



King's Colours

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Newsletter of the King's School in Macclesfield

Sporting stars share King's stage



Sporting stars Dame Sarah Storey and Sir Chris Hoy gave an intimate account of their monumental Olympian journeys at a sell-out evening for a 600-strong audience.

They received thunderous ovations, leaving the audience totally spell bound by the cyclists' fierce determination, devotion to detail and joyous celebration of life.

They shared intimate details of the highs and lows of their careers to date, answering questions from the audience of children and adults. Proceeds from the evening went to The Christie and the King's Bursary fund.

The list of honours is endless for the Cheshire contemporaries: Dame Sarah won 30 Paralympic medals, with 19 gold, plus 45 world titles with six in her first sport of swimming. While Sir Chris with six Olympic golds, plus a silver, is one of Britain's greatest ever Olympic medal holders. However, it has not all been accolades and acclaim, and they shared their tales of grit, guts and grim determination.

Head, Mr Slack, said: "I cannot think of two better role models, not just for our pupils, but for all the community. It was a stunning evening and an absolute privilege to hear first-hand about the ups and downs of the life stories of two Great Britons."

Client Services Catering Award for Diego

Huge congratulations to our Deputy General Manager, Diego Gutierrez, (pictured centre) who scooped this year's Client Award in the annual Holroyd Howe People Awards, designed to recognise the exceptional individuals and teams whose contributions within the catering industry stand out.

Mrs Cohen, Director of Finance at King's, says: "Diego is a thoroughly well-deserved recipient of this award, as he exemplifies customer service and shares his passion for what he does every day with the pupils and staff in the school community."



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Having a broad and holistic approach to education is at the heart of The King's School ethos.

This includes the statement that we seek to equip young people with the character and skills necessary to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world. Few learning environments will help develop these skills better than the outdoors.

Our King's Compass 'outdoor' programme runs throughout the Infant and Junior Division and into Year 7 and the Senior Division. It is a curriculum which is innovative and dynamic, as recently demonstrated with the introduction of paddle boarding in one of the two large ponds that we have on site. As you might imagine, these lessons are very popular with the children and enjoyed by all that take part (staff as well as pupils).

We're delighted to reinforce our commitment to this area of our curriculum by extending these King's Compass outdoor lessons into Year 8 from September and this will flow well into the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme that begins in Year 9.



Our holistic approach and skills-based, experiential learning, helps develop attributes of confidence, leadership, teamwork, resilience, independence; the list goes on. I am certain that you will see these attributes developing in your own children as they progress through the school. It was an aspect of school that was positively received by the Inspection Team who commented that the pupils

receive a broad curriculum and achieve well as a result of the high-quality teaching. If you haven't yet read our report, which is on our website, I would encourage you to do so, as it endorses our approach, emphasising that pupils are self-motivated and ambitious about their learning and achievement.



To read the report, scan the QR code or [click here](#).



We have much to be proud of and this is certainly evident throughout this edition of *King's Colours*.

I would like to thank the Friends of King's volunteers who have supported the School throughout the academic year, not least by funding things like our paddle boards and more recently, hosting a wonderful summer celebration highlighting all that is great about our community. Their hard work often plays out behind the scenes, but at events like this it is evident just how much effort, attention to detail and passion for the school goes in to their work. Thank you, from everyone at King's.

Jason Slack, Head of Foundation



National chess success

King's junior chess team finished a stunning 6th place in the National Finals and the Seniors came not far behind in 12th place. Hundreds of schools nationwide entered the English Chess Federation's National Tournament, with the King's pupils performing brilliantly to first quality and then come in the top rankings.

Player One on the Junior Team Harry Davies, at just 9, said: "there's no better feeling than when you get in the zone and focus on the board."

There are now over 100 pupils playing chess in the school's clubs run by coach Andrew Ireland, who said: "It's an absolutely fantastic performance. To qualify is an achievement in itself so to earn such high places is stunning."

These pupils have all qualified for the Northern Schools' Gigafinal, after easing through the Megafinal stage against young chess players from schools in Shropshire and Cheshire. Fellow juniors Margot Hrebinyk, Lily Barriskell and Oscar Woodhouse will join them along with Senior pupils who are also through to the Northern Gigafinal are Maryam Atif, Alexandra Taylor, Diti Dixit, Benedict Robinson and Taran Davies.

Engineering success for girls

In June, Dr Embrey and Dr Hartnett took a group of pupils to Sheffield University for a 'Girls into Electronics' day. Students heard excellent talks on Robotics, AI, Processing Physiological Signals, Working at Apple, and careers in Electronics and Electrical Engineering. They also took part in Microcontrollers and Robots lab sessions. Students had an excellent day and many were inspired to find out more about Engineering careers.



Ocado boss delivers inspiring speech for pupils

Top business leader Hannah Gibson (*pictured far right*) returned to her old school to tell the next generation 'to embrace change.'

A former King's Head Girl, Hannah is now the Chief Executive Officer at Ocado Retail and was formerly a Senior Policy Advisor to David Cameron in No.10 Downing Street. The Cambridge graduate was the special guest speaker at King's Founders' Day service.

The retail and tech expert had three key pieces of advice: "Firstly, give it your all. I have found the people who are most successful are those that really care, are passionate about what they do and want to do more."

"Secondly, embrace change. I am doing things now that I could not even have imagined when I was at school and the pace of change is only getting faster. When I was at Uni, iPhones didn't exist and when I left No.10, it was only just getting Wi-Fi – and now I work in a company where robots are picking customers' groceries."

"Finally, don't be afraid to ask for help and recognise that you are part of a strong team."

Mr Slack said: "Hannah is a wonderful role model: hard working, driven and innovative while being aware of the challenges faced by young people today. It was lovely to see how warmly she was greeted by so many former teachers and staff."



Young musicians Cartmel trip

In June, our young musicians headed north to beautiful Cumbria on the annual pilgrimage to Cartmel Priory. They lifted the roof of this stunning venue with their beautiful singing. Prior to this, there was lots of opportunity to enjoy their music making plus many other activities, including a visit to 'The Big One' at Blackpool Pleasure Beach.

Meet our new librarian

This term, Mrs Livesey has started as our new Foundation Librarian in the Alan Cooper Library, following the retirement of Mrs Snook. Mrs Livesey says: "For the last five years I have worked in school libraries and have had the task of revamping, breathing energy into library spaces, and ultimately transforming the space into the heart of the school."

"I am passionate about the power of reading and the importance of an inspiring School Library. I'm enjoying getting to know the King's pupils' reading habits and commencing some wonderful new initiatives in the Library."

You can get in touch with Mrs Livesey at:
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Pupils have had a busy term treading the boards in style...



Pupils perform *Bugsy Malone*

The criminal underworld of down town 'speakeasies' was comically recreated in the Year 6 charming version of Alan Parker's '*Bugsy Malone*.' Directed by Soulla Costanda, the remake of the classic 1976 film left audiences tapping their feet and wiping their eyes.

The young actors stole the show with some wonderfully comic caricatures. The lead roles were performed brilliantly by Gabe Massey as a charismatic and charming Bugsy Malone; Mia Labrosse as Blousey Brown; Edward Marsden-Smith as Fat Sam; Camilla Kinsey as the sassy showgirl Tallulah; Olivia Saxton heroically handled transforming herself into Dandy Dan, while Ray Liddiard as Knuckles was the perfect side-kick for Fat Sam.



Moana sets sail!

King's young thespians transported packed audiences to ancient Polynesia for a vibrant adaptation of the Disney blockbuster '*Moana*'. Performed by Year 7-9 pupils, Vienne Wei starred as the Moana and gave a charming performance that fully realised both Moana's vulnerabilities and growing strength. Aiden Clarke as her side-kick Maui, was brilliant as the ying to her yang, with the pair forming a superb comedy double act. While Ellie Tomlinson was ideal for the crab who likes to talk about herself.

King's Head of Drama, Chloe Deva, said: "Drama is continuing to grow at King's and we have added this Lower School production to our other annual productions led by older pupils. We are also delighted that we will be adding A-Level Drama & Theatre Studies to our curriculum offer, so that pupils can pursue their academic study of Drama all the way through the Seniors and Sixth Form. We are working hard to provide every pupil with an opportunity to face a live audience with a polished, professional and crafted piece of work at every stage of their journey through the school. Our pupils develop so many life skills while putting on a large-scale production, as well as lifelong memories."



House ACTIVITIES Day

At the end of Exam Week May, our Senior pupils had the opportunity to compete for their Houses and enjoy a range of new activities during our House Activities Day.



Pupils enjoyed events including Orienteering, Water Polo, raft building, baking, performance poetry, Disc Golf, quizzes, athletics, mask-making, debating, dodgeball, paper aeroplane competitions and many more. The day provided the opportunity to learn new skills, at the same time as working with pupils in other year groups in the House spirit.

Mr Cooper, Deputy Head, said: "We are excited about this annual event and the vast range of ever-more exciting and diverse opportunities that the staff provide.

"Pupils loved the addition of raft building this year alongside favourites like orienteering. House activities continue to be an important part of school life at King's, bringing both fun and a competitive spirit!"





EVIE THOMAS

Evie, who is studying Business, Economics and Politics at A Level, examined the increasing use of AI technology in criminal investigations. "AI helps with investigations, for example, enabling much faster transcontinental facial recognition. But worldwide trust in the Police is very low, and as AI is a new black box technology without tight accountable controls and it might exacerbate that lack of trust in law enforcement."



ELLA MOSS

Ella who is studying Art, Politics and Business, assessed whether murderers were born or made and highlighted the findings of distinguished American neuroscientist James Fallon, who had a history of homicidal behaviour in his own family.

Showcasing EPQs

In April, Sixth Form students showcased their detailed research into some of today's most perplexing ethical and technical challenges at their annual EPQ evening. Undertaken by Year 12 students alongside their A-Levels, the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) allows students to explore in depth a topic of their own choosing. Head of Extended Studies, Gemma Cunliffe, said: "The EPQ gives students an opportunity to master skills they will need both at university and in later life. The qualification is highly valued by universities and it's fascinating to see the research journeys the students go on, as well as the incredible range of topics they choose."



HARRY SMITH

Harry, who is on the UK's wheelchair basketball talent pathway, examined the challenges of policing qualification for Paralympic events. Harry, who is studying A Level Economics and Psychology, and BTEC Sport, said: "Disabled sports were created to help injured second war soldiers as a form of therapy. To enable the sports to grow, more seemingly able-bodied people are taking part and that is causing great friction in the community."

ED HAMMOND

Keen sportsman Ed Hammond, who is studying Economics, Geography and Chemistry A Levels looked at sports administrators' increasing awareness of the long-term impact of multiple concussions.

He found that those who participated in sport had a 60% chance of suffering a concussion.

He looked at the importance of both protective equipment and regulation concluding: "I am passionate about sport but I have become much more safety conscious through this study."





SURYA VASANTH

Surya, who is studying Geography, Mathematics and Biology at A Level, assessed the effect of sanctions on Russia, arguing there were three major deterrents: Economic, Political and Humanitarian and that penalising the oligarchs such as Roman Abramovich had largely been window dressing, while putting a cap on the price of Russian oil had damaged their military platform.



Drama Expansion

Starting in September 2026, we are delighted to be launching A Level Drama & Theatre as part of our continuing investment in, and expansion of, our Drama Department. Find out more about the new course on our website.



New School Captains

Next academic year, Phoebe Harrison and Will Gandy will be the new School Captains, supported by an able team of Vice-Captains. Both Phoebe and Will have starred in numerous productions, acting together in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Guys & Dolls* and *Bleak Expectations*.

Phoebe, who wants to study Politics and International Relations at Edinburgh University, said: "I am sure our acting has helped us develop the King's values of resilience, collaboration and creativity, and we can develop these qualities in younger pupils." Will, who wants to study Modern Languages with Russian at Oxford University, said: "Both Phoebe and I have benefitted enormously from taking advantage of all the opportunities at King's and I'd really like to introduce younger pupils to all the possibilities."

They will be supported by a four strong team of Vice Captains. Mia Teburi, who only joined King's Sixth Form 10 months ago and wants to study Medicine, Jobin Joseph, who also wants to study Medicine, Charlotte Hanley, who wants to read Politics, Philosophy and Economics at university, and Neave Stanway, who wants to go in to the Finance sector.



Oxbridge offers for Annabel and Sebastian

Congratulations to Annabel Hawkins, who has an offer to read Computer Science at Murray Edwards College, Cambridge. While talented linguist Sebastian Fitzgerald has an offer to read Arabic at New College, Oxford.



Annabel, who is reading Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Computer Science in the Sixth Form already knows that her subject is developing so rapidly that by the time she has finished her course some of what she has learned might already be out of date. Talented musician and actor Sebastian, who is studying French, Spanish and History at A Level, hopes his degree in Arabic will lead to a life in international diplomacy.

Alumni Networking Event

In June, Year 12 students had a day focussed on their futures, led by Mrs Foster, our Careers Officer. Students started to complete their UCAS forms and enjoyed an opportunity to network with more than 20 of our alumni.

All recent leavers of King's, the alumni talked about their current studies, their experiences of higher education or apprenticeships and gave top tips and advice to current students.



CRICKET
Boys

Back-to-Back Cheshire Cup Triumph

King's U15 cricket team have retained The Cheshire Cup, lifting the trophy for the second year in succession after an excellent cup run.

In a tough route to the final, the team held their nerve in a closely contested victory over Birkenhead, defending a total of 120. The innings was anchored by opener Harry Boddy, who scored his third consecutive half-century to provide a solid platform. It was a genuine team effort, with the performance in the field particularly impressive. Under the calm and astute leadership of captain Dylan Hodgson, the side showed discipline and determination to close out a deserved win.

CRICKET
Girls

Congratulations to the U13 girls' cricket team, who have qualified for the final of The Cheshire Cup. They played the semi-finals against Cheadle Hulme School and clocked-up an impressive win after losing the toss and going in first to bat. After facing all 20 overs, Flo Eyre stayed in to bat throughout, with only 1 wicket taken the girls finished the innings with a score of 148. Cheadle came into bat, but with early wickets taken and rain starting, the match was abandoned with Cheadle on 59 for 5 wickets, from 10 overs. We wish them the best of luck for the final.

ROUNDERS



Congratulations to the Year 6 rounders team, which won the AJIS U11 Rounders Competition at Scarisbrick Hall. They were unbeaten all the way to the finals, beating Manchester High School in the semi-final and then battling last year's winners Withington 9 to 5 in the final.



ATHLETICS



Well done to the Year 7 athletics teams that competed at the District Athletics Competition in June. The Year 7 Girls team came 4th and the Year 7 Boys team achieved a 2nd finish. Overall, King's came 2nd out of nine schools.

Congratulations go to the following athletes who have been selected to represent Macclesfield at the Cheshire Minors Athletics Championships in July: Lauren Barbosa, Georgia Evans, Hugo Irving, Beau Sheehy and Robbie Winthorpe.

HOCKEY



Congratulations to Anisha, Anvi, Isabelle and Ruby who successfully represented Cheshire East in the U14 County Hockey Tournament, which was played over two days.



TENNIS



In June, a group Year 6 children participated in a tennis tournament for local schools at Prestbury Tennis Club. Grace Battersby, Cara Craik-White, Alex Mape and Charlie Ellis competed in several doubles matches along with a singles match, and they achieved several wins, securing overall first place in the tournament.

EQUESTRIAN



Squad become National Champions

King's Equestrian Team competed in the National Schools Championships, delivering exceptional results including a double win in the Eventers Challenge.

The incredible squad of Rubi Ambrey Brosnahan, Emily Carter, Poppy Holding, Oliver Ravenscroft, Lacey Barton Firbank, Ruby Barton Firbank, Libby James and Nina Robinson – have had a stellar 2025 season, qualifying for 11 championship classes across three disciplines.



Competing against the best qualifying schools from across the country, the Team secured top ten placings in 8 classes.

The 'Eventers Challenge' is a heart-pounding combination of show jumping and cross-country fences. Rubi, Emily, Poppy and Oliver took first place and the National Titles in both the 105cm class and the 95cm class.

In Show Jumping, Rubi, Emily, Poppy and Oliver earned a solid 6th place in the 105cm class and a fantastic 2nd place in the 95cm class. Lacey, Ruby, Libby and Nina jumped their way to a brilliant 4th place in the 75cm class. Libby, Lacey, and Ruby also finished 17th in the 85cm class.

In Dressage, our Prelim team (Emily, Oliver, Libby, and Poppy) secured 6th place with the Open team (Poppy, Rubi, Emily, and Oliver) earning a well-deserved 3rd place finish. Rubi Ambrey Brosnahan also achieved 3rd place in the Novice Individual Final.

RUGBY



Rugby Tour Down Under

King's rugby players are undertaking a once in a lifetime tour of Australia and Malaysia. In July, the 35 students and five staff will embark on a thrilling adventure involving two competitive teams and 10 fixtures against top-level opposition. It has been timed to coincide with the prestigious British and Irish Lions Tour, allowing the touring party to attend the first Test match in Brisbane against the Wallabies.

The tour begins on the Gold Coast before heading to Sydney, taking on some of the country's most prestigious rugby schools from the famed GPS circuit, including St Joseph's, Gregory Terrace and Nudgee College. The final leg of the tour takes the team to Kuala Lumpur, where they will face a nationally selected Barbarians XV. Cultural exploration will include visits to Bondi Beach, Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Batu Caves and the Petronas Twin Towers.

Mr Hetherington said: "King's is proud to offer its students a truly global sporting and cultural experience, one that will undoubtedly create memories to last a lifetime."



SWIMMING



Pupils in Years 5 to 8 competed in London for the English Schools Summer Open Meet. It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils, all of whom swam incredibly well with lots of Personal bests. Grace Johnson (*pictured right*) in Year 8 came 1st in the 50m Breaststroke, 2nd in the 100m Breaststroke and 4th in the 200m Breaststroke, with six more top 10 finishes. Emily Beaumont in Year 7 came 5th in the 400m IM, and placed in six other categories. Connie Brentnall, Finn Handley, Sydney Hawcroft-Adams and Jago Lewis, all in Year 7, and William Wallace in Year 6 and Bradley Anderson in Year 5 also clocked up some fantastic performances.



Earlier this term, Year 6 pupils (*pictured above and below*) won the U11s AJIS Swimming Gala Competition, competing against 17 other schools. Thea Grady, Eloise Beattie-O'Keefe, Libby James, Mia Labrosse came 1st in the 4x25m Medley Relay and 1st in the 4x25m Freestyle Relay. William Wallace, Thomas Ford, Bradley Anderson and Liam Labrosse came 3rd in the 4x25m Medley Relay and 4th in the 4x25m Freestyle relay.



A trip down memory lane

It was fantastic to welcome Keith Yearsley and Derek Way into school. As two of our oldest 'old boys' at 92 years young, they donated funds from their King's School Old Boys



Premium Bonds Association, which 16 former pupils set up in 1985, alongside their book

of meeting minutes for our archives. Pictured with Mr Slack, it was fantastic to hear their stories and love for our school. We thank them for their continued support.



2025 Alan McInnes Bursary Golf Day

Congratulations to the Alan McInnes Bursary Golf Day Champions for 2025 – Mark Halloway, James Gorton, Ross Davison and Alex Dymock, pictured with Mr Slack.

The event held annually at Prestbury Golf Club was another sell out and raised over £7000 for the school's Bursary Fund.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, prize donors and teams for making the day such a fantastic annual event. Next year's event is on Thursday 11 June 2026.



Afternoon Tea

In March, we were delighted to host an Alumni Afternoon Tea to celebrate over 30 years of the Fence Avenue site and of course the previous years as Macclesfield High School for Girls. It was a heart-warming and unforgettable event that brought together old friends and staff at our new site.

The afternoon was filled with laughter, excited conversations, and even happy tears as everyone reconnected and shared cherished memories. It was particularly wonderful to reunite 96-year-old Shelagh Proctor and Marjorie Boothby MBE, 90, who had not seen each other since their days at school when Shelagh was Marjorie's Form Prefect.

Alumni DATES FOR THE DIARY



- **DRINKS IN THE CITY | LONDON** Thursday 25 September
- **GALA DINNER | KING'S MACCLESFIELD** Saturday 15 November
- **ALUMNI CHRISTMAS LUNCH** | Tuesday 9 December
- **ALAN MCINNES BURSARY GOLF DAY** | Thursday 11 June 2026
- **REUNION FRISBEE** | Wednesday 1 July 2026



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Alumni

GALA

2025

Dinner

Reduced price
for U25s | £30

TICKETS £60

Welcome drink & 3-course dinner
(£30 for U25s)

NOVEMBER

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6:30PM

@ King's Campus
Alderley Road
Prestbury, SK10 4SP

Fun in the Sun

It was wonderful to welcome so many families, pupils and their parents to our Summer Fun Friday this term, a wonderful celebration of our community at the end of the academic year. A huge thanks to the Friends of King's volunteers who organised the event and raised £4,000 which will be re-invested back in to resources and equipment for pupils.



Supporting Guide Dogs

Our pupils always pride themselves on helping those less fortunate than themselves. This year, Senior pupils are supporting several local and national charities. We continue to donate to our local Silk Life Foodbank with our half-termly generous collections of non-perishable goods.

This term, we have supported Guide Dogs for the Blind. Pupils have loved welcoming in to School Rocky and Pippa (retired Guide Dogs) and young Guide Dog in Training Rufus! Year 9 have been particularly enthusiastic in their support for this charity, and Year 7 and 8 pupils enjoyed a Movie and Pizza Night to raise funds. We are nudging close to the 4-figure mark raised for this important charity.



East Cheshire Hospice cheque

We were delighted to hand over a cheque to staff from East Cheshire Hospice for an impressive £5,610. The money was raised by Infant and Junior pupils as well as those in Years 7 - 8 who took part in the Reindeer Rush, completing laps around the school in support of this fantastic cause.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...



- **Billy Bennett**, Year 10, who was awarded a Distinction in Trinity Rock and Pop Grade 7 Drums.
- **Reuben Blackhurst**, Year 11, who represented GB in the Mediterranean Equestrian tour, achieved 1st, 2nd and 5th places in Longines FT Bronze 110 competitions.
- **Jemima Blackman**, Year 7, who achieved 1st place in the EPTA UK Manchester Piano Competition.
- **Leo Burns, Alfie Usher, Liam Yahathugoda**, Year 11, **Dylan Hodgson**, Year 10, **Ben Holder** and **Oliver Hodgson**, Year 9, **Gabe Adamson, Tom Kenny, Freddie Howarth, Amelia Grace, Emilia Bexon** and **Taylor Lear**, who have been selected for Cheshire Cricket in their respective age groups.
- **Josh Clark**, Year 10, who was awarded a Distinction in ABRSM Grade 5 Piano.
- **Sebastian Fitzgerald**, Year 13, who was awarded a Distinction in ABRSM Grade 8 Clarinet.
- **Thomas Ford**, Year 4, who was awarded a Distinction in ARBSM Grade 2 Clarinet.
- **Hema Garisa, Tristan Green, Benjamin Hutchinson, Naina Vasireddy**, Year 9, **Harriet Bright, Joe Joseph, Harry Lloyd, Emilia Ross, Aiden Wagg**, Year 10, **Gaurav Boler, Elijah Craine, Eva Worthington**, Year 11, for achieving Gold in the Intermediate Maths Challenge.
- **William Gandy**, Year 12, who was awarded a Distinction in ABRSM Grade 8 Violin.
- **Mason Grady**, Year 10, who achieved 5 medals at Northwest Regional Championships – gold in 200m Fly, silver in 200m & 400m Freestyle, 100m Fly & 4x 100m Relay, bronze in 1500m Freestyle
- **Ayaan Hansraj**, Year 5, who was awarded a Distinction in ABRSM Initial Grade Piano.
- **Freddie Hempstock**, Year 11, who has been selected for the Sale Sharks U17s Academy.
- **Josh Jepson**, Year 8, who has been accepted on to the School of Regional Racing (British Cycling Olympic programme) a year early.
- **Annabelle Jordan**, Year 12, who achieved distinction in Grade 6 Singing exam and Distinctions in both ISTD Intermediate and ISTD Advanced Tap Level 1.
- **Edward Marsden-Smith**, Year 6, who was awarded a Distinction in ABRSM Grade 4 Trumpet.
- **Joe Moores**, Year 11, who has been selected for the England U19, and Lancashire 2XI/U18 cricket squads.
- **James Murphy**, Year 8, who was awarded a Distinction in ABRSM Grade 2 Singing for Musical Theatre.
- **Matthew Nuttall**, Year 13, who was awarded a Distinction in ABRSM Diploma Saxophone.
- **Jake O'Donnell**, Year 13, who was awarded a Distinction in ABRSM Grade 8 Singing For Musical Theatre.
- **Hayden Oliver** and **Zach Sibley**, Year 10, who have been selected for the Sale Sharks U16s Academy.
- **Margot Ridley**, Year 8, who was awarded a Distinction in ABRSM Piano Grade 2.
- **Kieran Schwartz**, Year 12, for his Commendation in the Anthea Bell Translation Competition run by The Queen's College, Oxford.
- **Christian Smith**, Year 12, who has been retained by Sale Sharks U18s Academy.
- **Aikum Singh** and **Margot Hrebinchyk**, who were awarded 1st and 2nd place respectively, in the Art Bytes North West art competition.
- **Sofia Sherratt, Freddie Finnie**, Year 7, who achieved bronze and **Oliver Barriskell**, Year 6, **Jack Willett, Blake Xodo-Rose, Rosie Hutchinson**, Year 7, **Alexandra Taylor**, Year 8, who achieved Silver for UKMT Junior Kangaroo Maths Challenge.
- **Ava Spray**, Year 7, who was awarded a Distinction in ABRSM Grade 1 Piano.
- **Victoria Tomaszewski**, Year 5, who was awarded a Distinction in ABRSM Grade 1 Alto Saxophone.
- **Hattie Usher**, Year 10, who has been selected for U15 Birmingham Panthers Netball Academy.



Minnie Farooq, Year 10, who has been made Vice-Captain of the U21 Pakistan Netball tour squad and helped them win the Asia Cup in Korea in July.

