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Introducing

The King's Infant School

An exciting new development for future generations.

IN JANUARY, KING'S ANNOUNCED PLANS TO OPEN AN INFANT SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2015 for a total of 120 children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The news was welcomed by parents and staff as a natural extension to the King's family of schools.

The new Infant School will be pioneering in its approach to education for 4-7 year olds. The focus will be on fun, creativity and unrivalled pastoral care. The new school will be a low-rise, eco-friendly building, with a modern, pioneering look and feel. Our architects have designed a school around the best facilities for teaching 4-7 year olds. This will be a self-contained school, separate to the rest of the King's sections and managed by its own Head and a team of newly-recruited infant specialist teachers and highly qualified teaching assistants. It will have its own access road and parking.



Congratulations to all Sixth Formers

King's celebrated some fantastic achievements earlier this term, as the Sixth Form students started receiving their university offers for the next academic year.

BY THE NATIONAL 15TH JANUARY UNIVERSITY APPLICATION DEADLINE nearly 94% of the Upper Sixth Form students had received at least one offer from their chosen universities, with

nearly 25% receiving offers from all five of the universities they applied to. 33% of the students have received offers from The Times Top 10 UK universities and 86% from at least one Russell Group university.

Congratulations also go to eight students who have received offers for top UK universities: Oxford and Cambridge, including: Head of School, Hayley Milner (U6HF) who has received an offer from Jesus College, Oxford to study Law.

An offer for Engineering at Selwyn College, Cambridge, has been received by Pete Boothroyd (U6SB).

Jessica Guest (U6PW) has received an offer from Downing College, Cambridge, to study History.

Tommy Metcalf (U6AM) has received an offer from Worcester College, Oxford to read Music.

An offer for Chemistry at St Catherine's College, Oxford, has been received by Kieran Paterson (U6JR).

Tom Jameson (U6SB) has received an offer from Sidney Sussex, Cambridge, to read Natural Sciences.

Kartik Upadhyay (2013 Leaver) has received an offer from Homerton College, Cambridge to read Economics and an Oxbridge offer has been received by Henry Makings (U6ER).



Award-winning author Michelle shares the secrets of successful writing

Award-winning children's author Michelle Paver visited the School in February to talk to 420 Year 5, 6 and 7 pupils from King's and other Chester primary schools about her new novel, *The Burning Shadow*.

THE BURNING SHADOW FOLLOWS ON FROM HER FIRST BOOK, *The Outsiders*, and is the second of the five-part Bronze Age series *Gods and Warriors*. The *Burning Shadow* is "heart-stoppingly real" (*The Independent*) and "the kind of story you dream of reading and all too rarely find" (*The Times*).

Michelle's talk explained how she undertook the writing process, she read extracts from her books and introduced some of the animal characters she has created. Michelle went on to answer many questions from the audience and then signed books, when pupils had the opportunity to talk to her further. Older students of King's were also keen to meet Michelle. Rudi Macloskey (U6AM), Tom Cuffin-Munday (5PN), Keir Nathan (5MP) and Penny Downes (5MP) were fortunate to interview Michelle before the event. The inquisitive students found the internationally acclaimed author's stories are based, initially, on her own real life experiences.



Young investors rise to the challenge

King's has reached the regional final in the Institute of Financial Services Student Investor Challenge for the fourth successive year. Students, George Thompson (L6NS), Charlie Bosworth (L6SD), Ben Johnson (L6BH) and Elliott Horsburgh (L6KS) were competing against more than 30,000 other students across the UK.



They made nearly £10,000 trading in virtual shares in just three months of trading, outperforming the FTSE 100 share index in the process. The free to enter competition, run by ifs University College and supported by Bloomberg, provides teams with £100,000 of virtual money to buy and sell shares in FTSE 100 companies.

The competition gives teams of four students, aged between 14 to 19 years old, the opportunity to experience the dynamic world of share dealing and investing in the stock market. Now in its 20th year, the competition is the largest of its kind in the UK and is also open to international students.

Bright students shine in British Biology Olympiad

This year a record 5,057 students took part in the British Biology Olympiad. This competition challenges and stimulates A level students and encourages them to expand and extend their talents.

The overall winners are selected to form the British team at the International Biology Olympiad. Five King's students took the challenge and sat a two hour paper in January. Lottie Carr (U6HF) won a bronze award, Jemimah Beardwood (U6ER), Tom Jameson (U6SB) and Felix Morriss (U6HF) won silver awards and Annabel Calvert (U6HF) won a gold award. Given that only 6.5% of the students entered achieved the latter distinction, this is quite an accolade.



Chemistry Olympiad. King's win first set of awards...

This year, for the first time, seven King's students entered the British Chemistry Olympiad.

In January the students answered questions that posed much debate and enthusiasm for Chemistry, raising awareness of what the subject is all about. Johan Bos (U6JK), Jack Jameson (U6PW), Oscar Lloyd Williams (U6AM), Henry Makings (U6ER) and Kieran Paterson (U6JR) won silver awards, Esme Norman (U6JR) won a bronze award and Susan Gorman (U6PW) received a certificate for participation.

Westminster insight from visiting politician

Nick Bent, Labour candidate for Warrington South, is the latest politician to address A level politicians and other interested students.

He gave a fascinating insight into his time working in Westminster as Tessa Jowell's Special Advisor when she was Secretary of State for Culture and Olympics Minister during the last Labour Government. In February, Mr Bent answered a range of probing questions from students on topics including the Labour Party's leadership, funding of electoral campaigns and the effects of an improved economic outlook for his party.

Mr Bent tweeted about his visit, saying, "it had been a real privilege to meet Politics students at The King's School, Chester," and commented on the "tough, pertinent questions" he had faced. Nick Bent's performance impressed staff and students and all will watch developments in Warrington South with interest.



Discussing politics with the Green Party leader

Sixth Form Politics and Geography students had the opportunity to discuss politics with a leading national political figure, when Natalie Bennett, the current leader of the Green Party, visited the School in December.

Ms Bennett spoke about the Green Party's policies and initiatives and afterwards students had the opportunity to quiz her on a number of interesting topics, including fracking, immigration and the public perception of the Green Party. Ms Bennett also referred to Jeremy Paxman's now infamous interview with Russell Brand, stating that while she could empathise with voter dissatisfaction or apathy, she rejected Brand's argument that young people should abstain from voting. Citing the recent example of 2012 Police and Crime Commissioner elections, which had the lowest voter turnout on record, Ms Bennett argued that the only way for young people to change or influence the current political system is to participate and make their voices heard.

Reflecting on the visit, Jessica Guest (U6PW) commented that she, "really enjoyed Ms Bennett's talk" and that it prompted her to further address some of the issues she has been studying in A level Politics. Callum Poppleton (L6CC) was also positive, remarking that, "Ms Bennett's talk had generated a good discussion among the group and helped to challenge the view that Westminster politics is all about the three main parties."



Punk Rock show challenges convention

A school putting on a play about a school might be thought of as a bit of a safe option in some quarters. After all, the actors will know what they are acting about, and the audience will recognise the issues. The set will be easy too.

ACTUALLY, PLAYS ABOUT SCHOOL LIFE ARE NOT ONLY RARELY GOOD BUT ALWAYS DIFFICULT TO BRING OFF. This one more than most: a storyline which borders on the manic, issues which are rarely faced or discussed, characters

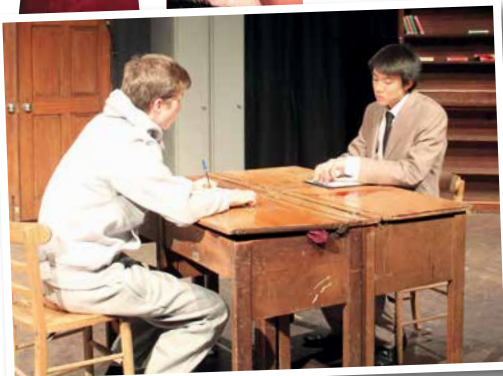
who are for the most part deeply unpleasant. That the Sixth Form actors did indeed bring it off with great success is a tribute to them and to Director, Mrs Howdon.

All of the cast captured the tension and casual violence in the text extremely well, Tom Jameson (U6SB) as the victim-turned-aggressor grew visibly during the evening, Cameron Szerdy (U6JR) as the bully-turned-victim was alarmingly realistic, and a fine cast of troubled fellow students, including Faith Lydon (L6NH) and Marissa Landy (L6NS) as variously-tormented teenage girls, portrayed the various relationships accurately and movingly.

The first half, then, was almost tangibly tense. In the second, tension exploded and here the professionalism of the production won out. The simple design hid a theatrical master stroke, film clips deftly dealing with the violence, and an eerily tricky sequence making us enter the main character's actual mind – his jailor could not see the ghost of his victim and, though the film running in front of us was exactly what was happening on stage (wasn't it?), neither could we.

It's called *Punk Rock* for a reason: the soundtrack. This was brought to us live by the revelation of the evening, the punk band of Sam Jones (L6BH), Brad Naylor (L6SD), Jack Gilfoyle (L6SD) and Charlie Bosworth (L6SD). All the anger of the movement combined with retrospective music, and echoed the suppressed tensions of the play.

And then we went out and got on with our lives...



Linguists Olympiad – a success in anyone's language

In February, four Sixth Form students: Livvy Morris (L6BH), Robert Jones (U6AM), Grace Roberts (L6KS) and Maud Moir (L6BH), took part in the Linguistics Olympiad at Advanced Level, competing against students from many other schools in the UK and abroad.

The Linguistics Olympiad is valuable preparation for anyone intending to read linguistics at university. It also provides useful practice with problem-solving skills; students have to extrapolate given data to reach a logical conclusion, sometimes trying out a hypothesis and then modifying it as they spot new patterns in the data. In this year's competition students grappled with texts in Turkish, Kairak, Ilokano and Lontara, and there was even a musical code to solve. All were commended for their efforts and Grace Roberts in particular, gained 39 out of a possible total of 41 points in one question.



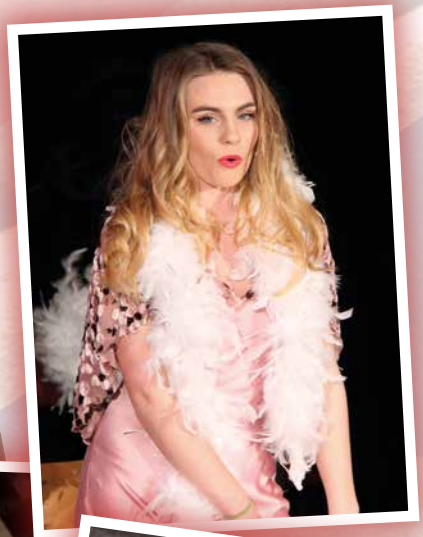
OH WHAT A LOVELY WAR

A 60 strong group of student actors, crew and musicians took on Theatre Workshop's extremely challenging *Oh What a Lovely War* to mark the centenary of WWI in March. All involved truly portrayed the ensemble ethos so important to Joan Littlewood's satirical musical and audience feedback has been extremely complimentary, particularly the students' ability to amuse and move viewers in equal measure.

The rehearsal process was particularly gruelling with some students even partaking in an evening of intensive army training to prepare them for the roles of young soldiers. What made the cast's accomplishment all the more impressive was the fact that the majority of students involved were from Removes to Fourth Year. Their ability to understand and convey the many complexities of the Great War alongside the clear political undertones of Theatre Workshop's text was a glowing example of King's students at their best.

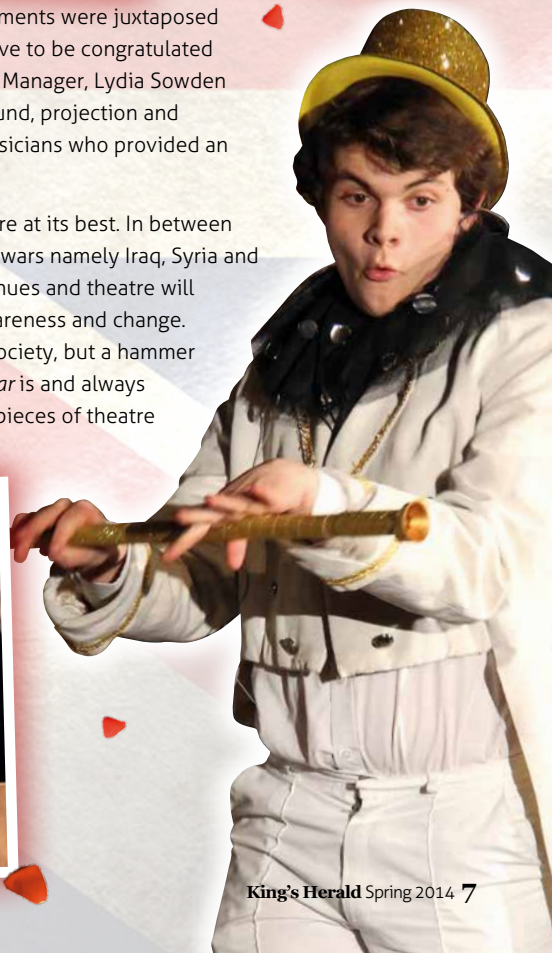
Some notable mentions must go to Dexter Southern (5ET) for his exceptional performance as the sergeant and Georgie Daborn (5ET), Harriet Fisher (5ET), Grace Roberts (L6KS) and Livvy Morris (L6BH) for turning in some stunning musical numbers (*I'll make a man of you* being a particular highlight). Laurence Ankers (L6NH) effortlessly held the show together as the flamboyant master of ceremonies, Cameron Szerdy (U6JR) turned in a sterling effort as Douglas Haig and Maeve Sparks (L6KS) was notably impressive as anti-war activist, Mrs Pankhurst. Harriet Fisher's emotionally delivered *Keep the home fires burning*, whilst the ensemble cast carried off the dead and wounded soldiers, left the audience with the poignant image of the graves at Flanders Fields. It was a beautifully executed and thought-provoking moment.





Choreographer, Mrs Davies, also did a sterling job with her team of dancers and the more sombre moments were juxtaposed wonderfully with the highly energetic and skilled dance numbers. The student technical team also have to be congratulated for pulling off such a technically challenging piece. Under the expert eye of Mr Mannix, Deputy Stage Manager, Lydia Sowden (L6CC), confidently led proceedings and admirably managed to run a show with over 500 lighting, sound, projection and special effects cues! A final mention must go to Mr Harvey and his band of boater and blazer-clad musicians who provided an exceptional musical score to accompany the performances.

All in all, *Oh What a Lovely War* was ensemble-led political theatre at its best. In between the song and dance numbers were some images of more recent wars namely Iraq, Syria and Russia; a reminder that the despair and destruction of war continues and theatre will always have a duty to act as a vehicle for political and social awareness and change. In the words of Bertolt Brecht, "Art is not a mirror to hold up to society, but a hammer with which to shape it". It is undeniable that *Oh What a Lovely War* is and always will be one of those extremely important, timeless and relevant pieces of theatre and one which our students executed extremely well.



Raising the curtain at Theatre Royal

Last term, students entered the Theatre Royal Stratford East's Curtain Raiser competition. The Theatre Royal Stratford East (the original venue of Joan Littlewood's 1960's production) marked the WWI centenary by resurrecting *Oh What a Lovely War* in March.

THE THEATRE ASKED SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY for a 15 second trailer dealing with the question: "What does war mean to you and your society today?" Laurence Ankers (L6NH), Ed Ramsey (4FV), Fin Paterson (4JR), Lottie Cliff (RmCR), Alchemy Lucas (RmNG), Elliot Anthony, Arran Fearn, (both ShHB), Livvy Morris (L6BH), Izzie Reid, Tom Cuffin Mundy, Cameron Szerdy, Maeve Sparks and Grace Roberts (all L6KS) entered the competition and

successfully won a place in the programme! The students travelled down to Stratford East in March to spend the day at the theatre and perform a 15 minute piece on the Theatre Royal stage, before the production began. Students impressed the audience with their thought-provoking and emotive response.

Original *Oh What a Lovely War* cast member Murray Melvin was in the audience and was particularly complimentary about their piece. He commented that the students had really taken on board the whole ethos of the programme and produced inspiring, provocative and relevant work: just what he had hoped for.

Lyndsey Murdoch, Press and Marketing Officer for the Theatre Royal, also commented, "The King's School have a talented troupe of young actors and the piece really blew the staff at Stratford East away." The biggest compliment came in Lyndsey's final comment that, "Joan Littlewood would have loved it!"



Library visit speaks the right language

English Language A level students embarked on a trip to London at the end of November. Opening the trip was a visit to the British Library, in which they viewed an exhibition on the lifestyle and culture of Georgian Britain, one that proved to be a fine complement to their A2 studies.

Upon exiting the exhibition, they went in search of what many were billing as the day's 'main event' seeing the Magna Carta. Having passed hand-written Beatles lyrics and the Lindisfarne Gospels en route, the students were all suitably amazed – even if most of its content was indecipherable to the modern eye.

Next on the agenda was a trip to Dr. Johnson's house. Upon arrival at the very house in which Dr. Johnson penned his dictionary in the eighteenth Century, students were treated to a dictionary-based workshop. This was very well received by



the group as it directly tied in to their study of language change. Many thanks go to both Dr. McMahon and Mrs. Lydon for accompanying students on what was certainly a worthwhile experience.

Our great debaters!

This year, for the first time, The King's School Senior Debating Society entered into the English Speaking Union School's Mace.

This was the first official debaters' competition for the Debaters' Society. Harry Stable (L6KS) and Barnaby Rule (4JR) comprised the team, with Harry as presenter and Barnaby taking responsibility for rebuttal and closing arguments.

The first round of this competition took place in December at Birkenhead School. Harry and Barnaby rightfully won their first head-to-head debate, arguing that universities should reserve a proportion of their places for students from traditionally disadvantaged backgrounds. Following a strong performance, the team placed second which earned them a place in the North West finals.

The North West finals were held at Birkenhead School in January. In this round, the King's team was tasked with the job of opposing a motion to prohibit people with histories of advocating, or engaging in, political violence from standing for election. Once again, the team put up an excellent fight, defeating the team from Birkenhead School in their head-to-head debate. However, after a lengthy deliberation from the adjudicators, first place was awarded to St. Francis Xavier's College, with The King's School as the reserve team for the area. The King's team was rightly proud of its achievement in this competition and looks forward to building on this success next year.



Blood Wedding

by Federico García Lorca.

A new adaptation by Theatrical Niche Ltd.

The King's School Vanbrugh Theatre

Tuesday 29th April, 7.30pm

Tickets: £3

Loyalty and passion duel to the death in this world-famous triangle of the heat and dagger. A bride-to-be promises herself to a good and loving fiancé, but the sound of horse hooves at her gate tell of a previous love not yet forgotten. Theatrical Niche breathe fresh fire into Lorca's famed tragedy, *Blood Wedding* this Spring, with a stunning new adaptation.



Getting a taste for Raspberry Pi

For the past term students have been meeting every Wednesday lunchtime in the IT suite to learn more about the Raspberry Pi and programming. Many pupils enjoy playing computer games, but not many understand how they are written. Introducing pupils to the Raspberry Pi enables them to learn the fascinating process of coding computer programmes from scratch.

ZED SPENCER-MILNES (4FV) SET UP THE NETWORK OF RASPBERRY PIs and uses Minecraft to teach the Python programming language to students, ranging from Removes to the Sixth Form. The club has recently started working on robotic vehicles using the Arduino microcontroller. This involves programming using C++ with students aiming to build a robot vehicle that can be controlled through a Raspberry Pi, and a second version that carries a range of electronic sensors to help it navigate around a course without any external help.

Here's what the pupils have to say about their latest project:

“ At Raspberry Pi club, we are currently working on a project involving robotics. In the process of this, we are learning key principles of computer programming (for Python or C++). We developed our interest in computing and saw a Raspberry Pi being demonstrated controlling a robotic arm. In the last session we learnt about If-Statements and Loops. We are also taught how to put these understandings into practice using the code we have learnt.

The project that we are currently working on is an automated robot using an Arduino Uno microcontroller and Uno Motor Shield. It is then programmed and given commands by a Raspberry Pi using Python. This robot will eventually become a quadcopter (four rotors), this machine has much more stability than a normal helicopter.”

Oliver Williams (ShJJ) and Owen Parsonage (ShJJ)



Multiple successes at Maths Challenge



One hundred and six pupils in Third, Fourth and Fifth Years took part in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge in February. The challenge involves answering 25 multiple choice questions in one hour and is sat in school under normal exam conditions.

Seventy four of the 106 pupils achieved a certificate: 19 pupils received gold, 22 received silver and 33 received bronze awards. 18 pupils qualified for further rounds, 'Pink Kangaroo' and 'Grey Kangaroo' (the highest number in the last three years for the School!)

Special recognition goes to Daniel Swinnock (5PN) for achieving the 'Best in School' title, Jack Hodgkinson (4DL) for achieving 'Best in Year' and Jonathan Ralphs (3HL) who also achieved 'Best in Year'.

Maths + Inspiration = Success

In March, 44 Fourth Year students and three lucky Maths teachers got the opportunity to attend the annual Maths Inspiration lectures at The Playhouse theatre in Liverpool.

Maths Inspiration is one of the largest maths enrichment programmes for teenagers in the UK. It was a chance for pupils to experience the UK's most inspiring Maths speakers live, in a big venue, presenting Mathematics in the context of exciting, real-world situations. The show featured three interactive talks and a lively Q&A session at the end. The talks were entitled "From Google to Minecraft," "Maths on trial" and "Patterns, predictions and juggling". All three were very entertaining and inspiring, covering topics from computer programming to use of false statistics in the courtroom and juggling. The pupils gained a lot of knowledge from the experience.



Chess teams make all the right moves

With several key players away on an international Physics trip and facing a much older team, the odds did not look good for King's chess A team in the English Schools' Competition in December.

THINGS DID NOT IMPROVE when Altrincham Grammar won the toss and chose to play white on boards one, three and six. However, after a long but decisive struggle, the King's team triumphed 4.5/1.5. Captain, Dan Savidge (ShRL) was the first to win using his favourite French defence. Other wins came from James Little (5MP), Riyaan Yesudian (J4P) and Arjun Balasubramaniam (ShHB) with a closely fought draw for Rohan Yesudian (ShJJ). Victory was all the sweeter after our B team was knocked out the week before by the ever dangerous Manchester Grammar School. King's are again within striking distance of the regional finals.



The Girls' Chess team has qualified for the final of the National Schools' Girls' Under 19 Chess Championships by finishing 3rd in the Northern semi-final, just a half-point behind the winners.

The tournament, held at Cheadle Hulme School, took place at the end of January.

The fantastic result was achieved with a very young team, comprising Susan Gorman (U6PW), Catherine Savidge (ShHB) and Lily Walker (J4H).

King's won two of the three matches, beating eventual winners, Newcastle Royal Grammar School, with Catherine winning all of her three games.

The final comprises six schools and will be held in Guildford over two days in April. This will be the second successive final for King's, after a superb 3rd place last year.



King's duo win first ever Slam Poetry competition

In December, King's held its first ever Slam Poetry competition in the Vanbrugh Theatre and the audience of pupils and staff were asked to vote for their favourite performance.

The winners were Barnaby Rule (4JR) and Edward Ramsey (4FV) for their rendition of *Modern Life's Spell*. All of the contestants should be congratulated on their witty original poems, which articulated a clear topical message or opinion. Also in keeping with the genre, poems were delivered from memory and in an accessible and dramatic manner.

Strings Ensemble tune up with BBC workshop

In February, the Senior String Ensemble was treated to a workshop led by professional Violist Alexandra Fletcher, who is a member of the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra.

The ensemble worked alongside Alex on a performance of Grieg's *Holberg Suite* and *Themes from the Moldau* by Smetana. It was fascinating to observe Alexandra working on finer points of String technique with individual members of the ensemble, musical interpretation and points of style with the whole group. By the end of the workshop there had been a clear improvement in the ensemble's playing, with a more robust and energised sense of direction. The evening was enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.



Senior soloists' concert captivates audience



The Senior soloists' concert held in January featured some of the School's top soloists. The evening was a great success with exceptional performances from Frances Alcock (5JM) (Saxophone), Katie Pownall (L6JS) (Clarinet), Tommy Metcalf (U6AM) (Piano), David Daly (L6BH) (Voice) and Marissa Landy (L6NS) (Flute).

Tommy is a keyboard wizard

Tommy Metcalf (U6AM) has passed his Diploma exam in Piano.

This qualification is the first of three diplomas offered by the Associated Board beyond the regular eight grades that the majority of students take. As a result, Tommy is entitled to have the letters DipABRSM after his name.



Nia speaks up for women



Nia Hughes (U6JR) entered the National Council of Women of Great Britain competition on: "How would you improve the lives of girls and women in the UK if you were in the government?" in October.

Nia submitted an essay on improving communication between men and women, she was titled the Regional Winner for Wales and was awarded £100 worth of books for the Library!

Drama students response to Orwell's classic '1984'

In November, GCSE and AS Drama students were visited by Allan Williams, Head of Education at Liverpool Playhouse Theatre.

Allan worked with the students on their response to Headlong's production of George Orwell's dystopian classic *1984*, which they had seen at The Playhouse earlier that month.



Allan conducted a two hour practical drama workshop which all students thoroughly enjoyed and greatly benefited their knowledge of the production, which will help them immensely in writing their live theatre evaluation of the production.



Physics students look into CERN experiment

The annual Physics department visit to CERN, the European Laboratory for Particle Physics, took place in December and 22 Upper Sixth students travelled, accompanied by Dr Bosworth, Mr Grisedale and Ms Zynicha.



ON THE MONDAY MORNING, STUDENTS TOURED THE MICROCOSM, which has interactive demonstrations, exhibits of past experiments and documentaries about CERN's Nobel Prize winners, and then the Globe (a wooden structure which was given to CERN to mark its 50th anniversary in 2004), which houses some further exhibitions.

That afternoon, a conference led by one of CERN's guides gave students an overview of the structure of CERN, a unique international organisation, and its 60 year history. They then crossed the border into France to visit the control room of the Alpha Muon spectrometer, which orbits earth on the International Space Station. A visit to the site where protons are produced and prepared for injection into the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) completed the official guided visit.

On Tuesday morning, students were given an overview of the physical principles of detector and accelerator operation by Katharine Leney, formerly of Liverpool University and now at University College, London. They

saw detector modules and were tested with puzzles (and bribed with chocolate) in a busy session. After lunch, students visited the ATLAS experiment – this giant particle detector, now shut down until 2015 for maintenance and upgrades, has detected and measured the debris from the proton collisions to piece together the evidence for the Higgs Boson. The tour began on the surface at the visitor centre and control room. After donning hard hats, the students descended 100m underground to the experimental cavern. The opportunity to see up close one of the largest, most complex and expensive experiments ever was probably the highlight of the trip for most.

There was also a visit to the computing centre to see first-hand how CERN stores and processes the huge volume of data generated by its giant experiments. At the heart of this endeavour is the network of 100,000 computers worldwide in a project known as the 'Grid', with CERN at its heart.

On the final morning, a reserved visit to the United Nations building was on the agenda. After negotiating the predictable red tape to secure The King's School's entrance, students learned, in a whistle-stop tour, the history and day-to-day operations and were able to witness a few conferences. The opulence of the place, with its expensive artwork and architecture, was in stark contrast to the drab functionality of CERN.



Aspiring poets are 'inspired by images'

In January, King's poet-in-residence, Clive McWilliam, together with Head of Art, Mr Downey, led a stimulating poetry workshop called *Inspired by Images* in the Wickson Library.

Pupils and staff who attended responded creatively to a selection of interesting pictures. Following the session, poets could choose to develop their drafts with individual advice from Clive.



Insights on stem cell biology

Biology Lower Sixth students enjoyed a stem cell workshop from Manchester University postgraduate student, Samantha Roberts in February. The workshop was engaging and insightful for all.



King's resident royal – 'Monty' the Python

Whilst the Upper Sixth showcase their talents, the Removes continue to enjoy Animal Club.

'Monty' a Royal Python has now taken up residence in the Biology department and is in the safe hands of Dr Jones. "Like with any animal you shouldn't scare him," says Alex Oleshko, RmCR, (pictured). However, even though Monty couldn't harm anyone, there are those who are definitely more scared of Monty than he is of them! Perhaps those with a fear could take a leaf out of the Headmaster's book and pick him up. Volunteers come forward and express your interest!



Votes roll in for World Book Day Idol

To celebrate World Book Day, the Library held an Author Idol event, with groups of pupils and staff campaigning to promote various authors.



The whole School voted for their favourite from the authors, J.R.R Tolkien – promoted by Arran Fearn (ShHB) and Animesh Anand (L6JK) won with the

highest number of votes. J.K. Rowling came in second place and in third place was author, George Orwell.

Many of the groups made videos to help with their campaigns. Arjun Balasubramaniam (ShHB) based his campaign on author Patrick Ness, and after Mrs Harding tweeted Patrick with the link to the video, it went viral! Patrick Ness, himself, retweeted the video and The Chronicle uploaded it onto their website. Author, Anthony Horowitz also responded positively to the video for his campaign.

Kids' Lit Quiz: Story to be continued!

Eight pupils from Removes and Shells took part in the regional heat of the Kids' Lit Quiz at Merchant Taylors' Girls' School in November.

Pupils were split into two teams. Team A was: Alchemy Lucas (RmNG), Anna Devoy (RmNG), Arran Fearn (ShHB) and Jack Walker (ShRL). Team B was: Arjun Balasubramaniam (ShHB), Mariam Littler (ShJJ), Martha Mulliner (RmCR) and Owen Parsonage (ShJJ).

The two teams battled against 14 other teams made up from schools all over Cheshire and Merseyside. They answered questions on a diverse range of books, from comic books to the latest award-winners.

Both teams did very well, Team A took second place, losing out to the winning team by only one point. Alchemy and Anna are determined to go one better next year and win a place in the UK final.



Charity concert raises funds for typhoon victims



Reya Patil (4CG) and Emily Till (4DL) approached Mr Curtis in the Michaelmas term to ask if they could help plan a concert for Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. The Charity Committee got on board and a lunchtime Charity Concert was held in February, in the Vanbrugh Theatre.

A series of contemporary acts performed brilliantly in a bill headlined by the RHJS Collective band. The atmosphere was great with a full venue and people popping in and out, giving to charity and listening to a sample of the music on offer at King's. A big thank you goes out to all performers and the audience who gave generously towards the £200 raised by the event. Acts on the day included Reya Patil (4CG), Emily Till (4RH), Anna Chadwick (SHRA), Isobel Bosworth (4CG), Joe McKeown (L6CC) and headliners, RHJS Collective, Alex Jekov (U6AM), Owen Haylock (L6NH), Louis Bostock-Williams (U6AM), Urbi Sen (U6DB), Jessica Arnall (U6AM), Ananthan Ranjit (U6AM), Tommy Metcalf (U6AM), Cameron Szerdy (U6JR) and Rudi Macloskey (U6AM).

A very happy Christmas... concert!

In December, the Junior School staged their annual Christmas concert in the Vanbrugh Theatre.

ALL PUPILS PARTICIPATED WITH J1 PUPILS performing a musical nativity in full costume and J2-J4 pupils performing two songs each, *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*, *Winter Wonderland* and *Jingle Bell Rock* being particular crowd pleasers. There was also stunning solo performance by Luke Mulholland (J4H) who sang *Walking in the Air* by Howard Blake. For the finale, all pupils performed *I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas*. It was a magnificent concert which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils and their parents.





Jumping right out of the pages

Harry Potter, a raft of Oompa Loompas – even Homer and Marge Simpson... doh!

Famous characters from some of our most loved books were brought to life as the Junior School pupils dressed up to celebrate World Book Day.



A spell-binding look into 'the Scottish play'

The cauldron bubbled with dramatic delight as the children of J4 were treated to a performance of *Macbeth*.

Manchester Actors Company staged *The Scottish Play* in the Vanbrugh Theatre to an audience of spellbound pupils, who are studying this Shakespeare play in English lessons this term.

After witnessing the hallucinations and machinations, the prophecy and lunacy, the haunting and taunting, children were given the opportunity to ask questions of the lead characters while in role.

A lively debate followed as *Macbeth* and his Lady were probed with a series of thought-provoking questions, which deepened and strengthened the young learners' understanding of these two intriguing characters.

Full marks for quiz team

In February, the Junior School quiz team became the new AJIS (Association of Junior Independent Schools) Quiz champions.

Lauren Barnes (J4S), Chloe Horton (J4H), Huw Binfield (J4P) and Luke Mulholland (J4H) worked together brilliantly as a team and displayed an often astonishing range of

knowledge. Although they maintained a slight lead from the beginning, competition was tough and they could never assume the cup was theirs for the taking. It was only towards the end of the morning, as questions got tougher, that they pulled right ahead and became the only team to achieve full marks in the high scoring general knowledge round and the extremely difficult final round.





Presents

William Shakespeare's ROMEO & JULIET

The King's School Vanbrugh Theatre
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King's pupils are invited to attend a workshop from 4pm to 6pm prior to the performance.



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Educational dance visit for Juniors

The Junior School enjoyed a special visit from KS Dance Limited in March.

THE DANCE COMPANY PERFORMED an array of different dancing styles to the pupils for an hour, as part of their Allegrodance Tour. Pupils enjoyed watching Flamenco, Jazz, Tap, Contemporary and act one and two of the ballet, *Coppelia*.

J1 pupils were further treated to a workshop by the dancers. They were taught dances from the performance and even had a go at some African dancing. The pupils also welcomed a special member of the audience, Brenda Last, a Patron of KS Limited, who has been awarded an OBE for her contribution in performing arts.



Young chess players are on top of their game

Chess players from J1 to J4 had a very successful and enjoyable day at the Association of Junior Independent Schools' Annual Chess Congress in November at Bolton Girls' School. The event was attended by schools from the Lancashire and Cheshire region. King's pupils did exceptionally well!

Riyaan Yesudian (J4P) won the AJIS Champion Trophy at U11 A level.

Abhijay Chawda (J4H) was awarded Bronze at U11 A level, Rishi Muthuvelu (J4P) was awarded bronze at U11 B level, Roshan Clarke (J3S) was awarded bronze at U10 A level and Rutujay Chawda (J2R) was awarded bronze at U9 B level.

Riyaan Yesudian (J4P), Abhijay Chawda (J4H), Danny Rajapandian (J4P), Manny Rajapandian (J4H) and Nithilin Sivanand (J4P) were placed second in the AJIS Chess Team Competition, winning a silver medal each.



Basketball stars share their secrets of healthy living

Players from the Cheshire Phoenix basketball team visited the J3 pupils in January, teaching young children how to keep their hearts healthy.

The sponsored project educates junior school pupils through competitions and fitness activities to explore how living a healthy lifestyle has great benefits which will help reduce their chances of heart disease and other life threatening illnesses in their future.

The programme focuses on three main topics, eating for a healthy heart, fitness for a healthy heart and the impacts of smoking. Each J3 class has taken part in an extra basketball coaching session in games lessons. A J3/J4 mixed team won the local basketball tournament, held at Northgate Arena, in March.

Max Lloyd (J3S) won a signed basketball and all J3 pupils received complimentary tickets to a Cheshire Phoenix Basketball team home match at the Northgate Arena.

Mike Burton from the Cheshire Phoenix team led an assembly for the Junior School and invited all pupils to a match day clinic.



All-round success for indoor athletics...

The Annual Junior Independent Schools' Indoor Athletics competition was a great success this year. All pupils did extremely well, with many personal bests and medals achieved.

A special mention goes to the gold medal winners: Madeline Ellis (J4S) (Balance), Jake Liddle (J3B) (AJIS record in the Chest Push), Melissa Hughes (J3B) (Standing Triple Jump), Saul Corry (J3S) (Vertical Jump) and Annabelle Temple (J4P), Phoebe Binneman-Santamaria (J4H), Lucy Osborne (J4P) and Lauren Barnes (J4S) (the U11 Girls' Obstacle Relay).



Junior girls have all the right moves...

The Junior Girls' Dance Club performed to Jessie J's *It's My Party* in February. They brought attitude and style to the stage and even had a go at their own choreography!



Juniors make the finals



The U11 Boys' and U11 Girls' Hockey teams have enjoyed a very successful season and have distinguished themselves by both qualifying for the North England Finals held at Leeds University, in March.

The boys qualified on the strength of their performance in the AJIS competition held at Preston Sports Arena. However it has been a much tougher qualifying process for the girls. They were runners up in the Cheshire Schools' Championships at Upton at the beginning of the month (narrowly losing out on goal difference). They then went on to play in the North West Championships held at Kirkham Grammar School. They played six matches in a round robin against strong opposition from the North West and Yorkshire. They played extremely well, lead by Captain Annabelle Temple (J4P), qualifying for the North Finals as runners-up.



Reuniting the class of '64

In February, a hardy group of former pupils, who left King's 50 years ago, braved the wild weather for a reunion.

Name badges were required to assist those who simply did not recognise their former classmates and many stories, anecdotes and in some cases embarrassing photos were shared!

This group attended classes at The Bluecoat School, what is now Barclays Bank in St Werburgh Street, in the 1960s and so the day included visits to these venues too.

Quite a few members of the group have kept in touch over the years and organised their own get-togethers, and all enjoyed the opportunity to look around the School as it is today and hear about the plans for the future. The day was rounded off with a convivial meal at a Chester restaurant.



Double Olympic gold medallist Tom James hangs up his oars

Double Olympic gold medallist Tom James, (OKS 2002) has announced his retirement from international rowing.

AT 29 YEARS OF AGE, Tom, who won gold in the men's coxless four in Beijing in 2008 and in London in 2012, has decided to retire from rowing for his country, to focus on his business consultancy career.

He teamed up with Pete Reed, Andy Triggs-Hodge and Alex Gregory in Beijing then joined Reed, Triggs-Hodge and Steve Williams to edge out Australia for gold at Eton Dorney in 2012. He also won the world title in the men's four in 2011 and received an MBE for his services to sport in 2009.

He told the GB rowing team's official website: *"Thank you to the sport of rowing and to the GB Rowing Team. I have had a fantastic time during my 10 years in the senior squad which have been incredibly successful. I feel very, very lucky. London 2012 in particular was an experience that could not be bettered. I am not planning to distance myself from the sport, though. I am doing some work on forward planning with British Rowing's Board and I am still involved with Cambridge University Boat Club and Molesey B.C."*

We wish him all the best in his future endeavours.



Former King's pupils doing their bit for charity!

Two former pupils have embarked on separate and very different (but both challenging), sporting endeavours to support Cancer charities.



Adrian D' Enrico, (leaver 1998) has set himself the target to complete 14 half marathons in 2014. He completed his first, the Four Villages Half Marathon in Helsby on the 19th January.

Anna Ashbarry, (leaver 2010) is planning to take on the challenge of cycling 450km across China in September. She will participate in several cycling challenges leading up to the big event to improve her fitness and conditioning.

We wish them both the very best of luck!

Farewell to Trevor

Trevor Kletz attended King's until 1941. He then went on to Liverpool University to read Chemistry. He worked for ICI initially as a Research Chemist, then became a Plant Manager. During his time at ICI he developed hazard and operability studies known as 'Hazop'.

As one former pupil, Peter Marshall (OKS 1979), now a Principal Engineer at Astra Zeneca commented, **"If you want to read about what happens when engineering goes wrong, read any of Trevor's books on accidents, incidents and unsafe occurrences – highly recommended."**

He was a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Institution of Chemical Engineers and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Trevor was awarded the OBE in 1997 for his services to industrial safety. His contribution to his field was immense. He was a great supporter of King's and will be sadly missed.



Trevor Kletz – OBE, FEng, FRSC, FICHEME (1922-2013)

Three King's leavers involved in the 160th University Boat Race

We are very proud to announce that three former pupils were selected for the Cambridge Boat Race squads.

For veteran Boat Race star, Mike Thorp (2008 leaver), this was his fifth time of selection for the squad. In 2010 and 2013 he was selected for the Goldie boat and in 2011, 2012 and 2014 for the Blue boat. Mike was a very active rower at King's, winning a gold medal in the eight in Coupe de la Jeunesse in 2008. Mike visited School in 2013 and told us of his rowing experience whilst at Cambridge (Homerton).

Two former students and novice Boat Race squad members for 2014 were siblings Emma and Peter Walker. Peter studies at Gonville and Caius and was a permanent member of the King's 1st VIII which reached the final of Henley in 2006, he also competed at the Coupe de la Jeunesse in 2006. Peter has been selected for the Goldie boat.

Emma Walker (leaver 2010) is the second former King's girl to reach the Women's Boat Race squad after Jade Whitlam. Emma is studying at Gonville and Caius.



Oliver White (leaver 1994) strikes the right note on BBC Radio 2 in 'Friday Night is Music Night'

Oliver White's professional singing career is going from strength to strength.

Oliver, who left King's in 1994, recently appeared as a soloist in the popular Radio 2 programme 'Friday Night is Music Night' which was devoted to Gilbert and Sullivan. He returned to King's to perform in *The Sorcerer* in June 2012 which was superb. Whilst at School he performed with former Headmaster, Roger Wickson, in *The Mikado*. We wish him all the best with his career.



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Don't forget next year's reunions are on the following dates:

10th May 2014	1994
21st June 2014	1991
7th February 2015	1975
21st March 2015	1965
9th May 2015	1995

Hockey girls triumph in championship

The girls' U18 hockey team won the Indoor District Competition in February at Bishop Heber High School. This year, three schools entered the annual tournament, including, The King's School, The Queen's School and Bishop Heber High School.

King's won their first match convincingly against Heber 4-0 and drew 0-0 against Queen's. These scores were enough for King's to be winners of the Indoor District Competition 2014, having the best goal difference of the three schools.



The girls' U16 hockey team won the annual U16 Cheshire Hockey Indoor final, held at home in January. Having successfully won the preliminary round, in which 12 other Cheshire schools entered, the girls were confident and excited to take part in the final. The girls' success continued, as they beat The Queen's School 5-0, Wilmslow High School 2-0 and drew with Fallibroome Academy 1-1 to rightfully claim their victory as champions of the Cheshire Hockey Indoor final, 2013/14.

The U19 girls' hockey squad won the



District Outdoor title in March. The squad drew with Bishop Heber High School and beat The Queen's School in a tense 1-0 victory to take the title for the 4th year in succession. The girls have achieved both, District Indoor Hockey and District Outdoor Hockey titles in the same season!



U14 girls' squad enter National Schools' Netball Tournament

The U14 girls' netball team entered, for the first time, the National Schools' Netball Tournament in February.

The squad of nine players: Annie Powell (3RC) (Captain), Emily Cresswell (3AI), Abi Fisher (3RC), Olivia Hughes (ShRL), Emily Cartwright (3RC), Siobhan Benson (3RC), Megan Gareh (3RC), Anna Chadwick (ShRA) and Bethan Hill (3ML) travelled to Whitby High School for the tournament. King's competed against four other schools: Windermere, Penwortham, Hulme Grammar School and Wirral Girls' Grammar. The team won two matches and lost two, placing them third in the group.



Amazing district netball win for the U12 girls' team

The annual Netball District Tournament took place in February at King's. The squad played Queen's Park High, Christleton, Bishops' Bluecoat, Abbeygate and Upton Schools in the group stage and won all matches.

King's won the group and went on to face Bishops' in the semi final. This was a hard-fought match and King's won 5-4. King's then faced Christleton again in the final and played the best netball of the tournament, winning 10-1. This was an incredible team performance from: Ailsa Black (RmPH), Helena Barker (RmPH), Jasmine Denton (RmRA), Elsa Hodgson (RmPH), Aylish Maclean (RmRA), Ellie Saunders (RmRA), Paige Tomlinson (RmVL) and Pavlina Zigova (RmPH).



A good season for U15 girls' netball team

The U15 netball team have played a great season. They were unfortunately pipped to the post in the County and District tournaments, however respectfully received runner-up positions in both.

The team lost 8-9 in the District tournament in March. The game could have gone either way as King's fought hard throughout, unfortunately at the last second the girls' lost by one goal.

In February the girls experienced all weather variations in the County tournament, definitely not conducive to good play! Yet, the team rose above this and managed a respectable second place. The girls, Imogen Szerdy (4DL), Captain, Niamh Jones (4JR), Anna Wallace (4JR), Rachel Huber (4CG), Elise Back (4FV), Polly Chappell (4FV), Jemima Benson (4CG), Lora Hunt (4JR) and Jess Middleton (4FV) worked together as a team brilliantly.





Matt runs away with it!

Matt Willis (3RC) won and was crowned the national champion of English Schools' Cross Country (Junior Boys).

MATT WAS THEN SELECTED TO REPRESENT School and Country at the International Schools' Cross Country Championships in March. Here Matt was narrowly beaten into second place by the Republic of Ireland's Patrick Maher. Matt achieved the top UK ranking. In addition his other achievements to date are: British Triathlon Champion, he is ranked 2nd in UK for 1500m (U14 boys) and also ranked 1st in UK for 3000m (U14 boys).



Rowers serve up a great Pudding Races day...

On what was a glorious December morning, the Pudding Races, 2013 were raced over 400 metres on the historical course, from the corner of the Meadows to the boathouse.



TEAM MISTLETOE HAD FOUGHT HARD through four rounds of racing to be crowned champions, including a final dual against Team Rudolph when the crew had to row through the opposition to win by one length.

As is tradition, the Lord Mayor of Chester awarded the prize puddings to the victorious crew who represented the Energy Innovation Centre, one of two sponsors to support the pudding races, with Rudolph, the losing finalists, representing the Clear Black Wine Company.

In the junior races, it was team Whitlam versus Team Peel in the final, with Hamish Strudwick (3AI), Charlotte Lewis (3PS), Joshua Burke (3ML) and Kingsley Roden (3ML) running out victorious.

After the excitement of the racing had concluded the club was then able to name its five new boats. The John Griffiths, officially launched by John himself, a new lightweight single scull. Alastair Stables, Chair of KSRCPA, officially launched the Peter Rudge II, a new coxed four for the senior boys' squad. The Stephen Peel, a new senior boys' coxless four, was officially launched by the Lord Mayor of Chester. The Headmaster officially launched the boys' 1st VIII, the boat named after Alfred Sydney Turner, Captain of boats in 1930. Olivia Whitlam kindly returned to the club to name her second boat, the new girls' 1st VIII.

It was a wonderful occasion which was enjoyed by many. With over 200 supporters, athletes, coaches and parents, there was a fantastic vibe throughout the morning. A final word should also be said for this year's Scantlebury Duck winner, Richard Mehtens, who set a new record in receiving the duck in his first term of coaching at the club!



Hockey boys are North West double champs

The U16 boys' squad built on their earlier indoor Hockey achievement of being crowned North Champions, by adding the outdoor North West title at Timperley Hockey Club in February.

THE SQUAD PLAYED AGAINST FOUR SCHOOLS and won all matches, this put them through to the North Finals, held in March. At the North Finals, the boys won two out of three of their matches, this placed them as joint runners-up.

Later the same month the squad faced a play-off match against Canford School, from Dorset to determine whether the boys would make it through to the top eight Hockey squads in England for their age category. Unfortunately, although the boys fought hard, King's lost this match. The boys worked extremely hard this season and to be one of the top ten squads in England is a mighty achievement.



Rowing season starts with success...

After three months of cancellations, due to the inclement weather, King's rowing season restarted in March with success for both boys' and girls' squads.

AT THE INTER-REGIONAL NORTH WEST QUALIFIERS held at Runcorn Rowing Club, the club qualified no less than seven crews for the North West. The J16 boys' and girls' Vllls, J16 boys' four, J16 and J15 girls' coxed fours and the J15 girls' coxed quad all won their respective trials and will now race at the finals regatta in April.

At the Head of the Trent, held over the 5.7 kilometre course on the River Trent, both the boys' and girls' 1st Vllls were the quickest junior crews of the day. The boys' VIII defeated Eton College by one second in a gruelling encounter, the boys' VIII was also the 3rd quickest overall time of the day by any crew, junior and senior. The girls' VIII defeated Lady Eleanor Holles by 14 seconds and were also the 3rd quickest women's overall crew of the day.

The girls' J16 VIII backed this up with a win in their category, the girls' 3rd VIII coming in another 30 seconds behind them. On the boys' side the J16 boys' VIII were the quickest J16 VIII of the day, the J16 boys' four were also the quickest J16 four of the day. The senior boys also raced in a J18 coxed four and senior coxless four, winning their categories in both and backing up their strong performance in the VIII in the morning.

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In total, 93 athletes competed for the club in the Runcorn Rowing race and Head of Trent race with 50 returning to Chester with either a pot or medal from a category win, an excellent start to an exciting season ahead.

Rugby star George plays for England

George Nott (U6DB) played for the England U18 Rugby team in March, as a forward.

George travelled to Scotland at Dalziel Park to play against Scotland's U18 Rugby team. The game was England's first international of the season as they build towards the annual FIRA/AER European Championship in April. It was a successful first match for George and his team mates with a 28-6 win.



GB call up for junior rowing duo

Congratulations to Alex Slater (L6CC) and Zoe Soutter (L6JK) who have both been invited on the Junior World Championships Potential training camp, in Nantes.

Both Alex and Zoe qualified for this high performance camp through their work on the rowing machines and on their water performances at the Boston trials last term.

Alex, currently ranked 25th out of 152 junior men and Zoe, ranked 5th out of 74 junior women on their current ergo scores, both have goals to race for team GB during next summer's regatta season.

Alex has also been invited to the GB rowing trials held at Nottingham in early April.



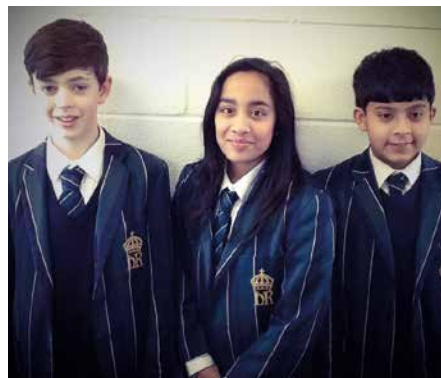
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Well played, Luke

Luke Mulholland (J4H) auditioned for a place in the National Children's Orchestra, on his French horn in October. Although he faced tough competition, Luke has been invited to join the National Children's Orchestra (U12).

Luke will be one of only eight French horn players to gain a place in the 100 strong symphony Orchestra. In the Easter and summer holidays, Luke will attend two residential orchestra courses, each lasting a week and will play in a concert at Birmingham Town Hall.



Shells net badminton places

Ben Davies (ShRA) has been selected to play Badminton for Cheshire, Amogh Patil (ShRA) and Smruthya Ganeshram (ShRA) have been selected to play Badminton for their county side, Flintshire.



Check mate to Riyaan

Riyaan Yesudian (J4P) has had an outstanding year in chess. He started with exceptional performances in the Terrafinals in August last year where he beat older children ranked more than 60 points above him. He ended up as the top Under 11 boy even though he was playing in the Under 10 category. This resulted in him being nominated to play for England in the European Schools' tournament in June (to be held in Kavala, Greece). He also performed well above his grading in the South of England Chess Tournament in Yatley, in January where he was unbeaten and came first.

As per the English Chess Federation's Grand Prix Tournament points system, Riyaan is currently the top Under 11 player in England!



Sam and Issy are swimming stars

Issy (3PS) and Sam Wild (5MP) have produced fantastic swimming results this term. Issy is ranked 9th for all women in Wales and 2nd in Britain for 50m freestyle and is the top swimmer in Wales for her age group for 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m freestyle. Sam is ranked 17th for all men in Wales for 50m butterfly and is the top swimmer for his age group for 50m butterfly. Both raced for Wales at the Tri-Nations championship.

Jolly good hockey!



Shell Girls: Erin Morgan (ShHB), Isabel Martis (ShRL), Laura Scott (ShJJ) and Amelia Jones (ShRA) have been training at the West Cheshire and Wirral Junior Hockey Development Centre and have been selected to play for the Academy over the next few months.



Shell boys have been equally successful in progressing through the English Hockey system. Aled Bennett (ShJJ), William Halewood (ShJJ), Robin Lee (ShCM), Harry Langley (ShHB), Haydn Bright (ShCM), Liam Shortall (ShCM) and William Unett (ShHB) have all progressed from their County Junior Development Centre training through to the Academy.



Harshi's Sci-Fi Story

Last year, The Manchester Children's Book Festival invited young writers aged 9-12 years to send in their creative writing. Harshi Chauhan's (RmSC) Sci-Fi story was selected from hundreds of entries to appear in a specially designed and illustrated anthology. In March, Harshi (who wrote his story whilst a J4 pupil) attended a ceremony at Manchester Metropolitan University. He received copies of the All Write 2013 anthology and a certificate signed by the Poet Laureate, Carol-Anne Duffy, who has been closely involved with the competition.



In the running for cross country championship

Ailsa Black (RmPH) has been selected to represent Cheshire in the Regional Cross Country Championships.

After running brilliantly in the District Cross Country competition, Ailsa was selected to represent Chester in the next round.

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Hockey boys reach finals for Deeside Ramblers

The King's boys' Hockey Squad have had a great season and as well as winning the North West Outdoor Title and North Indoor Title, they have also got through to the National Finals of the U16 England Hockey National Tournament for their club, Deeside Hockey Ramblers.

Harry Armatage (4CG), Freddie Cheshire (4CG), Will Dodd-Moore (5MP), Ben Maudslay (5PN), Arjun Rao (5JM), Fraser Smellie (4AC), Alex Tan (5EH), James Temple (4JR), Daniel Verity (4DL), Rob Way (4CG), Daniel Whittingham (4FV) and Matthew Williams (4AC) have beaten tough competition during the early rounds of the tournament and went on to win their North group.



Emily's eventing success continues

Emily Boothroyd (5EH) not only won the British Eventing 90 Jump and Style at Aintree Equestrian in February with her horse Salvelinus, she also took 2nd place on the BE100, 8th place in the Novice race, as well as a top 20 place in the BE90.

In the BE90 JAS, BE100 and BE90 classes, Emily had to ride a dressage test lasting for five minutes, this included a simple walk, trot, canter movements and transitions, as well as show jumping with 7-12 fences. The maximum height of these jumps was 0.95m for a BE90 and 1.05m for a BE100.



Siobhan steps up the pace

Siobhan Benson (3RC) competed in the Welsh Indoor Athletics Championships in February. Siobhan came 2nd in the 200m U15 girls' category. Her time also ranks her 2nd fastest in Wales for this indoor season so far. Siobhan also recently ran in the UK U15 championships in Sheffield and reached the semi finals of the 200m. In both her heat and the semi final, Siobhan ran under the English Schools' standard of 26.5 seconds her personal best is now 26.47.



Niall snaps up photography prize

Niall Eddleston (J3B) has been awarded the RSPCA Under 12 National Young photographer of the year for his photograph 'a cow's lunch'.

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