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All the news from The King's School, Chester

On the stage, on the sports fields and in all classes and competitions, King's pupils certainly make the most of life!



Magnifique!



...‘Les Misérables’ is a roaring success

Sixth Form celebrate Oxbridge success

This year's Sixth Form students have all received offers from the universities of their choice. The following students have been offered conditional places at Oxford and Cambridge:

Oscar Hayward (U6SB) to read Law at Oxford.

Jack Webb (U6SB) to read Maths and Philosophy at Wadham College, Oxford.

Emma Walker (U6NS) to study Medicine at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

Ben Lloyd (U6CH) to study Geography

at Homerton College, Cambridge.

Mark Ditchfield (U6LB) to study English Literature at St Hilda's College, Oxford.

Matthew Ireland (U6ER) to study Computer Science at Churchill College, Cambridge.



The students have all taken part in King's Oxbridge preparation programme which involved them producing a lecture to give to other staff and students followed by a Questions and Answers session. They have met a member of staff assigned as their 'supervisor' on a weekly basis to discuss extra reading and work. Finally, they were all given mock interviews to help prepare them for the real thing and hopefully give them an idea of what to expect!

Head of Sixth Form, Mr Toby Hughes said, "I am delighted for these students who have worked incredibly hard to win places through the tough selection process. All of this year's leavers have excellent university offers – the majority from the very top and most competitive universities."

Cassie and Isabel achieve top Science Awards



King's girls Cassie Boffey (U6SB) and Isabel Hughes (U6LB), won Nuffield Science Bursaries during the summer to allow them to work on their individual scientific projects for 4-6 weeks with research departments of Universities.

Cassie's project looked at the effect of micro RNA 21 and cell proliferation – a drug which inhibits cancer cell growth.

Isabel's project was a production on monodisperate particles using inkjet technology which increases the efficiency of inhalers.

Both girls recently presented their projects at the CREST awards and both won gold awards for their outstanding work.

Head of Physics, Mr David Yalland said, "The girls have completed some fine pieces of research with their Nuffield Bursaries and to get a CREST gold award is a tremendous achievement. It just goes to show that despite the gloom about girls and science, girls can succeed with the right encouragement and teaching – at King's we buck national trends by having a far greater Science uptake at A-level than most schools."



King's excel in Modern Foreign Languages Debate

Five Sixth Form linguists have taken part in the 3rd Annual Northern Schools' Modern Foreign Languages Debating Competition, held at Cheadle Hulme School, Manchester.



The King's School teams of Ilina Sen (L6BH) and Charlotte Gillies (U6ER) – French team, Caitlin Deering (U6ER) and Jonathan Rodger (U6ER) – Spanish team and Oscar Hayward (U6SB) – German team, all performed extremely well.

Particular congratulations go to Caitlin Deering and Jonathan Rodger who were the overall winners of the Spanish competition.

The topics debated were:

1. National anthems are important
2. Women are better than men
3. Climate Change- we shouldn't care
4. We have become too politically correct
5. The dangers of drugs are exaggerated

All participants had to be prepared to debate on all five topics, both for and against. There were 12 schools in the competition including Manchester Grammar and Stockport Grammar Schools.

Students attend MUN conference at The Hague

For the first time students from King's school attended THIMUN (The Hague International Model United Nations) conference, which is the largest of its kind in the world for school age pupils and attracts 3,200 participants from all over the world.

There were students from 98 different countries present at the conference, with the furthest afield coming from Australia, New Zealand and South America. Representing the tiny state of Micronesia, the King's students wrote and debated resolutions on topics as diverse as cyber terrorism and greenhouse gases.

All spoke well in their committees, with Sixth Formers: Oscar Hayward (U6SB), Tim Pemberton (L6JS) and James Ellis (L6JS) particularly successful in seeing their resolutions passed. The entire group enjoyed the lobbying and merging experience, where they had the opportunity to work with other students, pooling their ideas to produce a feasible solution to a major world issue.

The forums for debate varied in size from 120 in individual committees up to 1,200 in the final plenary afternoon session.

Naturally, on a massive stage like this, it is not uncommon for delegates to feel intimidated by the sheer scale of THIMUN. The confidence gained, however, and skills learned by those that cope with the

process, are immeasurable. All of our delegates surpassed expectations and their ability to speak persuasively and answer questions in front of an audience was impressive.

Other King's pupils who attended were: Joe Dillamore (L6JS), Owain Morris (U6ER), Alex Austin (L6JS) and Lewis Ankers (L6JS). The group were accompanied by Mr Martin Goff.



Outstanding performance at Rotary Competition

King's students entered the Rotary Club's annual 'Youth Speaks' competition district round in January and were respectable runners-up in the Intermediate category.

The Rotary Club of South Wirral hosted a wonderful evening at The Grange Country Club in Thornton Hough organised by the Chair of the Youth Opportunities committee, Trevor Buckle.

Competitors enjoyed dinner with the Rotarians before speaking to an audience of approximately 80 people – no mean feat at the age of 13. Jack Webber (3TK) spoke on the issue of recycling, Oscar Lloyd Williams (3DB) proposed the vote of thanks and Emily Gregg (ShHB) was the chairperson. In judging, Keith Evans singled out Jack Webber's speech as 'outstanding' and one of the best they have heard at intermediate level. Oscar gave a very natural vote of thanks and Emily deserves a special mention for entering the team as a very late substitution.

A-level students 'collide' with ground-breaking Physics at CERN

At CERN (The European Organisation for Nuclear Research) near Geneva, Switzerland, a giant machine called the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) is now up and running once more.

After its much publicised breakdown in September 2008, just after it was first turned on, scientists and engineers are coaxing the machine to produce particles of higher energy in order to access new and exciting Physics. The LHC will enable the study of matter in unprecedented detail and is aiming to produce particles which have never before

existed, except perhaps in the first split second of the life of the Universe. This pioneering project, which has cost £3 billion and taken around 20 years to design and construct, is one of the most exciting developments in the study of physics in recent years.

A-level Physics students visited CERN in November and will visit again later this year accompanied by Dr. Steve Bosworth who worked at CERN whilst studying for his doctorate.

King's have been fortunate to be able to visit annually this cutting-edge facility and trips in recent years have witnessed the new

experiments in varying degrees of construction. The students are looking forward this year to sampling the excitement that will surround the first data from the Large Hadron Collider.



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Do You Hear The People Sing?

It seemed a good idea at the time! Back in the balmy days of the 'barbeque summer' of 2009 Toby met Phil, they 'dreamed a dream', and the King's School production of *Les Misérables* – School Edition was born.

Toby Hughes arrived as Head of Sixth Form at King's in 2008, quietly nursing a passion for drama that had seen him grace the Cambridge stage with *Footlights* in his student days.

A graduate of Chetham's School of Music, the University of Manchester and the RNCM, Philip Robinson succeeded James Millard as Director of Music at King's in 2009.

It was a meeting of minds: Phil would complete a hat trick of productions of *Les Mis*, and Toby would mark his King's directorial debut with the biggest show the 50 year old stage of the almost 500 year old School has ever seen.

And this show really was big! With a cast of 61 pupils ranging in age from 11 to 18 and wearing over 200 costumes between them, the King's *Les Mis* certainly kept a lot of people busy. And not only on stage: with staff and parental supervision pupils played in the orchestra, ran sound and lighting, built and painted the set, managed the backstage and props areas, slapped make up on their peers, sold tickets and programmes – and still worked hard towards important examinations.

And the end result? A show many professionals would have been proud of! Filling every inch of that revolving stage with truly superb singing, acting and dancing, these young people were 'school kids' no longer: they were the downtrodden poor of Victor Hugo's Paris in 1832; they were the passionate but heart-rendingly naive students on the barricade; they

were the 'people who would not be slaves again'!

The latest in a long, proud line of King's School productions, *Les Misérables* played to sell-out audiences over six performances during the first week of March, 2010. The wealth of talent available made it possible to use parallel casting for a number of major roles – and the role of Little Cosette was played by a different actress in each performance!

So it was a good idea! In total a team of over 100 people came together to live that midsummer night's dream. With Javert we reached for the stars, and with Valjean we learnt that 'to love another person is to see the face of God.' That's education!





A warm welcome in Poland despite the chill...

After a very early start and a very sleepy flight a group of GCSE and A-level RS and Philosophy pupils arrived in Krakow. For those who felt the chill in Liverpool that morning, the temperature was about to get considerably colder!

On arrival in Krakow, everyone parted their separate ways in order to get some lunch and then met an hour later for a whistle-stop tour of the city. They started at St Mary's Basilica, marvelling at the Gothic and Baroque interior, and witnessing the outstanding Hejnał (horn) ceremony. Other sites visited included the Collegium Maius (the oldest university in Poland) and Wawel castle. After the tour of the snowy city, the group returned to the hostel to defrost before a brief trip to the local shopping centre. Here they were able to sample some not-so-traditional, but without a doubt delicious ice cream, originally crafted into a plate of spaghetti. After a leisurely meal, they strolled back to the hostel for sleep following a busy first day.

Waking up feeling slightly more refreshed by the early night and continental breakfast (think ham, cheese, and... nutella?), they boarded the bus for the lengthy journey to Auschwitz. The mood on board was slightly anxious as the pupils didn't really know what to expect. During the journey, the tour guides gave them some brief contextual information



about The Holocaust. Upon arrival at Auschwitz the guides led their groups around the buildings of the museum, telling of the horrific events that took place. For a lot of the students this really brought home the fact that each of the victims were people with families and lives and also highlighted the sheer brutality of the genocide that went on. After a couple of hours the group travelled to Auschwitz-Birkenau, the location where at its peak, more than 20,000 people were exterminated every day.

The sheer size of the camp made the most impact, with the icy temperatures just a constant reminder of the battle these people would have had to fight everyday merely to stay alive. One of the most astounding things the students learnt that day, was the steadfast sense of faith of the survivors, and it was comforting to know that in such times people did not feel that they were without God. On the trip back to Krakow, the group was shown a documentary on the liberation of Auschwitz, allowing them not only to reflect on the day, but also to supplement what was learnt during the visit.



After relaxing at the hostel, the group went ice-skating which was to lighten the mood after such a thought-provoking day. For dinner that night, they went to a Polish restaurant to taste some traditional cuisine. The meal began with a pâté of pork and lard (no surprises here then) served with bread, this was followed by a chicken dish served with crushed potatoes and pickled cabbage. Throughout the meal they were serenaded and entertained by traditional Polish dancers and a man who dressed as a horse.

Much thanks goes to all the teachers who accompanied the group, especially Mr Loach, for organising a trip which will never be forgotten.

CAOKS 144th Annual Dinner

In early January the Grosvenor Hotel in Chester again hosted this year's Chester Association of Old Kings' Scholars dinner.

This is the prestigious annual reunion where alumni of the School, not just Association members, come together with others from the School community. Staff, Governors and invited members of the U6 joined the alumni and enjoyed an evening of good food and fellowship.

This year CAOKS were also pleased to welcome the new Chairman of Governors, Dr David Hemsall and his wife, Diane. The evening began with a champagne reception hosted by the President, David Atkin, where the Lord Mayor, Councillor John Ebo, presented the 2009 Exhibition Fund to George Roberts. Everyone then gathered in the Belgrave suite for a delicious four course meal, served to the usual impeccable Grosvenor standard. With everyone seated 'cabaret style' on round tables, the friendly atmosphere was enhanced. The School's history was brought alive on screen with a repeat of the excellent slide show presentation first shown in 2009.

The toast to the School was proposed by Mark Fearnall with a very entertaining speech



much enjoyed by the gathering. In reply the Headmaster Chris Ramsey reported the achievements of and accolades won by the School in 2009, as ever delivered in his own singular style! Graham Phillips, a travel consultant, regaled us with some interesting travel stories and proposed the toast to the Association. The President responded and thanked everyone for their help and support during his year of office, and concluded the

formal part of the evening with the toast to our founder, Henry VIII.

There was still plenty of the evening left to relax and enjoy further liquid refreshment from the bar and reminisce with acquaintances old and new. If anyone is interested in attending a future dinner please look out for details on the School website. CAOKS would be delighted to welcome you!

UK Senior Mathematical Challenge 2010

Sixty Sixth Formers sat this year's Senior Mathematical Challenge.

No fewer than eight students – **Siobhan Barnard** (L6BH), **Joe Dillamore** (L6JS), **William Moreland** (U6DY), **Emma Walker** (U6NS), **James Edholm** (L6KS), **Joe Wood** (L6ML), **Michael Hutchinson**

(L6ML) and **Jack Webb** (U6SB) – gained sought-after gold certificates, which indicate a mark in the top 6% of the group of talented mathematicians who sit the Challenge. In total, over half the entrants were awarded certificates, a further 15 at silver level and 11 at bronze.

Particular congratulations go to Siobhan Barnard. Her outstanding score of 103 was more than enough to send her forward to Round One of the British Mathematical Olympiad, a competition restricted to the top 1000 performers in the Challenge.

Well done to everybody who took part in the Challenge, especially to the certificate winners.



Cadets rise to the challenge

Over the last year, cadets from The King's School CCF have had a busy, enjoyable and fulfilling time taking part in a number of special activities in addition to the regular Friday evening training.

Last July, annual camp was held at Wathgill and was attended by 55 cadets. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the week, taking part in a number of activities including a drill competition, confidence course competition, march and shoot, dismounted combat trainer, section battle drills, a close quarter battle lane and adventure training.

The band had its first ever band camp in August, where they travelled to London. They stayed at the Blackheath Cadet Centre for three days and visited the Horse Guards at St John's Wood Barracks, The Scots' Guards Band at Wellington Barracks and had the opportunity to perform at the Guard's Museum.

The annual dinner took place at school early in September and was attended by 80 cadets and guests as well as a number of representatives of the uniformed services and the Lord Mayor of Chester. The guest speaker was Brigadier Mike Griffiths and a good evening was had by all.

The contingent was well turned out for Remembrance Sunday, when some 50 cadets and officers paraded in Chester. The salute was taken by the Duke of Westminster, the Lord Mayor of Chester and the commanding officer of the Fusilier regiment, based at Dale Barracks.

The new armoury at the school was completed just in time for the Biennial Review which took place during November. The inspecting officer was the brigade commander, Brigadier Mike Griffiths. He made a point of talking directly to the cadets in order to gain a true opinion of what they thought about the cadet force. He was treated to displays of first aid, section attacks, weapons training and command tasks.



Brigadier Griffiths went away full of praise about the contingent. A week later the CCF were joined by a number of Old Comrades who were also full of praise for the enthusiasm of the cadets, after having paraded their banners and spent time interacting with the cadets.

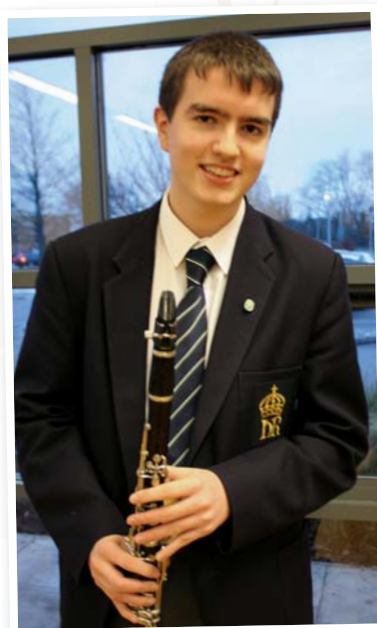
It was very disappointing that the orienteering competition in November was cancelled due to defence cuts. Two male and two female teams were ready to go and this would have counted towards the cadets' BTEC qualifications as a national competition. Also in November, some members of the CCF took part in "Christmas Cracker" 2009 signals competition. This was a very educational and interesting event.

The cadets enjoyed bowling and laser shooting at the annual Christmas Party held at Sealand Road Bowling Alley. Shortly before Christmas, the Band went busking on the streets of Chester and raised £120 for charity.

Despite a slow start to the New Year in January due to bad weather, weapon training with the new L98A2s has started in earnest and the cadets are now looking forward to the next camp. It has certainly been a wonderful year for the CCF with so much more to come!



Individual Success Stories



Talented clarinettist becomes an Associate of Music

Edward Andrade (L6PF) has passed the Diploma in Music examination to become an Associate of Trinity College, London.

This is a huge achievement for Edward as the standard of performance required for the Diploma is equivalent to the standard in the first year of a full-time undergraduate course at a conservatoire or other Higher Education Establishment.

It is a great credit to Edward to take the Diploma in conjunction with his A-level studies and this is no mean feat. Edward is a valued member of the music community and a talented clarinettist.



‘Driving’ towards victory

Dominic Thulow-Wood (L6JK) and **Matt Jones** (L6BH) have qualified for the final of the Winter League Mens’ competition at Vicars Cross Golf Club.

Of the 48 pairs who began in October, they remain unbeaten through group and knockout stages. This is a huge achievement for two junior players.

Seb racing to championship glory!



Seb Morris (3MW) has been accepted as the youngest entrant and driver in the UK for the British Ginetta Championship.

Seb, who has been racing competitively in Kart driving for several years, is also entering the British Super 1 Kart Championship.

The championship races at this level see speeds of 125mph around tracks such as Brands Hatch, Silverstone and Oulton Park. The Kart races support the British Touring Car Championship through the country.

Seb recently helped to launch the new Ginetta G40 at the Auto Sport Show in the presence of the nation’s press and other drivers including Formula 1 stars.



Sam swims into top spot!

Sam Wild (RmGA) has qualified and competed in the Welsh National Swimming Championships. Sam, who swam the 100m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke and 200m Backstroke at the Championships achieved personal best records for all three events in the 11/12 year age group. Sam came 3rd in two events and 4th in one, within the 11 year olds’ category. He is now ranked 8th in the UK in 100m Freestyle.



Creative Writing Day School at Inglewood Manor

March heralded the inaugural creative writing day school for King's pupils at Inglewood Manor, Wirral.

The day school was organised by Ms. Hayley Brown from the English Department to augment the successful Writers' Group she has been running in school this year.

Inglewood Manor provided a beautiful backdrop to the day's activities and the group were fortunate to have the services of professional writer, Barry Simner. Barry is a screenwriter and creative writing tutor who regaled the pupils with anecdotes about the television industry, literary agents and collaborative writing.

Ten pupils, from Thirds to Upper Sixth, took part and

all left feeling inspired, wondering how the meeting of Max and Jane was going to unfold in their notebooks. There will be more residential and day schools next year – please see Ms. Brown for further details.



First 'Fair Trade Cafe' launches at King's

This term saw the first ever Fair Trade Cafe to be launched at King's.

A development from the successful Fair Trade Tuck Shop, the cafe was a roaring success as pupils enjoyed live music, a cafe atmosphere, and Fair Trade magazines and papers to read. The event will be run on a monthly basis and is open to all ages.

Brainwave of Geog Soc (King's Geographical Society) supported by Mrs Rachael Aldridge and Miss Miriam Wyatt, King's is aiming to become a Fair-Trade and Eco-school in 2010.



Zara sings for Great Britain

Sixth Form student Zara Fyfe (U6CH) has successfully auditioned for a place in the National Youth Choir of Great Britain.

King's has always had a tradition of supplying students to the NYC Training Choir with a further two students joining last year. Zara's progression into the main National Youth Choir is a superb achievement.

Zara has also been awarded a place at Trinity College of Music in London for September to study voice.





James helps England to World Cup Hockey finals



Ex-pupil James Fair has continued his glittering career with the England Hockey team on the back of his Olympic success in Beijing in 2008, as part of the Great Britain squad, and helping England become European Champions.

James who lives in Pulford, is the goalkeeper for the England team and has recently returned

from playing in the World Cup final in South Africa where the team made the Semi-finals; ultimately coming 4th in the tournament.

James was at school at King's between 1989 and 1999 where he first learnt to play hockey and was a junior at Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club.

James won Goalkeeper of the Tournament during their European success and is now looking forward to representing Great Britain at the Olympic Games in London 2010.



King's awarded coveted FA Focus School status



As a member of the Independent Schools' Football Association, The King's School applied to be awarded Focus School Status in September. After the application process King's were one of only eight schools in the country to be successful.

Last term, Mr Richard Lunn, Director of Sport, attended a meeting for the Focus Schools at the FA Headquarters in Wembley. During the visit Mr Lunn attended meetings hosted by ISFA delegates, including ISFA Chairman David Elleray, the former international referee.

As an FA Focus School, King's will be helping students throughout the North West region gain coaching and refereeing qualifications, as well as helping develop football at Primary Schools in the Chester area. Mr Lunn will be leading the programme, with help from Mr Barry Horne, Director of Football, other colleagues and students.

Gold at the European Indoor Championships

Simon Egerton, a hockey coach working alongside the P.E. teachers, has recently won a gold medal in the European Indoor Championships as a member of the England Team.

Simon, who is one of the more experienced members of the National team, was victorious against host nation Poland to claim gold. This is the first time that an England side has won the European Gold indoors.

Simon is a regular coach at King's alongside Russell Hornby, Head of Hockey. He coaches both the girls' and boys' teams and has been instrumental in their successful season which has seen them win all the Chester and County championships for most age groups.



Boys' hockey reigns supreme at county level



The Boys' hockey teams have been tremendously successful for the 3rd year running.

The U14, U16 and U18 Teams won the County Championships and progressed through to the North West regional stage of the National Cup.

The U14's played superbly in the North West tournament, losing a very tight final to

Wirral Grammar School 0-1. This was a little disappointing as they had previously beaten Wirral 3-0 earlier in the season.

The U16 team had a hard battle, as a very young side. The boys were a credit to the school and were unfortunate not to make the final.

This year, the U18's had high hopes of progressing to the National stages having

remained unbeaten since the first game of the season. This unbeaten run remained intact and frustratingly it was a draw against Calday Grange 1-1, after Calday equalised in the last minute, which prevented the team from reaching the final. It has been a tremendous year's work by this talented and young group of players and the boys have high hopes for their forthcoming tour of Holland and next season.

Girls' U19 – Top Hockey Team for the 2nd year

The girls' hockey teams continue to achieve success in district and county hockey competitions.

The current U19 squad have enjoyed success this year as runners-up in the Chester and District Outdoor Tournament and reached the final of the Outdoor County Championships in March against Lymm High School. The squad have retained their indoor hockey titles this year winning both the Chester and District and County Indoor Tournaments in spectacular style. The squad have dominated hockey at U19 level over the

past two years and felt confident going into their last final together in March.

The Girls' Hockey squads have much to cheer about this year as all three age groups qualified for the Indoor Finals for the second successive year. The U14 squad finished third, and the U16 squad came runners-up losing out on penalty flicks against Bishop Heber.



Our first ever Girls' Football Team

After weeks of training and anticipation, the first ever King's Girls' Football team arrived at Christleton in November in high spirits, excited and raring to go for the first football tournament of the season. The girls played matches against four local high schools.

Coached by Miss Ogilvie, the new team performed extremely well, winning against Bishop's High School, losing towards the end of the game to Bishop Heber and winning against a very strong Queen's Park team. The final match against Upton was exciting – with less than 30 seconds to go Upton got a lucky deflection and an open shot at goal which just slipped past goalkeeper Sophie Drew. After such a strong performance in their last game, the girls only narrowly missed out on a place in the final, much to the disappointment of the team after such great performances throughout.

A special mention goes to Emily Boothroyd (RmHL) who played brilliantly in a new defensive position and Sophie Drew (RmSC) making some great saves in goal. Both goals came from Captain, Katie Lawrence-Smith (RmPH) who created lots of chances throughout and was supported by Jessica Jones (RmPH) who deserved a goal.

Overall the girls played really well considering many have never played together before and all games were very exciting to watch from the sidelines.

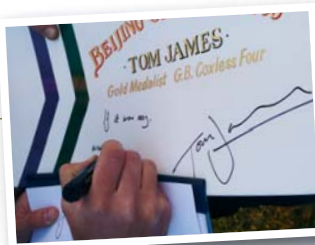
Other members of the team were: Erin Hollingworth (RmMT), Lucy Peel (RmGA), Emily Scott (RmGA), Isabel Dawson (RmHL), Rebekah Hagan (RmMT) and Rebecca Reeves (RmGA).



Olympic Gold – a tradition of excellence at King's

At the Hampton Head, the King's rowers were pleased to meet Tom James MBE, ex-pupil and Olympic gold medallist.

Tom came down to the race to sign a blade for one of the J15 boys: Tom Hall (4VF). Tom James kindly spent some time with Tom Hall before walking down to Molesey Rowing Club with him where Tom James introduced Tom Hall to Andy Triggs-Hodge, who was the stroke man of the GB winning coxless four in the Beijing Olympic Games. To meet two Olympians rowers in one day was quite an exciting day all in all for Tom Hall!



Success for rowers at Hampton Head and Head of the Nene

The rowing club had an excellent weekend in March with Ten VIII's representing the school at the Head of the Nene in Peterborough and Hampton Head in London.

Both events were the first national level events of the season and saw the crews competing against the top rowing schools in the country.

In Division 1 at Hampton Head the Third year octuples made an excellent start to

their rowing careers. The girls came a credible 6th place, the boys octuples came 3rd and 4th in an event which had 23 crews.

In Division 2 the girls' 1st VIII came 4th in the U18 category, this is the first time the King's School has boated a girls' 1st VIII and it is an encouraging start to beat some established schools in their first race.

The U15 girls' VIII came 5th in their division. The U15 boys dominated the J15 event. The J15 1st VIII came 1st in the 1st VIII's division, beating 17 other 1st VIII crews. The J15 2nd

VIII came 2nd in the 2nd VIII's division by 0.4 of a second, the J15 3rd VIII came 10th in the same category.

At the Head of the Nene in Peterborough the boys' 1st VIII raced well to finish 3rd in the U18 competition, losing out to Abingdon and Eton but beating St Paul's School. The U16 VIII won the U16 category with a convincing 15 second gap.

Three make it through to the national finals of UK Primary Mathematics Challenge



Over 94,000 pupils in 2,577 schools throughout the country took part in the UK Primary Mathematics Challenge this year.

Less than 5% of the entrants achieved scores of 21 or more out of 25 in Round One.

Junior school pupils Jack Hodgkinson (J4G), Wilf Le Brocq (J4G) and Joe Gillett (J4H) were all successful in reaching the national final.



£200 RAISED AT KING'S BOOK DAY 2010

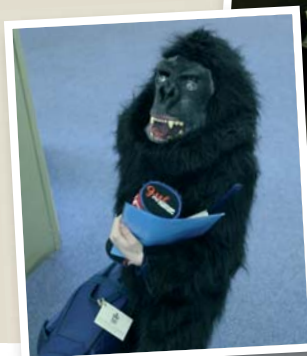
For one day a year the pupils of the Junior School were not sure who they would find leading assembly – and this year they were delighted to find not 'The Demon Headmaster' but a suspiciously tall (and slightly scruffy) school boy in charge!

Mr Malone was one of many to make the most of World Book Day and come to school in disguise. Visitors to the school could have bumped into the Queen of Hearts, Harry Potter, Mr Twit, the Cat in the Hat, Pippi Longstocking, Willie Wonka, an Oompa Loompa or Sherlock Holmes. J2 teachers

were replaced by the three little pigs – and of course the big bad wolf. Other classes were led by characters from The Wizard of Oz, Pirates and a fierce Wild Thing.

World Book Day is a day when the entire Junior School has the opportunity to dress up, have great fun identifying characters and share books. It is also a time to remember those who also have limited or no access to books.

By the end of the day over £200 was raised for Book Aid International.



Silly Ties and Socks Day

in aid of Haiti Earthquake Appeal

The Junior School have held a "Silly ties and socks day" where pupils were asked to wear a replacement tie and a pair of socks. The idea for the fundraiser came from William Ashton (J3M).

Everyone in the school participated and the total amount raised was £660.00. This will make a big difference to families in Haiti – £10 provides a family with a basic water kit.



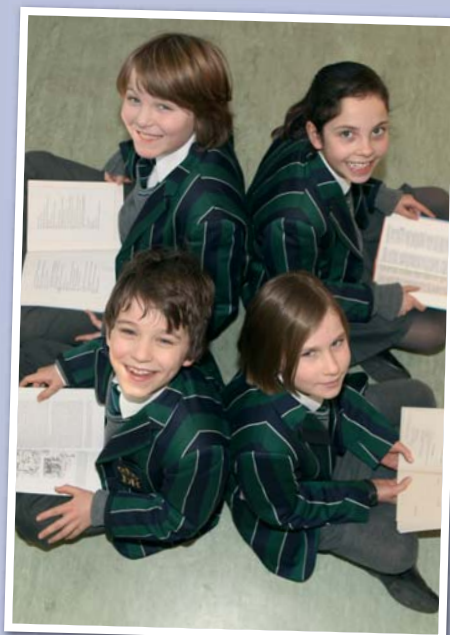
'Dramatic' results at the Chester Festival of Performing Arts

Forty-eight pupils took part in the Chester Festival of Performing Arts' 'Speech and Drama Festival' at Queen's Park High School in Handbridge.

Pupils were involved in a variety of classes. Poems by Seamus Heaney, Clare Bevan and Lord Alfred Douglas, to name but a few, were recited by heart to a live audience. The children also delivered prepared readings from the novels of Michael Morpurgo, Gillian Cross, Michelle Paver and E.B. White.

A number of children presented spiritual readings of their own choice and prepared scenes, taken from such diverse sources as Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and William Golding's 'Lord of the Flies'.

All the contestants were marked on their performances by professional adjudicators and received guidance on how to improve their renditions.



STOP PRESS LATE ADDITIONS: KING'S WERE SUCCESSFUL IN SIX CATEGORIES.

THE PAT KERRICH CUP for Junior Scenes 10yrs and under, 1st place 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' with Isobel Larken, Imogen Szerdy, Henry McEntyre, Stephen Carter, Chloe Cowan, Rory Monk and Patrick Timpson and 3rd place to 'Lord of the Flies' with Helen Stearne, Tom Meadows, Max Holland, Wilf LeBrocq, Jennifer McDonald, Elise Back and Daniel Warr.

THE AVALON CUP for Junior Scenes 12yrs and under, 1st place to 'Macbeth' with Sarah Stearne, Niamh Jones and Polly Chappell. Spiritual Reading class 10yrs and under, 1st place Emma Giddis. Prepared Reading 8yrs and under, 1st place Alexandra Samuel.

THE AINSWORTH CUP for Verse Speaking 9yrs, 1st place Henry McEntyre.

THE MARJORIE LAINETROPHY for Prepared Reading 10yrs, 1st place Isobel Larken, 2nd place Sophie Garnell, 3rd place Max Holland.



Ambitious new projects for Junior School Council

The School Council, established in 2008, has one clear objective and that is to build on the already strong partnership between staff and pupils.

Over 50 pupils put their names forward to be considered for the role of class representative in the recent elections. 24 pupils succeeded in winning the votes of their peers and were elected onto the council.

The 'would be' councillors delighted their classmates with well-argued and imaginatively constructed presentations. Ideas for improving playground facilities were debated as well as more ambitious projects such as the installation of solar panelling!

In February, the Council Elect was announced and all 24 members were presented to the school during assembly and received their badges of office from Mr Simon Malone.

Anna Wallace (4T) was voted Chair, Harry Halewood (4T) Vice Chair, Isobel Bosworth (4H) Secretary and Patrick Timpson (3M) Treasurer.

Congratulations to all of the councillors! The pupils and staff know they can rely on the council to conduct sensible debates and to put imaginative and workable ideas into practice for the benefit of all the pupils within the Junior School community.



Jets put Junior Basketball Team through their paces



The team from King's Juniors included: Fraser Smellie (J4G), Matthew Thompson (J4H), Joe Polding (J4T), Anna Wallace (J4T), Harry Armatage (J4T), Najma Elsayed (J3O), Tom Meadows (J4T), Polly Chappell (J4G), Frazer Marsden (J3M), Annie Powell (J3W), Jonathan Nixon (J3O) and Chloe Cowan (J4T).

More than 85 pupils in J3 and J4 in the Junior School have been involved in the 'Hoops for Health' scheme organised by the Cheshire Jets this season.

The children have created a colourful display including numerous photographs, a collage of the Jets logo and an image of Jets star Jerrah Young.

The scheme involves the players and community coaches from the Jets, in promoting healthy living and developing the ball skills of the pupils.

Parents and staff, enjoyed watching the King's Junior School team participate in the regional tournament finals in March. The team qualified for the finals at Northgate Arena having won a competition at the Catholic High School the previous month.

Individual stories of achievement as Juniors triumph at King's



Isobel Wild (J3W)

came 1st in 100m backstroke and 200m freestyle in the 10 year old girls' category of the 2010 North Regional Swimming Championships.

Ben Aveyard (J4H), Fraser Smellie (J4G) and Matthew Thompson (J4H)

have been selected for NE Wales U11 cricket squad.

Daniel Verity (J4H)

has been selected to play hockey for East Cheshire U13 squad.

Arran Fearn (J2D) and William Medland (J2T)

have just been promoted to full choristers at Chester Cathedral Choir. The boys along with all choristers, including Oliver Jackson in J4 and Rory Crowe in Removes, sang live on BBC 1 Christmas Day in Songs of Praise at the Cathedral.

Tom Thelwall-Jones (J3M)

achieved success in representing the Midlands at tennis. The Midlands went on to beat the East and North West and drew with the North East. Tom's personal record was played 6, won 4, lost 2.

Sophie Reeks (J3O)

continues her success at ice hockey. She has just been picked for the North of England U11 team, following a number of trials. This mixed team is chosen from 9-11 year olds from over ten clubs throughout the North and Sophie is only one of two girls to have been selected. Sophie continues to captain the U10s and play in the U12s team for the Manchester Phoenix.



Amber Disley (J3M)

Amber Disley (J3M) has become Wrexham and Cheshire Schools Girls' Fencing Champion at U10 level.

Amber, representing 'Salle Scipanovs' (Chester Fencing Club), won four out of her six poule fights en route to the final in January, where she secured gold with a 10-6 win over her rival from Wrexham.



Please join us to celebrate 50 years of excellence at Wrexham Road

As you know, here at King's we don't like to let an opportunity pass us by. So, we thought 50 years at Wrexham Road was very worthy of celebration. And we like to celebrate in style. Have a look at our outstanding events programme below and I'm sure you'll agree there's something for everyone: pupils past, present and future – family and friends. Please join us and let's share this historic occasion together.

Friday 10th Sept, 7pm. Main Hall, The King's School

£5.00

50th Anniversary Concert

A wonderful evening of music by the current pupils. OKS musicians are warmly invited to participate. Contact: Phil Robinson, pfr@kingschester.co.uk or call: **01244 689530**

Saturday 11th Sept, 10am-3pm. The King's School

Free

School Open Day

Visit your old haunts, meet your old teachers, see photos from your time at the school. For current and past pupils, parents and open to the local community. The Open Day will feature an exhibition of archives and photos from the last 50 years and an opportunity to buy memorabilia, a commemorative magazine or DVD of the School's history.

Saturday 11th Sept, 10am. The King's School, Outside Dining Room

Free

Official unveiling of the 50th Anniversary Wall Sculpture

The official opening of the copper wall sculpture, designed and made by staff and pupils to commemorate the 50th Anniversary. (This event may be subject to change.)

Saturday 11th Sept, 7pm. Grounds of The King's School

£57.00

50th Anniversary Ball

Time to relax and enjoy the company of your friends for a spectacular evening. With a 4 course meal (plus coffee and chocolates), full bar facilities and music courtesy of the Big Band, and a disco until late. Plenty of time to catch up and chat with old friends. Tables of 10/12 or individual tickets available. For more information or to book, visit:

www.kingschester.co.uk, contact: Alumni Office, **01244 689488** or email: alumniteam@kingschester.co.uk

Sunday 12th Sept, 10pm. Cathedral

Free

Sunday Eucharist Service

The Dean and Chapter are pleased to extend a very warm welcome to as many pupils – old and current, and their families and friends, as are able to be present. This is a fitting way to mark the beginning of a new school term and to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. King's pupils take part in the service together with the Schola Cantorum.

Sunday 12th Sept, 9am-11am. Boathouse

Free

Rowing Event

Old King's Scholars VIII v Current pupils VIII. Old King Scholars and ex-rowers are invited to the Boathouse to take part in VIII's races on the Dee. OKS interested in participating, please contact: djb@kingschester.co.uk

Sunday 12th Sept, 10am. The King's School Playing Fields

Free

Mens' & Ladies' Hockey, Tennis & Football Tournament

A fun morning of sports fixtures. OKS wishing to join teams, please contact: Nick Phillipson, **01244 300550** or email: nick.philprop@hotmail.co.uk

For any further information about the event please contact the Alumni team on 01244 689488



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CHESTER

ANNIVERSARY BALL

11th September 2010
7pm-1pm
In the grounds of the School

Sparkling Reception
♦
Four Course Dinner
with Coffee and Chocolates
♦
Live music by The Big Band
♦
Disco
♦
Licensed Bar



£57
per person
Tables of 10/12
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Dress code:
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