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Bleak Expectations
Senior Division 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 our community during the 2022/23 year.

In particular, it brings me a great deal of pride to report on the academic successes. At A Level, a remarkable 17% of all grades were at grade A* and 48% of all grades were A* or A. Almost half of all A Levels taken were an A or above, and a third of Year 13 pupils gained grades of three As or better. Notably, seven pupils gained three A* grades, or more, in their A Level subjects. Over three-quarters of these pupils will now join their first-choice university and nearly 60% are joining Russell Group universities, including two students to Oxbridge.

You may be aware that before results were announced, the national media was awash with reports of grade boundaries increasing and an expected downturn in pass rates. Pupils at King's bucked this trend and this year's results actually represent our best in the last eight years (for externally assessed performance at A Level); a demonstration of the academic progress that King's continues to make.

At GCSE level, the progress is even more stark. Pupils achieved 65% of all results at grades 9-7. Not only is this an improvement on last year (again, when the grade boundaries were more generous) but this represents our best performance



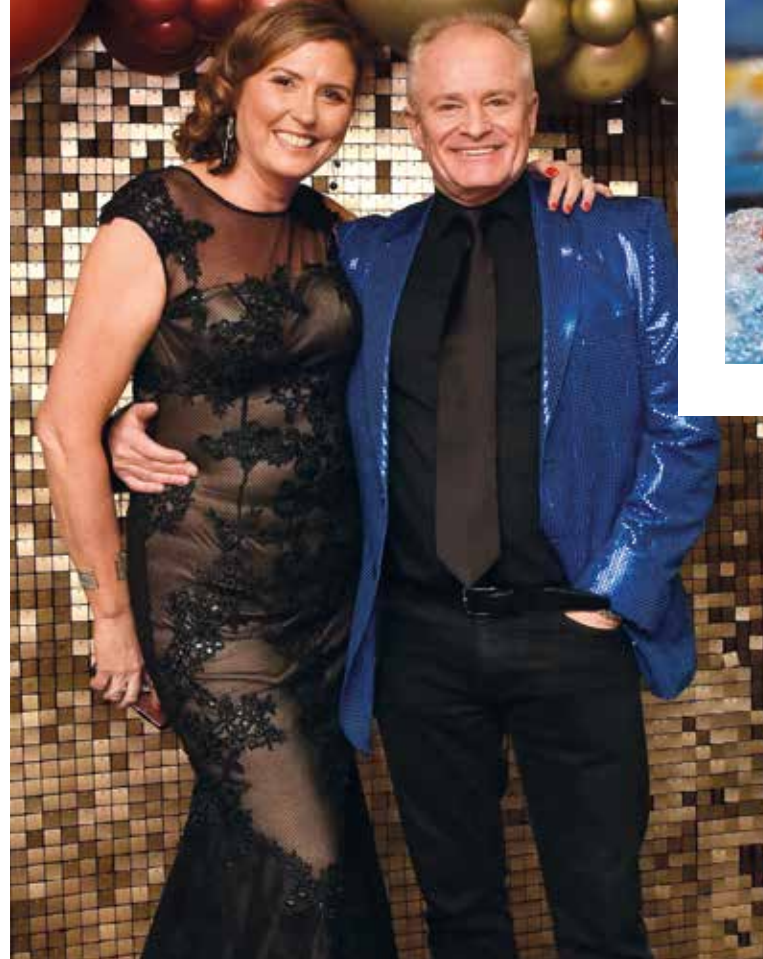
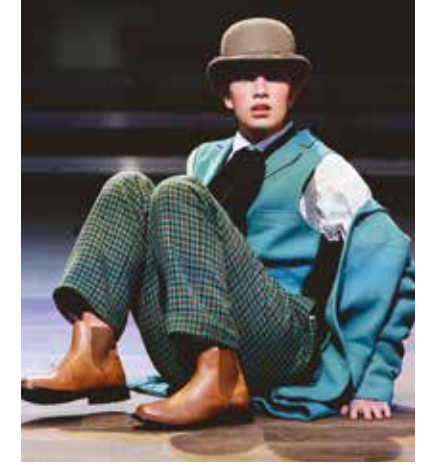
on this same measure for the last nine years. A third of all pupils had nine subjects with grades of 7 and above. Of course, excellent exam results are only one indicator of excellent standards of learning and it was great to have third party recognition of this when we were awarded the 'Gold' award in the nationally recognised Learning Quality Framework - the first secondary aged school in the country to receive such an accolade.

Our annual pupil survey continues to reveal much positivity. More than 85% of pupils think that teachers treat them fairly and more than three-quarters find most lessons 'interesting'.

The vast majority of children describe themselves as 'happy' at school, and with a supportive peer group and staff to help them. Those of us that have greater experience of these kind of questionnaires and of working with adolescents will understand how impressive these results are.

Our extra-curricular provision continues to be a central part of the school ethos, putting learning as well as personal development at the heart of our community. *Bleak Expectations*, performed in the Jackson Hall in the Spring, was a glorious celebration of English humour and anything

Head of Foundation's REPORT 2022/23



but bleak. The show was full of bravado and masterful comic interludes. Performances of this critically acclaimed production were so popular, we had to put out extra seats for the final night as we 'outsold' our publicised capacity. See p30–31 for a review and photos.

Music also continues to make great strides, with the standard and quality of music getting better and better as well as growing participation levels and variety of content. The enjoyment of the pupils who get involved is clear for everyone to see and audience members always leave a concert with huge smiles on their faces. Again, more information is available in the following pages.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award continues to thrive within the school. 122 pupils took up the Bronze Award last year, 59 started Silver and 30 have signed up for Gold. To put this in context, this represents about 2,000 hours of volunteering, 12,000 hours of physical activity and over 700 nights spent under canvas. DoFE forms a central part of our broader educational offer, being consistent with our ethos of seeking to

produce courageous, responsible citizens who contribute to society through leadership and service.

It is difficult to recall any year in living memory where the school has experienced so much success in the sporting arena; a continuation of a 'golden era' of sport at King's.

Both 1st XV and U15 rugby teams reached the quarter-final of their respective National Cup Competition. The U14 rugby team reached the last 16 of their National Cup Competition. The U13 rugby team were undefeated at both 15-a-side and 7-a-side.

Both Girls' U14 hockey and Boys' U14 hockey teams reached their respective National Finals tournament, finishing 5th and 4th respectively. The 1st netball team finished the season as County Champions, having a win ratio of 82% across the season. The U13 netball team were also crowned County Champions and reached the semi-finals of the National Independent Schools' Cup.

The school's trampoline squads again demonstrated their high standards, with 12 teams gaining podium finishes in the North of England Championships. King's went on to win the National Schools'

Trampoline Championships in the most competitive category of all; Elite Girls. The U15 boys' cricket team reached the National Final (in a competition that starts with over 1,300 schools). The U13 boys' cricket team also reached the last eight of their own National Cup. The U14 boys were crowned County Champions, as were the U12 boys' team. Most pleasing has been the growth of girls' cricket within the school. The U14 girls played a year up, to reach the final of the U15 County Cup Competition, and the U13 girls' team played a significant role in King's sporting history by being the first girls' team to play on the Wilson Field in the semi-final of their County Cup competition.

Whilst, of course, we celebrate team success within school, we also recognise individual success and it has been an honour to recognise the achievements of Lydia Hine – Netball, England Roses U17; Reece Grady – Swimming, Team England, Commonwealth Youth Games; Toby Wilson – Rugby, England U18; Annabel Wong – Tennis, GB Youth Team; Emma Edwards – Climbing, England Youth Team; Oliver Gotts – Inline Hockey, GB at European Championships; Minnie Longdon –

Horse Trialling, England; and Louisa Storey and Eliana Hume – Team GB in competitive dancing.

We were delighted to be recognised in the School Sports Magazine's Top 25 sporting schools in the country for 2023. Our strength of achievement, as well as participation, across a range of both girls' and boys' sports is something of which we can all be incredibly proud. Our reputation for expert teaching, coaching and developmental infrastructure is growing and long may it continue.

Our success does not stop with sport or performing arts. No fewer than 11 of King's young chess players qualified for the Northern Gigafinal and we currently have 120 chess players in the School in age groups from 5 to 18. The King's School engineering team completed nine months of work and were presented with the Gold engineering award for the project 'Harnessing energy from mains water to generate electricity for household use'. The team were complimented upon their outstanding presentation and teamwork by the judging panel.

Charity work is something that also plays a prominent part within the life of the school, again being true to

one of our strategic aims to form an integral part of our local community. Our pupils raised a staggering £59,580 for various charities last academic year – a phenomenal figure. Just as impressive is the amount of time that our pupils give to charity.

The year has been incredibly successful and we should rightly celebrate the achievements of the school. We are in a strong position to move forward and it has been exciting to see significant aspects of our Strategic Plan take shape. Outdoor Education is now embedded in our timetabled curriculum in Year 7, through our King's Compass programme, developing those qualities that we value, such as independence, resilience and leadership. We also recently covered the roof of the Sports Centre building in solar panels to bring much-needed security and protection from fluctuating energy prices, as well as being environmentally forward-thinking. We've even started producing our own King's honey from the four hives on our school site. This, along with the continued planting of trees on the campus, is an important indicator to our pupils of the responsibility King's

has to its environment. As amazing as our facilities are, the soul, 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 huge thanks goes to our Friends of King's volunteers who work tirelessly, alongside the staff, to support the pupils in our school. FoK have had huge success this year, with a phenomenal 'Greatest Showman' Ball which raised in excess of £30,000 for good causes. We pass on our thanks to the outgoing Chair, Rachel Clark and Treasurer, Ruth Oliver Williams, as they pass on the baton to a new Friends of King's Committee.

King's remains an exciting place to learn and work. 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. This combined strength is at the heart of the character of a community which values good fellowship and co-operation.

Jason Slack, Head of Foundation

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.

**Rocco Elliott
Pre-School**

Collage starfish based on an underwater theme



**Hattie Weeks
Pre-School**

Collage shark based on underwater theme



**Theo Sanderson
Pre-School**
Painted bee



Creative WORK

Year 1

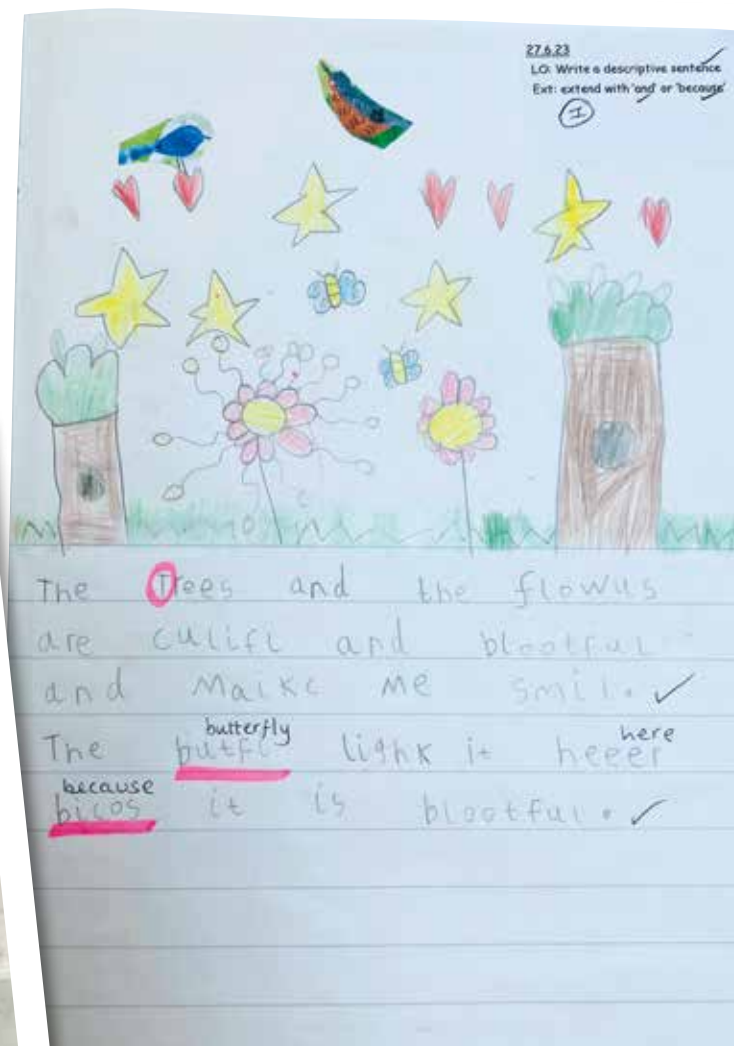
Willow Pattern painted Chinese-style plates, based on cross-curricular art and China learning challenge theme





**Saxon Lewis
Year 2**

Indian elephant
inspired by our
Indian topic



Harper-May Peers | Reception
Independent creative writing
based on nature



Sophia Benzie | Year 2
Toucan inspired by the work
of artist Henri Rousseau



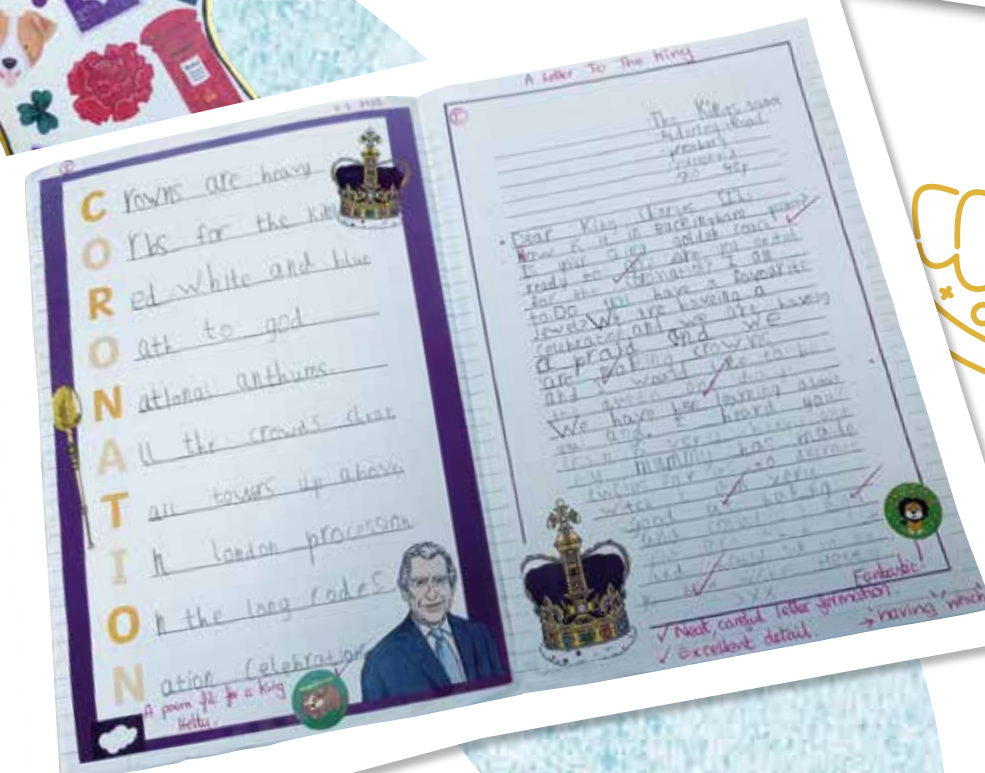
**May Codling
Year 3**

Bull inspired
by Spanish
artist Joan
Miró



**ABOVE:
Harry Jacques
Year 2**
King Charles
III Coronation
collage

**RIGHT:
Hetty Byron
Year 1**
Creative
writing letter
to King
Charles III



**Beth Watt
Year 3**

Self portrait
of swimmer
inspired
by artist
David
Hockney



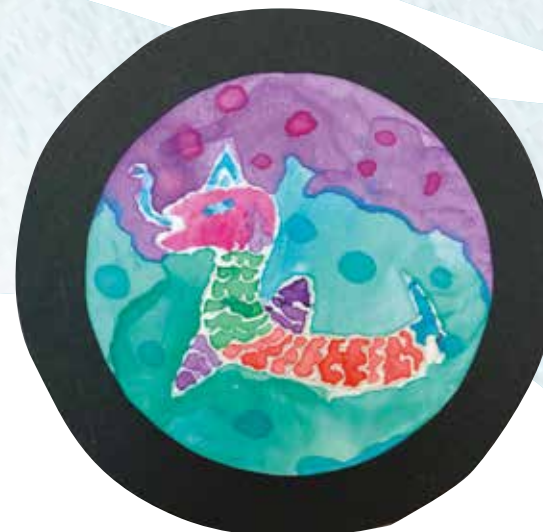
Camilla Kinsey | Year 4
Illuminated letter



James Hannah
Year 4
Roman vase
design



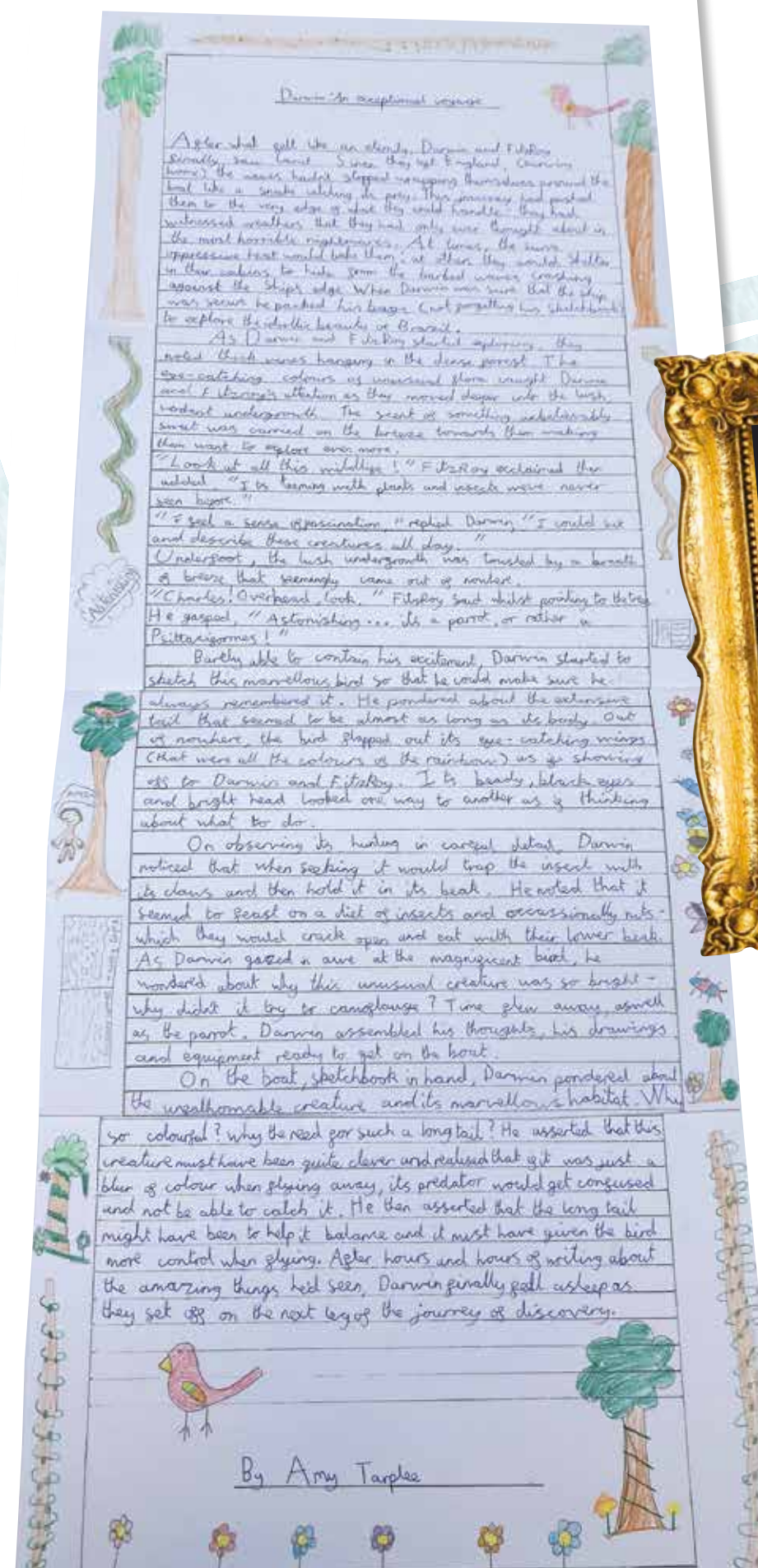
Sebby Allnatt | Year 4
Wave painting inspired by
Japanese artist Ando Hokusai



Jack Hobbs | Year 5
Silk painting



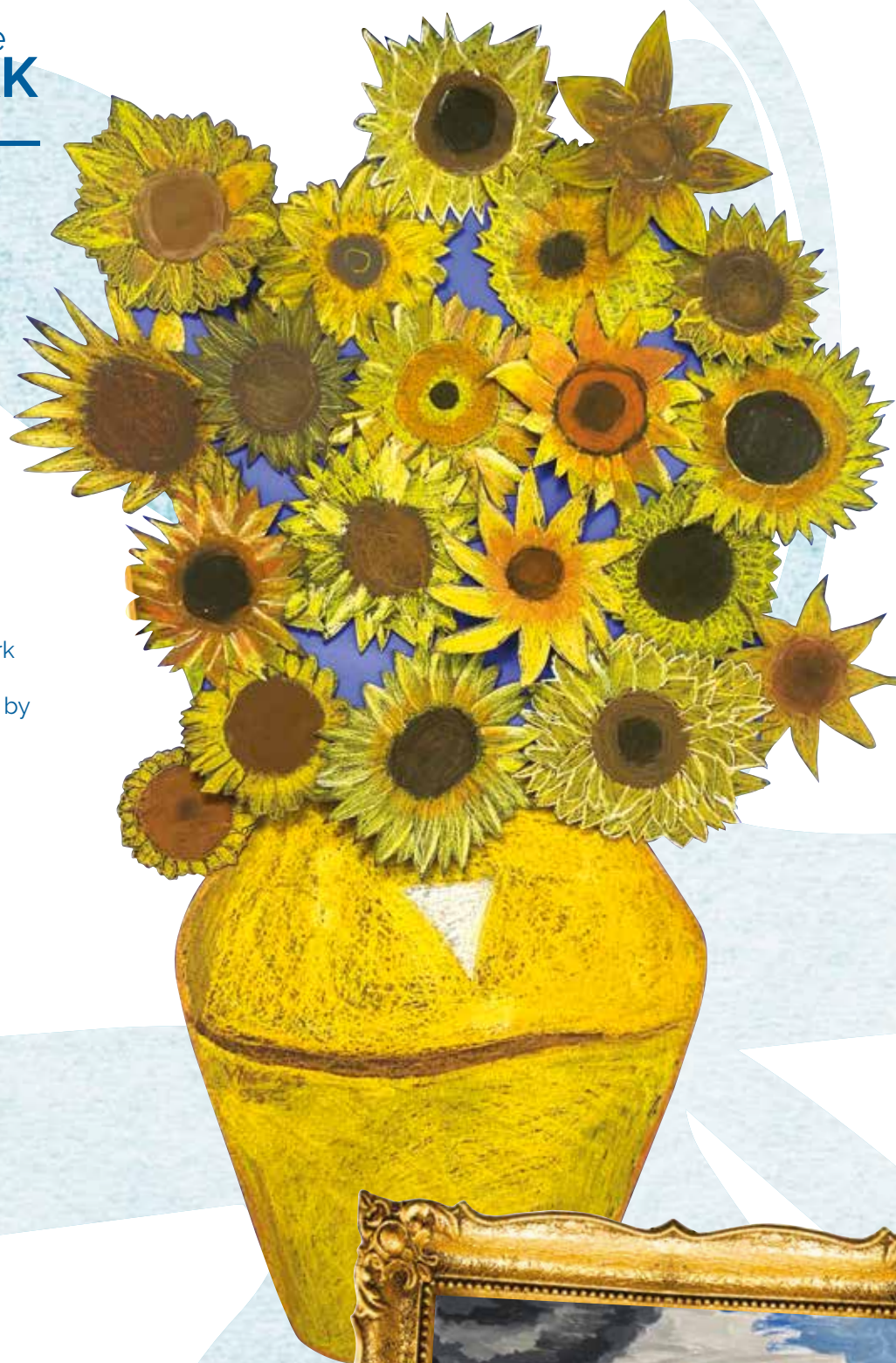
Xanthe Watkin | Year 5
Portrait of Henry VIII



Amy Tarplee
Year 6
Creative writing
based on Darwin's
'Journey of Discovery
Around the World'

Year 5

Class artwork
based on
'Sunflowers' by
Vincent Van
Gogh



**Craig Hallinan
Year 6**

Coastal painting
in the style of
Monet



**Jack Johnson
Year 6**

Coastal painting
in the style of
Monet



Year 6

Year 6 looked
at sustainability
in the fashion
industry and
created outfits
out of rubbish
for a 'Trashion'
fashion show

The Partition of India

By Anvi Lalwani, Year 7

Creative WRITING

Bang! Bang! Gunshots rang in my ears. Wailing sirens struck fear into the crowd of panicking civilians. The adrenaline rush filled me as I barged past all the strangers, groceries spilling out the torn bag in my hand. Bloodcurdling screams that sent a chilling sensation to my bones and then silenced by an explosion. Ominous clouds lurk in the sky, moving above us like symbols of death. Rain was lashing down and the lightning bolts were horrifying like knives attacking the sky.

What I saw, I never expected. At once a fountain of red came from the wound, killing the man all the faster. The soldier stared as if he could not hear the screams of pain, as if it were a silent theatre production of no importance. The soldier then made a precise turn and march on, never even a spot of blood on his high polished boots. As I brought myself to meet his eyes, my nostrils are filled with the smell of blood and there is a lurching of my stomach.

I put my hand over the children's eyes as if it would somehow erase and protect them from this horrifying sight. "Go," I screamed desperately at my children. Sectarian violence had consumed the two nations with entire villages being burnt alive and people being hacked to death. Gut-wrenching heart pumping, after several minutes of running our legs soon became tired. My calves burned, breath forming clouds in the air. Stomping echoed from around the corner, I felt a sense of impending doom at the sound of boots.

It was chaos. Dead bodies, fire, and possessions scattered across the street. People shouting for their children and babies crying for their mothers. Holding both my kids tightly, we ventured across

the street to Aunt Meera's house. Approaching the splintering oak door, I knocked. Once. Twice. No answer. Pushing the creaky door open, I was horrified by the sight in front of me. I was crying, as I watched the light fade from her eyes. She was dead. Her skinny, fragile hands grew cold like stone. I exhaled what was left of my sanity. Every second I shared with her travelled through my mind. I could not stop crying as time froze in Meera's eyes.

Tick! Tock! The old clock kept time in a house that was no longer alive. No sunlight danced in through the dirty windows. Cobwebs hung loosely. The dust lay on the floor, a dreary carpet on a sagging floor. A stray fly buzzed around a chandelier that stared miserably down from where it was bolted to the ceiling. And open door creaked as a breath of wind caused. It was an empty, forlorn building.

A long time ago, the house had lived. Chubby, happy children had

run through the halls. The house felt cold and empty. Tendrils of ivy crept through the cracks in the wall. I could not hold back my heartbreak any longer and I fell to the floor in a dishevelled heap as grief poured out in uncontrollable tears.

Nirmala patted me on the back, her bottom lip quivering. "I'll go make some chai." Arjun followed, tears rolling down his cheeks. I sat in silence for hours, holding her icy hands in my warm ones. Meera was gone.

Nirmala came after what seemed like forever. "Sleep Amma," she said calmly. As I felt my consciousness ebbing away, I breathed a heavy sigh. Letting the rest of the world fall away. My slumbers are filled with disturbing dreams. The face of the Soldier intertwines with the gory images from earlier. Dawn is breaking through the windows. The house has a misty and haunted atmosphere. BANG!



Year 7

Illuminated letters by James Wharfe and Esme Bradley

Creative WORK

A Sufferer's Sonnet

Brianna Gargoles, Year 8

This devastating crash left me in pieces,
Bed ridden with no hope.

With not even an iron to soften my creases,
And only an easel to cope.

With the time I had, I learned to paint,
My self as a dying muse,
Painting holy figures, but not any Saint,
None the less, there was nothing to lose.

My imperfections lined the frame,
The brush graced the page,
my back shattered.

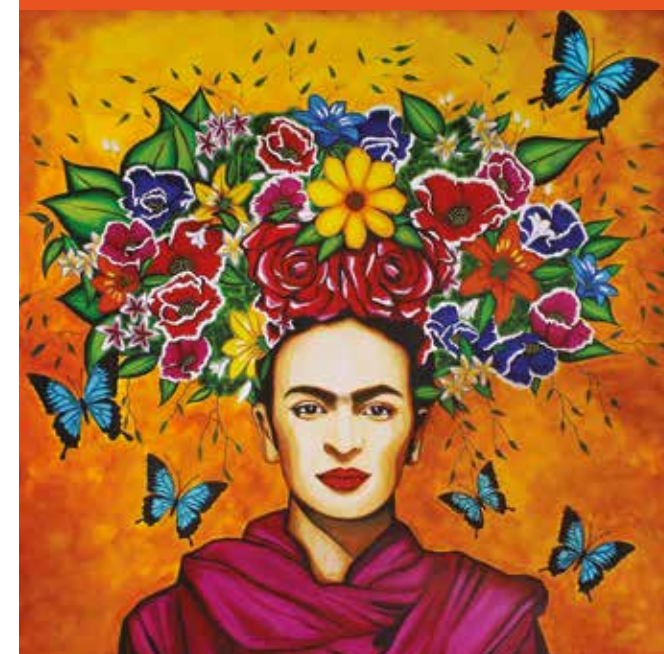
I'm but a storyteller of my own shame,
But then again, my vision was all that mattered.

I always wondered who I'd be tomorrow,
Me? I know. I would be Frida Kahlo.



Roslyn Hartnett
Year 7

Seahorse made from paper quilling





Year 9
'Forest of Gods' – mixed
media project, inspired
by Jephian de Villers,
Sarah Lechner and
Judith Scott



Aviva Evans
Year 11
GCSE
coursework
'Sacred
Heart'



Rosie Johnson | Year 11
GCSE exam project,
'Inside & Outside of Fruits'



**Thomas
Ravenscroft**
Year 11
GCSE coursework
pet food station

Hannah Langslow
Year 11

GCSE coursework,
paper dress
based on
shells



Elin Davies
Year 11
GCSE
coursework
pet food
station



Phoebe Marshall
Year 11
GCSE
coursework
Working
from Home
desk lamp

Speech to save the planet

The land is dying. The sea is dying. The skies are dying.

Currently, over 20 million people are starving due to climate change-induced drought. Acidity levels of the ocean continue climbing and make the seas increasingly inhospitable for life. Global temperatures have also soared to new heights; the planet's thermometer is at breaking point. This is indisputably due to us.

As we are currently in an interglacial period, Earth's temperatures are high. However, the rampant release of greenhouse gases from the combustion of fossil fuels has dramatically inflated it. In the last 100 years, average temperatures have increased by 1°C. Though small, this change is cataclysmic for wildlife which live in delicate balance and is causing ecosystems to collapse.

However, I know that some of you are wondering why we haven't stopped releasing greenhouse gases. Surely, the answer to the problem is simple, right? Wrong. The main producers of greenhouse gas are currently large corporations who wish to make the most profit, manufacturers who wish to pilfer the land just as the West did before and third world countries that are bearing the brunt of climate change. It is hard to imagine why someone would allow this, but you must put yourself in their shoes for a moment. Firstly, imagine you are a CEO. Like kings of the

Jobin Joseph, Year 10

past, your power hangs below a sword. You are constantly at the mercy of people who demand more commodities and your shareholders who demand more results. If you don't please this pack of wolves, you will be removed. Therefore, you accelerate production and accelerate emission release.

Now, imagine you are a manufacturer. Just like the CEO, you are constantly under a sword and at the mercy of the wolves. Additionally, others have done the same as you or your generations. They had amassed a fortune from their theft of the planet's resources. Now, they shame you for attempting to follow their ways of accelerating production and accelerating emission release.

Finally, imagine you are the leader of a third world nation. Droughts plague your nation's farms and people are starving. Natural disasters batter your land with greater force and frequency; many are dead and cities are levelled. Money is now gone from the continuous battle to rebuild. How could you ever invest in expensive technology to combat climate change on that eternal defence?

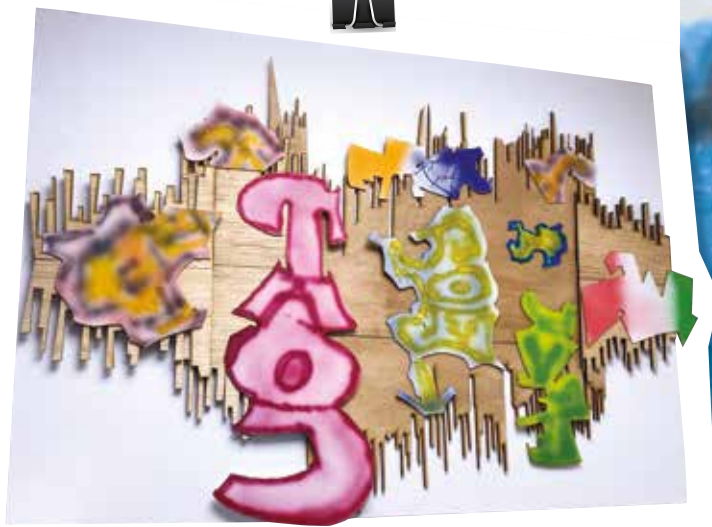
This can change! The ball is now in our court and we have to step up. We, the ordinary people, have power in our number. We must pressure our government to restrict companies and manufacturers so they are not at the insane whims of wolves. We must pressure our leaders to form a cohesive community to support and aid those under the brutal attack of climate change. We must pressure our communities, our family, our friends to join in this fight and to join this desperate call for action.

We, the ordinary people, have power in our number and this can change!



Creative
WORK

**Louis
Ellison-Brown**
A Level
Urban
architecture

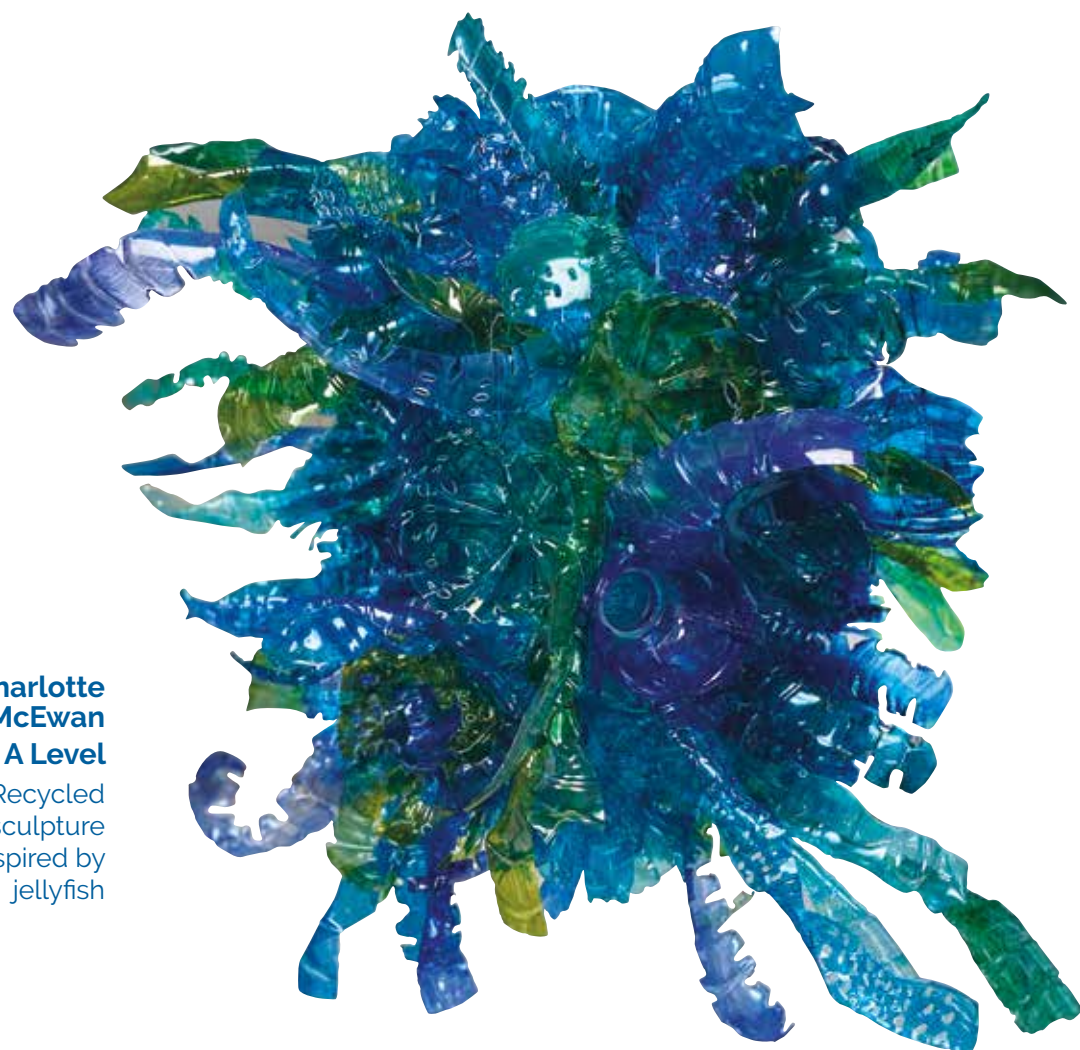


Creative
WORK

Lewis Johnstone
Year 13
Glass panels, inspired
by 'Heaven & Hell'



**Charlotte
McEwan**
A Level
Recycled
sculpture
inspired by
jellyfish



Dora Squire | Year 13
A Level work, entitled 'Floating'

**Hope Sutton
Year 13**

A Level art examination
project: 'Transport'



**Jack Cookson
Y13**
A Level chair



Abbie Blake | Year 13

A Level coursework,
child's play station



Archie Little | A Level
Architectural abstraction



Lilly Jervis | Year 11
GCSE coursework, ceramic
sculpture 'Animal/Human Hybrid'



Performing ARTS

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

INFANTS & JUNIORS



Performing ARTS



Having disbanded all our extra-curricular music provision during the pandemic, it has been wonderful to see our choirs and ensembles thriving in our Division.

We now have a Junior Choir with over 60 members and they have worked incredibly hard this year. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed and in November they were invited to sing alongside Congleton Choral Society in the epic piece *Carmina Burana* by Carl Orff. This work is over an hour long, in Latin and extremely complex and the choir performed their sections beautifully.

Our instrumental groups have also flourished and I have been thrilled by the performances given by our different ensembles in the Infant & Junior Recital series. These events have also allowed individual soloists four opportunities to perform throughout the year; an invaluable part of studying an instrument or voice.

Aside from these successes, we have once again been treated to some superb events given by the whole Division. Some highlights include Year 2 performing a song that they had written the lyrics to at their end of year service, The Infant

Nativity written by our very own Mrs. Wells and a stunning rendition of Psalm 98 in honour of the Coronation of HRH King Charles III.

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Cinderella and Rockerfella

In December, Year 4 pupils performed the comical 'pantomime style' musical *'Cinderella and Rockerfella'* accompanied by the tuneful Year 3 choir. Audiences from Years 5 and 6, staff (past and present) and parents, were entertained and impressed with the cast's joyous singing and highly synchronised dance routines.

The principal characters: Cinderella (Mia Labrosse), Rockerfella (Ray Liddiard), Buttons (Edward Marsden-Smith), Ugly Step-Sisters Anastacia (Libby James), Augustina (Olivia Saxton), Fairy Nastyboots (Satsuki-Mei Shepherd-Etchells) and the Fairy Godmother (Camilla Kinsey) delivered their lines and sang their solos with great expression.

They interacted on stage with perfect comedic timing and the enthusiastic chorus were committed and professional throughout the show. They were all stars, and they should be very proud of what they achieved.



'Matilda' the Musical!

At the end of the Spring Term, the Jackson Hall soared to the heights of Broadway and London's West-End, as Year 6 performed *Matilda the Musical*.

Packed audiences were mesmerised as they were transported through the story by dramatic scenes and animated songs. They roared with laughter at the numerous comedic moments engineered by charismatic characters such as Miss Trunchbull (Layla Whiteman), Mr and Mrs Wormwood (Hasan Mousa and Flo Eyre), Michael (Craig Hallinan) and Rudolpho (Jack Johnson), who gave Giovanni from 'Strictly' a run for his money!

The morals of right and wrong were clearly illustrated through the very clever Matilda (Rosa Walsh) and the timid Miss Honey (Sienna Murrells), who were both sensitive, strong and very convincing.

There was beautiful story telling using mime and narration in the Library scenes. The younger children in Miss Honey's classroom were model pupils, except for Bruce (William Forbes) when he stole a slice of Miss Trunchbull's chocolate cake! The Prefects, School Children, Chorus and the cool Italian Mafia all wowed the



audience with their tuneful singing and polished dance routines and they even managed to set the scenes in between. The principal characters delivered their lines with great expression and perfect timing and they were committed and professional throughout the rehearsals and performances.

Soloists stunned and captivated all who came to watch and audiences took to their feet with great applause and standing ovations.

Directed and choreographed by Miss Soulla Costanda, with music direction by Mr Paul Vowles.



SENIOR MUSIC

2022/23 was a hugely important year for King's Music in which we built on the successes of 2021/22 (our first year of music-making post-COVID) and continued to expand the number and range of musical opportunities we offer.

In October, we made a long wished-for return to St Michael's Church to give a recital as part of their lunchtime concert series, Music at Mike's. A group of King's Music Scholars stepped up to give a series of dazzling solo performances ranging from Bach and Walton to Guns & Roses.

Returning to Music at Mike's after so many years was both a delightful and a poignant experience for all concerned and we look forward to many more

such concerts in future years. The following week, just before half term, the same students plus a few more of our scholars gave an exceptionally well-received evening concert in the Recital Hall; the first of a proposed series of 'rush hour' concerts that will continue during 2023/24.

Despite it having been three years since we moved into the new school, this was our first informal concert in the Recital Hall and it was fantastic to see students from Years 8–12 visibly grow in confidence as they performed to an enthusiastic audience.

Late November brought our annual Autumn Concert which featured performances from all King's Senior Division Choirs and Ensembles. As ever, the

programme was reassuringly eclectic with composers/pieces ranging from Henry Purcell (Chaconne in G Minor) to Kool & The Gang (Jungle Boogie) via contemporary Wind Band repertoire (Carol Chambers' Byzantine Dances) and choral classics (Mendelssohn's *Verleith uns Frieden*).

Most importantly, the Autumn Concert gives all our groups the chance to perform in public for the first time since starting rehearsals in September and their hard work was rightfully celebrated by a capacity audience.

December was a time for further celebration as, for the first time since 2019, we returned to St Michael's for our Family

Christmas Carol Service. The excited hush that accompanied the opening verse of *Once in Royal David City*, beautifully sung by Corinna Knuckey, will live long in the memory. As is traditional, this service of Nine Lessons and Carols featured performances by all three King's Senior Division choirs, many of whose members had not taken part in a live carol service before.

The Changing Voices choirs gave outstanding performances of *O Little Town* (Girls) and *We Three Kings* (Boys) whilst the Senior Choir led the way throughout the evening with performances of carols including *Torches*, *Good King Wenceslas* and *In the Bleak Midwinter*. A large, appreciative congregation greatly enjoyed

joining in with congregational carols both familiar (*O Come All Ye Faithful*) and less so (*Myn Liking*; a brand new congregational carol written especially for the occasion by the Director of Music).

In March, the Senior Choir travelled to Blackburn Cathedral to sing Evensong and gave outstanding performances of canticles by C.V. Stanford, Responses by Smith and, as the anthem, Fauré's *Cantique de Jean Racine*, all wonderfully accompanied as ever by Mr Dagleish on the organ.

Two days previously, our Senior Music Competition final contained thirteen accomplished solo performances from members of Years 10–13. All received glowing feedback from our

external adjudicator, Mr Andrew Pettitt (Director of Music at Cheadle Hulme School) who then declared Jenny Wallace's performance of *The Throne Room* (John Williams) to be the performance of the night.





Finally, in the Spring Term, we saw the much-awaited return of King's Swings!

This long-cherished annual event had been put on hold during the pandemic but made a triumphant return this year with the Big Band (led by Kevin Dearden and Gareth Brown) performing two full-length sets to a capacity audience in our school Jazz Club (the Drama Studio, completely transformed for the evening).

In addition, a smaller group of Sixth Form trombonists (Fraser Day, Chris Drake and Jenny Wallace) gave fantastic performances of a set of jazz standards (newly arranged by Mr Brown) alongside members

of staff. A plethora of school events meant that this year's Spring Concert was moved to May, giving a few more weeks for rehearsal once we returned from the Easter break.

Alongside performances by larger scale instrumental and choral groups, it was good to see and hear performances by some of our smaller ensembles including our Senior Brass Group and Rock Band who gave sterling performances of Handel's *Minuet* from the Royal Fireworks and Frankie Valli's *Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You*. Reports that the two groups will swap pieces for next year's concert remain unconfirmed.

The Summer Term is always ferociously busy, and gloriously so. Our second annual Year 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).

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,



is always a highlight of the year and this year was no exception. The repertoire for this concert is typically 'lighter' and each and every one of King's choirs and ensembles takes pride in playing their part.

Once again, the Big Band (*Fiesta Latina*), String Orchestra (*Viva la Vida*), Wind Band (*Cantina Band*) and Senior Choir (*Londonderry Air*) took to the stage where they were also joined by the Rock Band (*Sweet Child of Mine*), Senior Brass Group (*Rhythmic Rag*) and Year 7-10 Brass Group (*Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel*).

For some time now, MEH and I have wondered what would happen if we put the Changing

Voice choirs together and this term, we tried it. The concert ended with both groups together (over 100 students) performing Adele's *Rolling in the Deep* and the energy of their performance took the proverbial roof off.

A fantastic end to what has been a fantastic year.

Thanks are due, as ever, to 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. David Young (Postgraduate Musician) leaves us to train as a secondary music teacher with Teach First. He has been a huge support to the

department this year and we wish him all the very best for the future. As ever, our huge thanks to MEH, SHo, CW, PV and all our colleagues for their tireless support of King's musicians.

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Bleak Expectations

This year's Senior School production *Bleak Expectations* by Mark Evans was a glorious celebration of English humour and eccentricity, involving a Year 7 to 13 cast that had the full house audiences in the Jackson Hall giggling and guffawing all through the four-night run.

Anything but bleak, the show was full of brilliant bravado and masterful comic interludes. Directed by Donald Forbes and Olivia Soutter, the riotous plot proved the perfect vehicle for our young thespians to test their dramatic range. With a more than a satirical nod to Dickens' tendency towards the melodramatic, the show was part Goons and part Monty Python with a liberal sprinkle of Ricky Gervais.

Adapted from the classic Radio 4 series, this Fifties style farce shamelessly mixed and matched renowned Dickensian scenarios to somehow form a coherent and self-consciously comic plot, with the audiences loving the caricatures that have become part of the fabric of British culture.



Narrator Sam Harman as Sir Philip Bin, masterfully held all the tangled plot threads together, as he remembered his younger days with a mix of nostalgia and delusion. The inventor of the FlipBin, he skillfully captivated our attention with his meandering tales of how he and his chums successfully thwarted the pantomimically malevolent Gently Benevolent played with wonderful mock-malevolent intent by Jussi Hill.

Will Gandy as the romantic Pip the younger, captured with straight-faced hilarity a young man's painful struggle to overcome the farcical challenges faced at every step of the way. His comedic ingenuity was wonderfully supported by his

kind but dim-witted double-act buddy Harry Biscuit, played by the triumphantly witty Phoebe Harrison. Their entanglements with the dastardly Gently Benevolent, also involved Pip's relentlessly unfortunate sisters Poppy and Pippa Bin played by Annabelle Jordan and Zara Moore respectively. Both girls captured hilariously the absurdly restrained social mores of the period.

Ben O'Donnell (a past master of multi-role madness), jumped into the part of Skinflint Parsimonious (who is anything but), whose job it is to help support and save our hero Pip Bin. Other eccentric roles: Bakewell Havertwitch, Ripely Fecund, Flora Dies-Early, were played with the appropriately delightful eccentricity by Brianna



Gargoles, Caoimhe Durkin and Rosie Bowen respectively. Ella Southern, Robert Mack and Nick Reynolds delivered a highly suitable madness to the Hardthraher siblings Miss Chastity Hardthraher, Reverend Praygood Hardthraher, and Judge Solomon Hardthraher.

Special mention should be made of the most fantastically nasty Headmaster Wackwell Hardthraher, a part delivered with hilarious zeal and conviction by Year 7 rising star Kirat Kahlon. Emma Foster, Jess Doyle, Georgia Smalley, Camilla Wild, Ophelia Sherry, Chloe Green, Leon Lewer-Sotiriou, Polly MacEnroe Eleanor Heseltine, Yasmine Kawa, Rita Krustaleva, Tom Heseltine, Daisy McKeand, Turner Edwards and Anna Wallace were the hugely committed and versatile members of a raucous chorus, tackling the roles of flying skunks, starving poor school pupils and members of the puppet jury with gusto and mirth.

And the whole thing was, as ever, steeped in beautiful lights (Danni Vickerstaffe), sound (Simon Leah) and set (Art Department) created and operated by a fantastic crew of back-stage wizards.

In the memorable words of Pip's loyal chum Harry Biscuit: 'Hurrrumble' for a truly joyful show and its wonderful cast!

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Spotlight on CREATIVE iMEDIA

In the fast-paced digital age, where technology plays a significant role in shaping our lives, the demand for creative and tech-savvy professionals is higher than ever before. The one course offered at King's that stands out in preparing students for this dynamic landscape is the Creative iMedia course.

King's Creative iMedia course combines creativity with digital literacy and equips students with the skills needed to thrive in various industries. The Creative iMedia course is offered in Years 10 and 11 and is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in digital media production and design.

It covers a broad spectrum of topics, including graphic design, website development, animation, and audio/video production amongst others. Through hands-on projects and practical assignments, students develop a comprehensive skill set that enables them to pursue careers in the creative industries.

One of the key areas covered in Creative iMedia is graphic design. Students learn about the principles of design, colour theory, typography and image manipulation using the industry-standard software of Adobe Photoshop. This knowledge allows them to create visually appealing digital artwork, advertisements and marketing materials. Animation is another exciting aspect of the Creative iMedia course. Students delve into the world of 2D and 3D animation, learning the fundamentals of character



WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY ABOUT THE COURSE:

"A brilliant subject, I enjoyed watching my project flourish over time."

"The Creative iMedia course has been amazing, I have really enjoyed working collaboratively with my peers. I would be very interested in taking this subject further."

"It was a fantastic, interesting, different experience and I learnt a lot."

design, storyboarding, and motion graphics. They acquire skills in the animation software Adobe Animate, enabling them to bring their imaginative ideas to life. The course also offers students the opportunity to delve into the world

of audio and video production. They learn about recording techniques, editing, special effects, and post-production processes. Students gain hands-on experience using Adobe Premiere Pro, enabling them to create professional-quality videos and multimedia presentations.

Beyond the specification of the subject, Creative iMedia students take part in the annual BIMA Digital Day. This day aims to provide students with industry exposure, practical skills, networking opportunities and career guidance. During the event, students are set real world problems by multi-national companies such as Royal Mail, BBC and Vodafone. In their teams, students have the day to devise a creative digital solution to the problem followed



by a 'Dragon's Den' style pitch at the end. These pitches are then submitted to BIMA, along with the other 500+ schools taking part and a winner is announced. King's have won this competition previously, securing a VR headset for the school.

As well as BIMA Digital Day, Creative iMedia students are also given the opportunity to visit Alton Towers Resort. During this educational visit, students are exposed to the real world of creative design in a commercial leisure setting. The students focus on brand identity, theming, immersive audio and visual experiences as well as the target audiences for the different sections of the theme park. And, of course, the students also get to experience the roller coasters first hand.

"A great opportunity to learn new skills and gain experience that will be useful in the media industry."
Luka Parker, Year 10

The Creative iMedia course offers a comprehensive and dynamic learning experience that prepares students for a range of creative careers. Students acquire a versatile skill set that opens doors



to exciting opportunities. The hands-on nature of the course allows students to unleash their creativity and develop a strong foundation in digital media production. Whether pursuing further studies or entering the workforce, graduates of the Creative iMedia course are well-equipped to make their mark in the ever-evolving digital landscape.

"I found the researching and planning really enjoyable especially for the animation unit. So interesting and fun"
Michaela Quinn, Year 11

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"Creative iMedia has helped me learn so much about digital marketing and production, I can now see the subtle design choices I couldn't before."
Henry Hunter, Year 10

Creative iMedia is an engaging and practical creative Computing subject, allowing students of all abilities to develop digital solutions for a variety of scenarios whilst gaining industry standard software skills. This course is for anyone with a creative mind who wants to learn more about working with digital or maybe aspires to be a Graphic Designer, Animator, Videographer, Games Designer or Graphic Novel artist.

"Creative iMedia has been an amazing experience overall, from the Meta Moda coursework that was a joy and a challenge to achieve the best marks possible, to all of the notes about visual identity, cameras, target audience and a lot more. I have learnt so much this year about the world of Creative iMedia and I'm excited to carry it through into Year 11 and hopefully further into the future."
Sal Newman, Year 10

Spotlight on PHYSICS



This year, the Physics department has embarked on many exciting challenges in and out of the classroom.

Examination results from summer 2022 were excellent and the number of students studying the subject has continued to increase at this level. The majority go on to study STEM subjects at the very best universities. Students have also applied to degree apprenticeships and one has gained a place at Bentley Motors.

The King's School engineering team completed eight months of hard work completing their project: "Harnessing energy from mains water to generate electricity for household use" finally presenting their work to a panel of engineers via Zoom. The team were complemented upon their outstanding presentation and teamwork. The group were all Year 12 students: Lily Poulton, Nithida Langhorn-Neillans, Reuben Frodsham, Aaryaa Premanand, Shabd Shrivastava and Francesco Roncaroli. The team met at least once a week with the Head of Physics to carry out experimental work and to have formal meetings with John Blackwell from Opus Technical Ltd. We are very grateful for the time John Blackwell has again given the students this year, they are very lucky to have worked with the owner of a thriving engineering company. The project was completed by collaborating and researching



at a very high level, giving the students an excellent insight into the engineering industry, as they embark on their university applications and to hopefully become the engineers of tomorrow.

To further promote resilience in Physics, Mr Prideaux continued to develop the Electronics Club to allow students to develop their skills in problem solving in a discipline not studied in the classroom. This very successful club enabled students to design and build electronic die from basic components. The students constructed sub-systems such as an Astable, Decade counter, Logic circuits, and binary to

decimal display drivers and tested each system before integrating it into a final working product. Two committed Year 12 students, Lily Poulton and Shabd Shrivastava, supported the younger students.

Physics Club has continued to allow younger students to develop projects over a number of weeks to make, for example, an operating loudspeaker, a fully functioning submarine and a solar oven. Miss Wells has been a driving force behind this club, encouraging younger students to attend. Our highly qualified and experienced Physics technician, Dr Embrey, has designed and planned many of the successful projects in this club and all our other clubs.

This year's sixth Physics trip to Jodrell Bank and CERN, the particle accelerator in Switzerland, was organised by Dr Hartnett, who led a party from Year 12 and Year 13 in November. The students gained a close-up view of the



world's largest particle accelerator to reinforce their A-level studies on Particle Physics. They also visited the Red Cross Museum and History of Science Museum in Geneva while seeing where Physics can take them at CERN.

Students enjoyed this three-day trip and they learnt a great deal about Physics careers and also Engineering, Computer Programming and Material Sciences.

Mrs Jenkinson launched our new and exciting Astronomy Club. She worked with the students to make a mini planetarium and a solar oven. We plan to develop the club further and also visit Jodrell Bank. Next year, students will be able

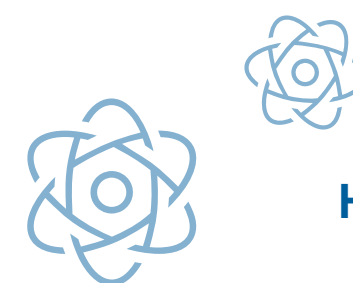


to use our optical telescopes to make observations of the night sky during the winter months.

The successful Junior Science Club has continued to be very popular and has been supported by Friends of King's. This club is for Junior year groups and students have made fruit batteries, cells and crystals. Mrs Davies, Dr Williams and Mr Street have

supported Dr Hartnett in this multi-discipline club. Sixth Form A-level Physics students have been most successful in the national Physics Olympiad with students obtaining bronze and silver awards this year.

*Dr Hartnett
Head of Physics*



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Spotlight on SPANISH

It has certainly been a busy academic year for the Spanish Department! Pupils have been able to get involved in a variety of opportunities, with popular highlights including visits to the theatre, exciting languages competitions and of course our incredible trip to southern Spain.



What's New?

It has been a year of change in many ways for the department. We have welcomed some new faces amongst our staff, successfully introduced a new language carousel system in Year 7 and launched the brand-new trip abroad to Cádiz.

Year 7 pupils began the Autumn term studying taster courses in Spanish, French, German and

Latin. Pupils then decided which two languages to study through to Year 9 (and hopefully, beyond!) and began the courses for these in January.

We have been thrilled to receive overwhelmingly positive feedback on the new system, from both our parent and pupil body, with one of the main benefits being that pupils can now make much more progress with their chosen languages in their first year at King's. Our Year 8 scheme of work is set

to change next academic year as a consequence. From September, pupils in this year group will continue with the Viva course begun in Year 7, which then leads them seamlessly into Year 9.

It has been an exciting year for pupils in Year 9, too, who have been the first cohort in the Senior Division to bring their own devices to lessons for a more interactive approach. In the Spanish Department, pupils have had access to a range of digital resources to complement their study of the Viva 2 and 3 courses, such as Pearson's Active Learn, Linguascope, Oye, Languages Online, and Quizlet. We now look forward to continuing the BYOD initiative as pupils start the Year 10 iGCSE course in September.

Another recent change in the department is the extension of Spanish teaching down to the Infant & Junior Division, which began last year, aiding a smoother transition for our youngest members of the King's community. This was a really positive development for the department, and has continued this academic year with several of our Senior Division staff involved in delivering weekly lessons to pupils in Years 1, 3 and 5. Some highlights this year have included a project on Iberian links, study of La Tomatina festival and a fantastic scavenger hunt which took place in the brilliant outdoor learning spaces.



Sixth Form Study

At Key Stage 5, students continue to study the AQA A-level course, covering a range of thought-provoking topics related to current affairs in the Hispanic world. Students are also timetabled once a week with our incredible Foreign Language Assistant, Pablo Flores, for one-to-one speaking classes and support.

Sixth Form students began in September with a visit to Manchester Metropolitan University, where they took part in a range of workshops. They experienced grammar classes, seminars on honing their essay writing technique and lectures about developing their approach to critical analysis of film and literature. Students found the day to be both a rewarding and insightful experience of what University life can be like.

In January, our Lower Sixth students relished the chance to travel down to London to watch the play *La Casa de Bernarda Alba*, which they study throughout the course. Watching Federico Garcia Lorca's famous production on stage, and delivered entirely in Spanish, really brought the work to life for students.

Throughout this year, our Upper Sixth students have also been able to make the most of a variety of opportunities.

For example, Toby Denton and Harriet Bailey represented the Spanish Department in the North Schools Debating competition and several of the students got a taste of teaching when they delivered their own Spanish lessons with a 'World Cup' theme to primary-age pupils at Parkroyal Community school in November.

Finally, we are very excited to be relaunching our Spanish for Business course for Year 13 students this coming September as an option on the Extended Studies programme. This has proven to be very popular in the past, and we are keen to run it again.

Extra-curricular

Spanish Club has continued to enjoy success this year, with a highlight being our Fiesta de Día de los Muertos in November, which included sugar skull cookie decorating. We were also treated by our Year 10 Language Leaders to a celebration of Navidad involving learning about the Cagatió from Cataluña, as well as a session on the famous Carnaval de Cádiz. They demonstrated excellent pupil

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leadership skills and delivered some very engaging material to their younger peers.

Throughout the year, pupils have also been able to get involved in a number of competitions run by the MFL department such as the Year 7 T-shirt design competition, a Languages Readathon, and a Reading Aloud contest. Additionally, we are incredibly proud of Year 9 pupils who took part in the GCHQ National Languages Competition and Year 10 pupils who got involved with the European Challenge run by the Business Language Champions, of which our Spanish team were amongst the winners!

Of course, when discussing extra-curricular activities, we can't go without mentioning our fantastic new trip abroad to southern Spain. Year 9 and 10 pupils flew to Gibraltar in May and spent some time sightseeing in Andalucía's capital, Seville, before arriving at their final destination where they explored one of Europe's oldest cities: Cádiz. The trip was a huge success, with pupils throwing themselves enthusiastically into a variety of activities including flamenco lessons, paella cooking, kayaking classes and 'padel' tennis. Needless to say, they all returned home tired, happy and inspired by the experience.

Spotlight on HAPPY & HEALTHY Minds

At the start of this academic year, the Infant & Junior Division introduced the 'myHappymind' programme to the existing PSHE curriculum and pastoral programme to enhance the pupil wellbeing provision.

'myHappymind' seeks to prepare today's children for tomorrow's world by building resilient, balanced and happy minds. It combines the latest research and science to provide children with preventative strategies, skills and tools to help develop lifelong habits that will enable them to thrive in the modern world.

Aims

myHappymind is whole school approach to boost mental health. It is a complete programme for pupils, parents and staff built upon prevention alongside cure, helping form positive mental health habits from a young age. Pupils are taught about basic neuroscience and the science of happiness in weekly lessons exploring the role and impact of the HAP (Hippocampus, Amygdala and Prefrontal Cortex). The parent App allows parents and carers to build a positive bridge between home and school to embed understanding and aid discussions that extend from issues covered in class. The staff wellbeing programme accelerates the development of a whole school culture around mental health.

Weekly Focus

Grounded in the latest science and research about what it takes to create positive wellbeing, 15-20 minutes lessons are delivered on a weekly basis throughout the Infant & Junior Division from Pre-School to Year 6.

myHappymind is taught across five modules and each introduces new content and habits to help children build resilience, self-esteem and confidence. The same themes are applicable to all year groups, where the cyclical nature of the programme develops and deepens understanding as children progress through King's.

Benefits

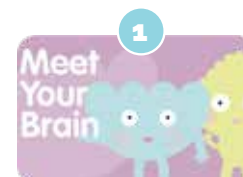
All members of staff and children have fully embraced myHappymind this academic year and we are already seeing the benefits of this science-based approach for pupil wellbeing. The pupils are fascinated by the neuroscience behind why we act like we do, how their character strengths enable them to cope with challenging situations and the practical skills that they can use to approach challenging situations with resilience.

Mr Boardman, Vice-Principal (Pastoral) in the Infant & Junior Division said: "myHappymind



reinforces the curriculum objectives in a fun and engaging way. It promotes deeper thinking, more self-awareness and gets children used to the scientific language. The pupils are really interested in the science of why their bodies deal with things differently."

"myHappymind places an emphasis on the control of emotions and promotes reflective discussion, enabling pupils to think more maturely about themselves and their wellbeing, which can only be a good thing."



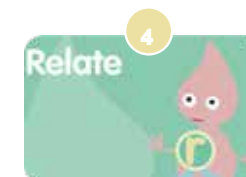
Understanding how your brain works by introducing basic neuroscience and how to ensure we look after it so that we can manage our emotions and be at our best. Growth mindset is a key part of this – understanding how the way we think can influence our actions and ambitions.

Understanding your unique character strengths and learning to celebrate them. This is a fantastic module for building self-esteem.



Understanding why gratitude matters (as the key to wellbeing and resilience) and how you can develop gratitude as a habit.

Understanding why positive relationships matter and how to build them - focusing on the building blocks of good relationships and friendships.



Understanding how to set meaningful goals that matter and how to keep resilient in times of challenge. This module is about building self-esteem and resilience too.



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PUPIL FEEDBACK

"In one lesson we learnt about what we could do when the Amygdala takes control and I said I would say 'I am back in control now!'"

(Layla Whiteman, Year 6)

"I really enjoyed the 'appreciation' lesson because I thought about how I show my love for others and how they show their love for me."

(Alexander Wilson, Year 5)

"I like myHappymind because it helps me when I am annoyed or stressed because 'happy breathing' helps me to clear my mind and then rise up with less worries after it."

(Satsuki-Mei Shepherd-Etchells, Year 4)

"It's very calming and when things go wrong, it helps me to get back to being happy again."

(Marnie Fletcher, Year 2)

"We talk about how we feel and that makes me feel happy inside."

(Josh Reckless, Year 1)

"My mind is more thoughtful and I say thank you."

(George Whitefoot, Reception)



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 learning, not simply the outcome and be unafraid to 'get stuck' in order to develop strategies for when the answers are not obvious.

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Chess

The appetite for chess continues to grow across the whole School with many keenly fought matches taking place every breaktime. The largest team ever sent by King's went to Bolton School for the first AJIS Chess Tournament since the pandemic. For most of the players, from Years 3-6, it was their first experience of an intensive full-day competition. Each player was drawn against opposition from the 16 competing schools in five separate rounds, with scores accumulated through the day. Every one of the King's players scored victories, and impressed with their team spirit. King's came away with a fantastic 7 medal places, highlights being Golds for Blake (6JE), Rory (6AT) and Josh (6JE) in the U10B team section, and Bronze and Silver respectively for Teddy (6JE) and Sebby (4SC) in the U11 and Ug A team sections.

Year 2 pupils started playing chess for the first time. The Chess Club was made up of 24 keen 6 and 7-year olds. Many only learnt how the pieces moved in the very first lesson, yet by the end of the year the whole club were able to take part in this year's Chess Challenge.



Art Enrichment Week

2022 marked the 100th anniversary of Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb and as a celebration King's pupils completed an Art Week in collaboration with Macclesfield Museum and artist William Ashley-Norman from ChickenWired. Cheshire artist Charles Frederick Tunnicliffe, who was famous for



painting from nature, provided the inspiration for the week. The intention therefore was for the children to meet real animals from the continent of Africa before they began creating ancient Egyptian art. A menagerie of owls, beetles, lizards, snakes and many other fascinating creatures arrived into school (with a company called Animal Magic) in order for the pupils' artwork to gain depth and texture from their close encounter with these beautiful creatures.

Latin Lives!

Year 6 Minimus Latin Club enjoyed a visit from Dr Zali-Schiel, King's parent and Professor of Latin and Greek at Liverpool University. Dr Zali-Schiel delivered an entertaining - and at times, gory - session about word derivations and the myth of Perseus and Medusa. The pupils engaged admirably, learning about why words such as dormitory, spectator, prescription and minimum mean what they do, and contributing much to the Professor's presentation as the



session unfolded. Dr Zali-Schiel also visited Year 2, presenting an engaging session with the pupils eagerly modelling characters from Greek mythology out of Lego.

Subject Masterclasses

Over 30 pupils from Years 2 - 6 took part in eight subject-specific Masterclasses during the year at five different schools across the North-West, with King's hosting two.

Pictured are Year 5 and 6 pupils from Broken Cross Primary, Greenbank Prep and Bolton Boys, who joined a group of King's pupils for a Writing Masterclass. Challenge and Enrichment expert, Aileen Hoare, delivered a day full of word games, story-talk, exciting writing and plotline challenges. The pupils worked hard in mixed-school groups - then enjoyed chasing their new friends around the fort at lunchbreak!

In November, Year 4 pupils Libby James, Satsuki-Mei Shepherd-Etchells and William Wallace attended the 'English Masterclass'. The day was filled with a range of enriching activities, to encourage the exploration of vocabulary i.e., How many words can you make out of one word, without changing the order of the letters?



Crosswords with only a selection of letters for clues and Wordsearches without any specific words to find - just the clue that all of the words started with the letter 'E'. Once their ideas were flowing, they were introduced to a variety of 'creative writing' tasks that channelled their thinking for example how to create a story from 5 short sentences.

World Book Day 2023

In March, all of the children and staff got into the spirit of 'World Book Day' by dressing up as a fictional character. Pupils shared reviews of their favourite books

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and characters, and lots of book related activities and Live digital events were explored. We were delighted to welcome the talented and very entertaining famous author John Dougherty, who engaged all of our children from EYFS to Year 6 with his creative and humorous ideas; he shared what inspires him to write and where his characters evolve from. John sang with his guitar, the theme-tune for his renowned series 'Stinkbomb and Ketchup-Face'.



Finally, he premiered his brand-new book 'The Hare-Shaped Hole'. A very moving story with beautiful illustrations that explored how we can learn to cope with loss and grief in a positive way. John captivated all of his audiences and a wonderful and magical day of imagination was had by all.

Bikeability

Bikeability provides Year 5 and 6 pupils with the chance to develop their cycling skills and acquire new ones in a safe, controlled setting under expert guidance. Pupils gain confidence – not to mention increased independence – from successfully navigating public roads or removing a hand 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 Two training, commuting to and from school by bike becomes a healthy, fun and environmentally friendly 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 patient 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 badge and certificate at the end of their training. They came back beaming with smiles, and the instructors commented on their polite manners and exceptional listening skills.

Air Raid Shelter

Year 6 visited Stockport Air Raid Shelter as part of their Learning Challenge topic on World War II. The intriguing network of underground tunnels was built in the 1940s.

The tunnels were the largest purpose-built civilian air raid shelters in the country, accommodating up to 6,500 people during the War, earning the nickname "The Chestergate Hotel". Pupils saw the triple bunkbeds, a kitchenette, the Nurses' Station and the rudimentary toilets which certainly made us appreciate our comfortable lives today!

There was even a room which could be locked – this was used for rowdy people who couldn't behave. At The Stockport Story Museum, the students also got a hands-on experience learning about civilian life in the home in that era, trying on clothes and using home appliances. Children practised washing clothes, using a mangle and ironing as well as vacuuming with a Eubank.



Tudor Lifestyles

Year 5 pupils lived life as Tudors for a day, immersing themselves in a range of practical activities. Builders applied their hand-made daub mixture to a wattle framework, mimicking a widely-used wall construction technique (thankfully with air-drying clay substituted for Tudor manure).

After practising to write using a quill and ink, the pupils became apothecaries, learning how to use herbs and other items (such as the skin of a dead donkey) to diagnose and ward off diseases and ailments. Pleasingly, everyone also made sweet-smelling pomanders to keep the germs away. Later, the children became dancers at the court of Elizabeth I, learning the stately Pavane, and the scandalous Volta, in which glimpses of ladies' ankles were definitely seen. Finally, pupils and staff alike relaxed over a game of Nine-Men's Morris, a popular Tudor board game.

Viking Activities

Year 4 visited The Old Hall at Tatton Park to be transported back in time to the Viking Age. Everyone was layered up, Viking style, to survive the cold elements, ready to experience their new life as Vikings.

The children first met some friendly Anglo Saxons who were learning to live with their new neighbours, the Vikings. Then the children were introduced to 'Blood Axe' the Viking Chief, who was a little scary at first. He was there to test the pupils' skills as trainee warriors. The children learnt that the Vikings were not just warriors but farmers and traders too.

They learnt how both Anglo Saxons and Vikings cultivated a number of crops mainly wheat, rye and barley for grains, removing the grains from the stalk by threshing. After separating the wheat grain from the chaff, they ground their



carefully collected grains to make their own flour: a vast amount of hard work for such a small amount of flour!

Red deer were hugely important to Blood Axe's people for food, clothing and in the home. The children were amazed at the size and weight of the antlers and how versatile every part of this creature was to the Vikings.



Stone Age Day

Year 3 took the biggest time-travel journey ever to explore life in Britain 20,000 years ago with a Stone Age Day. Innovative costumes came to the fore as the children looked at a time-line to show the different stages of the Neolithic period, before then exploring a wide range of artefacts such as hand axes, spears, deer antlers and replica elk ribs. Afterwards, they created their own woolly mammoths using tissue paper and milk cartons to bring these prehistoric creatures back to life. Finally, the pupils morphed into real hunter-gatherers to take part in some very dramatic spear throwing: killing sabre-toothed cats, mammoths and woolly rhinos for their dinner!

Maths Masterclass

Four Year 2 pupils travelled to Greenbank Prep School for a Maths Masterclass. They joined children from Beech House Primary School and Greenbank Prep School to explore the subject in greater depth.

They spent the day investigating number challenges, puzzles and games such as tangrams and sudoku. Young brains were well and truly stretched as they explored the many exciting ways Maths can be used.



Fire!

Year 1 had a thrilling morning at Macclesfield Fire Station as part of the Great Fire of London topic. The pupils had many intriguing questions for the firefighters and each pupil had a turn looking inside the cab of a full-sized fire engine.

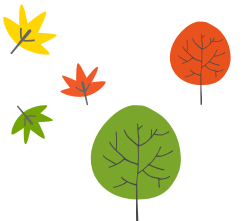
The visit's highlight however was getting a turn at holding a full-sized fire-hose which the real firefighters use for their own training. A few of the apprentice firefighters did get a bit of a soaking but their smiles remained undampened.



Nature Day

Reception children enjoyed an eye-opening trip to Cheshire Wildlife Trust's 'Quinta Nature Reserve'. The day involved a rich selection of Forest School games and activities, including bug hunting, den building, tree identification and toasting marshmallows on a campfire.

The weather was fabulous and the canopy of the woodland gave much needed shade. A day of discovery, exploration and enjoyment in the great outdoors; this was certainly a day to remember for some of the youngest pupils' first ever school trip.



Pre-School

Following an Autumn theme, the school's youngest pupils used modelling clay to make some inspirational hedgehogs. In Science sessions, the children experimented with items that float and sink, seeing what would happen when they pushed a pencil through a Ziplock bag full of water. They couldn't believe that the bag didn't leak!

In December, they revelled in a wonderful wintery walk to Dumbur woods for an exciting Forest School morning, with the children happily singing Christmas songs along the way. They made innovative Christmas wands of

which they were very proud and had great fun casting spells with them on the way back to class.



SENIORS & SIXTH FORM

This has been another successful year for Challenge & Enrichment at King's with a grand total of 179 Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates being awarded over the three terms to students across Senior years.

These awards are earned by students who complete either three, six or ten Challenge & Enrichment activities in each term to a high standard, building their intellectual curiosity and stretching themselves to their highest potential.

We would also like to congratulate the following students who completed the most Challenge & Enrichment activities in the school this year:

- Haider Ahmad | Year 7
- Mia Clements | Year 7
- Apolonia Olpinski | Year 7
- Harriet Bright | Year 8
- Abdullah Atif | Year 10
- Oliver Gotts | Year 10
- Kieran Schwartz | Year 10
- Robb Thomas | Year 10
- Jenny Wallace | Year 12
- Owen Branthwaite | Year 13

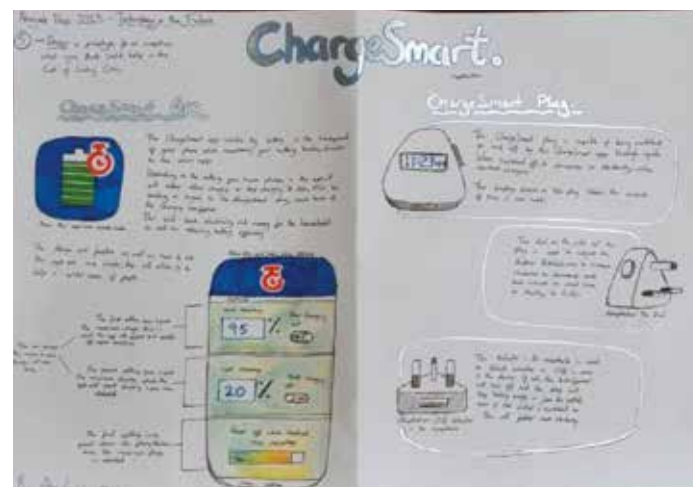
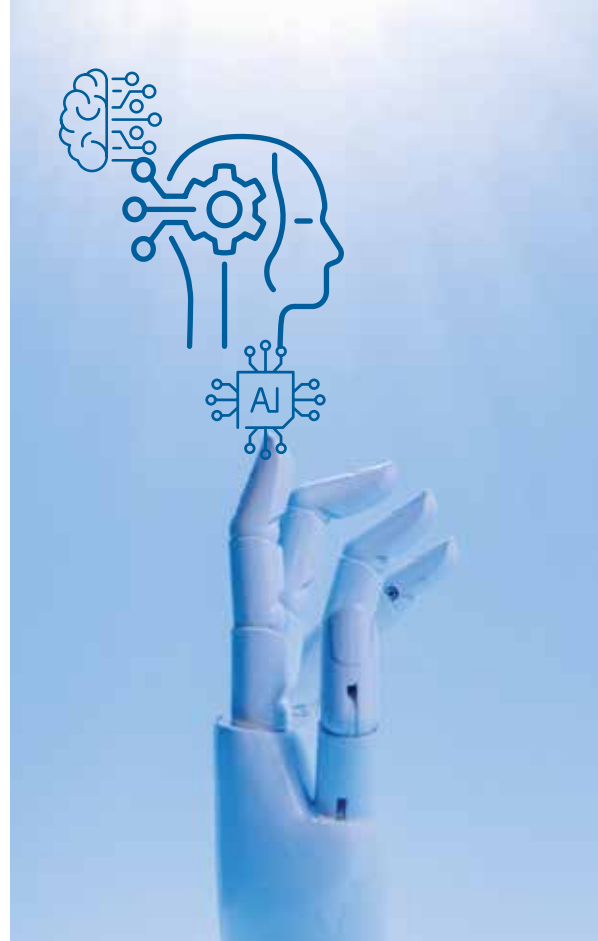
Percyvale Prize 2023

This year saw the return of our annual Percyvale Prize, a prestigious King's competition which is open to all Senior year groups. The theme this year was **'Technology and the Future'**, with tasks such as "Is Nanotechnology the future of medicine or has science fiction created a dream that is unobtainable?" and "Design/build/create/engineer a prototype for an invention which you think could help in some way with the Cost-of-Living Crisis."

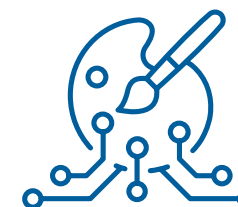
Students rose to the challenge and submitted entries which were all of a very high standard, and all entrants were awarded ten house points and a Challenge & Enrichment award. However, three winners had to be chosen. **Frank Shanahan, Year 8**, was the Lower School winner for his article *'Not everything can be done by Artificial Intelligence'* (see next page, top) which was accompanied by a ChatGPT-generated article of the same name so that the outcomes could be compared. **Alex Cooper, Year 9**, wowed in the Middle School category with a prototype design for a *'Charge Smart' plug* (pictured below) to help with the

Cost-of-Living Crisis. The plug can be monitored through an app and turned off when sufficient charging has taken place to conserve electricity. Alex is hoping to make this design into a reality over the Summer holidays – an entrepreneur in the making!

In **Sixth Form**, **Madi Baxter's** impressive essay on nanotechnology displayed intellectual prowess and thorough academic research (see next page, bottom). The three winners were presented with a certificate, £10 Amazon voucher and chocolate bar in our Celebration Assembly.



Percyvale Prize 2023 winners...



Lower School Winner

Extract from Frank Shanahan's essay, **'Not everything can be done by AI – for now.'**

Creativity is also one of, if not the, biggest factors limiting AI, because the way AI creates things at the moment is just by recreating other pieces of art or articles (such as the article which ChatGPT wrote entirely) in an extremely clever way (like making a funnier, more colloquial version of the article or making it a poem).

Especially with artwork and music, this is a very important thing, as art is the idea of trying to express human ideas, worldview, etc. and right now AI just cannot understand humans in the way we do. This is because AI really struggles to understand and identify human emotions and also humans as a whole.

In conclusion, AI is truly incredible, and even though its implications and skills may seem infinite and daunting, there is no need to be afraid of this new software, as it has some fatal flaws. A big one is the fact that it's not human.

We trust, like, love and relate to humans, and a robot just can't do the same and also struggles to comprehend us and our emotions, which is fair.

For those reasons it just can't be creative, and needs telling to not be racist or hateful, as it is, well, not human.

Sixth Form Winner

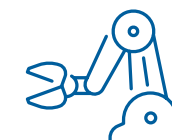
Extract from Madi Baxter's essay, **'Is Nanotechnology the future of medicine or has science fiction created a dream that is unobtainable?'**

The first mention of nanotechnology in science fiction was in the 1931 book: *Microhands* where the main character builds himself a microscopic remote manipulator for eye surgery. He subsequently tries to build even smaller ones to be manipulated by the initial remote manipulator which appears to be the first example of what we would now call nanotechnology.

Another nanomedicine reference was in *Blood Music* where the person genetically engineers their own lymphocytes (white blood cells). When injected in his body, they evolve until they can change their own genetic material at a level far smaller than nanotechnology covers.

In the process, they find that their health conditions such as hypertension (high blood pressure) were cured and their intelligence also increased.

Although no such nano-scale remote manipulators capable of eye surgery or miracle genetically altered lymphocytes yet exist, our bodies operate at an atomic and molecular scale with most biological molecules such as water, glucose, antibodies, etc within the nanoscale range, so to improve the diagnosis of diseases, improve the efficiency of current medications and to develop new treatments, the future lies within nanomedicine.





Year 7 Learning Challenge

On 26 and 27 June, all of Year 7 experienced the annual Learning Challenge which allows them to break from the normal routine of lessons and instead take part in a range of sessions aimed at developing their King's Learning Habits, this year on the theme 'Around the World' with the big question 'why do people move?'

The sessions saw Year 7 researching famous migrants, creating multilingual Drama performances retelling the story of Icarus, experiencing artefacts from Iranian culture and connecting this to creative writing, and learning about the history of migration to the UK, amongst many other things.

A favourite session with the students was the Refugee Simulation, an immersive experience in which they were put into the position of someone who needed to leave home within

three minutes, choose what items to take with them, and attempt to get to the coast and then on a boat away from their war-torn home country.

However, all could be changed by the hands of fate as they rolled dice to discover which of them would lose their bag or not make it onto the boat with their friends.

At the end of the two days, five prize winners were selected who demonstrated outstanding effort and contributions throughout the Learning Challenge.

Well done to Alice Burton 7KB, Emmie Hobbs 7SLW, Penny O'Brien 7SAH, Annika Glasgow 7SAH and Harry Weston 7SLW. Pupil Alice Burton reflected on the Learning Challenge experience: "These activities have given me more insight into what migrants and refugees go through and the reasons they have for going to

their destination country." We hope that our Year 7s will have gained greater empathy for people less fortunate than themselves and, as a result, become better global citizens

Challenge & Enrichment in Classics

Every department provides Challenge & Enrichment activities for students who seek to develop their passion, knowledge and skills.

This year, we'd like to give a special mention to the Classics Department and say thank you to Miss Easby and Mr Mallin for providing some super opportunities for our budding Latinists. Classics Club have been learning about the labours of Herakles and then making papier mâché vases on which they will depict one of the labours.

The Year 7s have been learning why plants and animals have Latin names and then identifying the genus and species names of some of the trees and plants we have on-site; a great way to make use of our pastoral surroundings!



English and Linguistics Masterclass

International linguistics expert Professor Bob Borsley laid bare some of the extraordinary puzzles and patterns of the English language in a talk for Sixth Form students.

Emeritus Professor of Linguistics at the University of Essex and Honorary Professor at Bangor University, Bob spoke to A Level English Language students. He said: "Ordinary speakers of a language have an unconscious knowledge of grammar which we use all the time whether we are speaking, understanding, writing or interpreting; we know how words go together."

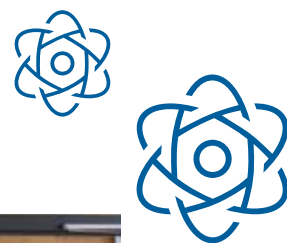
Head of English Richard Kellett said: "Professor Borsley brought all the wealth of an illustrious career in linguistics to King's to enrich the students' understanding of some of the more technical aspects of grammar and syntax. It is a challenging area of the course and so this sort of wider exposure

to the topic will help them immeasurably." Pupil Annalise Timms added: "It was interesting to discover how factors such as social class have an impact on grammar."

Physics Olympiad

Pupils shone like stars in the annual Physics Olympiad, with eight bright A Level Physics students earning a series of top awards in the national competition that attracts thousands of entries every year.

Owen Branthwaite, who earned a Silver award explained an almost magnetic attraction to the subject: "Physics constitutes the laws which govern the universe and evolution within the space time continuum and shows that anything and everything in the universe can be explained by the mathematical equations physics provides."



Pictured above (from left) are: Vasee Vasantharajan, who got a Commendation; Thomas Sheridan, Bronze award; Sam Parry, Bronze award; William Timms, Bronze award and Lewis Johnstone, Bronze. Seated from left are Ananiel Antony, Bronze; Owen Branthwaite, Silver and Louis Lau, Commendation.

Chemistry Olympiad

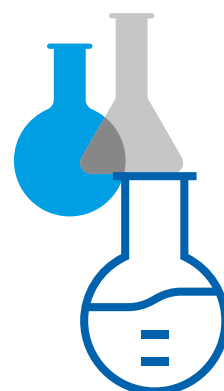
Year 13 chemists secured an excellent haul of awards in the prestigious RSC Chemistry Olympiad. Eight students were awarded Silver, with Nick Reynolds missing out on Gold by one mark, and two students were awarded Bronze.

Silver medallist Thomas Sheridan said: "In the past, chemists have produced non-biodegradable plastics that will break down into micro-plastics that can get into the food chain, kill fish, pollute the oceans and cause great harm to



the planet. I want to be part of a generation that goes about solving those problems, creating water-soluble plastics that can degrade in a few days."

Fellow Silver medallist Ben O'Donnell, who received an offer from Oxford to study Biochemistry, added: "We have to look deeper into the natural world and isolate the bacteria that can perform those functions. It is chemistry that has the answer to the problems chemistry has created."



Brain Day

A Level Psychology and Biology students enjoyed a special 'Brain Day' with renowned international neuroscience expert Dr Guy Sutton.

The day is designed as a bridge between sixth form and top degree courses centered on both biological and psychological perspectives.

Students learned about the working and damaged brain, hearing about a range of unique cases of brain injury and the impacts on mental illnesses and criminal behaviour, as well as how

drugs, smoking and social media affect the brain, the benefits of musical education and learning a language for brain development, and the range of new technologies for exploring the brain.

His talk involved the clinical dissection of sheep's brains, with the various parts and glands getting a close inspection and an explanation of which areas of the brain are affected by different diseases such as Alzheimer's and Covid. Students also covered important sociological and philosophical questions about the nature of free will and how much

our actions are determined by our brain's bio-chemistry.





New Zealand & Malaysia Rugby Tour 2023

King's pupils departed for the North Island of New Zealand after a four-year touring absence due to the pandemic. A total of 39 players and 6 staff left in full confidence on the back of lifting the Cheshire Cup, reaching the last 8 in the National Cup and following arguably the most successful season in the schools 93-year rugby history.

The tour included seven matches against New Zealand clubs and schools and two final matches in Kuala Lumpur. Starting off in Auckland, visits to the All Blacks Experience and the Sky Tower were sandwiched between competitive fixtures versus Counties Manukau and St John's College resulting in a couple of hard-fought victories and the first loss, with plenty learned. Perhaps the most famous and recognisable site in world sport is the Haka, so it was spine-tingling, motivational and terrifying in equal measure for our 'boys in blue' to witness this up close and personal.

Following this, the teams headed south toward Taupo taking in the amazing Huka Falls and surrounding thermal spas, this also including an exhilarating Jet Boat ride underneath the waterfall. Further fixtures with wins and losses against John Paul College and St Paul's Collegiate. Onward to Roturua where the squad were able to experience a traditional Maori village and Hangi meal (cooked underground), and the next day included another adrenalin-fuelled visit down the Skyline and Luge.

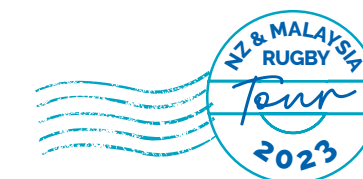
We then entered the very green and mountainous countryside and stops included Tauranga and Mount Maunganui with games against some mature and physical club sides including Greeton Marist and Kahkura. The four-mile hike up the Mountain was challenging but the views from the summit were breath-taking.

The flight out of Auckland sent us toward a very different culture and experience and some well earned 'R&R'. Kuala Lumpur, the towering sky scrapers and 'hustle'

of a busy city was some contrast to the surrounding Malaysian jungle. Incredible sites such as the ancient Batu Caves, the tallest twin-tower structure in the world; Petronas Towers and less remarkable but certainly just as enjoyable, Sunway Lagoon water-park. Of course, rugby still very much topped our priorities and two final fixtures included a victory and a draw versus University of Defence Malaysia and ARAS Buffalo Rugby Club.

This was a frantic fortnight including nine matches (W3 D1 L5) and countless things seen, experienced and embraced. A trip that the boys shall never forget and memories that will be discussed and I'm sure embellished for just as long. The King's School players were a credit to themselves on the field but more importantly, off it as well. They return to the challenging school circuit better players and more mature young men. Touring is the best thing about rugby and long shall it continue.

Mr Hetherington





Expedition to Borneo

An intrepid 31 adventurers from King's undertook a life-enhancing expedition to Borneo over the summer break.

There they came literally face-to-face with rescued orangutans and sun bears, climbed the 13,454 ft Mount Kinabalu and learned to scuba dive among the multi-coloured marine life. They also did more than their fair share to help local communities, cleaning beaches and renovating village facilities to help create a trekking route to generate income for a remote village.

The three-week expedition was managed by Senior Science Teacher Dr Williams and she explained: "Although they had staff leaders and two specialists supporting them, this was very much a student-led trip with the young men and women

researching and organising their own schedules.

"As well as opening their eyes to a completely different culture with problems and opportunities you simply will never see in the UK, it was about developing team-working and problem-solving skills, alongside and resilience."

Under the auspices of the two leaders from the Outlook team, the 31 students and four staff split into two teams undertaking different activities.

Highlights included visiting the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre and the Sunbear Conservation Centre in Sabah. These amazing facilities provide medical care for orphaned and confiscated orangutans and sun bears, the smallest bears in the world, and other species threatened by poaching, illegal pet trade and deforestation.

The trip was a matter of highs and lows. On a low level the teams learned to scuba dive in the warm equatorial waters and on the higher level, they climbed Mount Kinabalu, the third highest island mountain in the world on a gruelling but breathtaking trek with overnight camping, part of a survival training experience.

En route they navigated their way to find some renowned boulders still with the carved inscriptions left by Japanese soldiers from World War Two, going back 80 years in time in the midst of the jungle.

The teams were also assigned to key community projects including cleaning beaches covered in plastic pollution and renovating community buildings in remote villages.



Dr Williams said "I was delighted that the students made this part of their trip an absolute priority, devoting more time in the schedule to community support than had originally been allocated, showing tenacity to finish projects for local communities."

She concluded: "We hope our young people will never forget this experience. I know they enjoyed contributing to the ongoing efforts to clean beaches of large quantities of plastic, renovating spaces for a community project, as well as developing their leadership and independence skills."

Thomas Krassowski said: "Taking this trip was one of the best decisions I have ever made. It really opened my eyes to other cultures around the world and connect with people I never knew I would be friends with.



"I have definitely made some memories that will last forever."

Neave Stanway added: "Borneo was without a doubt the best experience in my life. It was full of great laughs, new friendships, and new cultures. I really enjoyed the scuba diving – I found the

underwater world such a magical place."

Annabel Hawkins added: "The trip was absolutely amazing.

"I really enjoyed experiencing a new culture, testing my limits, and helping a local community."

Spotlight on King Charles III's Coronation



The Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla in May saw a range of celebrations across the school, including a celebratory lunch for Senior pupils, afternoon tea in the Infant & Junior Division, a crown decorating competition, creation of bunting and the opening of a permanent feature garden.

In the Infant & Junior Division, the children immersed themselves in everything from dressing up in regal costumes to crown competitions, art activities and a step back into time to previous Coronations.

Pupils also reflected on the importance of 'community' and the importance of 'responsibility'. The pupils and staff enjoyed special assemblies and lessons, which we hope will be something that all our pupils will be able to look back on and remember, whatever a child's age.

The special Coronation Garden, which has been established near the East Entrance, celebrates the school's ties with the monarchy.

Featuring a metal sphere beautifully crafted from recycled horseshoes, with shrubbery and bedding plants in a red, white and blue colour scheme, the new garden has been designed in the shape



of the globe and represents King Charles' worldwide concerns and passion for the environment. Illuminated at night, the garden features native plants, including lavender and creeping thyme, which are part of King's Charles' own gardens. The design reflects King Charles' environmental concerns and also his love of equestrianism.



Spotlight on King's Compass

Challenge &
ENRICHMENT



It has been a very successful year for King's Compass. In the Infant & Junior Division, the most significant change has been the move to doing a full day of King's Compass every half term, which has allowed pupils much more time to get stuck in to the activities and fully immerse themselves in the King's Compass experience.

This year we have also introduced a range of new activities; Year 1 loved taking part in their 'Where the Wild Things Are' literacy walk, Year 3 have used giant shoes to learn to tie shoe laces and Year 4 were introduced to the exhilarating

new activity of Viking Axe Throwing. Years 5 and 6 have been trained in basic first aid and emergency situations, they are now ready to save lives if required!

Another exciting introduction to the King's Compass programme was the Dawn Chorus Festival; pupils in Years 2 and 3 came into school at the crack of dawn to listen to the beautiful birdsong in our woodland area and take part in craft activities.

In the Senior Division, King's Compass now has a double lesson of outdoor learning each week and, much like lower down in the school, this is a 'favourite' lesson for Year 7 pupils as they learn important teamworking, collaboration and listening skills as they work through a series of challenges and activities in the great outdoors. We look forward to seeing the programme continue to evolve next year.



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 campus has a massive impact on our ability to host members of our wider community and provide a venue for large-scale events. Pupils have also enjoyed fundraising, charity work, volunteering and engagement, from which they gain so much.

Outreach Programme

Our Community Outreach programme seeks to widen access to the School's facilities for local organisations, sports clubs, charities and societies. Our facilities are provided either free of charge or at heavily subsidised rates.

A total of 60 organisations use our facilities for either a single event or a series of lettings, including Cheshire Police, Cheshire Cricket, England Netball, a range of local sports clubs, local schools and charities.

Throughout the year, The Samaritans use the School premises as a training venue and for their recruitment event. The School's Sports Centre is used fortnightly, throughout the year, as an activity and meeting space for Disability Positive.

Our new campus has provided many opportunities to host events this year. We hosted the National Trampoline Championships in 2022 attended by more than 250 children; we hosted a conference for AJIS (Association for Junior Independent Schools); hosted various sporting tournaments



such as the Cheshire Hockey Club County Championships and both the Macclesfield Primary Schools Girls' Cricket Tournament and the Macclesfield Netball Tournament, as well as the Junior Chess Tournament and two Cheshire Police Community Cohesion Group meetings.

Bushcraft Workshops

King's specialist staff have provided sessions for local schools, focussed on developing skills in shelter building, fire lighting and bushcraft.

Many local schools have very limited outdoor space, resources and budget for outdoor learning. The sessions are tailored to the

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

Eight schools have attended this year: 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. Orienteering Sessions have also been delivered to Year 5 and 6 pupils from Bollinbrook and All Saints Primary.



Cricket & Swimming Workshops

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 during the summer term and holiday period. Park Lane Special School and Parkroyal Community Primary use our swimming pool each week during the Summer term. This year, around 60 children attended over 13 swim sessions.

Sports Leaders

This year, 28 Sixth Form pupils participated in the Community Sports Leaders Award Scheme, acting as coaches for local schools who visit King's.

The Award allows Sixth Form students to develop important leadership and life skills such as effective communication, organisation, teamworking whilst learning to run activities for younger people. Local Schools attending this year include Bollinbrook Primary, Park Lane School, Mottram St Andrew, Parkroyal Community Primary and Prestbury Primary.



Community ACTIVITIES

Harvest Festival and Destiny Garden School, Kenya

This year, we continued to raise funds to support the food program at Destiny Garden School, Kenya. To enable our children to understand a little about life at the school, and to add focus to our Harvest Service, our Junior children were offered the chance to sample a taster of beans and greens similar to the Destiny Garden School menu.

Harvest food donations were gratefully received and shared with The Silklife Food bank in Macclesfield, and the retiring collection for Destiny Garden School raised an amazing total of £673 to help fund their feeding programme.

Year 6 'Fiver' Challenge

This is a nationwide initiative aimed at primary school children and it is a highly interactive and fun way of developing core enterprise and financial education skills, including problem solving, confidence, creativity and teamwork. The Year 6 children were given £5 to set up a business and buy resources with the aim of making a profit.

After planning, designing, making and repairing over a few weeks, the Year 6 pupils opened their marketplace on the Lower Junior playground to sell the items to friends. Everyone was hugely successful, and pupils raised a total of £1050 which was donated to three charities: The Windyway Trust, Macmillan Cancer Care and Destiny Garden School.



Children In Need

Pupils, staff and parents got behind this year's Children in Need day, helping the School to raise more than £5,089 in total. This was generated from the non-uniform day, RunPudsey sponsorship, badge sales, donations and cake sale.

Press-Up challenge

In November, a group of King's staff took on a 'Press-up Challenge' in aid of Cancer Research UK. They each completed 100 press-ups per day, starting in the school's main entrance hall at 8.30am as pupils arrived, raising £1,500. Deputy Head, Mr Griffiths, said: "Our charitable work is a key part school life and, as staff, we really wanted to set the example."



November

In November, a group of staff joined the 'Movember' fundraising movement to support a range of men's health charities including prostate cancer, testicular cancer and men's mental health and suicide. They raised a fantastic £600 for these good causes.

Leadership conference

In the Autumn term, we hosted a Leadership Conference for Sixth Form pupils at schools across the North West. In 2022, this fantastic training day was attended by around 50 pupils who heard from a number of inspirational speakers including Dame Sarah Story talking about Character & Leadership, Mr Slack presenting on Conflict Management, School Governor Juliette White presenting on Leadership theory and practice, and our own School Captains talking about their experience. Feedback from attendees was incredibly positive.



Three Peaks Challenge

In October, an intrepid group of King's pupils and parents completed the national three peaks challenge over a weekend. Together, they managed to raise over £14,000 for one of the school's chosen charities, Visyon. And the pupils were all back in school for lessons on Monday morning! An amazing feat.

Primary Maths Challenge

In June, we ran the Macclesfield Primary Schools Maths Challenge and hosted 11 competing Primary Schools who provided teams of Year 5 pupils. A lot of fun was had with pupils from Alderley Edge, Ash Grove, Bollington St Johns, Broken Cross, Gawsworth, Hollinhey, Marton & District, Mottram St Andrew, Rainow, St John the Evangelist and Upton Priory. Three lucky teams left with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes.



Gold DofE in Ghana

During the October half-term, Year 13 pupils Cordy Kight, Anna Warham and Georgia went to Ghana volunteering as part of their Gold DofE award. They spent two weeks in the town of Busua in the western region, helping out at the local school, teaching and playing with the children. Anna also helped out at the hospital, mainly in the mental health ward, in A&E and the maternity ward.



Mountain Marathon

Year 13 School Captain and Vice-Captain Nick Reynolds and Ben O'Donnell undertook the Original Mountain Marathon in aid of The Christie. The two-day challenge pitted them against 130 other teams (of two people), and they came 16th overall although they were delighted to just finish given the weather and conditions. They had to carry all the emergency kit, tent, food and water needed to be self-sufficient in Langdale, Lake District. They managed to raise more than £600 for The Christie.





Languages in the Community

Six Sixth Form linguists led some language and cultural sessions as part of Parkroyal Community Primary School's Languages Day - with a focus on the World Cup. Mrs Bartle also delivered Portuguese lessons to some classes, and this was received with great enthusiasm!

The students prepared wonderful presentations with a range of activities, both linguistic and cultural. Together, Toby Denton, Hattie Bailey, Eve Carter, Harrison Milner, Frankie Bradbury Reuben and Rory McCabe presented with excellent delivery and confidence. The young children absolutely loved it.



Fashion Show 2022

Our Sixth Form students raised a staggering £10,000 for The Christie with their annual Fashion Show. Working with local shops and fashion outlets, the students staged the extravaganza for the delight of families and friends.

Aspiring Medics

School Governor, Prof Neil Hanley, Professor of Medicine at the University of Manchester, continued to host Saturday morning workshops for aspiring medical students at King's, Fallibroome and Tytherington High School.

The sessions are designed to prepare pupils for the challenging UCAS process, online tests and university interviews.



Northern Chamber Orchestra

The Northern Chamber Orchestra (NCO) started holding its regular performances at King's. The North West's longest-standing chamber orchestra performed its first concert at King's on 15 October 2022 with the youngest ever BBC Young Musician winner violinist Jennifer

Pike, and it was a sell-out with a record-breaking audience of around 400 people, many of whom were first time attendees at an NCO concert.

We are delighted to boast the NCO as our 'orchestra in residence' and are thrilled that they have confirmed that we will continue to be their home for the coming two years.



Paint Macc Pink

In May, King's participated in the 'Paint Macclesfield Pink' project to raise money for Prevent Breast Cancer, a charity based at the Nightingale Breast Cancer Unit at Wythenshawe Hospital. The campus was bathed in pink lighting every night, the swimming school turned pink for the week and glowing pink bows adorned the trees along the boulevard. Pupils engaged in a range of fundraising activities, including a Sixth Form 'pink' touch rugby match. Pupils and staff raised over £1,000 to help Prevent Breast Cancer predict, prevent and treat the UK's most common cancer.

Friends of King's

The Friends of King's Committee has operated a full calendar of events this year, including a Junior disco, an Easter Egg Hunt, a book fair, Year 7 Movie Night, several second-hand uniform sales and a Parent Ball.

The 'Greatest Showman' Ball at The Mere was the best attended (with 300 guests) and raised the largest-ever sum with a total of £30,000. Funds from the Ball have been allocated to a range of charities including to East Cheshire Hospice, 42nd Street Youth Group, the Bursary Fund, the Pavilion Appeal and the DEC appeal for the Syria/Turkey earthquakes. Huge thanks go to Ruth Oliver-Williams and Rachel Clark, who stepped down from their roles as Treasurer and Chair at the end of the year.

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.



SPORT Highlights

INFANTS & JUNIORS

This year, the Infant and Junior Sport has gone from strength to strength. We work hard to encourage 'sport for all' with the youngest pupils, whilst striving to support individuals to achieve 'excellence'.

This year, the Juniors have taken part in 70 fixtures with an additional 20 tournaments. Of these fixtures, 28 were whole year group matches, which means that every child within that year group had an opportunity to take part in a match experience in winter or summer sports. We are extremely proud of all the children for taking part in these fixtures and appreciate parent support on these home and away days.

We have also had successful House events for each year group, including swimming galas and football tournaments to celebrate the World Cup, which brought the children together to compete in House spirit.

Year 6 kicked off the sporting season in September as 66 children headed off to York to compete against fresh competition on their Sports Tour. The trip was a triumph, holding up a variety of activities in the evening and finishing with a lively disco for all to enjoy.

Rossall School's Annual Hockey Tournament

The girls' Hockey team were invited to play in the annual hockey tournament hosted by Rossall School. Several schools took part, including Manchester High and Merchant Taylor's. Overall, the girls came 3rd, which is a great achievement.

Sports Days

This year, we hosted an Infant Sports Day as well as a Junior Sports day. Both events were a roaring success seeing all children across the Division take part in field events, track and a relay. We are extremely proud of all the children for taking part and competing with the true spirit of the day.

Congratulations to Adlington House who won the Junior Sports Day for the first time in 15 years.

Year 5 Girls Hockey Festival

The girls took part in the Year 5 Hockey Tournament hosted by Stockport Grammar School. Overall, we came 1st place in the Tier 1 Competition, drawing with SGS's A team and winning the other matches again SGS Bs, AESG and Kings Chester. Well done to the girls, who all played fantastically.

U10 AJIS Netball Tournament

Year 5 A and B netball teams represented the school in the annual U10 AJIS Netball tournament, hosted by King's. 19 independent schools across the North West travelled to Macclesfield to take part. Both A and B teams performed fantastically, and everyone had an enjoyable day. The A team did particularly well and won The Plate Competition, beating Alderley Edge in a nerve-wracking final.

U11 AJIS Boys Hockey

The Boys Hockey team headed to Bolton to compete in the U11 AJIS Hockey Tournament, alongside 11 other independent schools from across the region. The boys finished 3rd in their group, winning 2 matches, drawing 1 and losing 1. This meant they were entered into the plate competition. The semi-final was against Bolton where it came down to a golden goal, which Hugo Blake scored to reach the final. The final against Cheadle Hulme School was intense, and ultimately the boys came away with a 1-0 win, to take home The Plate.

Macclesfield & District Netball Tournament

The Year 6 netball squad competed in the Macclesfield & District Netball Tournament. This event included 12 of the local schools from around the Macclesfield area. King's finished top of the group and went on to play in a tough semi-final against St Albans, with a finishing score

of 5-3 to King's. It was a King's Vs Prestbury final, with King's taking a 5-0 win to claim first place and lift the trophy.

AJIS Athletics

The Year 6 athletics team headed over to Longford Park in Stretford to take part in the U11 AJIS Athletics competition. This competition is extremely tough with 25 Independent schools from the Northwest competing head-to-head. All children performed well on and off the track, impressing with their maturity throughout the day. Notable placings included: Gabe Adamson, 1st place in Cricket ball throw; Annabelle Brown, 2nd place in 150m; Amelia Grace, 3rd place in rounders ball throw; Henry Heptinstall, 3rd Place in the high jump.

Semi-Finalist AJIS Cricket

The Year 6 boys had an extremely successful cricket season, defeating Scarisbrick Hall and Cheadle Hulme to advance through to the semi-

final of the competition. The boys came across a very good Newcastle-Under-Lyme team, losing with three balls to spare. Congratulations to the cricket team, albeit a disappointing finish, they represented the school with great credit.

Plate Winners Football Reliance Tournament

The Year 6 boys came runners-up in a tight group stage against local primary schools within Macclesfield. They then progressed to the Plate competition in which the boys went on to defeat Upton Priory, St Albans and Ivy Bank in the Final. Congratulations to all the children who participated.

Senior sport

ATHLETICS



It was a successful season both on the athletics track and in the field events, with some great individual performances and team successes.

At the Minors Macclesfield and District Athletics Championship, King's was the overall winner with the Minor Girls team winning and the Boys team coming 2nd.

There were several notable performances from the following individuals who were also selected to represent Macclesfield at the Minors County Championships: Anvi Lalwani won the Discus, Aaliyah Hammad 2nd in 1500m, Eva Sheppard 3rd in 800m, Naina Vasireddy 2nd in High Jump, Mason Smethurst 2nd in Long Jump and Zach Harper 3rd in the Javelin.

In the Junior and Inter's District Championships, King's athletes performed equally well; the IG and IB teams were both 1st overall, Junior Girls finished 3rd and Junior Boys were 2nd.

Fifteen of our athletes were selected to represent Macclesfield at the County Championships in June in Ellesmere Port, where they competed against the best athletes in Cheshire.



The following competed especially well: Philip Goodfellow 1st in Senior Boys 800m, Xander Hunter 1st in Junior Boys 100m, Sam Keep 2nd in Inter Boys Shot, Emily Danson 3rd in Inter Girls Javelin. Jake Lewis and Jamie McCabe 3rd and 4th in Inter Boys 800m, Harry Dodd 7th in IB Javelin and Sophia Heywood JG 100m, Ross Hallinan 300m, Aidan Wagg Discus.

Xander, Sam and Emily went on to represent Cheshire in the Mason Trophy Inter Counties competition in Stoke.

The first round of ESAA Schools Cup Competition was held in Macclesfield for East Cheshire. The Junior Girls team finished in 2nd place (with a team total of 283 points) and the Junior Boys were 4th (268pts).

They both went on to represent Cheshire and compete in the NW Regional B Finals competition at Ellesmere Port, against 10 schools from Merseyside, Cheshire, Manchester and Lancashire, where the JG finished in 7th place (285pts) and the JB were 10th (243pts). Hopefully they will be keen to build on these performances next year.

It was wonderful to hear that recent leaver Sam Danson (2022), competed in his first international competition, representing England in the Welsh U20 International. He won the Long Jump with a pb of 7.22m. Sam is a real inspiration to our athletes, and we wish him all the best for future success.

LB

CRICKET



Boys' Cricket

U12A Boys

The U12As sealed an excellent season by producing an assured all-round performance against Sandbach to lift the Cheshire Cup and book their place in the U13 2023 National Cup. Oscar Howarth (27) and Will Birchenall (28) were the main batting contributors as the boys posted a challenging 126-8 in their 20 overs. In reply, Sandbach were reduced to 19 for 3 wickets by James Heald (3-13), including a key catch behind by Ben Holder to remove the Sandbach captain. Sandbach never recovered, and further wickets from Oscar Howarth, Will Birchenall, James Cresswell and Thomas Nugent confirmed the win.

Overall, 14 victories were achieved out of 15 matches by a squad full of strong all-rounders who were all keen to bat and bowl. Oscar Howarth led from the front with several excellent batting displays, including 66* at Lancaster RGS, 63* against Denstone, 58 at Bolton and 54* against the Kingsway School. Other very good runs came from a variety of sources, including Ben Holder (70* at Lancaster and



50* against Denstone) and Tom Dyer (51* at Birkenhead and 46 at Bolton), who both built some fine innings. Oliver Hodgson demonstrated a range of shots and excellent running in his top scores of 40* against St Ambrose and 38* at Birkenhead, and Thomas Nugent displayed good intent in his unbeaten 39 and 31 against Wilmslow and Merchant Taylors'. Other valuable 20s came from James Cresswell (including 20* at Birkenhead and 20 against Merchant Taylors'), Seb Stead (22* against SGS), Tom Kennedy (20* against SGS) and Jack Doyle (24 against St Ambrose).

William Birchenall provided valuable intent and impetus when he came to the crease, as did Zac Harper, who also ran well between the wickets. Elijah Gaddum opened the innings to good effect



on two occasions, whilst James Heald, Evan Langman and Jack Hutchins all showed potential when they had the opportunity. Wickets were shared around with all the boys making valuable contributions. James Heald made the new ball his own, with a best of 3-4 at Lancaster. Oliver Hodgson often partnered him, and his ability to attack the stumps at pace earned him two wickets at Bolton and three against the Kingsway School. Thomas Nugent was also direct, and he took regular wickets, including two in the tight cup win at St Ambrose and against SGS. Captain Howarth also bowled with pace and movement and claimed important victims, none more so than in his excellent 4 over spell in the last ball cup win over Altrincham Grammar School and in the game against SGS.

Sebastian Stead and William Birchenall also provided valuable wicket-taking ability and control, whilst further important seam bowling contributions came from Zac Harper (including 2 wickets at CHS), Evan Langman (3 wickets at Birkenhead), Will Johnson (2 wickets against SGS) and Jack Hutchins. The spin bowling was shared between James Cresswell, Elijah Gaddum and Tom Dyer. All three showed great potential and took important wickets. Elijah Gaddum claimed a best of 4 wickets for just one run at CHS, and Tom Dyer's best two-wicket performance came at Lancaster. However, the outstanding bowling performance of the season came from James Cresswell, who produced a fantastic spell of leg spin bowling to claim 7-20 in his six overs.

SPORT Highlights

CRICKET



U12Bs Boys

The U12s had a very successful season with the emphasis very much on a team performance throughout, and with that in mind I feel it only fair that the concentration should be on that rather than individual efforts in each match.

The boys began with good wins over Denstone and Cheadle, followed by another victory away at Lancaster. Defeat then came at the hands of NULS, but as this was their A team, I'm not sure if that counts! A narrow last over loss to MGS was the result in the next game, but the boys came back well to record two more victories at Bolton and Birkenhead.

The rain finally arrived to threaten the final fixture, but the team managed to defeat that and King's Chester to finish the season as they started it in fine style. It was indeed a team effort all the way, with players from both squads integrating well, and my thanks to Mr Thomson for all his help and support. It is only fair to mention scores of over 50 for Mason Smethurst and Ruben Tilling Jones, and in the last match



a return of 2 overs 1 maiden 5 wickets for 1 run for Jack Hutchins. The boys' conduct was exemplary throughout the season and they were a pleasure to coach, and once again I was delighted to be involved.

Fred Slater

U13A Boys

This season has been one filled with enthusiasm, respect, and the true embodiment of sportsmanship. The U13A team played the game in the right spirit, showcasing their talent and passion for the sport.

One of the highlights was the team's remarkable journey to the National Cup quarter final. The road to the quarter-finals was paved with incredible victories, showcasing the team's potential.

In the quarter final, they faced a formidable MGS side, and though they narrowly missed out on a win, they left the field with their heads held high, having given it their all. Strong victories were seen against RGS Newcastle, Stockport and Cheadle.

Throughout the season, the U13A team displayed their prowess on the pitch, securing an impressive 12 wins. Coaching this group of young and talented individuals has been an absolute pleasure. Their willingness to learn, grow, and their exemplary behaviour on and off the field made every moment memorable. The respect they showed for their opponents, coaches, and the game itself was truly commendable.

The future is undoubtedly bright for this team. If they continue to play together and nurture their skills, there is no doubt that they will have the potential to become a great side. The team comprises some exceptionally talented players who have the potential to achieve great heights in the sport.

One of the more heart-warming aspects of this season was witnessing how much the boys enjoyed the experience. Their passion for cricket was evident in every match they played. Their commitment to the game was unwavering, and their enthusiasm was infectious.

TB



SPORT Highlights

CRICKET



U14 Boys

The U14 team has once again had a remarkable season. With 10 victories out of 13 games, this group of talented young cricketers has shown their dedication, teamwork, and undeniable skill.

What makes this season's achievements even more remarkable is the fact that the team often had to compete without 3 or 4 key players in their Saturday games. This adversity only seemed to fuel their determination to succeed, and they consistently delivered exceptional performances.

One of the standout achievements of this season is the team's undefeated streak in cup cricket. Building on their previous successes in the Cheshire Cup as U12 and U13 champions, the U14 team clinched yet another title. Their resounding victory against King's Chester in the Cheshire Cup final not only secured their status as county champions but also earned them the opportunity to represent Cheshire in the National Cup. A cup that the team won as U13s in 2022.

The U14 team boasts an impressive roster of four genuine all-rounders who all represented the 1st XI at various points in the season. This versatility has provided valuable opportunities for every member of the squad to contribute to the team's success.

Standout performances throughout the season deserve special recognition. Will Hayes emerged as the batter of the season, consistently delivering exceptional displays with the

U13B Boys

The U13B team had an excellent 2023 season, showing resilience, teamwork, and tremendous talent. The season kicked off with a thrilling encounter against Stockport Grammar. The team emerged victorious, clinching a hard-fought win by a margin of 10 runs. The team's determination and skills set the tone for the season ahead, promising exciting cricket battles.

In their second match, the U13B faced Cheadle, and the team did not disappoint. They displayed their dominance with a massive 76-run victory. Top-order batters like Freddie Bartle, Charles Burns, and the reliable wicketkeeper Tom Machin played pivotal roles in this exceptional win. All-rounders Laurence Riley and Ed Lovett showcased their versatility, contributing significantly to the team's success.

Following these strong victories, the team faced challenges in the form of MGS and Lancaster. These matches were closely contested, and while King's put up a valiant effort, they narrowly lost. Despite these defeats, the team demonstrated their resilience and ability to compete at a high level.

The team finished the season on a high note, securing victories against Wilmslow, Bolton School, Merchant Taylors' and

King's Chester. These wins were a testament to the team's unwavering commitment and determination to end the season with their heads held high.

Several players stood out as key contributors to the team's success. Top-order batters Freddie Bartle and Charles Burns consistently provided a solid foundation for the team's innings. Wicketkeeper Tom Machin showcased his skills behind the stumps and with the bat. All-rounders Laurence Riley and Ed Lovett were invaluable assets, contributing both with the bat and ball. Oliver Halfpenny, known for his hard-hitting ability, consistently scored valuable runs, often taking the team to competitive totals. Meanwhile, Miles Smethurst had a spectacular season, displaying exceptional talent and contributing significantly to the team's overall performance.

The strength of the King's U13B squad was evident as many players were called up to play in the A teams as well. The team celebrated their standout performers at the end of the season. Fred Slater was recognised as the Bowler of the Year, consistently taking crucial wickets for the team. Laurence Riley was named Batter of the Year for his consistent run-scoring and all-round contributions.

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SPORT Highlights

CRICKET



bat. All-rounder and bowler of the season Alfie Usher proved to be a game-changer, contributing both with the bat and the ball, often single-handedly securing victories for the team. Jack Saunders was acknowledged as the most improved player, showcasing his commitment to personal growth and development.

The success of this U14 cricket team extends beyond their impressive season record. Four of their players have represented Cheshire, and many have excelled in club and district cricket. With such a talented and dedicated group of young cricketers, the future of the team looks exceptionally promising.

The U14 cricket team can be proud of their outstanding achievements and look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Their unwavering dedication to the sport and each other is a testament to their potential for future success.

SM

U15 Boys

While the statistics of 10 wins and 6 losses may not look overly impressive, this was an excellent season for the U15s. The team



played with a different Saturday side, Cheshire Cup side and National Cup side. With key players dropping back into that age group for cup fixtures. The National Cup side was strengthened by the inclusion of four U14 players, along with the returning skipper, Christian Smith, and the opening bowler, Lewis Wheeldon. The Saturday performances were a testament to the unity and dedication of a large and hard-working squad.

Harry Boyd's remarkable spells, especially his heroics in the National Cup semi-final against a very strong Rugby School, showcased his exceptional talent. King's defended a challenging total of 180, with Liam Yahathugoda's crucial 81*. Harry Boyd rightfully earned the title of Bowler of the Season, just pipping the excellent Joe Bailey-Heald and Harry Bolton to the award.

Sam McDowell was an ever-present force and often provided the impetus at the start of an innings. None more memorable

than his rapid 48 against Repton in the National Cup. Sam secured the Batter of the Year award. But again, there were many notable performances.

Charlie Cresswell continued to impress with both bat and ball, forming a match-winning partnership of 141 runs with Joe Moores (who scored a splendid 132 from just 74 balls) against Newcastle Boys in the National KO. Arthur Scrase's all-round contributions earned him the Junior Player of the Year award, showcasing his significant development over the season. Simon Shadwell had another good season and with Callum Richardson, Ollie Hufton and Will Cheney all making key contributions along the way.

The team's run in the Cheshire Cup ended at the semi-final stage against Tytherington School. Despite the bowlers' valiant efforts, a strong Tytherington side managed to scrape home by just one wicket, marking a rare setback for the team. The U15 team's journey to the National Cup final was nothing short of sensational. In a competition that starts with over 1,300 teams, the side must first win a county cup to go through to the National Rounds. Beating Repton by 5 wickets, Newcastle Boys School by 151 runs and MGS by 30 runs (Christian Smith an excellent 75) in the North Final.

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title of Bowler of the Season (just pipping the excellent Joe Bailey-Heald and Harry Bolton to the award). King's defended a challenging total of 180, with the prolific Liam Yahathugoda's crucial 81* a key innings. The Rugby School victory was notable for Liam's batting and an excellent all-round bowling performance but, as always in the cup run, exceptional fielding and captaincy from Christian Smith.

The team headed to Oakham School for the National Cup Final against Epsom College with great confidence. Unfortunately, Epsom College were too strong on the day. In a cup run when at least one of the batters has always managed to dig the team out of a hole, the wickets kept falling on the biggest of all stages. In a tournament that starts with over 1,300 teams it was only the third time the school has reached the National final.

As the U15s now transition to the senior teams, with the promise of a strong first XI in the coming seasons, the future of King's cricket looks bright, thanks to the outstanding efforts of this U15 team.

1st XI

The relatively young nature of the 2022 1st XI transitioned into this season full of hope. Many of the squad had already been awarded their tenth appearance, unique numbered cap, so the side had plenty of experience. The season started at Denstone College on a damp Saturday afternoon in April. Whilst King's were rather toothless with the bat, once the oppositions



No. 3 batter was dismissed for 56, wickets fell, but to no avail. Remarkably, the only debutant in the 1st game of the season was Lewis Wheeldon who opened the bowling for most of the season!

In the T20 National Cup group stages, and after a humbling defeat to Altrincham Boys, the first win of the campaign came against King's Chester. Liam Yahathugoda's 5 wickets, limited the batting side to 90. Captain Harrison Milner and Fin Nash opened the batting and both flew to 30 before being dismissed, but the damage was done. This victory initiated a 3-game winning streak with wins against local rivals' Cheadle and Sandbach. Cheadle had recovered to 100 for 5 before Christian Smith ran out their in-form batter, with a brilliant pick-up and throw at cover (not the last Smith run out of the season!).

RGS Lancaster were the first game in a run of four defeats. Whilst the players were disappointed with

these results, they offered a lot of promise moving forward. James Hartley's 5 wickets followed tight but wicketless spells from ever-present opener Oliver Jennings and rugby star come cricketer Toby Wilson. Lancaster were limited to 205. Yahathugoda, Smith and Nash all made starts before being dismissed. Joe Moores reached his first senior 50 of the season, but sadly King's ran out of wickets whilst ahead of the run rate. Newcastle-Under-Lyme were the next opponents and in this particular game it was not a good toss to lose. A wet stodgy pitch saw our batters collapse to a season low of 61 all out, the pick of the batters was Leo Burns on debut, who opened the batting and despite strong efforts in the field, it was never a defensible total.

Possibly the most thrilling game of the season was at MGS: Liam Yahathugoda scored 40 opening the batting and was accompanied by our No. 5, Christian Smith who top scored with 65*. The game came down to the final over with 2 needed off 2 balls. MGS just got over the line as they had wickets to spare and could take some risks at the end of the innings.

A reverse fixture at Cheadle completed the disappointing run of results, but yet again there was plenty to be positive about. Archie Close and Freddie Griffiths kick started a rich vein of form with the bat scoring 44 and 24 respectively. King's had two debutants; bowlers Arthur Scrase and Alfie Usher who both performed well, Usher claiming 2 scalps late on in the innings. King's scored 205 in 37 overs and pushed the hosts all the way to the final over.





Back-to-back wins on the road vs Merchant Taylors' Crosby and Birkenhead School, were the culmination of some explosive batting. Harrison Milner led the way in the first of the two games, with a 50 superbly accompanied by a 52* for Fin Nash. Whilst Fred Riordan did what Fred Riordan does and blasted some runs at the end of an innings, to top the teams score up. In his 1st game for the senior side Charlie Creswell took 2 wickets at an economical rate.

At Birkenhead, though the headlines were all written for Freddie Griffiths who calmly stepped his way to a maiden century, 126* off 83 balls. This milestone hunting seemed to start a trend. A week later, Joe Moores scored 122 for his maiden 1st XI century as the team lost to the MCC by 22 runs, Moores had scored a number of centuries inside and outside of school this season.



Two Australian touring teams visited prior to the end of season Festival at Barnard Castle. Opener Jennings showed Ashes style mentality taking 3 wickets in his opening spell vs Kent Street (Perth).

The Festival squad was severely depleted, missing 7 regular 1st XI players through no fault of their own. Tough losses to Rossal and Edinburgh did not dampen the players' spirits and the relatively inexperienced make-up of the side showed real grit and a superb attitude throughout the week.

Year 13 leavers Archie Close and Harrison Milner showed superb leadership skills, the latter finishing off a 2-year captaincy spell for the school. Archie Close scored 58 in the first game that had few highlights for King's.

In the second and third encounters, the lesser experienced trio of Ed Hammond, Callum Richardson and Ollie Hufton showed they were not phased by senior cricket. All three taking wickets, Hammond 3 vs the hosts and Hufton 4 vs Edinburgh Academy. Callum Richardson combined his wickets day 1 with a score of 23 off 21 balls in the same match. Ollie Hufton was named Player of the Festival for King's after 43 off 26 on the final day.

The pinnacle performance of the week, however, was reserved for Oliver Farrer, 101 not out off 89 balls! This performance vs Barnard Castle topped a really positive season for the side. We look forward to watching their progress over the coming seasons!

Girls' Cricket

U12s Girls

The Year 7 girls made a very enthusiastic start to their cricketing journey at King's, with a great attendance at weekly training sessions and additional nets practice. Pippa Allen and Liv Byrne also attended weekly training sessions with the boys; this endeavour coupled with their performances during the season saw them awarded with the most improved players of the season. A total of 22 girls represented the school in the 8 fixtures, with 3 wins 3 losses, a draw and one match against NULs abandoned due to a torrential thunderstorm!

The team also participated in a pairs cricket tournament at Birkenhead School in June finishing second out of 8 teams. They won their first 3 matches, but unfortunately lost in the final.

The majority of the girls' fixtures were played as 'pairs cricket', which meant that all 8 players had to both bat and bowl. This ensured that all girls were able to showcase their talents and gain valuable practice at both disciplines. Aaliyah Hammad kept wicket for the majority of fixtures and showed some great athleticism behind the stumps. A number of different captains were selected to give the girls an opportunity to practice their leadership skills, but special mention goes to Lucy Worthington who led by example when playing and encouraged all



players to perform to their best. For this she was given Coaches Player. A promising start and we look forward to building upon the team's success next year.

U13s Girls

The 2023 season for the U13s was a very mixed one, with the girls' matches being cancelled, postponed and team selection being an obstacle. However, some matches did go ahead. With history being made by the U13s when they played the very first girls' match on the Wilson Field in May, in the County Cup. King's won the toss and decided to field, letting Cheadle Hulme take the batting crease and work out the field, they steadily made good progress and finished their innings with 106 runs.

King's went into bat but it was going to be a tough ask. The girls stayed in the game with a good run rate to start the innings but as wickets were taken, the run rate slowed down and a chance of winning the match was harder to grasp. Unfortunately, the girls ended their innings on 74 runs and were out of the competition. The opposition had some very competent bowlers who play for Cheshire and were able to manipulate the ball against some of our batters. The girls should be happy with the overall result as there were some great spells of magic and skills on show and with the format of 11 a-side rules, they played well.

Other games were against NULS with a defeat, another two matches against CHS with one loss and one win and, to finish the season, against King's Chester which was a softball match with a very mixed team ending in a loss.

Throughout training and matches this season, the girls have learnt so many skills and how to play the game with a better understanding. When next season arrives, the girls will be equipped from the off and should make good progress in matches.

MJS

U14 Girls

The season of 2023 was a historic one for Girls' cricket at King's: the first girls match was played on the Wilson Field and the U15s (who were made up of all U14s) made it to the County Cup Final for the first time since its inception. The U14 team has trained incredibly hard all winter with Mr Harris, honing their skills and their confidence with a hard ball. Their progress since September has been phenomenal and the whole squad should be really proud of themselves.

The 2023 season provided more opportunities to play against local opposition and competitive games were a blend of pairs, soft ball and hard ball cricket. It is our intention to provide a full season of competitive games next year, as long as our opposition is able to match our progress. The first match this year resulted in a resounding 10 wicket win against

NULS; highlights from the match include Anya Clayton taking 5 wickets. Against The Grange we played a pairs match which allowed all players to bowl or bat. The pick of the bowlers were Alex Cooper and Grace Ingleby who got 2 wickets each. Imogen Nugent showed that her winter of nets were worthwhile; smashing boundaries all over the pitch. Our first full match against Cheadle U14s resulted in a 3 wicket win; this provided good preparation for upcoming Cup games. Highlights include Imogen Nugent and Farrah Phillips (2 wickets) and a 62 partnership between Imogen Nugent and Ava Finnegan.

Our first Cup match against Upton Hall was played on the Wilson Pitch and was extremely well supported by parents and staff. The players continued their commanding form and played some extremely high calibre cricket. Highlights include Farrah Phillips (2 wickets) and Anya Clayton (3 wickets). We chased Upton's score easily and won by 24 runs. The final game of the season was the Cheshire Cup Final against Cheadle's U15 team. Their opening pair were very good players and we created several near chances due to some excellent bowling and fielding. Unfortunately, we fell short in our run chase, but learned some valuable lessons that will help next year in our cup run.

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CROSS COUNTRY



King's has some very talented runners who have had an excellent Cross Country season this year. The first event was the ESAA Schools Cup Competition in October, held in Warrington.

This was a flat, fast course, run in the Autumn sunshine. The Junior Girls team (Years 7 and 8) won the event and qualified for the regional finals, with fantastic runs from Grace Taylor (2), Lola Bianchi (7), Aaliyah Hammad (10), Eva Sheppard (16), Tilly Collins (17), Daisy Whittington (20) and Lottie Winterton (23). The Junior boys team finished in 4th place: Bobby Tomlinson (2), Aidan Wagg (17), Harry Irving (26), James Heald (36) and Jasper Blackwell (44).

The Inter boys' team were also 4th - Jamie McCabe (6), Ross Hallinan (11), Hugo Blackwell (13), Raph Sherry (18), Stan Slater (29) and Matthew Gass (39). The Inter Girls ran well but unfortunately didn't have enough runners to make a full team: Ava Bygrave (6), Neave Stanway (16) and Esme Sutton (18).

At the Regional finals at Bromsgrove School in November, the Junior Girls team competed against some tough opposition. They finished in a very credible 7th place out of 12 with a team total of 130 points. Grace Taylor had a very good run (18th), along with Lola Bianchi (29), Aaliyah Hammad (33), Eva Sheppard (50), Lottie Winterton (51) and Tilly Collins (53) out of a strong field of 75 runners.



King's runners dominated the Macclesfield & District Cross Country Championships with the Minor Girls and Junior Girls teams winning their competitions, and the Minor Boys and Junior Boys teams finishing in 9th and 2nd place respectively. 17 pupils gained selection to represent the Macclesfield Cross country teams at the County Cross Country Championships.

In the Spring term, 17 King's pupils represented Macclesfield in the Cheshire Schools' County Cross Country on 4 February at Knights Grange. In the Minor's races; Harry Irving was 23rd, Aaliyah Hammad 13th, Eva Sheppard 15th and Penny O'Brien finished in 27th place. Aaliyah and Eva were invited to run

for Cheshire in an Inter Counties competition against Merseyside in March. In the Junior Boys race, Ross Hallinan had a good run, finishing in 14th position and Hugo Blackwell was 17th. Stan Slater finished in 30th.

Sadly, Bobby Tomlinson did not finish the race due to an injury. Lalli Brown and Grace Taylor both had brilliant runs in the Junior Girls race, finishing 7th and 8th respectively and were selected to represent Cheshire in the National Cross Country Finals in March. Lola Bianchi and Ava Bygrave finished in very respectable 19th and 21st place. In the Inter Boy's race, Jamie McCabe earned himself Cheshire selection for the National Finals too.

At the prestigious ESAA National Cross Country Finals at Wollaton Park Nottingham, Jamie McCabe ran especially well, finishing as Cheshire's fourth counter. He was 248th amongst a strong field of approximately 350 runners. Unfortunately, Lalli Brown and Grace Taylor were unable to run. The season closed with Year 7 pupils, Aaliyah Hammad and Eva Sheppard running for Cheshire in an Inter Counties Cross Country in March at Ellesmere Port Athletics Village.

Well done to all runners who competed and best wishes for further success next year.

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EQUESTRIAN



The Equestrian Squad have had a fantastic year, qualifying for both the Autumn Championship at Keysoe and the Spring Championship at All England Jumping Course, Hickstead.

The King's Team comprises of pupils from Year 4 to Year 12; Libby James is in Year 4, Poppy Holding, Oliver Ravenscroft and Rubi Ambrey Brosnahan are all in Year 8. Issy Lyons and Emily Carter are in Year 9, Georgina Lyons is in Year 11 and Freddie James is in Year 12.

The Autumn Championship provided some challenging weather conditions, which resulted in flooded stables and riding arenas, despite this the team performed magnificently achieving 4th place out of 21 teams. This was a national competition which really proves how strong the King's Equestrian Team is.

The team had an exceptional weekend at the Spring Championship at Hickstead. Classes included the Le Mieux Eventers' Challenge, the Mochara Inter-County Dressage Championships, and the Oliver Bonas Inter-County Show Jumping Championship. Each championship class had up to 48 teams from around the UK competing for the placings, making it very



competitive. The King's Team secured placings within the top 10 for all seven classes they had qualified for, once again proving their consistency and talent.

Special mentions go to Poppy Holding and Libby James. Poppy was individually placed 8th out of 102 competitors in the 90cm-95cm Show Jumping Championship. Libby is the youngest member of the Equestrian Squad, a great competitor who has supported the team's campaign to secure top placings.

Thanks to all the team members and their excellent support crew, without whom the Squad could not have achieved such an amazing set of results. We are looking forward to building on our success in the new season.

SPORT Highlights

GOLF



Pupils have been attending Prestbury Golf Club for lessons with PGA professional Mark Pilling on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. During these lessons, pupils work on putting, chipping and long game and have, at times, had chance to go out on the recently renovated course for playing experience.

With matches against other schools, King's were eliminated in the first round of the ISGA trophy and the first round of the HMC foursomes last year, but were lucky enough to play Royal Liverpool Golf Club as part of one of these matches.

GSR



HOCKEY



Boys' Hockey

1st XI

This was a highly successful season, marked by exceptional achievements, impressive victories, and determination. From the very beginning of the season, the First XI hockey team demonstrated their commitment to excellence. After only winning two games in the previous season, they strung six consecutive victories together, showcasing their exceptional skill, tactical prowess, and a relentless drive to succeed. These early triumphs set a solid foundation for the rest of the season and instilled a sense of confidence within the team.

Notable wins against St Anselm's and Wirral Grammar School further highlighted the team's exceptional abilities. These victories were hard-fought battles, and the boys showed immense determination. They then beat Merchant Taylors' and Birkenhead in convincing fashion.

The team had tough matches against Denstone College and Altrincham Grammar School. These results brought the boys closer together and allowed the team to grow and adapt to tactics that didn't work against the better sides.

Throughout the season, the First XI hockey team exhibited remarkable resilience and courage, which served as the bedrock of their

success. Regardless of the situation on the field, the boys remained composed, focused, and determined. Their ability to bounce back from setbacks and maintain a positive mindset was truly commendable and a testament to their character and mental strength.

The team's regular attendance at training sessions played a crucial role in their overall performance. Their unwavering commitment to practice exemplified their dedication and desire to constantly improve their skills. The regular training sessions not only enhanced their individual abilities but also fostered a strong sense of camaraderie and teamwork within the squad.

The First XI hockey team's performance this season exemplifies the values of resilience, courage, and commitment. Their achievements deserve recognition, and their hard work and dedication should be commended. Looking ahead, with the same level of determination, skill, and teamwork, the First XI hockey team is well-positioned to continue their success and reach even greater heights in the future.

Mr Briggs



2nd XI

This was a season of growth and development for the boys' 2nd XI hockey. A young and enthusiastic squad gained a great deal from weekly training with the 1st XI, and they were keen to test themselves in matches. Unfortunately, they were often disappointed by opposition schools who regularly reneged on fixtures, often at short notice. As a result, victories were in short number as schools only seemed to want to play when they could be competitive! The highlight of the season came in the form of a 6-0 win at Newcastle-Under-Lyme School. The convincing victory resulted from some excellent passing and movement, as well as some fine finishing and goalkeeping. It was comfortably the best performance of the season, whilst a 1-1 draw was the most frequent result, against St Anselm's, Wirral Grammar and Bolton School.

Ben Kay had an excellent season in goal, with some superb shot stopping, whilst the defensive platform was built around Alex Court, James Price and the experienced Raphael Pfister (when available). When not playing for the 1st XI, Nick Reynolds and Aaron Raymon were a "tour de force", and their presence helped the development of Sam Burns, Abdul Khalil and Matthew Craig when they were employed in defence as well. Elijah Willcocks showed that he could play in most positions, including in goal, whilst Aidan Hague was also used in a range of roles. The midfield leg work and

direction were generally supplied by Fin Nash, the hard-working Conor Dunnigan and Oliver Craig, whilst the attacking threat generally came from Ali Hussain and Sam Kilvert.

The 2nd XI squad were a great group of lads to work with, and with further practice and game exposure they will continue to improve as their love of the game grows.

CST

U15

The team had a good season, seeing a mixture of results throughout. The start of the year saw good attendance at trainings and competition for spots was tough. The team started the season with comfortable wins over St Anselm's, Sandbach and Rossall School. At the start of the year, the team had a tough loss to Caldys Grange, losing 5-0, however when the boys played them the second time round, it was a tight 1-0 defeat, which could have gone either way. This demonstrated the team's development and determination to do better each game they played.

The boys then played Bishop Vesey's Grammar School in the U15 Plate. It was the team's best performance of the year. The game finished 2-2 and went to penalties. Although losing 1-3 in penalties, the team played their hearts out and the penalty takers showed leadership and bravery. The game could have gone either way and the boys took the loss very maturely. Commitment to training after school was good all

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year and allowed the team to get well. It also developed their skills and the team got used to how one another played and this made for some very competitive training sessions throughout the year. We had multiple players play up in the Senior Boy's Hockey and U16 hockey team, which highlights the depth and strength of the squad. There is no doubt that if this team sticks together and continue to play, that they will find success in the near future.

Overall, this team has a lot of potential and we were all very proud with the way they approached the season in such a mature way. They were committed to Saturday fixtures and trainings and this all aided to provide a productive season, with both development of skills and character. Well done U15 Boys on a great season.

Mr Briggs

U14

The boys played brilliantly throughout the season, demonstrating courage, determination and consistency as the season progressed. The team ended on 9 wins, 3 draws and 4 losses with a goal difference of +20. This is impressive and the team deserved to have won this many games. The team started the season off with comprehensive wins over St Anselm's, Cheadle Hulme and Wellington School in the County Cup. There was plenty of competition for places, with good numbers attending games lessons and after-school trainings.

These games set the tone for the season and put us in good shape to qualify for the Nationals.

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Prior to this, the boys lost narrowly to Sandbach, as well as a tough loss to Denstone College. These losses built the team's resilience, and the boys became closer as teammates. They kept fighting throughout and never stopped trying and should be commended for their work rate throughout the season.

The team worked hard and made it to the National Finals T2 in Nottingham. It was a great occasion for the boys who relished the opportunity by coming second in their pool to advance to the 3rd V 4th playoff. Playing against a tough Katherine Lady Berkeley's School, the boys fought hard to the end and finished 4th in the country, which they should all be very proud of.

They were a pleasure to coach and are a talented bunch of players. I hope they have all learnt something from this season and I hope that they all want to progress as hockey players in the seasons to come.

Mr Briggs

U13A

The team showed some excellent progress this season. Many of the team have now joined local hockey clubs and their exposure to the game at different levels is proving invaluable. A large and hardworking squad played mainly 7 a side fixtures as A and B teams. The side had a number of standout performers, club



players Harry Hardcastle and Billy Bennett were key players but the emergence of Ben Campbell, Ed Lovett and the two Oscars (Wolff and Diwakar) added real stability at the back and creativity in midfield. Austin Bale and Lucas Burns were also key figures, able to play in all positions on the pitch. The skills and goal scoring ability of Jack Williams up front gave the side a real edge.

After a flying start to the season with 9 wins on the run, the team found themselves missing out by a single late goal in a number of fixtures. The team was paying well but occasionally conceding on the break when they had been having most of the attack. These experiences will make the team stronger and although frustrating it was far better to be playing close matches rather than winning games by a large margin (which

had been the case early in the season). The second half of the season saw the emergence of some really strong prospects. Jasper Blackwell and Noah Wilde established themselves as key 'A' team players and Oliver Halfpenny (winner of the most improved player award) had some outstanding performances with some great goals. A special mention for two excellent keepers; Gabriel Wade played most of the A team games with Brodie Clarke who had excellent games for both A and B. Gabriel finished the season as the player of the year. A strong squad are more than ready to make the move into U14 hockey and 11 a side fixtures on full size pitches.

U13B

The team had an outstanding season, finishing with 11 wins and just two losses. Their remarkable performance saw them scoring 59 goals while conceding only 20 throughout the season. The season started with an early loss to Calday Grange, but the team bounced back with sensational victories against Sandbach, St Anselm's, and The Grange School. From there, they embarked on an impressive unbeaten run until the penultimate game of the season



when they came up against Calday Grange (the only team to beat them all season).

The team's success was a result of excellent teamwork and individual performances. Brodie Clarke showcased his goalkeeping skills, while Noah Wild, Oliver Chang, Max Brackley, and Thomas Hughes (who joined the team late in the season) provided great strength in defence. The pick of the bunch was Jasper Blackwell, who was so influential that he earned promotion to the A team.

Harry Boddy, Archie Russell, Jack Hodgson, Austin Bale, and James Unsworth all made strong contributions to the team's success. Notably, the Tugby Brothers (Jude and Oliver), Lucas Burns and Dylan Fineberg had outstanding seasons as well, along with Aidan Wagg, who was a constant attacking threat. Alvin Raju, Louis Brindley, Alex Price and Harry Serafi also made valuable contributions over the season.

These talented players are looking forward to the next challenge, aiming to make their mark in the Under 14 team next season, where they will transition to playing 11-a-side fixtures. It was a super season for this dedicated group of young athletes.

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skill and game understanding in his principal role at the centre of defence. Matthew Gale also combined speed and skill to good effect in defence, whilst James Wharfe made clear progress in his reading of the game and linking with teammates.

Zach Thompson proved himself to be a fast learner who regularly made runs into threatening attacking positions, and Andrew Sellars developed well as the team's goalkeeper: he made some excellent saves and improved his positioning. When available, Zac Harper made a significant impact with his commitment and determination to influence the game. Harry Irving, Ben Holder and Mason Smethurst all showed considerable potential to develop into strong hockey players in the years to come, and William Ledger showed much promise as a goalkeeper.

The season's record was very encouraging with seven victories over: The Grange, Cheadle Hulme School, St Anselm's, Denstone,

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Wirral, Bolton, Calday Grammar School; as well as draws with St Edward's, Rossall School and Birkenhead. The boys also performed particularly well to finish 3rd in the North West Finals and reach the North Finals.

CST

U12B

Season 2022-23 was an encouraging season of development for the U12B team as they won five and drew one of their eleven matches. Over the season they scored 25 goals and conceded just ten, which demonstrates the strength of their performance.

A large number of boys earned selection for the team over the year, which reflected the excellent numbers at training and the continued 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. Josh Feery did an excellent job as goalkeeper, as did other budding net-minders such as William Ledger, and they were a key factor in the team keeping a clean sheet in five out of the eleven games.

Jacob Fitton led by example and deserved his player of the season award, with Oliver Healey earning the most improved award for a series of high energy and committed performances.

Harry Weston and Miles Xodo-Rose performed well in defence, often ably supported by Matteo Magro, Harry Kaye and Zachary Johnson. William Johnson was a determined and capable performer who made a significant impact, as did Evan Langman and Ben Holder when the 12-a-side rugby season ended.

Harry Irving showed great stamina over the season, along with a developing set of skills, and Bailey Denham made a big impression in midfield and in front of goal. Other important forward influences were Noah Bryan Mujahid and



Sam Littler who adopted some threatening positions high up the pitch, and they often benefited from Max Porter and Ollie Wallen who created some good chances for the team from wide positions. Joseph MacKenzie was another key team player when he was available, and Sef Cooper showed his competitive instincts in midfield.

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Girls' Hockey

Senior 1st XI and 2nd XI

This year the Senior 1st XI Hockey Squad was co-captained by Molly Bridgewater and Georgia Aspray, a fantastic duo who showed great organisation, passion for the game and most of all were amazing role models for other players. The 2nd XI squad was captained by Jess Haywood who showed great attitude, determination and composure on the pitch.

The season began with a successful pre-season held in Nottingham which included two nights away, team building activities and fixtures at Nottingham Hockey Centre. The players had an amazing weekend and many new friendships were formed amongst the different year groups. The team came 3rd overall out of 11 schools, winning bronze on sudden death penalty flick, a lovely way to end pre-season ready for the upcoming fixtures.

Early in the season, we hosted a touring side from Argentina where both the 1st XI and 2nd XI teams competed against some extremely physical, skilful players.



Both teams displayed some fantastic passing hockey and battled to the end. Both King's teams came out on top with a 2-1 and 3-1 win.

The Senior 1st XI had a good run in the National Schools Tier 2 Competition with wins in the first 3 rounds against King's Chester, Ellesmere College and Altrincham Grammar. The team then travelled to Solihull to play in the torrential rain in round 4. Solihull were a well drilled side and King's put up a good fight, losing out 3-0 and sadly being knocked out of the competition.

In the Independent Schools Cup Competition, the players travelled to Trent College. King's played some outstanding hockey and defended like absolute warriors, however couldn't stop Trent's skilful players getting through, resulting in a 2-0 loss and moving into the plate. They then travelled to Austin Friars to play in round 1 of the plate. Both King's teams gained wins and into the next round. The 1st XI came up against Rossall, winning convincingly before meeting Wakefield in round 3. Unfortunately, this is where the cup run ended after a 3-0 loss, but a successful season in both competitions and one to be proud of.

The 2nd XI also had some well-deserved wins against Denstone, King's Chester and a draw against Westholme. Just before Christmas

the team played in the U18 NW Indoor Finals at Rossall School. After narrowly losing 1-0 to King's Chester after heading straight onto the pitch on arrival, they won all their other games, unfortunately just missing out on progressing to National Finals. This is the second year in a row that King's have been NW runners up, a promising start to indoor hockey at King's.

Christmas brought us more exciting hockey fixtures where the Senior Girls and Boys squads played against former pupils in a close well fought game, followed by a social. The game ended in a 6-2 win to current players. Another great catch up with King's former pupils and a reminder of the relationships players and staff have made over the years.



More success came the way of the 1st XI, when they travelled to King's Chester for the County Finals in March. King's were again determined to leave with a medal and shield having won last year and wanting to hold onto their County Champions title. The girls out played their opponents and were deserved winners of the Cheshire County Tournament.

At the end of March, we were again invited to the annual Senior 7s tournament at Cheadle Hulme. The girls dressed as 'Where's Wally' ready for a fun filled afternoon, making memories and playing some excellent hockey. After a narrow loss 1-2 to Sedburgh and a win, they progressed into the plate where they won their remaining games, finishing as plate winners. 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 The Botanist. An emotional evening saying goodbye to all our leavers and celebrating a fantastic season

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for both squads. All players found new friends, improved their games, trained with absolute determination and had such fun over the season. Thanks go to all the senior players who have coached over the year contributing hugely to the hockey programme, including Molly Bridgewater, Georgia Aspray and Maddie Lucchi, along with other players who helped in the organisation and running of tournaments.

The Coaches players of the season were awarded to Molly Bridgewater, Georgia Aspray, Lily Cook and Hattie Bailey. The most improved players of the season were awarded to Georgie Sanders and Jess Haywood. So many players had consistently outstanding performances throughout the season and made such an impact on the team. This was certainly another successful year for King's Hockey and hopefully all players will continue to play at club or university and keep creating memories.

SAH

U16

The U16 team were entered into the National Schools Competition and County Tournaments. They trained with the Senior Team as



a squad and many represented the 1st or 2nd XI in matches on a Wednesday afternoon.

The U16 team when competing in matches were a combination of U15 players and U16 players. The team competed in the prelim round of the County Tournament where they displayed some good passing hockey resulting in them progressing to the County Finals in March at King's.

A great day for the tournament, King's competed in some well fought matches, creating lots of goal scoring opportunities but unfortunately not quite converting all of their chances. King's finished 3rd at the County Finals, a good way to end the season.

Many of the squad will continue on at King's and represent the Senior Team next year, while we say goodbye to some who are moving on to new adventures.

SAH

U15

The U15 girls' hockey season proved to be a challenging one for the team ending with three wins, five losses, and two draws. The team faced strong opponents throughout the season, testing their skill, determination and resilience.

Despite the mixed results, there were notable highlights and performances. The wins against Shrewsbury, Rossall and Wakefield showcased the team's ability to execute tactics effectively, capitalise on scoring opportunities and work together as a cohesive unit. The girls demonstrated great determination and a never-give-up attitude, prevailing against tough competition.

The two draws in the season against Cheadle Hulme and Queen's Chester indicated the team's ability to compete against evenly matched opponents. These hard-fought matches showcased their resilience and ability to adapt to different game situations. The team displayed composure under pressure and a willingness to fight until the final whistle, ensuring that they didn't lose these closely contested encounters.

As the season concluded, the girls will be able to use the season as a valuable learning opportunity. By self-reflecting and analysing their performance they can identify areas for growth and focus on



these aspects as they progress into Year 11. In the light of this challenging season, the team's determination and spirit remained high throughout.

Mr Barnard

U14

The U14 girls trained with intensity all season and showed real commitment to the sport. With larger numbers at training, selection became difficult. It was great to be able to provide an opportunity for all players to play in fixtures and rotate the squad.

The players competed in the County round of the National Schools Competition early in the season in which they finished as winners. This meant they progressed onto NW Finals to be held at King's later in the year. The groundsman worked incredibly hard to get these matches on as the pitches were completely covered in snow. King's fought until the end of each game, leaving nothing on the pitch. They came out as deserved winners of the NW Tier 2 Finals, progressing to National Finals in Nottingham.

The team travelled to Nottingham Hockey Centre to compete against some of the top schools in the country. They spent the night in a local hotel and were extremely excited for this opportunity to represent King's and the NW. The team played against KES (0-2),

Bedford Modern (1-0), Ratcliffe (0-1) and St Aidan's (1-0) giving them a fantastic opportunity to compete against new opposition. King's finished 5th out of 8 schools in the National Finals and played some exceptional hockey, learning a lot along the way.

In March, they won the prelim round of the County Tournament, held at Fallibroome and progressed to County Finals at the end of March at King's. They put on a brilliant display of passing hockey, showing real grit and determination on the pitch. They drew against the eventual winners and narrowly missed out on being crowned champions only on goal difference, sometimes just the way sport goes. They should be incredibly proud of the season they have had and the achievements from this year. Congratulations to Ava Finnegan and Imogen Nugent



who were awarded with Coaches Player and Most Improved players of the season. Ava captained the team well, showing great leadership and commitment to hockey, consistently displaying a fantastic level of hockey. Imogen's game improved hugely over the season, showing a real confidence to try new skills and take players on.

Some of the players will be looking forward to heading to South Africa at the end of next season and competing against some strong opposition over there while experiencing the amazing culture.

U13A and B

The U13 season was a hugely successful one, with large numbers of players at training who showed commitment and worked hard throughout the year. There was a lot of competitive Saturday fixtures planned for both A and B teams alongside the ISHC, and U13 National School Competitions. This gave the players a fantastic opportunity to play against different teams not on their usual fixture list.

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The U13A team played 19 fixtures, won 15, lost 4 and finished with a goal difference of +40. In the first round of the Independent Schools Cup, they came up against Withington, putting out a great performance and progressing through to Cheadle Hulme in the next round. Unfortunately, with a 2-1 loss the team moved into the plate competition.

Bradford Grammar travelled to King's for a hard-fought game. The team were well composed and showed real grit and determination to progress again in this competition. With a 4-1 they then came up against Austin Friars. A road trip with the Senior Girls Team was a great experience for the players, allowing them to watch the Senior Girls on display and then being supported by them for their game. King's came away with a 10-0 win and went on to play Solihull in the 4th round. Solihull being known as a strong hockey school didn't phase the players.

They competed hard, and at full time it was a 3-3 draw, with extra time to be played, but Solihull came away with a 4-3 win ending the U13's cup run; a fantastic achievement from the players. The team went on to win the County round of the National Schools Tournament and progressed to the NW Finals held at AKS Lytham. Some more tough opposition to face, the team were up for the challenge in tough conditions. After an afternoon of competitive hockey, the team finished 4th.

The U13B team had a successful season with 13 wins, 5 losses



and a goal difference of +34. Some convincing wins included Altrincham Grammar, Abbotsholme, Withington, Rossall and Manchester High School. The team improved hugely which makes next season more exciting when the teams combine. Congratulations to Anoushka Mosca and Milly Hartley who received player of the season and Tilly Collins and Annie Batt for most improved players of the season.

U12

In the 2022/23 season, practice turnout was extremely high, which meant competition for places was competitive and several pupils represented both A and B squads over the season due to their commitment and improvements made. Each year we have pupils with limited hockey experience when they start in September and it is fantastic to see their improvement.

The 12As had a positive season, with 15 games played; 9 wins, 1 draw and 4 losses. The standard was set with an early 10-0 win against Altrincham Grammar School which demonstrated the players' prowess and power in front

of goal with several strikes from the edge of the 'D'. A particular highlight of the season was a 2-1 win vs King's Chester. The team played a fantastic brand of passing hockey, linking passages of play that opened up the opposition for some excellent strikes on goal. Anvi Lalwani was particularly strong in goal, saving a last-minute chance to secure victory. The players trained hard for the county tournament, but it was cancelled due to inclement weather. The players should be proud of their record over the 2022/23 season.

The 12Bs season demonstrated our strength in depth as a hockey School. In the 14 games played; 12 were wins and only 2 losses. A staggering 74 goals were scored and only 4 conceded. Anisha Kumar should be very proud of her record in goal. Highlights were a 9-0 win against Altrincham Grammar School and a 9-0 win against Rossall. 36 pupils represented the B team to give them the opportunity to press for a place in the A team and also opportunities to represent school in competitive fixtures.

Both teams have amazing support from parents who saw the work ethic that we value in our sides; play hard, but fair. This year group have excellent potential and I look forward to following their progress in the Independent Schools U13 cup competition next year. Special thanks go to Mrs Westbrook, Miss Cunliffe, Georgia Aspray and Molly Bridgewater.

JLD



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1st Team Senior Squad

The Senior Squad can reflect on a very successful season, finishing as U19 Cheshire Champions, taking 3rd place at the North West National Schools' Championships, reaching the quarter finals of the National Independent Schools Competition and achieving an overall win ratio of 82%, which is a fantastic achievement by the whole squad.

The U19 tournament saw over a dozen schools from across Cheshire compete in a tournament at The Grange in February. Initial wins over Sandbach 6-4 and Upton 17-6 and a draw against Alderley Edge 6-6 saw the team progress to the semi-finals playing against rival's Fallibroome. A determined and skilful display of netball saw them take a convincing win 14-8. They then faced an unbeaten Wilmslow High in the final but came out victorious 11-5.

On Saturday 28 January 2023, King's welcomed over 300 athletes to the North West round of the National School's Netball Tournament. With victories against Blue Coat school, Oldham 9-8; Stonyhurst 9-8; and Sedbergh



10-6, the seniors made a strong start against some determined and talented opposition. However, they lost in the next round to the eventual winners Wirral Grammar School 15-9 which meant they faced local rivals Cheadle Hulme in the semi-finals. Despite their best efforts and winning the second half they came off second best losing 8-5.

The whole squad rallied and put in a very strong performance to take the bronze medal 13-3 against Cardinal Newman from Lancashire, with special mention to Eve Carter and Phoebe Thomson who shot at close to 100% success rate. Special mention goes to several Year 13 pupils who were playing in their last school netball tournament,

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having played together as part of the same team since Year 7. Captain Anna Warham, Vice Cordy Kight, Eve Carter and Hope Sutton. To mark this auspicious occasion, and to inspire the next generation of King's athletes, the team re-created a school photo taken 6 years ago, substituting several members of that team with current Year 7 players. We wish them all the best as they continue their netball journey away from King's.

Special mention also goes to Lydia Hine in Year 12 who continued her training with the England Roses U17s, making the reserve list for the European U17 Finals. A framed England Netball Training Top and photo of Lydia now take pride

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of place on the Sports Centre stairwell! And to Aimee Venables, (below) also from Year 12, who represented Cheshire U17s in several fixtures against the Scottish U17 national squad in February 2023.

PJO

U16s

The U16s can reflect upon a mixed season of netball, unfortunately compromised by the lack of squad players. However, this did not distract from some gritty and determined performances across the whole season.

In October, the team entered the Cheshire County Tournament at The Grange School, and after several competitive rounds faced Lymm School in the semi-final of the Plate competition, winning comprehensively 8-0. In the final they faced Wilmslow School and after some skilful play both in attack and defence they triumphed 11-7. Special mentions go to Bea Worlock, Sophie Fletcher and Maja Stafrin-Jones from Year 10 who played an integral part of the team's success.

The team also entered the Sisters in Sport National Cup competition and came up against local rival Falibroome Academy. Despite some skilful through court transitions and determined defence the team lost 43-28. Zara McEwan's accurate shooting earned her players' player of the match. The defeat saw them enter the plate competition and, in November, secured a well-deserved 32-22 win against Cheadle Hulme High School with Zara McEwan named again as players' player of the match.



Unfortunately, due to other commitments the team were unable to fulfil the next round. The team's last outing of the season saw them come up against Altrincham Grammar School where they managed a 16 all draw, with Sophie Payne playing some outstanding circle defence.

Mention must also go to Daisy Sutton from Year 11 who played up for the Seniors at a number of fixtures including National Schools, where she brought some outstanding play to the attacking circle and worked well with her shooting partners. She also gained a place on the Cheshire U17 Academy and represented the county at a number of fixtures throughout the season.

PJO

U15s

The U15s had a challenging season of netball, with a number of defeats to excellent opposition. The tone was set with a heavy defeat in their first fixture against a



well-drilled and talented Cheadle Hulme School which contained county and pathway players. However, the team continued to attend training and worked hard on improving their core skills and fitness. Credit must go to Maja Stafrin-Jones who played out of position as a circle defender, bringing some tenacious play to the defence. Sophie Payne continued to impress as a centre court player, with some determined performances and effective through court transitions. And to Bea Worlock who gained a place in the Under 15 Staffordshire County Performance Development Programme, and represented the County at a number of tournaments across the North West. I look forward to seeing their progress with the Seniors next season.

PJO

U14s

The U14s had a mixed season, with some challenging matches locally and further afield. However, they continued as a team to work tirelessly in training and put every effort into implementing skills



within matches. Captain Esme Sutton who plays for Macclesfield Netball Club and Cheshire County U15s Player Development Pathway has worked like a Trojan as Centre and has been awarded with multiple Player of the Match (POM) awards this season.

The start of the season saw the girls lose heavily against a polished Withington Girls' School in a friendly tie. This was soon followed by Round 2 in the SnS Cup competition, (Round 1 had been a bye) the girls played a very competitive match against Rugby School, but unfortunately the opposition were too good on the day and took the victory winning 22-31. In the New Year, the girls competed in the SnS Plate competition and took an away victory against Nottingham Girls' High School with some outstanding performances from POM Esme Sutton and Coaches Player Anya Clayton. Final score 33-38.

After the strong win, the girls felt confident and wanted to progress within the competition, their next match saw a home fixture against Trent College, with each quarter passing the girls took pole position and had a relatively comfortable win, with POM going again to Esme Sutton and Coaches Player to Emily Matthews, who played brilliantly in defense. Final score

36-14. Round 3 was a walk over, with the opposition deciding not to continue in the competition any longer. This saw the girls heading into the Quarter finals against Stockport Grammar, from past experience their opposition have always been a challenge, and this found truth on the day with a close match, but a defeat. Stockport were too clinical and made life difficult in the final quarter and unfortunately, we lost 29-34. POM was Esme Sutton and Coaches Player Imogen Nugent.

The girls also entered the Cheshire County U14s tournament, with mixed results in the group stage, they were just pipped to the post in getting through to the next stages, therefore finding an early exit in the competition.

MJS

U13s

The U13s have had another exceptionally strong Netball season. With a wealth of talent on show, from players playing for Cheshire County Netball, Manchester Thunder and other local clubs, it was always going to be on the cards to have an advantage. The girls regularly trained together each week, gaining confidence and skills to work harder and smarter as a team. The year started with the first round of the National Cup away

against Oldham Hulme Grammar School, a strong start to the campaign, and the girls won 9-51. Quickly into the second round, the girls played a strong side from Bromsgrove School and, with pulled through to take the win 28-15. Round 3 saw the girls playing at home again, against Woodhouse Grove School, and they kept a cool head and dug deep to take another positive win, knowing this would place them in the Quarter Finals. Final score: 33-21.

Quarter final time, another home fixture, and time to face a team from St Albans High School for Girls, with the snow on the ground it was uncertain whether the fixture would take place, but the opposition travelled North only to find themselves travelling back South on the losing side. The girls stuck to task, played a calculated game and won the match favourably 34-15. The semi-finals saw a local derby against Withington Girls' School, as the game ebbed and flowed throughout each quarter, Withington took a slight lead and nudged the win, seeing the girls lose to the talented opposition and overall winners of the competition. Final score: 31-26. A fantastic run in the competition, with some outstanding individual performances, the girls should be



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very proud of their achievement. A highlight of the season was the Cheshire County tournament; the girls wanted to retain their title from. Winning all four matches against Lymm, Upton, Fallibroome and Bishop Heber, the girls moved swiftly into the semi-finals playing Wilmslow. Nerves were creeping in before the match but with ease and precision the win was never in doubt, a convincing win 12-5. In the final against The Grange, the girls needed to keep a steady head, work smartly and the rest would just happen. After the first few minutes of the game, the girls took the lead and never let the opposition back in, with some outstanding performances the girls took the title for the second year running, winning 16-1. Cheshire County Champions!

Throughout the rest of the season, there were local friendly matches and again the girls were strong winners against Wilmslow, King's Chester, Bolton School Girls' division and Altrincham Grammar School.

MJS

U12

It was evident from the start of the year that this was a talented year group; with some very strong, determined players and many keen and enthusiastic girls hoping to represent the school. With over 40 players regularly at practices, competition for places on the A and B teams was fierce.

The U12A squad had a fantastic season. They played 11 games; winning 9 and losing 2 with 263 goals for, and 183 against.



The season began with a win against Fallibroome School in the first round of the SnS National Cup. They went on to play Wirral Grammar School but were unfortunately beaten 16-29, which sadly put them out of this competition. After another defeat in a friendly fixture against Withington, the players picked themselves up and began to settle into their positions and to connect better as a team. They went on to win all their matches on Saturdays, with some impressive defending skills from Ava Sheppard and Anvi Lalwani, and brilliant centre court play from Lottie Winterton and Sophia Kong, feeding the ball effectively into the attacking circle for Mia Clements and Naina Vasireddy to convert to goals.

A highlight of the year was the Cheshire County Netball Tournament in March, where they won all their games in the preliminary round against Hartford, Lymm, King's Chester and AESG. They won the semi-final against Queens School Chester 8-1 but lost 1-3 to The Grange in a close competitive, end to end final; to finish County Runners up and silver medallists.

During the summer term, we attended the Keele University Netball Festival. The team put on an impressive display of skills and thoroughly enjoyed the netball coaching from England Netball players. They played with

determination and slick passing down the court to win all their preliminary games, the semi-final and the final, against our own King's U12b team. Accurate shooting from Naina Vasireddy and Mia Clements secured some high scoring wins. Mia was later presented with The Player of the Tournament Award and King's came away with the Winner's Trophy.

Special mention goes to the players who have represented Cheshire U12s squad throughout the season and had success in Inter Counties tournaments - Eva Sheppard, Lottie Winterton, Anvi Lalwani and Naina Vasireddy. Lottie is also congratulated on her selection for Manchester Thunder U12 POD (Development Squad).

The U12B squad had a mixed season. Many players were given the opportunity to play for the U12B team and made excellent progress throughout the year. Notable wins came against Wilmslow, King's Chester and AESG. The team played especially well in the Keele Festival, finishing runners-up to our U12 a team in an all King's final.

This year group has huge potential to be successful and I look forward to seeing them achieve much success as they progress through the school.

LB



ROUNDERS



U15

A total of 12 pupils represented King's at three competitive fixtures this season, playing Cheadle, Alderley Edge and Falibroome. There was enthusiastic attendance at Thursday training sessions and the girls worked hard on teamwork and individual skills. Bella Reid and Poppy Fletcher developed an effective partnership at back stop and first base, and Charlotte Hanley demonstrated some accurate bowling in the last two fixtures. Emily Danson was strong in the deep outfield with accurate throws to bases, and Maja Stafrin-Jones was dependable at second base with some strong batting and great running between bases. Special mention goes to Charlotte Hunt who scored some important points for the team and took great delight at knocking over every single base! Player of the Season was awarded to Maja Stafrin-Jones and Most Improved player to Bella Reid.

PJO

U14

The U14s were an enthusiastic group of over 20 pupils attending practises each week during the Summer Term to continue to work on their batting and fielding skills. With huge depth to the squad this made it difficult for selection. The team faced local rivals Cheadle and Falibroome, where they displayed fantastic fielding and batting skills. These performances certainly

demonstrated the hard work the players had put into training and games lessons, they were focussed, communicated well, ensuring the opposition had limited opportunity to score. With some excellent batting, fast fielding and risk-taking rounders the team took the wins. Congratulations to Elena Curat and Olivia Morris who received Coaches Player and Most Improved Player for the season. It has been a pleasure to coach this squad during the 2023 season and good luck to them in their final year of rounders next year.

U13

The U13s rounders season had a good turnout at training sessions, with plenty of talent in all areas. Although there were just 3 fixtures to play, a wide number of girls managed to play in each game. After heading to the first away fixture, the girls took a close win 14-13 with special mention to Lucy Atkinson for scoring several rounders and Jessie Whittaker for being the opposition's choice of Player of the Match. Match two was a home fixture against AESG, and a marginal win for the visitors, 15.5-18.5. Player of the Match was Annabel Wong who scored 7.5 rounders, a brilliant effort. The final match of the season was a local game against Falibroome, the strong side took the win dramatically and in style, with the final score 17.5-0. Well done to all the girls who represented the school at rounders. Lucy Atkinson was awarded Player of the

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Season and Rose McNulty received the Most Improved Player award.

MJS

U12

Rounders remains popular and over 40 girls attended the Year 7 rounders practice each week and two squads enjoyed 3 competitive fixtures. In the first fixture versus Cheadle Hulme School the U12A team won 19-14, and the U12B team lost 11-14. The A team went on to experience further victories against AESG (17.5-11) and Falibroome (13-2.5). Over the season, players developed their batting and fielding skills and several big hitters emerged; in particular, Aaliyah Hammad regularly scored highly, together with Eva Sheppard and Ellie Tomlinson. Consistent bowling from Eva and Isabelle McIntosh, and slick fielding, with great catches made by Aaliyah and Ellie Tomlinson, ensured their success.

The U12A Player of the Season award was presented to Eva Sheppard, and Apolonia Olpinski received the Most Improved Player award. Isabelle McIntosh was awarded the U12B Player of the Season and Ellie Tomlinson was received the award for Most Improved Player.

LB



1st XV

The most successful 1st XV season ever (arguably!) began as always, at our own Festival and little did we know at that point, that the three caught and driven tries against Woodhouse Grove which shocked them to the core, would also frighten even the biggest powerhouses of schoolboy rugby throughout the campaign. This was encapsulated by the outstanding Ted Broadley, benefitting from no less than 17 tries from this potent weapon of Mr Rick Jones' design.

A rare but enjoyable unbeaten September with increasingly confident performances earned victories against OEGS, Lancaster RGS and Merchant Taylors'. Fly Half Fin Usher in unplayable form with both his evasive running game and lethal footwork that would eventually earn him County and Lambs honours. A near perfect floodlight-display versus Sandbach School (0-39 W) and first round Cup victories in both Cheshire and National Cups laid the foundations for a remarkable season. Next came Bromsgrove School (twice U18 National Champions) and the challenge laid down by Mr Hetherington was to claim his first 'big school scalp' under his seven-year tenure.

A brilliant start had the visitors in the lead on an immaculate field in the Midlands, only for a hat trick of tries by their electric winger to take the lead which they would hold until



the last moments. Fortunately for the never-say-die King's team, that wasn't long enough and a sweeping move across the field following the 'usual' dominant maul allowed for a last-minute try, though a difficult conversion was required to snatch victory. Usher, cool as you like, did just that, to land a famous victory (27-28 W) and progress to the last-16.

Though the boys struggled to replicate these performances in the Cheshire Cup, there were still industrious and workmanlike showings to overcome St Anselm's and Calday Grange to reach the first Cheshire Cup Final in 8 years. Sandwiched in-between this, was a fabulous team showing under the Priory Park lights to defeat Stockport GS (42-10 W). The night belonged to England U18 centre Toby Wilson. Destructive with ball in hand and like a 'brick wall' defensively, our

opponents simply ran out of ideas, as Wilson and King's were rampant. Our first of only two losses didn't arrive until late November, when Sedbergh School (recently returned to the fixture list) visited Derby Fields. The Cumbrian side, in recent times should regard themselves as having one of, if not the best 1st XVs in the country and perhaps the top few in the world.

Though our visitors were the stronger and better side and deserved their win, with 15 minutes left on the clock, a missed opportunity could have taken us into the lead and perhaps provided the adrenaline required to go all the way. This wasn't to be and with a raft of fresh legs, the last quarter belonged to the 'Brown' (20-46 L).

Not disappointed, in fact, perfectly poised, this led nicely into the allusive Cheshire Cup Final, versus Wirral GS hosted at Wilmslow RUFC. The Mersey-siders were dominant in the opening exchanges and nerves perhaps got the better of us. We did everything to repel the charges and were perhaps lucky to come away unscathed and more-so to score the first points of the game. However, this proved the turning point, with Wirral's hopes dashed and live-wire scrum half (also Lancashire and Lambs) Harrison Milner on the front-foot, King's class began to shine far brighter than the floodlights.



A slender half-time lead quickly turned into a comfortable second period and despite some comedic attempts to kick the ball off the field, once eventually managed, King's were crowned U18 County Champions for the first time. Captain and brilliant leader Haydn Keogh (Cheshire and North of England) alongside Milner lofted the trophy high into the night sky. This was the beginning of a legacy.

Two more matches before Christmas. A fashion-show impeded game versus GSaL, which needed a rare 'hair dryer' half-time talk, to eventually stir a 25-12 victory and led to an equal-best National Cup Quarter Final against the unknown Finborough School (Suffolk). We had benefitted from 'lady-luck' on several occasions throughout the season, so it was perhaps our turn to experience some misfortune. Illness depleted the playing personnel and a heavy frost meant we couldn't play at Derby Fields, nor have the support of over 200 spectators. Instead, a lacklustre first half performance (worst 35 minutes of the season) left too loftier mountain to climb. A spirited second half, including a Broadley hat trick wasn't enough to overcome the damage (22-51 L). The best team won, but the manner of our performance will perhaps be the single regret from a magical season.



Following Christmas, poor weather meant several cancellations, but we did provide routine victories against St Ambrose College and St Anselm's College. 13 victories from 15 very competitive matches. Statistically the third best season in 93 years (on record anyway), but given the current fixture list, there is every argument to suggest this was certainly top-two, perhaps best ever.

As 'Mad-March' rolled in, the Sevens season was just as impressive. The opening tournament led to a semi-final exit (vs Kirkham at Birkenhead 7s), a step further at Oakham 7s as defeated finalists, with some revenge for Bromsgrove as the eventual victors there, though impressive wins recorded along the way against the hosts, Bedford School and Uppingham School. The season culminated in claiming the County Championship double,

claiming seven victories along the way which required defeating St Ambrose College twice, including the Final. All roads then led to the National School 7s at Rosslyn Park. The best ever showing at the world's biggest schools' tournament. Winning the group and the elimination round on Day 1 with a last-minute try, a theme which would repeat on no-less than three further occasions (vs Haileybury [Elim. Rd], Radley College [day 2 group], Malvern College [quarter-final] and Bromsgrove School [semi-final]). This meant our tenth game across two days would be contesting the Vase Final against Rugby School and coming agonisingly close to being the best, of the very best, from over 250 schools entered. Sadly, this was one game too far and a tired squad were edged out on RE1 in front of an adoring crowd watching online from around the world (12-36 L).

This season, from a 1st XV perspective, but as you shall read elsewhere from across the age-groups, marks undisputedly the most successful season in history. King's are the leading rugby school in Cheshire, top-5 in the North of England and recognised nationally and internationally as a top 'rugby school'. Long may that continue.

GJHH & RJ

2nd XV

It was a fantastic season for 2nd XV rugby. Despite a 0-5 loss at the start of the season, the team pushed on and started converting games with four of the six wins coming by single figure margins along with much more convincing performances with much bigger winning margins against Sandbach

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and Merchant Taylors' Crosby. Perhaps the best example of the spirit of the 2nds was shown in our game versus St Ambrose where Max Coates kicked a late penalty from the halfway hitting the post as it went, despite being under constant pressure after a disciplinary issue early in the second half. Further dramatic wins were secured against QEGS, Cheadle Hulme and St Anselm's.

The attitude and willingness of the group to develop and adapt is shown by any number of examples. Perhaps most significantly is Toby Denton, who played in virtually every position and always after volunteering to do so.

We can confidently claim that the season has been a real success and statistically so, both in terms of playing personnel and results, but built of a sense of team and a consistent group who turned up week after week to fight for their team-mates. The ethos of this team should set the standard for years to come – it is amazing what a group of players who simply enjoy playing rugby can achieve.

Huge accolade needs to go to the outgoing Year 13s who have consistently given their all. In particular, to Oli Watson, our Captain, who always led by example on the pitch and deservedly winner of the Player of the Year, for the second year in a row. Our Year 12 are well placed to move up and continue to move King's to even greater heights.

RED



U16A

This squad delivers bags of commitment, effort and development every time they take to the training field or match pitch. There were early signs that our forward pack was becoming more comfortable with set pieces, and hours of practice was starting to show at the lineout and scrum. Despite heavy early season losses against the tough early season opponents, the mentality was to test themselves and improve – stick to the game plan. In particular, Oliver Woodward got the line out functioning, and Lucas Kuiper was able to refine his already powerful forward game to include better decision making in open play. The Kuiper boot also keeps the score board ticking over nicely!

Out wide, this really was the season when Ben Langford found his form. A settled back three including Matt Ennis and Ben Golia Foxley, with improved cover at full back from Adam Al-Ausi, allowed Ben to work closely with Charlie Taylor and James Lancaster to find space and run hard. The improvements in the passing range and accuracy of both Eben Cooper and Charlie Saunders allowed us to play a more expansive game that was to our benefit as the season wore on, the latter developing his open play kicking to great effect. With ball in hand, there are few sides who can cope with Jensen

Baldwin running at full tilt. He now has the confidence in knowing players like Thatcher Nulty and Tom Ravenscroft are more effective at the breakdown and have the bravery to compete. Few players encapsulate the development of the time better than Amos Anthony, Charlie O'Neill and Jad Kazzaz who have become a dependable front row. Fitter and leaner than ever, they are able to stay with opponents for longer in demanding games.

It would have been cruel to not have had the opportunity to finish the season with a big win, but it did come eventually against Birkenhead. The last try with the last touch winning the last game in what has been an incredible journey for this squad. They are without exception the most respected side among the coaching staff, for both their attitude and willingness to learn. They now know how to win, and this promises to make them a force to be reckoned with as part of our Senior setup next year.

PJC

U15A

Following on from the success of last season, the U15s had another fine season winning 12 of 14 matches played. It would have been nice to have played more games but unfortunately, we had four cancellations post-Christmas. The two defeats came against



Sedbergh School (away) and Northampton School for Boys in the quarter-final of the National Cup. Northampton went on to win the final at Twickenham.

The boys played some excellent rugby throughout, scoring 600 points in the process. The team was ably led by hooker Millar Anderson who led by example. The forwards worked hard with Charlie Kaye prominent from number 8. A good foundation from scrum and lineout provided plenty of good ball for our backs. Will Oliver and Arthur Scrase were an excellent partnership at half back, but the main strength of the back line was our centres Christian Smith and Sam Keep who worked fantastically well together. They provided our cutting edge in attack and were very solid in defence. Simon Shadwell also proved difficult to handle for opposing teams with his great footwork and ability to create space.

This team is outstanding, and all the players train hard and play hard and are a pleasure to coach.

At the end of the 15 a side season we progressed to sevens where we really did play some excellent rugby. We went to the Warwick School 7s where we beat Portsmouth GS, Solihull School, and Millfield School in the group to progress to the quarter-final. Kirkham GS were our opponents and we won by 31–19. In the semi-



final we beat Wimbledon College by 36–7 and in an exciting and hard-fought final we beat Sedbergh School 20–19 to win the trophy. We followed this outstanding success by winning the King's Myles Marshall 7s beating Kirkham GS in the final by 34–0. Well done to all the boys who played for the U15A team.

SB

U15B

The team showcased their determination and talent throughout this season. Performances were a mix of triumphs, dominant victories and humbling defeats, creating a rollercoaster of a season. The season kicked off with a resounding victory over QEGS Wakefield, with a scoreline of 35–7. The team's game plan and individual brilliance were on full display, setting the tone for what was to come. They continued their winning streak, beating George Watson's, a renowned rugby school from Scotland, with a score of 29–10. This victory further solidified

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their reputation as a force to be reckoned with.

The U15B team carried their momentum forward, securing comfortable wins against Audenshaw (19–0), Stonyhurst (50–0), and GSAL (65–14). These matches showcased their exceptional skill, with players working together seamlessly at times to dominate their opponents. The game against GSAL was particularly memorable, regarded as their best game of the season due to the team's exceptional performance.

However, the season was not without its setbacks. The team experienced heavy defeats against Lancaster and Sandbach U15A, two formidable opponents. These losses served as valuable learning experiences, highlighting areas for improvement and motivating the players. The season concluded with a hard-fought draw against St Ambrose College. The team's resilience, and ability to hold their own against a tough opponent demonstrated their growth throughout the season.

HO

U14A

The U14s have endured a challenging season, one in which many lessons were learnt both in victory and defeat, resulting in a 'never say die' attitude. The season got off to a very tough start with a brilliant comeback to snatch a last-minute draw against Lancaster RGS thanks to Elliot Woodward, and a humbling defeat versus a very strong QEGS Wakefield side, the U14s first-ever defeat.

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The team then went from strength to strength by beating The Grange, Merchant Taylors' and Sandbach comfortably, with fantastic displays from captain Joe Moores, Josh Phillips, Adam Lancaster and Joe Sheppard; before another showdown with a very tough and talented George Watson's College side, with the match ending in a 10-10 draw, despite King's dominance. The unbeaten run continued with victories against Bishop Heber, Audenshaw and Stonyhurst, where Freddie Hempstock and Zach Al-Ausi superbly managed the game; before a narrow defeat away to Sedbergh in a very close encounter, with some fantastic defensive displays from both sides, in which Jack Saunders and Arthur Winterton almost single handedly won King's the match.

The U14s experienced their first-ever taste of knockout rugby in the National U14 School Cup and went on a good run beating The Grange and Bishop Heber before being knocked out in the last 16 by St Ambrose 27-0, in a very one-sided affair that the U14s did not turn up for, despite being depleted. To finish off the first term, the U14s faced a very tough GSAL side, where King's showed great character to come back from behind, thanks to a fantastic display from Xander Hunter.

Post-Christmas, the U14s were thrown straight into the deep end by playing St Ambrose, a side that comfortably beat them four weeks earlier, and despite terrible conditions, both sides settled for a 10-10 draw, which was a fair result where Rory Horne was ferocious with his tackling. Following on from this, the U14s finished off



the XVs season in style with wins against a tough Birkenhead side, and dispatching St Anselm's and Crossley Heath comfortably, with the win against Crossley Heath forcing King's to adapt their game to play wider and more expansive to the benefit of Zach Bill.

Overall, a total of 34 players represented the U14A with 11 pupils making their first appearance for the A team and 7 pupils getting into the Sale Sharks U14 DPP.

Following the XVs season, attention turned to the 7s season, where the U14s kick-started their campaign at Warwick 7s, in which they beat Samuel Whitbread and Millfield, and lost to Bro Edern and Hampton School in the quarter-finals, both defeats coming against the eventual finalist, with Hampton winning the tournament.

Next was King's own Myles Marshall Tournament, where a couple of early defeats to Stonyhurst and Rodillian, saw the U14s enter the plate competition in which they showed great character to win the plate beating Kirkham in the final minute and then Wirral in the final, thanks to excellent displays from flyer Xander Hunter and captain Joe Moores. The U14s 7s season ended at Rosslyn Park

7s, where they saved their best performances for last by winning their group beating UCS, Y Pant Comprehensive and Clayesmore, before a thrilling golden point win against Dulwich College in the elimination round thanks to Xander Hunter's 4th try winning the match to progress into day 2 group.

On day 2, the U14s were slow to start and Glantaf took full advantage winning the match quite comfortably, having lost their match against Oundle, which meant King's were left with the task of having to beat Oundle by 51 clear points. Despite this challenge, the U14s showed their 'never say die' attitude once again to blow Oundle away 36-7 on the RE1 live stream but unfortunately, it was not enough to progress onto the quarter-finals.

At the end of season awards, vice-captain Adam Lancaster was named the U14A player of the season, thoroughly deserved thanks to his terrific performances in both the XVs and 7s, while Joe Moores was awarded the Junior Player of the Year, across all years, thanks to his fantastic leadership, attacking and defensive ability.

XVs Record – P16, W10, D3, L3

7s Record – P16, W11, L5 plus Myles Marshall Plate Winners.

BT



U14B

The U14Bs endured a season where they competed against and with the A team resulting in both teams pushing each other continually with many players developing from the B team to feature in the A team. Overall, this contributed to the U14Bs becoming one of only two teams this season to remain unbeaten, a superb achievement. The team began the season with two second-half comebacks to beat both Lancaster RGS and QEGS Wakefield, 31-29 and 31-14 respectively. Big wins followed against Sandbach, Fallibroome, Cheadle Hulme and Audenshaw before a poor display against Stonyhurst resulted in a 5-5 draw, the only blip of the season.

Mr Thomson could not have hoped for a better reaction post-Stonyhurst, where the U14Bs travelled to Sedbergh, beating them 29-0, the only team to beat their senior school in the block fixture, and then signed off at Christmas with a 31-12 win versus GSAL, thanks to a barnstorming performance from Harley Coulson. Post-Christmas, due to cancellations and bad weather, the U14Bs only had one fixture, in which they dispatched St Ambrose 36-10 in horrendous conditions.

Throughout the season, the team was led excellently by Zach Bill, who progressed to becoming a regular for the A team, including featuring in two 7s tournaments. George Clarke, Atti Johnson, Will Bennett, Charlie Coates, Noah Golia-Foxley, Dylan Parks-Szymborski and Charlie Mould were all ever-present and influential with their performances throughout the season which resulted in them all playing for the A team, other notable recognition goes to Ted Black, Noah Slade, Monty Logsdail, Cody Storey, Finn Cross, Winston Kempe and Ollie Price. At the end of season awards, Jack Taylor was named Player of the Season, for his fantastic displays, strong ball carrying and try-scoring prowess.

Record – P10, W9, D1, L0

DT

U13A

The team have had a wonderfully impressive season with no losses over the whole season. This may be the best ever record for a junior King's side, but it is really just a stepping stone to the next challenge. Our regular fixtures provided some stiff tests and an opportunity to develop a number of fringe players over the season. QEGS were always going to be our

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toughest opponents and they were second up following an impressive pre-season game against Woodhouse Grove and a good win against Lancaster RGS. We took a good lead and at 25-15 up we were cruising, but we started to relax and they came back very hard to go into a 25-25 draw with 5 minutes remaining. Words were said in the huddle, we sprung back into life and managed to score twice more to secure the win.

The need for a huddle and some words of leadership and encouragement became a theme for the season. As a team, they were able to pull together at the crucial moments and play with confidence and class. They learnt a lot over the main season and carried this into the 7s campaign where they despatched both Bedford Prep and Northampton School for Boys to win Warwick 7s and go undefeated at Rosslyn Park. The season was finished off with a squad tour to Cardiff. This was a highlight for many and the touring side performed really strongly in The Arms Park to defeat Llanishen then came up against a very physical and very well-drilled side in Tonyrefail the following day. This was a fantastic learning experience and the side were defeated, but for many it was still a highlight, a really combative fixture which was just what was needed. I look forward to seeing where they go as a team. They have shown a great commitment to training and squad development so are doing all the right things to continue to progress.

JPB

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When September rolled around, up to 50 rugby players descended on Derby Fields full of enthusiasm, talent and attacking intent. The squad recovered from an opening round defeat with four excellent victories against Merchant Taylors', Sandbach, Audenshaw and eventually Cheadle Hulme. Each one of the previous mentioned games required an adapted approach. Where Charlie Kay, Seb Stead and Zach Harper battered away in the forward pack in one game; Mason Smethurst, Tom Dyer and James Cresswell were able to set the pitch a light in the latter games with their hot stepping and silky skills.

A turning point in the season occurred when the squad travelled to St Mary's Hall School, beaten at the breakdown and unable to find a solution, King's crumbled in the first half. Half backs James Heald and Oscar Howarth were able to employ a tactical kicking game that allowed important territory and pressure eventually allowed King's to win the second half. This brand of rugby was adopted and executed well for the rest of the season and the team continued to February

unbeaten. Oscar Dabbs and Beau Wade both earned their shirts in the back end of the season. They contributed to a stellar performance against St Ambrose, a game which saw excellent team tries finished by Neven Dunnigan. Forwards Jack Doyle and Will Ledger provided an excellent link between forwards and backs throughout the season and thrived off Zach Johnson-Aardewerk's great chop tackling.

There was heavy competition in the back three, Tom Nugent and Tom Kennedy sharing the full back duties and looking safe under the high ball (particularly against GSAL during tough conditions in a match that remarkably finished 0-0). Alex Corbett and Evan Langman proved excellent additions in the A team squad. The former chopping down big Cumbrian lads from Sedbergh Prep and the latter's electric feet proving a test for most defences. The final game of the season vs St Ambrose was the punctuation at the end of a successful 12-a-side season. The players absorbed pressure and were ruthless in attack. It has been a pleasure to coach this squad, I look forward to watching their progress next season.

PJL

U12B

The team had an excellent season, playing 11, winning 8 and losing just 3 games. After a tough start against QEGS Wakefield, the team really grew together and showed fantastic commitment and willingness to learn. The team played sensational rugby and the season's highlight was winning against (my old school) GSAL with the last play of the game. The team demonstrated remarkable composure and discipline not to rush their last opportunity and this last-minute winner will certainly long live in the memory.

Whenever the team has a setback, they always respond brilliantly and show a great determination to put things right. After a defeat against St Ambrose, the level of intensity and skill displayed against St Anselm's was jaw dropping. The forwards dominated the pack with terrific aggression, whilst the back line demonstrated fantastic pace and coordinated brilliant attacks to come out 30-10 winners. Sef Cooper led the troops brilliantly as Captain, always leading by example and demonstrating terrific aggression in the tackle.

George Hufton consistently dominated the rucks with great physicality, winning a great amount of turnovers for the team. The backline of Will Birchenall, Harrison Webster, Evan Langman, Ben Holder, Alex Corbett and Bailey Denham all developed a great understanding and cultivated excellent partnerships in attack. 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.

SAILING



It has been exciting to watch the next generation of Sailors progress through the ranks as the King's sailing club increases in popularity. With most sessions full, the students have embraced the sport despite the bad weather. Sailing has always presented a number of unique challenges both physical and mental, and it has been a genuine pleasure to watch the students develop their confidence and skills throughout the year in at times some very challenging conditions.

I will look back with fond memories of the students smiles, even when they a floating next to a capsized boat and the resilience they show truly embraces the King's spirit. We were also lucky to have former pupil Derrin Scott (who is now a fully qualified race coach) deliver some advanced sessions on race technique to the more able students.

Mentions go to Lucy Bambrook who is currently undertaking instructor training (as well as winning races in her spare time), who has proved herself to be a competent assistant instructor and has led some of the Wednesday sessions providing a source of inspiration to the younger students. I must also mention Ava Bale whose enthusiasm on a cold wet Saturday morning always raises everyone's spirits.

Redesmere Club continues to go from strength to strength with planning approved for an extension to the clubhouse to accommodate disabled sailors and the construction of a new jetty to assist in launch and recovery. As ever, I would like to thank Ellen Wells for her contributions to the Wednesday sessions and giving up her time on a Saturday morning to provide essential safety duties.

ARP

SWIMMING



It's been another positive year for Senior swimming at King's. The Senior squad training has had good attendance on a weekly basis and is continuing to grow. The session is aimed at swimmers who are wanting to develop their stroke technique and competition skills as well as improve their fitness. There is also an open swim on Thursday mornings which is for all abilities and allows more opportunities.

We competed well in galas against other schools, both home and away, with some outstanding performances from all year groups 7-10. Everyone who took part showed fantastic team spirit and determination. We competed against Cheadle Hulme, Stockport Grammar, Manchester High for Girls and Manchester Grammar School, to name a few, and we look forward to competing against these teams again next year.

We have also started to introduce water polo into the Senior lessons which has had a positive response and led us to hold an inter House water polo competition, which was a great success. The swimming calendar is looking busier again next year which is brilliant, and something that I hope will continue to grow.

JP

TABLE TENNIS



The Table Tennis Club has had a quietly successful season. This year has seen the entrance of many new beginners to the club, as well as some returning faces, who have been taking part in our regular practice sessions on Monday afterschool and Tuesday lunchtimes. As normal for an individual sport, progress has needed to be individualised, but all students have had to learn how utilise the four basic strokes and multiple types of serves in Singles and Doubles.

Special credit goes to Nathan Moss, Year 10, who chose to learn Table Tennis for his Duke of Edinburgh award. Mr Mallin has also been taking inspiration from the popular YouTube channel Pongfinity, such as playing giant-table tennis on a whopping great 10' by 18' table with 4 players a side! We've also had the opportunity to get hold of some new bats for our enthusiastic new players.

Whilst sadly we did not have the opportunity to take part in the Cheshire Schools tournament (due to it being set during our half-term), the students are already being arranged into teams and eagerly looking forwards to next year's competitions.

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TAE KWON DO



Tae Kwon Do at King's continues to go from strength to strength. This year the numbers have continued to grow, with the club having over 30 members featuring a wide range of students from across the school.

Several belt gradings have taken place this year, with students being promoted to new colour belts, whilst getting closer to the coveted Black Belt grade.

We have also welcomed some new members who have joined us from other clubs, and also Ms Cunliffe, a Black Belt herself, who is proving an invaluable coach along with Francesco Roncaroli who is striving for his 2nd Degree Black Belt.

Good progress has been made in relation to sparring, with students gaining more confidence and developing a wider range of techniques. I look forward to another promising year ahead.

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, Withington, The Grange and MGS. U13 player Miles Smethurst has been in fine form, producing some dominating performances against SGS, in particular, equally Alex Hill and Hugo Blackwell (U15) have shown real maturity on the courts across all fixtures.

The girls encountered some very strong opponents but challenged each point tenaciously. Charlotte Hunt and Alexa Watkins (U15) produced some excellent shots versus Withington, to play some very composed points. The fixtures against Fallibroome and The Grange brought some excellent



victories and showed huge development within the squads.

Away from school, despite suffering a troublesome injury, Annabel Wong (*above*) earned selection for Team GB for the Gran Canaria Tennis Europe tournament in October, as well as the National Training Camp to follow.

BT, GH & LB

SPORT Highlights



TRAMPOLINING



King's achieved the best set of results to date at the 2022 Northwest Championships. A phenomenal 16 King's teams competed (70 pupils) across all divisions, with 15 of these qualifying to the Northern Zonals in Belfast in February. 11 of these teams placed 1st and 30 pupils also qualified individually. Izzy Hammond won the Northwest championships individually in the ELITE Year 10-14 girls.

At the Northern Zonals, 47 pupils qualified to represent King's in the British Championships.

At the British Finals, King's won the Team National title in the strongest category of the Year 10-14 Elite girls of Izzy Hammond, Leah Shadwell, Lottie Clark, and Millie Crummack, with Izzy Hammond placing 10th in Britain – up against

the best of the best. A perfect ending to the Year 13 girls' hard work and dedication to King's trampolining and to bring this title home in their final year is a testament to their hard work.

Jess Burton, who has also competed for an amazing 12 years for King's, placed 2nd with her team in the 10-14 intermediate. James Heald won the national title in the Year 7-8 Novice boys as well as with his team: Harry Irving, Tom Heseltine, Christopher Fuchs and James Heald. Christopher Fuchs placed 4th.

The Year 10-14 boys (Otis Hughes, Ben Kay, Joe Bailey Heald and Callum Richardson) had an incredible competition, winning the National title. Otis Hughes placed 7th. The Year 9-10 novice boys won the team national title; Kaan

Kafescioglu, Ed Hammond and Alfie Usher, with Kaan placing 7th and Alfie 6th.

The Year 10-14 intermediate girls placed 2nd; Alice Jordan, Sophie Clegg, Jess Burton and Iona Whaley.

The 11-14 novice girls placed 2nd (won the Zonals) with beautiful performances from Emily Burton, who also placed 5th individually, Sophia Calderwood, Samantha Morrison and Ellie Shaw.

In the Year 7-8 novice girls, King's A placed 8th and King's B placed 5th (won Zonals) with only 0.7 between them and 2nd; Alana Craven, Sophia Kong, Mimi Tattum, Connie O'Doherty, Izzy Challinor, Poppy Hood, Maisie Sinclair and Claudia Williams.

The Year 7-9 Elite girls have really worked hard to improve their difficulty and execution and placed an amazing 2nd; Lottie Baxter, Lauren Whaley, Lucy Clegg and Olivia Morris.

The Year 7-9 Intermediate girls, the King's team just missed 3rd place by 0.25! They placed 4th; Elissia Smith, Charlotte Grant, Lacey Quinn and Mimi Ross.

Year 1-6 boys novice placed 6th and Jago placed 11th individually; Jago Lewis, Saxon Lewis, and Henry Conibere.

The Year 1-6 novice girls placed an amazing 2nd (won zonals); Daisy Franks, Leila Chown, Eliana Hume and Elizabeth Phillips.

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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 retired.

HAIL

Samantha Attfield

Samantha joined the Languages department as a Spanish teacher. Originally from Buckinghamshire, she did her GAP year in Peru which inspired her to start studying Spanish. She did this at university in Sheffield along with German and Portuguese and spent time in Berlin and Ecuador as part of her studies. Her first teaching roles were in Manchester then Doncaster, before she moved to the UAE and worked in a variety of British/International and UAE schools for 12 years. She then took up a role in Marlborough College, Malaysia, before joining Rossall School in Fleetwood as a Spanish/German teacher. She loves to travel, cook, keep active and to listen to and play music.

Charlotte Austin

Charlotte joined in January 2023 as the School Accountant. She previously worked in an accounting practice in Macclesfield for 15 years from being an apprentice to qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in 2014 and going on to managing a portfolio of clients. She spends her time outside work with her young children and enjoys weekends away in her caravan, baking, cycling and swimming.

Ellen Barratt

Ellen joined as an Art and D&T Technician. A former pupil of King's, she has supported students with their projects, as well as taking on wider projects for the whole school. Her background is in Art, having achieved a BA Hons in Fine Art at Chelsea College of Arts in London in 2018. She has shown her work in exhibitions in London and Paris, as well as more locally in Manchester and Macclesfield, where she recently took part in the Macclesfield Barnaby Festival. Outside of work, she really enjoys playing hockey, and is the current Ladies Club Captain for Macclesfield HC, and a member of the Ladies first team.

Kat Biglen

Kat joined in July 2022 as the Human Resources Manager. She came from a HR consultancy in Wilmslow where she worked for a few years. She brings with her previous experience of working in HR in an independent school in East Sussex. Outside of work she loves to play tennis for her club Bramhall Queensgate and travels the world to watch the sport. She is also an avid Manchester United fan.

Philip Boardman

Philip joined the Infant & Junior Division as Vice-Principal (Pastoral) after having led across KS1 and KS2 in his previous 12 years of primary teaching. He gained a

Law degree at the University of Leeds before becoming a police officer and then changing careers to teaching - completing his PGCE course through the University of Manchester. Philip is a keen sportsman, having played football to a high level and also enjoys golf and spending time with his family.

Petrona Clayton

Petrona joined King's in September 2022 as Alumni Assistant. With a background in sales, networking and business management she is a welcome addition to the Development team and has met a good number of alumni at events this year. Petrona has a daughter at King's and a younger son. In her free time Petrona loves to walk, weight train and paddleboard.

Mandy Corrigan

Mandy joined as a Lifeguard after retiring in 2021 from 32 years teaching in a local primary school, she then trained as a swimming teacher and is now a lifeguard covering junior swimming lessons and helps in the sports centre. She also uses her love of teaching to tutor primary aged children in maths and English after school. Outside school she enjoys gardening, walking her dog and socialising with family and friends.

Gemma Cunliffe

Gemma joined the Modern Languages Faculty, teaching both Spanish and French, having previously worked in schools in Liverpool and Newcastle. A First-Class BA (Hons) graduate from the University of Durham, Gemma went on to complete her Research Masters (MRes) in Hispanic Studies researching medieval Hispanic poetry at the University of Liverpool, where she held the coveted post of the Allison-Peers Scholar. A keen athlete, Gemma holds a Blackbelt in Tae Kwon Do for which she has competed at national level, and has previously played semi-professional football. Hobbies now include hockey, travelling, going to the theatre and weight-lifting.

Madison Dawson

Madison joined as a General Science and Chemistry Teacher at Easter 2023. She is a graduate in Chemistry from the University of Manchester, where she also completed her PGCE. She previously taught at MGS and is returning back to King's after completing a placement here. As a former pupil, she is very familiar with the school. Her interests include netball and dance.

Debbie Dawson

Debbie joined the External Relations department in January as Development and Engagement Manager. She moved to Manchester to study BA (Hons) International Business with German and moved to the local area in 2005. She has a wealth of marketing, events and development experience having worked at another independent school for 11 years, the last four years on the Senior Leadership Team. She enjoys spending time with family, travel and cooking.

Joanna Forbes

Joanna joined as a teaching assistant in Year 4. She has been a primary teacher since 2023 and previously worked at Beech Hall School in the Infant and Junior School. She has also been a personal tutor for both Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils. Outside of school, she is a Mum to a very active 11-year-old boy who keeps her on her toes! They love playing tennis together, going for bike rides and long walks. She is also the Junior Chairperson for the local tennis club and U11s Team Captain and enjoys baking.

Catherine Fuchs

Catherine joined the Learning Support Department working in the Infant and Junior Division in January 2023. After gaining a BA Hons degree in Primary Education with a specialism in English at Manchester Metropolitan University, Catherine began her career teaching at a Primary School in Manchester. She then moved to teach Reception at Glendower Preparatory School for Girls in London. Catherine enjoys spending time with her husband and two children who both attend King's as well as cooking, swimming and yoga.

Emelia Hilton

Emelia joined as a Biology technician in October 2022 and previously worked as a science technician at Tytherington High School after graduating from The University of York with a degree in Maths. She has played the tuba in several orchestras and the brass band at university, and now plays in King's Wind Band and Big Band. Outside of work she enjoys swimming, walking her dog and travelling with her husband.

Susanne Jenkinson

Susanne joined King's Physics Department in September, teaching General Science, Physics and Chemistry, and runs Astronomy Club. She has a degree in Particle Physics from Lancaster University, prior to teaching, she worked in finance on data analysis and worked abroad in Berlin. In her spare time, she enjoys playing the Euphonium as part of a Wind Band and a Community Orchestra, as well as taking part in school ensembles.

Rachel Jones

Rachel joined the Learning Support department as an HLTA, having come from Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School, where she was the Literacy Lead for their Learning Support team. When not working, she enjoys spending time with her family, socialising and walking her dog.

David Judson

David joined the swimming teaching team in June 2023 from Stockport Metros where he has spent over 18 years teaching swimming to swimmers of all ages and abilities. In 2019, he taught for a year in the swimming department at Stockport Grammar School. He enjoys going on day trips with family and taking part in fun activities.

Vanessa Scott

Vanessa joined as Assistant Head of Mathematics. After studying for a degree in Mathematics with Finance she has taught in both State and Independent schools, her most recent position being at St Gregory's Catholic High School in Warrington as Leader of Year 7 and 8 where she also led teaching and learning in the Maths department. Outside of school she spends a lot of time with her two children, loves playing netball and riding/caring for her loan horse Dee.

Joanne Storer

Joanne joined as a member of the Wrap-around Care team, working as a Mid-day Assistant. She joined in January after 5 years at Park Lane School, where she was employed as a Teaching Assistant. Outside of school she enjoys reading, baking cakes and spending time with her husband and daughters.

Saffron Taylor

Saffron joined the Pre-School team as an EYFS TA. Prior to this she ran her own business and prior to that she worked as a SEN 1:1 TA and a general TA at two local primary schools. In her spare time, she enjoys hot yoga, walks in the forest, playing tennis, and being with her friends and family. As a mother of two teenagers, the majority of her free time is spent being a taxi.

Becky Thomas

Becky joined the Business and Economics department as a teacher of both subjects. She has 12 years of experience in teaching Business and Financial Studies having held the post of head of subject in a previous Sixth Form College. Prior to completing her PGCE at the University of Manchester, Becky worked as groom at the Greater Manchester Police looking after the tactical unit's horses. Her police horse took part in homecoming parades and public order situations. In addition to horses, Becky loves the great outdoors, indie bands and chocolate.

Richard Tims

Richard joined in January 2023 as a Temporary Mathematics Teacher to cover for maternity leave. He graduated from the University of Nottingham with a BA (Hons) in Economics and Econometrics. He then completed a PGCE in Mathematics at Manchester Metropolitan University. He then taught in Rochdale for 25 years. Outside of school he is a member of Sandiway Golf Club and a Liverpool FC Season Ticket holder.

Amy Tinkler

Amy joined the Admissions team having previously worked in the main office in a local primary school in Wilmslow where her daughter attends. She enjoys going to the gym and spending time with family and friends and can usually be found supporting her son, who is at King's, playing rugby or cricket. She also likes to spend time back home in Cornwall or in Anglesey.

Stephen Washington

Stephen joined the Modern Foreign Languages Faculty at the end of February 2023, having previously worked as an MFL teacher in schools in Cheshire and Flintshire. Stephen joined the teaching profession after reading Spanish & History at the University of Kent, followed by a MA in Modern History at the University of Leeds with a focus on contemporary Spanish political history. Having completed his Queen Scout Award, Stephen remains active in the Scout Movement as a Cub Scout and Scout Leader at a local group.

FAREWELL

Charlotte Bell

Charlotte joined the Psychology department in 2015, from Tunbridge Wells Girls School in Kent. She joined as teacher of Psychology, but quickly became Head of Department, where she led the team for two years before stepping down. Charlotte contributed widely to school life, she was a regular on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and helped set up and run the Sixth Form Stress Less club. During lockdown, Charlotte set up a new business 'HerSpace'. She reflected on the fact that it is increasingly difficult to make new friends once you reach a certain age, and with loneliness and mental health issues on the rise, she wanted to create a supportive space for local women to focus on their wellbeing. To date she has opened three chapters, with a fourth on the way, and with the countless exciting activities to sign up to, her members are thriving. She has recently been nominated for 'Cheshire Woman of the Year Award' for her contribution to the local community. We could not be prouder of what she has accomplished!

Emma Breese

Emma joined in 2012 as a Teacher of Mathematics. She soon became well established at the Girls' Division at Fence Avenue. In 2018, she became Assistant Head of Maths. Within this role she managed the day to day running of Maths at Fence Avenue and led with the Sixth Form curriculum across the department. Emma's subject knowledge was

excellent and she played a significant role in the success of many Further Maths classes. Emma made many contributions to the extra-curricular opportunities at King's including running a card club and supporting choir events. Emma was a fantastic colleague and will remain a close friend to the department.

Tom Briggs

Tom came over from Perth, Western Australia, to work as a hockey and cricket coach. Tom arrived with several years of playing experience for Modernians Hockey Club in the top division in WA, as well as for South Perth Cricket Club. His coaching at Christchurch Grammar School and Perth College gave him a great foundation for working at King's, and it soon became clear that he would have a significant impact on the sporting development of our pupils. Tom's knowledge and energy were evident throughout the year, and he came with fresh ideas to enthuse the pupils. He worked confidently with both boys' and girls' groups, and he showed his versatility in coaching right across the age range from Year 7 up to the Senior Boys. Tom also ably assisted with Infant & Junior Sport and displayed a very professional manner throughout the year. Tom returns to Perth to complete his Occupational Therapy course at Curtin University.

Yvonne Cooke

Yvonne retired from the Wrap Around Care team at Christmas, having dedicated 5 years to the Infant & Junior Division. Yvonne was a fantastic support to the Division during the pandemic and we wish her a very happy retirement.

Lauren Jocelyn

Lauren joined as lead swimming teacher in 2020, and organised, planned and delivered the swimming curriculum across the whole Foundation as well as extra-curricular clubs for both Junior and Senior Pupils. During her time at King's Lauren also went to the Tokyo Paralympics as a coach as well as going to the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in 2022. Her experiences and knowledge were invaluable and we wish Lauren all the best in her new role as World Class Classification Coach for British Swimming.

Jenny Lambert

Jenny epitomises sunshine and dedication. A wonderful colleague and friend to all in the Infant & Junior Division, Jenny has worked in all classrooms, play spaces and has enjoyed supporting a number of school trips over the last 16 years. She is kind, funny and creative. The pupils, families and staff will miss Jenny hugely and wish her a long, adventurous retirement. Thank you from us all!

Andrea Schutz

Andrea joined King' 5 years ago as Language Assistant; she brought to the role many years' experience of study, teaching and living both in Germany and Austria. We were struck from the outset by Andrea's commitment and interest in teaching and learning, her open-minded approach, and her enthusiasm and willingness to share cultural insights. She had a special affection for her work with her Sixth Form students, whom she challenged and helped to build their culture-specific knowledge and argumentative skills. For one year, she took the role of being a Sixth Form German teacher, which she threw herself into with relish. She has always been appreciated by both her students and colleagues and has shown huge dedication, often going the extra mile. We will miss her Kaffeekränzchen speaking club – always complemented by her fantastic home-baked cakes – as well as her work with extra-curricular German and participation in Stammtisch. She leaves us to move to MGS and we wish her much success and happiness.

Sue Moule

Sue has been deeply valued as a member of the Infant & Junior staff team for the last 14 years. Sue has been a vital part of the STEM teaching team in the Division providing wonderful opportunities and challenges for pupils. Sue is treasured by the team for her humble approach, attention to detail and outstanding commitment to education. Sue started as a Teaching Assistant in Year 3 and then moved to support

other year groups before moving to Year 5 where she has been for the last 10 years. Sue's commitment to the Infant & Junior Division has been far reaching; from planning and supervising day trips to residential visits to The Manor, Hollowford, The Conwy Centre and France (7 times). Sue's adventurous spirit has helped provide wonderful experiences for the pupils in her care. Her dedication to all matters environmental, STEM and sporting has been excellent over the years; she is amazingly creative and has been instrumental in inspiring young minds in so many ways. A talented sports woman, Sue has supported Year 5 and 6 hockey for 14 years, in all weathers! Sue will be missed by all the infant and junior staff team.

Olivia Soutter

Olivia joined in 2018 as a relatively new teacher, having undertaken her teacher training at Cambridge. A local lass, born and bred, she attended King's as a pupil at Fence Avenue where she was Head Girl and the first Vice School Captain appointed by the new Headmaster, Simon Hyde in 2010. The connection to the school must run in the blood as her Mum was a much-loved member of the Infant and Junior Division. Olivia is as exemplary a teacher as she was a student at the school, and quickly made a strong impression with her energy, creativity, dedication to the job and passion for her subject. Drama in particular was an area of literature close to her heart, and especially that of Shakespeare. Olivia regaled the department with tales of the productions she regularly saw, and informed us of countless others that were worthy of school trips. Always ambitious, she soon started teaching Drama,

helping to produce and direct whole school productions, and eventually took on the roles of Challenge and Enrichment Coordinator and Head of Extended Learning. Her wonderful resources, passionate teaching, superlative care for the students and bubbly good humour will be sorely missed.

Michaela Smith

Michaela leaves the Infant & Junior Wrap Around Team to relocate to Scotland with her partner, Robert. Michaela has been a joy to work with; she has a keen sense of fun and adventure, bringing wonderful opportunities to our youngest pupils in Holiday and After School Club. We wish Michaela every success for the future.

Paul Thompson

Paul joined in 2004 as a 38-year-old NQT. His appointment was delayed only by the time it took to read the previous employment section of his CV as he appeared to have worked for every pharmaceutical company in the world. The vast number of stories from his industrial experience filled many a long year in the science prep room. In his time at King's, Paul has been Head of Year 7 (the speed of his resignation is still the fastest in educational history), run Bronze D of E, the Myles Marshall Sevens competition, been PGCE mentor, taken Outdoor trips and run more clinics/help sessions/catch up sessions than the rest of the science dept combined. He was Head of General Science for many years and produced one of the great SOW that is still the mainstay of how Year 7 and 8 are taught science. He created resources beyond compare including the 'Who Shot Mr Burns'

Forensic science lesson that every King's student instantaneously names as their favourite all time lesson. His name will live on after his departure as the exploding Thompson Apparatus will continue to make students jump and the Thompson tuck box will be remembered by all who won a prize from it. His management of Bronze D of E was a work of art and the mythical sermons on the mount presented in Gradbach scout camp illuminated only by the setting sun that warned the entire Year 10 of the dangers of rogue badgers were worthy of a Hollywood epic and made a generation of bronze candidates treat every rustle in the night as the opening salvo of a badger attack. As a teacher, Paul has inspired hundreds of A level students with his enthusiasm and knowledge and helped students for whom Chemistry was a form of torture to not only enjoy the subject but do well. His exploding foil balloon experiment caused the glass in the Cumberland Street fume cupboards to bulge with the force of the sound wave and his Lego/cardboard box method of modelling digestion is a work of genius that all general science staff use every year. My most treasured gift from students is a mug that says second best chemistry teacher in the world because I know they gave Paul the one that said best Chemistry teacher and I will always be happy to be second place to Paul. JSS

Debbie Threlfall

Debbie joined in 2007, initially part-time in the Girls' Division, from her previous post of Co-Head of Art at All Hallows in Macclesfield. She brought her natural, gregarious manner to the classroom and a

wealth of innovative, creative ideas that have continued to inspire her pupils. She was quickly appointed full-time when the opportunity arose, making the move over to Cumberland Street, mainly teaching the boys and as a Sixth Form tutor. Debbie's tutor groups down the years came to know her as a trusted ear, a guiding hand, and they always left her care a great deal wiser, ready for life beyond King's. Her contribution to the Art department has been phenomenal during the last 16 years, not only in her teaching but in organizing many residential trips, life drawing and in taking on the role of Enrichment Co-ordinator and Health and Safety representative in the department. She has also been a brilliant mentor to many PGCE students, taking a firm but encouraging hand with them and many of them are now Heads of Art and senior staff in their own schools. She leaves behind her a legacy of inspirational teaching that will continue to infuse the Art Department for years to come and a legacy of former pupils that are now renowned professionals, and those that are destined to be the art movers and shakers of the future. As she leaves King's, she is looking forward to travelling, spending more time with her husband Greg and her sons Jack and Sid, spending more time in her home county of Suffolk, and also developing her mid-century vintage business. And of course, she will continue to develop her own artwork.

Jenny Winstanley

Jenny leaves the Infant & Division to pursue a career in Educational Psychology, studying for a MA at University of Manchester. Jenny

joined the Division as a Form Tutor in Year 2 and then moved to the role of Head of Early Years Foundation Stage in 2022. Jenny's child-centred approach has meant that she has always put the needs and learning styles of every pupil first, chiming seamlessly with the culture of individual awareness in the Division. Jenny has helped to develop the Early Years Foundation Stage over the last 18 months and the pupils, families and staff will miss her hugely.

Collette Wolfenden

Collette leaves the Wrap Around Care team to relocate to the North East with her partner, after 8 years in the Infant & Junior Division. Collette was a superb support during the pandemic in our Key Worker Club and a huge help with the school move. We wish Collette much success in her new role and thank her for her dedication to the Division.

David Young

David joined us in September 2022 as our Postgraduate Musician having recently graduated from the University of Manchester. He made a huge contribution to the department in his time with us; regularly accompanying pupils for ABRSM exams and assisting with/accompanying numerous choirs and ensembles. His work with the Rock Band was particularly impressive, and led to them regularly performing at school concerts and events. He leaves us to begin teacher training (Secondary Music) with Teach First. We wish him the very best of luck for his future career.

Awards & PRIZES 2022/23

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Special Prizes

Head of Foundation's Prize	Jessica Burton
Head of Foundation's Prize	Nicholas Reynolds
Principal's Award, History, French Linguistic & Cultural Prizes	Rory McCabe
Principal's Award, Sainter Prize for Scientific Research, Mathematics Single Prize	Ben O'Donnell
Principal's Award	Grace Slack
Principal's Award	Anna Warham

Senior School Prizes (all age groups)

Maimi Wright Computing Prize	Harrison Court
Ben Davies Poetry Prize	Raphael Sherry
Dr Norman Maurice Arclex Prize	Abbie Blake
Ridac Cup for an outstanding sporting performance	Christian Smith on behalf of the U15 Cricket Team
Selwyn Russell Jones Sports Prize	Harrison Milner
Thornber Chemistry, Spanish Prizes	Toby Denton
Marcall-Costello Award for Endeavour in German, Orchestral Prize	Lily Cook
Ken Brookfield Elizabethan Prize	Jussi Hill
I A Wilson Economics Prize	Minty Kight
Alex Anderson Memorial Quaich	Lotta Tully
David Pook Poetry, 8LJB Form Prizes	Brianna Gargoles
Mick Brown Good Egg Award	Scarlett Hurst
Senior Division Robert Batchelor, 7SAH Form Prizes	Aaliyah Hammad
Senior Division Robert Batchelor Prize	Syed Abedi
Kennerley Award for Investigation & Enquiry (Senior Division)	Poppy Moore
Kennerley Award for Investigation & Enquiry (Senior Division)	Chloe Green

Retiring Prizes

Debbie Threlfall	Phoebe Wilson
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Bano Endeavour Awards

Year 13 Bano Endeavour Award	Hope Sutton
Year 12 Bano Endeavour Award	Sophie Kaye
Year 11 Bano Endeavour Award	Victoria Wilson
Year 10 Bano Endeavour Award	Martha Charnock
Year 9 Bano Endeavour Award	Alexander Fahy
Year 8 Bano Endeavour Award	Sophia Heywood
Year 7 Bano Endeavour Award	Poppy Hood

Former Pupils' Association Prizes

Alan Cooper, Sixth Form Choral Prizes	Angus Rutherford
TT Shaw Sixth Form, Mathematics Double Prizes	Owen Branthwaite
TT Shaw Senior Division, Middle School Orchestral Prizes, Macclesfield High School Isobel Day Cup for French	Sebastian Fitzgerald
Adrian Silcock Sixth Form, Thorneycroft Religious Studies Prizes	Edie Waters
Adrian Silcock Senior Division Prize	Jad Kazzaz

Infant & Junior Division Special Prizes

Junior Division Robert Batchelor Prize	Sienna Murrells
Junior Division Robert Batchelor Prize	Henry Unwin
Sugden Award for Investigation & Enquiry	Benedict Robinson
Sugden Award for Investigation & Enquiry	Sebastian Allnatt
Infant & Junior Division Highly Commended Enquiry Prize	Luke Howick

Senior Division Prizes

Head Boy's Prize	Elijah Willcocks
Head Girl's, Product Design Prizes	Angel Wale-Akinlua
Principal's, Theatre Arts Prizes	Kyna Willcocks
Deryck Siddall Cup	Oliver Woodward
Best All-Rounder Cup, Macclesfield High School Susan Russell Jones Cup for German, English Prize	Freya Ambrey Brosnahan
Macclesfield Grammar School Challenge Cup, Mathematics Prize	Annabel Hawkins
Senior Division Council Cup	Thatcher Nulty
Year 7 Achiever's Cup	Bailey Denham
Year 8 Achiever's Cup	Aidan Wagg
Year 9 Achiever's Cup	Alex Cooper
Year 10 Challenge Cup	William Gandy
Jenny Lee Mathematics Prize	Robb Thomas
Anne Craig French Prize	Alexa Watkins
Sue Bream Crystal Star	Elsie Heyworth
Year 7 General Science Prize	Benjamin Hutchinson
Year 8 General Science Prize	Elias Barnsley
Art & Design Prize	Rosie Johnson
Biology, French, 11TSJ Form Prizes	Lucy Hancock
Chemistry, Latin Prizes	Yousaf Ahmed
Dual Science Prize	Brooke Tew
GCSE Physical Education, 11WJK Form Prizes	Alistair Fitzmaurice
Geography Prize	Sophie Shephard
German, Thorneycroft Religious Studies Prizes	Saskia Fellowes
History Prize	Mimi Rankin
Lower School Choral Prize	Lily Webb
Lower School Orchestral Prize	Rory Horne
Lower School Reading Prize	Annika Glasgow
Middle School Choral Prize	Ben Kay
Music Prize	Michaela Quinn
Physics Prize	Benito Golia-Foxley
Spanish Prize	Daisy Webb

Sixth Form Prizes

Art (Selwyn Russell Jones) Prize	Rebecca Foster
Business Studies Prize	Catherine Ling
Design & Technology Prize	Jack Cookson
Chemistry, Ron Darlington Jazz Prizes	Sammy Earnshaw
Classics (Wilmot), Theatre Arts Prizes	Samuel Harman
Economics (Can F W Paul) Prize	Thomas Whitney
English Language Prize	Niya Alias
English Literature Prize	Morgan Daly-Pattison
Extended Studies (T B Cartwright), Senior Reading Prizes	Loryn Robinson
Extended Project Qualification Prize	Grace Cornford
French (William Broster) Prize	Keira Harris
Geography Prize	Eve Carter
German (J O Nicholson), Physics Prizes	Milly Robertson
Global Perspectives Prize	Vismaya Aji
History (C A Bradley) Prize	Amelia Phillpotts
Politics Prize	Oliver Lewer-Sotiriou
Simon Schuler Computing Prize	Vaseegaran Vasantharajan

Form Prizes

Middle School

Year 11

11HBA	Ariarna Gordon
11IL	James Price
11RCO	Margi Javle
11ARP	Emily Burton

Year 10

10RAA	Millar Anderson
10 MEH	Ebony Gaddum
10JN	Georgia Smalley
10LAS	Joseph Beecroft
10PAT	Martha Reaney

Year 9

9GJH	Vivienne Dodd
9RAR	Bea Stockwood
9GSR	Grace Ingleby
9CLS	Talia Clark
9JWW	James Strong
9PW	Emily Allmand-Smith
Year 9 Thornecroft Religious Studies Prize	Jessica Doyle

Lower School

Year 8

8LCB	Brodie Clarke
8KFB	Oscar Wheeldon
8ESC	Lucas Burns
8OJS	Charlotte Grant
8GBS	Sophie Hancock
8EPW	Isabel Challinor
Year 8 Thornecroft Religious Studies Prize	Rubi Ambrey Brosnahan

Year 7

7SJA	Anisha Kumar
7KB	Emilia Gravett
7GAC	Ben Foxon
7IP	Jack Hutchins
7SLW	Isabelle McIntosh
Year 7 Thornecroft Religious Studies Prize	Mia Clements



A Level results

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

Issah Ahmad
Niya Alias
Samuel Allen
Ananiel Antony
Eleanor Ashton
Georgia Aspray
Harriet Bailey
Mercury Barton
Abbie Blake
Frank Bradbury Reuben
Owen Branthwaite
Molly Bridgewater
Edward Broadley
Jessica Burton
Adam Butters
Archie Byrne
Eve Carter
Amélie Charnock
Edward Chen
Dylan Cheshire
Archie Close
Max Coates
Lily Cook
Grace Cornford
Amelia Crummack
Morgan Daly-Pattison
Oscar Davies
William Davies
Toby Denton
Oliver Downes
Samuel Earnshaw
Emma Edwards
Charles Egan
Louis Ellison-Brown
Lucy Evans
Mimi Fitton
Rebecca Foster
Tobias Fraser
Edward Gandy
Sofia Ghorbanian
Shayne Given
Reece Grady
George Grant
Zoe Griffiths
Maahir Halwani

Isabella Hammond
Samuel Harman
Keira Harris
Jessica Haywood
James Head
Samuel Heath
Jussi-Peter Hill
Andreas Holden-Rachiotis
Scarlett Hurst
Isabella Johnson
Madeleine Johnson
Lewis Johnston
Haydn Keogh
Cordelia Kight
Louis Lau
Oliver Lewer-Sotiriou
Catherine Ling
Archie Little
Benjamin Lloyd
Madeleine Lucchi
Ivan Marr
Rory McCabe
Charlotte McEwan
Harrison Milner
Xavier Moore
Rebecca Morrow
George Murphy
Ashton Nulty
Benjamin O'Donnell
Annabelle O'Neill
Charlotte Parker
Samuel Parry
Jamie Pearce
Taya Phillips
Amelia Phillpotts
Lawrence Ponton Espinosa
Katy Radcliffe
Aaron Raymon
Angus Redgrave-Scott
Nicole Reeves
Nicholas Reynolds
Molly Richardson
Milly Robertson
Loryn Robinson
Beatrice Roche

Adam Rowley
Annabel Rushton
Angus Rutherford
Lewis Sawyer
Thomas Sheridan
Grace Slack
Dylan Southern
Zachary Spencer Pickup
Isadora Squire
Mary Violet Squire
Hope Sutton
Reuben Thornden
Annalise Timms
William Timms
Annabel Townsend
Finlay Usher
Oliver Van Der Ploeg
Vaseegaran Vasantharajan
Elijah Walsh-Goldsmith
Anna Warham
Edie Waters
Oliver Watson
Thomas Whitney
Georgia Wilman

This list includes
30 pupils who received at
least 3 A* /A grades.
75% of students will attend
their first choice university.
59% of students will attend
Russell Group universities.

Music Examinations

Autumn Term 2022

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Seniors

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Harriet Bright	Piano	6	Distinction
Harriet Bright	Clarinet	6	Distinction
Amber Cheshire	Singing	4	Distinction
Joshua Clark	Singing	4	Merit
Tasha Clark	Piano	2	Distinction
	Performance		
Lily Cook	Violin	8	Merit
Alex Cooper	Singing	4	Distinction
Elijah Craine	Piano	3	Distinction
Fraser Day	Piano	6	Pass
Archie Dow	Trumpet	1	Merit
Arabella Huntington	Piano	2	Merit
Jad Kazzaz	Trumpet	1	Merit
Olivia MacKenzie	Double Bass	6	Distinction
Felix Oliver-Williams	Singing	5	Pass
Lorcan Pfister	Baritone	3	Distinction
Michaela Quinn	Flute	5	Pass
Jenny Wallace	Trombone	6	Distinction
Lauren Whaley	Singing	5	Distinction

Juniors

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Connie Brentnall	Bb Cornet	1	Distinction
Annabelle Brown	Singing	3	Merit
Georgia Evans	Piano	2	Merit

Spring Term 2023

ABRSM

Seniors

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Adeline An	Violin	6	Distinction
Matisse Densem	Singing	2	Merit
Christopher Drake	Trombone	4	Merit
Isabelle Dugdale	Piano	1	Merit
Duru Erakalin	Piano	3	Pass
William Gandy	Violin	7	Merit
Brianna Gargoles	Flute	1	Pass
Annabelle Jordan	Singing	5	Distinction
Joe Joseph	Classical Guitar	2	Pass
William Ledger	Singing	2	Merit
Penelope O'Brien	Flute	4	Pass
Apolonia Olpinski	Clarinet	1	Distinction
Lacey Quinn	Piano	3	Merit
Harry Sasse	Singing	4	Merit
James Strong	Piano	1	Pass
Vienne Wei	Piano	1	Merit

Juniors

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Shreya Allen	Piano	Initial	Pass
Alexandra Brown	Singing	Prep Test	Pass
Artie Ellis	Trombone	1	Merit
Amelia Grace	Piano	3	Distinction
Craig Hallinan	Piano	1	Merit
Camilla Kinsey	Singing	1	Merit
Mia Labrosse	Piano	Initial	Pass
Ray Liddiard	Piano	Initial	Pass
Edward Marsden-Smith	Trumpet	1	Distinction
Amy Tarplee	Flute	1	Pass
Amy Tarplee	Piano	Initial	Pass
Harry Unsworth	Piano	1	Distinction

Summer Term 2023

ABRSM

Seniors

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Harriet Bright	Piano	7	Pass
Isabelle Dugdale	Violin	4	Pass
Aleena Hansraj	Piano	1	Merit
Rory Horne	Piano	1	Distinction
Harry Kaye	Singing	3	Pass
Jack Ledger	Piano	4	Merit
Jacob Mooney	Singing	1	Merit
Adithya Nair	Violin	4	Pass
Adithya Nair	Piano	Initial	Distinction
Apolonia Olpinski	Musical Theatre	5	Pass
Thomas Pham	Piano	5	Pass
Lorcan Pfister	Bassoon	7	Distinction
Lorcan Pfister	Singing	7	Merit
Emilia Ross	Violin	4	Pass

Juniors

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Harriet Clough	Piano	1	Merit
Blake Denham	Oboe	1	Merit
Evelyn Hodkinson	Trumpet	1	Pass
Liam Labrosse	Piano	Initial	Distinction
Alice Miller	Piano	Initial	Merit
Ted Myers	Oboe	1	Pass
Alexander Wilson	Violin	2	Pass

Trinity College London

Seniors

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Emily Carter	Flute	6	Pass
Oliver Carter	Oboe	6	Merit
Lucy Clegg	Oboe	5	Merit
Lucy Clegg	Recorder	5	Distinction
Ross Hallinan	Flute	6	Merit
Bella Reid	Singing	6	Pass

Trinity Rock and Pop

Seniors

Name	Instrument	Grade	Result
Jack Hodgson	Singing	2	Merit
Bea Medcalf	Singing	4	Distinction

leaver

DESTINATIONS

In 2023, around 75% of Sixth Form students achieved their first choice of university with 59% joining Russell Group institutions. The full list of leavers' destinations is as follows:

2023

Arizona University (ASU)	Aerospace Engineering
Bangor University	Zoology with Animal Management
Cardiff University	Biomedical Science
Durham University	Psychology
Durham University	Modern Languages and Cultures
Durham University	Chemistry (Industrial)
Durham University	Biological Sciences
Durham University	History
Durham University	Religion, Society and Culture
Durham University	Psychology
Harper Adams University	Animal Behaviour and Welfare (Clinical)
Harper Adams University	Agribusiness Management
Imperial College London	Biological Sciences
Keele University	Pharmacy
Keele University	Medicine
Lancaster University	Medicine and Surgery
Lancaster University	Accounting and Finance
Lancaster University	Chemistry
Lancaster University	Law
Liverpool John Moores University	Law
Liverpool John Moores University	Events Management
Liverpool John Moores University	Business Management
Liverpool John Moores University	Criminology and Psychology
Loughborough University	Psychology
Loughborough University	Sport Management
Manchester Metropolitan University	English Language & Linguistics
Manchester Metropolitan University	Sports Business Management
Manchester Metropolitan University	Events Management
Manchester Metropolitan University	Business Management
Newcastle University	Marketing and Management
Newcastle University	Zoology
Newcastle University	Mechanical Engineering
Newcastle University	Pharmacy
Newcastle University	English Language and Literature
Newcastle University	Combined Honours
Newcastle University	Marketing
Northumbria University	Business Management
Royal Holloway, University of London	Geography
Sheffield Hallam	Real Estate
Sheffield Hallam	Psychology
Sheffield Hallam	Nursing (Child)
Sheffield Hallam	Psychology
UCL (University College London)	Psychology and Language Sciences
University of Bath	International Management & Spanish
University of Birmingham	Business Management
University of Birmingham	Mechanical Engineering

University of Brighton	Marketing Management
University of Bristol	Chemistry
University of Bristol	Psychology and Neuroscience
University of Bristol	Law
University of Cambridge	Mathematics
University of Central Lancashire	Law
University of East Anglia UEA	Psychology with Placement Year
University of Essex	Marine Biology
University of Exeter	Law
University of Exeter	Applied Finance
University of Exeter	Exercise and Sport Sciences
University of Kent	Computer Science
University of Leeds	Philosophy
University of Leeds	Chemistry
University of Leeds	Biological Sciences (Biotechnology with Enterprise)
University of Leeds	Medicine
University of Leeds	Accounting and Finance
University of Leeds	Medicine
University of Leeds	Computer Science
University of Leicester	Biological Sciences (Biochemistry)
University of Liverpool	Marketing
University of Liverpool	Law
University of Liverpool	Psychology
University of Liverpool	Architecture
University of Liverpool	International Business
University of Liverpool	Economics
University of Manchester	Aerospace Engineering
University of Manchester	International Business, Finance and Economics
University of Manchester	Ancient History
University of Nottingham	Electronic and Computer Engineering
University of Nottingham	Mechanical Engineering
University of Oxford	Biology
University of Reading	Law
University of Reading	Real Estate
University of Sheffield	Biomedical Science
University of Sheffield	Mechanical Engineering
University of Sheffield	History and Politics
University of Sheffield	Law
University of Sheffield	Medicine
University of Sheffield	Geography and Planning
University of Sheffield	Law
University of Sheffield	English Literature
University of Sheffield	Accounting and Financial Management
University of Sheffield	Data Science
University of Sheffield	Mechatronic & Robotic Engineering
University of Sheffield	Economics
University of the Arts London	Film Practice
University of Warwick	Product Design and Development Engineering
University of Warwick	English Literature
University of Warwick	English Language and Linguistics
University of York	Philosophy, Politics and Economics
University of York	History/Politics (Equal)
University of York	Business and Management
University of York	Chemistry, Biological and Medicinal Chemistry
University of York	Computer Science
York St John University	Psychology with Child Development with Foundation Year

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