderful retirement and extend our heartfelt thanks for her dedicated service, love and friendship over the years to us all.

Liz Taylor

Liz leaves King's after 14 years' service. She worked as Academic Systems Manager, an integral role that was crucial in the monitoring of student progress along with managing information about staff, parents and students. Liz was renowned for her efficiency and ability to master the most complex of tasks. She successfully managed the transition between management information systems; an impressive feat given the amount of data schools now hold. Liz's willingness to help out and her dedication to hard work was admirable and she would often offer to support events such as troubleshooting for online parents' evenings after their introduction in the post-Covid world. Her production of many 'how-to' guides for school systems will be a legacy that will last long after her departure and we wish her the best of luck.

Angus Thomson

Angus Thomson joined as a Technician for the Design Technology and Art Departments on a one-year contract. As a former student of Art and DT at King's, taking a year out from studying Product Design at University, he brought a wealth of technical skill and imagination to the role. His dedication to both departments was hugely appreciated and nothing was ever too much trouble for him. His inventiveness and imagination as a designer came to the fore in his ability to create things that added significantly to departments and the school. He also gave freely of his time to support various sports teams in his year with us. Angus's energy and enthusiasm will be missed and we all wish him much success as he returns to Sheffield to complete his degree.

Matthew Thorpe

Matt, a former King's pupil, was a real asset to the Economics Department and to rugby, giving up a huge amount of his time to oversee some very successful King's teams; culminating in being crowned Cheshire Champions in his final season. On top of this, Matt helped to run the Sixth Form Fashion Show last year which, despite not actually taking place because of Covid, raised £8000. He also helped to start the Sixth Form Ultimate Frisbee Club which now boasts 40 plus players every week in the summertime. Matt heads off to Kuala Lumpur for a new challenge.

Mike Walton

Mike left King's to take up a new teaching position at Pownall Hall School after 16 dedicated years. His contribution to life in the Division has been significant and he leaves us with our huge thanks and appreciation. Mike has been instrumental in the development of sport and extra-curricular provision in the Infant and Junior Division. He has inspired hundreds of pupils over the course of his career at King's, supporting the organisation of many pupil experiences from the Year 6 trips to Jersey and Hollowford to Junior skiing trips. A keen sportsman, Mike worked closely with Mrs Speirs and Mr Barker to organise many fixtures and House events for pupils. He coached and inspired pupils in rugby, football, cricket and cross-country. We wish him every success.

Alison Williams

Alison leaves King's after a year in service. She has supported individual pupils in her role as Infant Teaching Assistant. We will miss her patience, warmth and friendship.

Hanna Youssefi

Hanna joined King's as a teacher in the MFL Faculty of the Senior Division in January 2018 and fast became an extremely valued member of both the French and Spanish Departments. She always taught inspiring lessons and took the lead with the faculty's Language Leaders Programme at Key Stage 4 for several years, even during the pandemic. Hanna not only taught all year groups in the Senior Division, but she also led the teaching of French in Year 6 in her last academic year with us. Additionally, she was a dedicated member of the Wellbeing Committee at King's and led weekly Mindfulness sessions for both staff and pupils. Hanna will be sorely missed, but we are sure that she will flourish as she leaves us to set up bilingual baby classes in the North West. We all wish her the very best of luck with her new venture.

Awards & PRIZES

2021/22

Special Prizes

Head of Foundation's Prize, Geography Prize	Charlie Oakes
Head of Foundation's Prize, Alan Cooper Prize; Selwyn Russell Jones Sports Prize	Charlotte Dennett
Principal's Award, Chemistry Prize	Trinity Mack
Principal's Award, Mick Brown Good Egg Award	Isabel Moores
Principal's Award	Nohan Alias
Principal's Award	Thomas Willshaw

School Prizes (all age groups)

Sainter Prize for Scientific Research	Holly Burke
Maimi Wright Computing, Mathematics	
Innovation in Computing Prize	Alexander McCall
Ben Davies Poetry Prize	Ella Bartlett
Dr Norman Maurice Arclex Prize	Daisy Campbell-Davies
Ridac Cup for an Outstanding Sporting Performance	Leo Burns & Joseph Moores on behalf of the U13 Cricket Team
Thornber Chemistry, Extended Project Qualification Prizes	Freya White
Marcall-Costello Award for Endeavour in Geman, Art (Selwyn Russell Jones) Prize	Lilly Kavanagh
Ken Brookfield Elisabethan, French William Broster Prizes	Rosie Ibberson
I A Wilson Economics Prize	Thomas Whitney
Alex Anderson Memorial Quaich	Haydn Keogh
David Pook Poetry Prize	Phoebe Harrison
Senior Division Robert Batchelor Prize	Evelyn Edwards
Senior Division Robert Batchelor Prize	Alvin Raju
Junior Division Robert Batchelor Prize	Poppy Hood
Junior Division Robert Batchelor Prize	Thomas Bowen
Infant & Junior Division Best All-Rounder Prize	Charlotte Winterton
Infant & Junior Division Best All-Rounder Prize	Thomas Dyer
Year 9 Aspire Project Prize	Salvador Newman

Retiring Prizes

Ian Robertson	Ben O'Donnell
Angela Soutter	Edward Marsden-Smith

Former Pupils' Association Prizes

Alan Cooper Prize, Macclesfield High School Susan Russell Jones Cup for German, Mathematics Prize	Madeleine Baxter
TT Shaw Sixth Form Prize, Economics (Canon F W Paul) Prize	Jack Phillpotts
TT Shaw Sixth Form Prize, 11KAS Form Prize	John McDermott
Adrian Silcock Sixth Form Prize	Derrin Scott
Adrian Silcock Senior Division Prize	Vismaya Aji

Sixth Form Prizes

Biology Prize	Euan Usher
Business Studies, History Prizes	Charlotte Hudson
Design & Technology Prize	Sam Bagguley
Wilmot Classics Prize	Tommaso Roncaroli
English Language, Thorneycroft Religious Studies Prizes	Charlotte Woods
English Literature, German (J O Nicholson), Politics, Senior Orchestral, Extended Studies (T B Cartwright) Prizes	Josephine Whiteley
Global Perspectives Prize	Toby Denton
C A Bradley History Prize	Dominic Townsend
Mathematics: Double, Physics Prizes	Oliver Hall
Physical Education Prize	Imogen Merry
Psychology Prize	Anique Kuiper
Ron Darlington Jazz Prize	Samuel Earnshaw
Senior Choral, Senior Reading Prizes	Ruth Ridgway
Simon Schuler Computing Prize	Mackenzie Blackaby
Spanish Prize	Oliver Thomson
Theatre Arts Prize	Tobias Fraser

Senior Division Prizes

Head Boy's Prize	Aaryaa Premanand
Head Girl's, GCSE Physical Education Prizes	Iona Whaley
Principal's Prize	William Gem
Deryck Siddall Cup	Thomas Danson
Best All-Rounder Cup	Sophie Fletcher
Macclesfield Grammar School Challenge Cup, German Prize	Edward Reynolds
Senior Division Council Cup	Robert Mack
Year 7 Achiever's Cup	Elias Barnsley
Year 8 Achiever's Cup, Thorneycroft Religious Studies Prize	Alexandra Cooper
Year 9 Achiever's Cup	Jobin Joseph
Year 10 Challenge Cup, Jenny Lee Mathematics Prize	Lucy Hancock

Senior Division Prizes (continued)

Macclesfield High School Isobel Day Cup for French, Spanish, Biology Prizes	Leah Shadwell
Anne Craig French Prize	Eleanor Shaw
Sue Bream Crystal Star Year 7 General Science Prize	Savannah Keefe
7CLD Form Prize	

Year 8 General Science Prize	Rubi Ambrey Brosnahan
Art & Design Prize	Hugo Blackwell
Chemistry, Product Design Prizes	Jemima Jordan
Dual Science Prize	Benjamin Shone
English Prize	Ewan Sherrah-Davies
French Prize	Annie Smedley
History, 11CLS Form Prizes	Eleanor Adamski
Latin Prize	Emily Ancell
Lower School Reading Prize	Imogen Vernon
Music Prize	Adeline An
Physics Prize	Jennifer Wallace
Thorneycroft Religious Studies Prize	Shabd Shrivastava
Theatre Arts Prize	Araminta Kight
Junior Choral Prize, 10WJK Form Prize	Benjamin Willock
Junior Orchestral Prize	Michaela Quinn

Form Prizes

Middle School

Year 11	
11GJH	Rebecca Doyle
11JLD	Zachary Wright
11JWW	Munachi Onunekwu
11RAR	Emily Currie
11PW	Sophie Heslip

Year 10	
10ARP	Angel Wale-Akinlua
10HBA	Kyna Willcocks
10RCO	Yousaf Ahmed
10SMP	Sebastian Fitzgerald
10TSJ	Freya Ambrey Brosnahan

Year 9	
9JN	Francesca Moss-Seymour
9LAS	Harry Smith
9MAT	Angus Collins-Webb
9MEH	Harriet Hawkins
9RAA	Arthur Scrase
9SLB	Abdullah Atif
Year 9 Thorneycroft Religious Studies Prize	Caoimhe Durkin

Lower School

Year 8	
8CS	Jack Taylor
8GSR	Zachariya Al-Ausi
8IP	Emily Allmand-Smith
8KB	Annmaria Raju
8SAH	Beatrix Medcalf
8TCA	James Strong

Year 7	
7EPW	Noah Wild
7ESc	Lucy Pierpoint
7GBS	Annabel Wong
7LCB	Emilia Ross
7LJB	Brianna Gargoles
7OJS, Year 7 Thorneycroft Religious Studies Prize	Kitson Smith

Awards & PRIZES

Distinctions in A Levels

We celebrate the results of all Year 13 pupils who took external examinations:

Archie Abraham	Anique Kuiper
Nohan Alias	Aidan Ling
Samuel Bagguley	Harriet Lowe
Ella Bartlett	Trinity Mack
Florence Baxendell	Harry Makin
Charles Beeson	Alexander McCall
Mackenzie Blackaby	Imogen Merry
Ferdinand Borén	James Miller
Jack Bray	Isabel Moores
William Bray	Ethan Moss
Abigail Breese-Tovey	Harrison Moulding
Millie Brierley	Oliver Muirhead
Scarlett Brough	Charlie Oakes
Mia Buchdahl	Jake Ogden
Ellis Budd	Harry Owens
Ethan Burke	Maximillian Parks
Holly Burke	Szymborski
Olivia Burns	James Payne
Daisy Campbell-Davies	Jack Phillpotts
Thomas Clancy	Emily Pinkerton
Jospeh Clayton	Benjamin Piper
Pieter Coyle	Thea Rankin
Samuel Danson	Anoushka Rao
Charlotte Dennett	Ruth Ridgway
Honey Dickinson	Oscar Robinson
Thomas Elder	Isobelle Roche
Miya Grady	Claudia Rodriguez
Emma Graham	Martinez
Toby Gray	Tommaso Roncaroli
Billy Griffiths	Ewan Rowley
Tariq Habeeb	Kitty Rowlinson
Oliver Hall	Derrin Scott
Beatrice Hamilton	Vikaash Sharma
Stanley Harrison	Oliver Shaw
Claudia Hayes	Samer Signey
Alexander Head	Daniel Silva-Stafford
Sam Heathcote	Henry Smith
Madeline Holden	Isabelle Smith
Ioannis Holden-Rachiotis	Aaron Stanier Hall
Madeleine Holder	Charles Sudweeks
Corben Holland	Ella Thomson
Cara Holliday	Oliver Thomson
Santiago Houghton	Oscar Tinsley
Charlotte Hudson	Dominic Townsend
Rosie Ibberson	Simon Trier
Lewis Johnson	Milan Turnbull
Ella Jones	Euan Usher
Constance Jordan	Benjamin Wallace
Lilly Kavanagh	Isabel Watkins
	Freya White
	Jospehine Whiteley
	Benjamin Willcock
	Amy Willock
	Thomas Willshaw
	Charlotte Woods
	Miriam Yehia

This A-Level Distinction list includes 26 pupils who received at least 3 A*/A grades.

77% of students will attend their first choice university.

58% of students will attend Russell Group universities.



Music Examinations

Autumn Term 2021
ABRSM

Seniors			
Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Harriet Bright	Clarinet	5	Merit
Christopher Drake	Trombone	3	Merit
Will Gem	Oboe	5	Pass
Ross Hallinan	Flute	5	Merit
Margi Javle	Piano	5	Pass
Hannah Ross	Piano	4	Pass
Jenny Wallace	Jazz Trombone	5	Merit
Alexandra Watkins	Flute	4	Pass
Lauren Whaley	Voice	4	Pass
Natasha Williams	Clarinet	6	Merit
Juniors			
Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Thomas Bowen	Violin	2	Pass
Heidi Naylor	Piano	1	Distinction

Spring Term 2022
ABRSM

Sixth Form			
Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Niya Alias	Violin	4	Pass
Toby Fraser	Alto Saxophone	5	Pass
Vaseegaran Vasantharajan	Alto Saxophone	5	Pass
Seniors			
Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Tasha Clark	Piano	2	Distinction
Arabella Metcalfe	Piano	2	Pass
Thomas Pham	Piano	4	Pass
Juniors			
Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Maryam Atif	Piano	2	Pass
Harry Kaye	Voice	2	Pass
Ariyan Nassab	Piano	1	Pass
Lacey Quinn	Piano	2	Merit

Summer Term 2022
ABRSM

Seniors			
Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Annie Batt	Trumpet	5	Pass
Isabel Challinor	Piano	2	Pass
Isabella Cheney	Piano	Initial	Distinction
Lucy Clegg	Oboe	4	Pass
Lucy Clegg	Piano	4	Pass
Sebastian Fitzgerald	Piano	6	Merit
Sebastian Fitzgerald	Clarinet	6	Merit
Sophie Heslip	Oboe	5	Pass
Tayia Hirstwood	Piano	2	Merit
Jake Porter	Piano	2	Pass
Daisy Webb	Piano	4	Merit
Ben Willock	Voice	3	Distinction
Juniors			
Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Grace Conibere	Piano	Initial	Pass
Joseph Mackenzie	Piano	2	Merit
Lacey Quinn	Alto Sax	3	Merit
Alex Wilson	Violin	1	Pass

Associated Board Theory Examinations

Seniors			
Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Margi Javle	Theory	5	Distinction

Trinity

Seniors			
Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Dominic Rhodes	Drumkit	Initial	Merit
Tom Dyer	Drumkit	3	Merit
Harriet Clough	Drumkit	1	Distinction
Jack Snowden	Drumkit	1	Distinction

Rock School

Seniors			
Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Elijah Craine	Electric Guitar	7	Distinction
Zach Al-Ausi	Drums	3	Merit
Adam Al-Ausi	Electric Guitar	4	Distinction
Adam Al-Ausi	Acoustic Guitar	6	Distinction

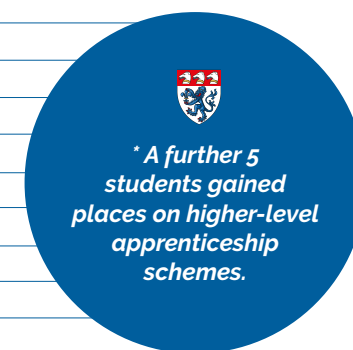
Leaver DESTINATIONS

In 2022, around 77% of Sixth Form students achieved their first choice of university with 58% joining Russell Group institutions. The full list of leavers' destinations is as follows:

2022

University of Aberdeen	Business Management
University of Bath	Education with Psychology
University of Bath	International Development with Economics
University of Bath	Politics and International Relations
University of Birmingham	Medicine (5 years)
University of Bristol	Business and Management with Study Abroad
University of Bristol	Psychology and Neuroscience
University of Bristol	Economics and Management
University of Bristol	Economics and Management
University of Bristol	International Business Management
University of Central Lancashire	Asia Pacific Studies - Japanese
Bangor University	Marine Biology and Zoology
Bishop Grosseteste University	Education Studies and English
Cardiff University	Computer Science with Security and Forensics
Durham University	Physics
Durham University	English Literature
University of East Anglia	Creative Writing and English Literature
University of Exeter	Applied Psychology (Clinical)
University of Exeter	Geography
University of Glasgow	English Literature
University of Glasgow	Computing Science
University of Glasgow	Computing Science
University of Greenwich	Computing
Keele University	Psychology with Counselling
Keele University	Psychology
Keele University	Business Management and Finance
King's College London, University of London	Politics
Lancaster University	Computer Science
Lancaster University	Business Analytics
Lancaster University	Business Management
Lancaster University	Business Management
University of Leeds	Computer Science
University of Leeds	Medicine
University of Leeds	Medical Engineering
University of Leeds	Medicinal Chemistry (Year in Industry)
Leeds Beckett University	Business & Management
University of Lincoln	Psychology with Forensic Psychology
University of Liverpool	Veterinary Science
University of Liverpool	Ancient History
University of Liverpool	Biological Sciences
University of Liverpool	Medicine
Loughborough University	Psychology

Loughborough University	Management (with placement year)
University of Manchester	Ancient History
University of Manchester	Biology
Manchester Metropolitan University	Business Management
Manchester Metropolitan University Art	Art Foundation
Newcastle University	Business Management
Newcastle University	Economics and Finance
Newcastle University	Business Management
Newcastle University	Psychology
Newcastle University	Nutrition with Food Marketing
Newcastle University	Law
Newcastle University	Business Management
Newcastle University	Business Management
Newcastle University	Marine Biology
Newcastle University	Accounting and Finance
Newcastle University	Chemistry
Newcastle University	Philosophy
Newcastle University	Medicine and Surgery
Newcastle University	Accounting and Finance
University of Nottingham	Adult Nursing
University of Nottingham	History
Northumbria University	Business Management
Northumbria University	Business Management
Northumbria University	Business Management
Northumbria University	Business Management
Nottingham Trent University	Product Design
Nottingham Trent University	Product Design
University of Oxford	French
University of Oxford	Biochemistry (Molecular and Cellular)
Oxford Brookes University	Business Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
Oxford Brookes University	Real Estate
Oxford Brookes University	Real Estate
University of Reading	Building Surveying
University of Reading	International Business and Management with Placement Year
University of Reading	Law
University of Reading	Real Estate
University of Reading	Psychology (with Placement Year)
University of Reading	Environmental Management
University of Salford	Construction Project Management
University of Sheffield	Politics and Sociology
University of Sheffield	Landscape Architecture
University of Sheffield	Chemistry with a Foundation Year
University of Sheffield	Biochemistry and Genetics
University of Sheffield	History
University of Sheffield	Biosciences with Foundation Year
University of Sheffield	Medicine
University of Sheffield	Physics and Astrophysics
Teesside University	Comics and Graphic Novels
University of Warwick	Automotive Engineering
University of York	Biochemistry
University of York	Philosophy, Politics and Economics
University of York	English
University of York	Biochemistry
University of York	Psychology in Education
UCL (University College London)	History



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