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## Green shoots and much, much more at King's School this spring.

Welcome to the Spring 2017 Herald. The Lent Term is when much of the year's activity comes to fruition and nowhere has this been more true at King's than in the theatre: Clare Howdon's production of **Little Shop of Horrors** entertained full houses for a week!

Meanwhile the Vanbrugh Theatre was also the venue for the **Third Year Independent Learning Project** evening in March, which has quickly become one of the highlights of the academic year. In the Junior School, **Science Week** similarly saw students engaging their minds beyond any curriculum, and in Willow Lodge, creativity has been the order of the day in their **Pop Art project**.

At the top of the school, our Upper Sixth have the **highest number of university offers** recorded at this stage and our 93 % success rate is well over even the independent



sector average. Just under three quarters of applicants were to Russell Group universities, where our 'offer rate' is 83 %!

Meanwhile, you will read here about exciting plans for the future: a major remodelling of our **house structure** in the Senior School, the appointment of **Heads of Faculties** and a **new leadership team** to take the school forward.

The house structure, in particular, will underpin what we stand for: the individual care for each student and

their development (the key principle being that the Head of House stays with the student throughout their growing years); and the breadth of opportunity. I know that it will be a huge success.

The green shoots of spring are certainly more than echoed in all the exciting developments here at King's.

**CHRIS RAMSEY**  
Headmaster



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# Introducing our new pastoral and management structure

WE ARE DELIGHTED to announce that, from September 2017, we're re-designing our pastoral and management structure across the school. The changing nature of society and how students grow and learn is leading us to reshape how we care for our students in the 21st century. Our structure at King's has been very successful over the years and additional investment will now allow us to offer even better care to our pupils.

As part of the new strategy, there will be two very significant changes to the pastoral and academic structures from September. We are very excited to announce a new pastoral house structure and a new academic faculty structure.

## The New House Structure

There will be eight houses, each with a Head of House. The new house structure will start from Year 8 through to Year 13. Each house will consist of a small tutor group from each age group. Tutors will stay with their groups throughout their time at King's, ensuring that each Tutor will continue to know the children as they develop.

With this knowledge, the Tutors will be very well placed to support, mentor and guide each individual pupil. Pupils are now in the process of choosing names for the houses, something they are most excited about!

The Heads of the new houses will be: Mr David Blackham, Mr Russell Hornby,

Mrs Krista Jones, Mr Michael Lee, Miss Rebecca Lindesay, Mr Lee Parkes, Mrs Amy Richards and Mrs Claire Sumner.



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*I'm really looking forward to overseeing students' personal development throughout their whole time at King's.*

*Mrs Amy Richards*

*The challenge of setting up a new house at King's is incredibly exciting. I'm very privileged to be part of the team which will forge something great for the future.*

*Mr David Blackham*

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## The New Faculty Structure

We have a strong academic department structure which ensures excellent academic achievement. The establishment of a new faculty structure will provide further opportunities for innovation and the sharing of best practice throughout the school.

The Heads of the new faculties will be: Dr Helen Faulkner (Faculty of Science), Mr Steve Downey (Faculty of Sport and Creative Arts), Ms Jessica Rutberg (Faculty of Maths and Social Sciences) and Mr Seb Neal (Faculty of Languages and Humanities).

The Headmaster commented, “We are excited to announce these important changes to the structure here at King's which form

part of our new strategy to 2025. They are designed to enhance the individual experience for each of our pupils and ensure that a King's education remains of the very highest standard, takes account of our changing world and continues to be relevant for the 21st century.”

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*I'm excited at the prospect of seeing our pupils develop and use their communication skills and historical understanding as they meet and engage with the world around them and shape its future.*

*Mr Seb Neal*

*I'm looking forward to learning from other departments and the opportunity to share our successes to enrich student learning.*

*Ms Jessica Rutberg*

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## KING'S SENIORS &amp; SIXTH FORM

## A huge crop of university offers for Upper Sixth students



UPPER SIXTH FORMERS are celebrating a huge crop of university offers this year after lots of work in completing applications and rounds of gruelling interviews. As they now head towards their A Level final exams next term, students have received offers for 93% of their chosen universities, of which 83% were from the top Russell Group universities.

The Russell Group universities represent 24 of the UK's top higher education institutions and promote excellent teaching and research. You'll find them all at the top of the UK rankings, as well as some global league tables.

The Russell Group also includes Oxford and Cambridge and four Sixth Formers have received offers from these top two UK universities: Rebecca Hatton (U6HJ) has received an offer to study Human, Social and Political Sciences at Downing College, Cambridge; Mathew Oliver (2016 leaver) has received an offer for Clare College, Cambridge to read Mathematics and Harriet Fisher (2016 leaver) received an offer from King's College Cambridge to study Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion. Harriet has recently continued her long association with drama at King's by acting as Deputy Director in *Little Shop of Horrors* during her gap year. Jack Hodgkinson (U6HJ) has received an offer to read Economics and Management at St Peter's College, Oxford, the most competitive course in the country.

Offers for Medicine have been received by: Reya Patil (U6SD), Anna Plunkett (U6JR), Eleri Reece-Jones (U6NH) and Gunchit Sharma (U6HJ); and Amelia Jones (U6KS) has received an offer for Dentistry. Not all Medicine offers have been received yet and several students are still waiting to hear at this stage.

We wish all our Sixth Formers good luck with their final A Level exams in their quest to fulfil the conditions of their offers.

## Answering maths challenges at the UKMT Regional Finals

CONGRATULATIONS to our four pupils who recently went to Birkenhead School to participate in the Regional Final of the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Team Maths Competition – a competition testing mathematical, communication and teamwork skills.

Our team of Avinandan Sengupta (ShAD), Aryan Agarwal (ShCM), Mollie Ramsey (3JJ) and Riyaan Yesudian (3JJ) competed against nineteen other schools and colleges from the area in four challenging rounds. Despite tough competition we did really well and were placed third overall.



## Physics students explore the world of CERN

A NUMBER OF Upper Sixth physics students visited CERN (the European organisation for nuclear research).

The students got inside CERN Control, seeing accelerators and the SM18 complex – a world-leading test bed for magnets and instrumentation at low temperatures and high currents.

They also visited the ISOLDE facility (a world-leading laboratory for the studies of radioactive nuclei) and the Medicis facility (a ground-breaking laboratory producing radio isotopes used for medical applications). Making the most of their time there, they managed to take in a visit to The United Nations Office in Geneva. What a trip!





# Little Shop of Horrors a blooming success...

## *Cult classic is a big success on stage*

WELL, WHAT A SHOW it was! Our sell-out production of *Little Shop of Horrors* was a delight to watch. The production was snappy and fresh, and our students put their own fantastic take on this popular cult classic. We saw Seymour's life (Will Medland, 5AC) be transformed from simple shop worker to celebrity plant expert, whilst trying to combat the insatiable appetite of the carnivorous beast, Audrey II. All this whilst trying to woo Audrey, the love of his life and co-worker (Erika Ignataviciute, U6CC). Throw into the mix Audrey's boyfriend, sadistic dentist Orin (Jack Sackett, L6AM), the Ronnettes (played by Emily Snow, U6HJ, Abigail Fisher, L6DB, Charlotte Cross, U6KS and Phoebe Brightmore, U6JR) and shop owner Mr Mushnik (Edward Ramsey, U6HJ), this was viewing worthy of any West End stage.

All the cast were simply brilliant in their acting and singing and we are incredibly proud of their achievements. The band was equally fantastic, playing well-known 1960s tracks throughout, as were the superb stage set and lighting.

Last, but by no means least, congratulations also go out to the wonderfully blood-thirsty Audrey II (Finlay Paterson, U6JC and Sam Barnes, U6BH) who kept the audience on their toes throughout with yells of "feed me!"

We'd like to offer huge congratulations to absolutely everyone involved – a blooming success all round!





## Remembering the fallen of the Great War

TWENTY FORMER PUPILS lost their lives in the Great War during 1917 – more than in 1914, 1915 and 1916 put together. March 26th 1917 was the blackest day of the entire war, with three men lost. Royal Welsh Fusilier, Second Lieutenant Robert Parry (OKS 1908-15), and two men in the Cheshires, Lieutenant Norman Roe Foster (OKS 1902-07) and Second Lieutenant John Oscar Laybourne (1899-1908) all died that day.

At 20, Parry, the son of a Chester schoolmaster, was the youngest of the three. "A bright, intelligent and likeable fellow" who "showed great promise from boyhood." At King's, he distinguished himself in athletics and was captain of both the cricket and football elevens. Foster and Laybourne, both a little older than Parry, were killed in the same action. Foster hailed from Burnley but lived in Hoole while he was at King's

and, like Parry, captained the school football elevens. Laybourne was the son of the local Chief Constable and there is a stained glass window memorial to him in Chester Cathedral: "a noble life sacrificed for the future welfare of humanity."

It was not in the trenches of France or Belgium that they died but in the fog-covered deserts of Gaza, a reminder that this was truly a world war. Nor did they die fighting the Germans, but their allies, the Ottoman Turks. All are now buried in Gaza CWGC War Cemetery in Israel, which has repeatedly suffered war damage in recent years, making one wonder whether their lives really were laid down "for the future welfare of humanity."

*"A noble life sacrificed for the future welfare of humanity."*



## WorldWise, our team are in the know!

LAST TERM we took part in the regional Geographical Association Worldwise Quiz, held at Chester University.

We entered two teams; a Shells Team consisting of: Mickey Nguyen (ShMP), Santosh Velpula (ShAD) and Aryan Agarwal (ShCM) and a Thirds Team consisting of: Chloe Horton (3HS), Oliver Whittlestone (3HS) and Owen Reece-Jones (3JJ).

There were 20 other teams from local schools, and 8 tough rounds – ranging from simple topics such as recognising countries by their outlines, to more advanced rounds where pupils had to answer questions about geographical investigation techniques.

Our Shells Team were victorious, beating all other 20 teams, scoring an impressive 92/102.

Well done to our geography geniuses!







## Discovering Berlin's historical past and present

THIRTY SIXTH FORM STUDENTS couldn't conceal their excitement at the prospect of visiting Berlin.

At the centre of European and world affairs for much of the past century, the city offers a cultural and historical experience second to none.

Berlin's history is often dark and problematic, yet this is all the more reason to visit. The Holocaust Memorial, the German Historical Museum and the Memoires of a

German Nation exhibition were challenging and thought-provoking in equal measure.

Guided tours of the Palace of Tears and the Bundestag, and a visit to the British Embassy hosted by one of the military attachés, were also greatly enjoyed.

Nothing, however, could compete with Dennis, the local guide, for a three-and-a-half hour walking tour of central Berlin. All complaint about the length of the walking tour quickly evaporated

as he enthralled the students with his informative, funny and poignant tales.

Potsdam's eighteenth-century elegance provided a fitting backdrop for reflection on the last afternoon and, yes, another walk.

A busy four days passed all too quickly and it's safe to say that, if this was the first time in Berlin for some students, it certainly won't be their last.

## First MFL Film Night focusses on Luc Besson

LAST TERM saw the first Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Film Night and a gathering of Sixth Form students in the Vanbrugh Theatre to watch something a bit different and think about cinematography and film analysis. Anthony Ramsey, former King's student and current languages undergraduate, kindly gave a very interesting and informative speech on the career of French director Luc Besson and the construction and interpretation of gender in his works. Students and staff then enjoyed his fantastical love story, *Angel-A*, about a fallen angel and her relationship with a troubled petty crook with a beautifully-shot, black and white Paris as the setting. Then followed a short discussion session where students could share their ideas about the film and we will return to this in A Level lessons later in the year.





## Pioneering Independent Learning Projects get off to a great start



THIRD YEAR PUPILS have been completing their Independent Learning Projects this term, a pioneering King's initiative introduced last year.

Pupils chose their own exciting research areas and decided how to present their project. Over one hundred projects were completed including scale models, paintings, essays, books, diaries and displays which were showcased on the presentation evening to parents, staff and pupils. It is impossible to name every project but a flavour of the diversity included: the history of ballet; the electromagnetic train; the effect of a tsunami; and sunset photography.

Other projects included: how people make their homes more energy efficient; Banksy and street art; and a musical interpretation of "Black Lives Matter."

It is ground-breaking to undertake projects like these so early in pupils' careers; it allows them to delve into an area they find fascinating and follow wherever it takes them. This way of working really is learning for pleasure. It also teaches pupils valuable skills such as time and project management, discerning research skills, self-reflection and presentation skills – vital life skills for their futures.



## Geography rocks!

THE GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT recently welcomed Professor Dan Faulkner of Liverpool University to talk about his research on geological fault

lines. Most A Level geographers were present along with some particularly keen Fourth and Fifth Formers.

Professor Faulkner talked about the research he has been involved in and in particular, talked students through an incredible \$30m project which involved drilling cores across the San Andreas Fault, many kilometres into

the earth's crust. He even brought some highly valuable samples with him which the students were able to handle.

The students thoroughly enjoyed his presentation and would like to thank Professor Faulkner for his time.



## KING'S SENIORS & SIXTH FORM



### Team Phoenix on the rise at F1 for Schools

WELL DONE TO Team Phoenix, who attended the F1 in Schools regional finals at Jaguar Halewood. We're delighted to announce that they came away with three trophies, having won best team identity and fastest car, as well as winning the regional event itself – and a place in the National Finals at Silverstone in March.

The Third Year students who make up Team Phoenix are Mansi Gupta (3AL), Thomas Flattery (3AL), Owen Reynolds (3JJ), Oliver Whittlestone (3HS), Freya Walsh (3JJ) and Luke Mulholland (3RL).

Good luck in the finals Team Phoenix!

You can follow Phoenix Racing on Twitter  
@phoenixgbrf1

## LinguaLogic Club enters Linguistic Olympiad

THE MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES (MFL) DEPARTMENT have enjoyed reintroducing the United Kingdom Linguistic Olympiad (UKLO) this year, in the form of the new LinguaLogic Club. The UKLO challenges pupils to analyse and dissect language-based puzzles; it is a mix of code-breaking, logic and critical thinking, perfect for those of a scientific as well as artistic inclination.

Open to all year groups at different levels, six Sixth Formers took on the very difficult advanced paper in February and worked hard to achieve impressive scores. Congratulations to Millie Medland (L6DB), Ruhi Kaur (L6LM), Chloe Cowan (U6JR) and Zoe Edwards (U6SD) who received certificates of participation and it was particularly pleasing to see Sadie Nathan (L6HF) and Rhiannon Jackson (L6LM) earn Bronze Certificates in this highly-regarded national competition.



## Bronze Awards at Biology Olympiad

CONGRATULATIONS to Rebecca Hatton (U6HJ), Eleri Reece-Jones (U6NH), Greg Jones (U6BH), Reya Patil (U6SD) and Amelia Jones (U6KS) on gaining a Bronze Award in the Biology Olympiad, a fantastic achievement given that over 7,500 students took part this year!

The Olympiad consists of two exam papers designed to challenge and stimulate students with an interest in biology and to expand their talents. It enables students to demonstrate their knowledge and inspires them to continue their study beyond A Level.

Our Bronze Award winners are looking forward to attending an awards ceremony in July at the Institute of Engineering and Technology in London.





## King's duo invited to prestigious McWhirter Conference!

TWO KING'S STUDENTS were invited to the prestigious McWhirter Conference at Newnham College, Cambridge, which inspires young people to debate topical issues and to think about their future role in society. Since 1975, more than 2,500 Sixth Formers have attended the McWhirter Conference. This year's topic is 'Bio-ethics: Who decides' – of particular benefit to those considering a career in medicine, social care, science or law and in applying to Oxford or Cambridge.

Congratulations go to Emily Cresswell (L6LM) and Arvind Sahni (L6LM) who were selected to attend and were thrilled to have such an amazing opportunity.



## Aditya and Sophie win places to Cambridge Masterclasses

KING'S PUPILS Aditya Iyer (L6SW) and Sophie Cliff (L6SB) will be mixing with the best of the best when they attend Cambridge Masterclasses in Economics and Biomedical Sciences respectively.

Aditya's day will include discussions on 'The paradox of thrift: How rational actions can have irrational consequences', with the inspirational Dr Pontus Rendahl as part of the economics programme; and Sophie will be considering 'Pain and Lessons from the Naked Mole-Rat' with the accomplished Dr Ewan St John Smith.

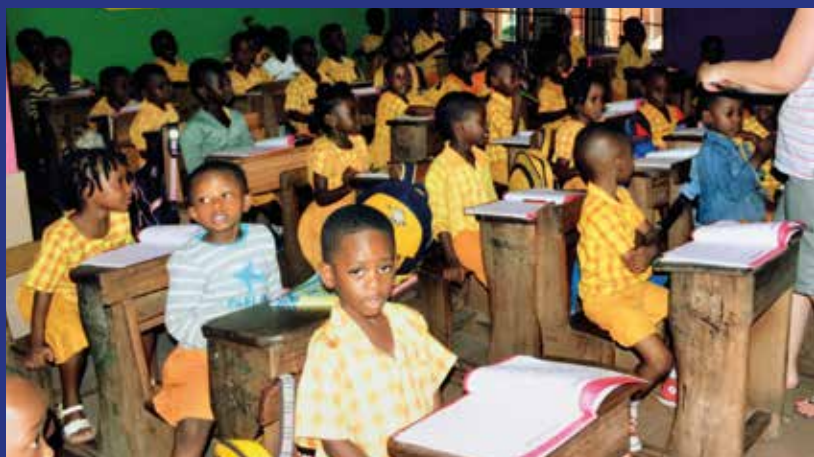
The pair will have the opportunity to tour the College and see all that Cambridge has to offer. They will also receive invaluable advice from Dr Michael Sutherland on 'Preparing a competitive application to Cambridge'. It's a wonderful opportunity and we know that Aditya and Emily will represent both King's and themselves to the highest possible standard.



## A lively start to Lower Sixth Form life

IT'S BEEN A HUGE SUCCESSFUL START to Sixth Form life for this year's Lower Sixth. There have been a record 22 entries into the internal essays competition, eight students have entered essays into external competitions, and the Extended Project has recently been introduced to students, who are now busy writing research proposals. Our new Prefect structure has resulted in varied and excellent applications for these highly prized positions and the process of selecting the new group of Head Prefects is underway.

## KING'S SCHOOL



## Launching a school library in Ghana

FOR SOME TIME now, we have been honoured and delighted to be working with the Vicande School in Ghana. Mrs Lynda Ward and Mrs Pat Jones from the Housekeeping Team here at King's have been working as part of a wider team to help launch a library at the Vicande School in Ghana.

Since the successful launch of the library, we also help keep the Vicande School in plentiful supply of stationery by collecting all unused paper, unwanted school books, pens and files, anything that is no longer being used and would otherwise have gone to waste. When there are sufficient quantities, they are shipped over to the school in Ghana and put to good use by the students.

In the words of the Vicande School's Headmaster, Mr Patrick Adusei, "Knowledge is power" and supplying these books to the school help all of his students in their study and research. The books will help contribute towards good reading and teaching habits and the library plays a major role in the life of everyone at the school.

No other school in the area has a library, highlighting the importance of what the team have done – turning an unused space into a central learning hub for the school, and a dream into a reality. Well done to everyone involved.

## Book Award creates a big buzz



THE SECOND KING'S SCHOOL BOOK AWARD has been launched with eight shortlisted books.

Mrs Melville created an amazing display for each of these books – receiving compliments from the authors via Twitter!

Pupils have recommended the books to each other and discussed some of the themes and issues raised. Combined with author visits, this helped to create a buzz about the Book Award. We're looking forward to finding out which is the school's favourite this year.

## Look who's visited our library!

PUPILS WERE ABLE TO CHAT with four celebrated authors, all who have novels in our School Book Award shortlist.



### Sarah Crossan

Sarah's book *'One'*, won the Carnegie Award, the YA Book Prize and the Cheshire Schools, Book Award. Pupils were thrilled with their signed bookplates.



### Lisa Williamson

Lisa wrote the ground-breaking *'The Art of Being Normal'* which explores teen transgender issues, promoting some thought-provoking questions.



### Andy Robb

Andy is the author of *'Geekhood: Close Encounters of the Girl Kind'*. He created a fantastic atmosphere in the library, signing books for pupils to take home.



### Holly Bourne

We were also delighted to welcome Holly, author of *'Am I Normal Yet?'*, to the library. Her advice to pupils? Write a little every day.





## Inspiring some great moves with our new dance club

MONDAY NIGHTS are no longer the same in our Junior School now that our dance club has started. Each week the sound of music echoes around the school and the pupils are treated to some fantastic dance classes.

The team leading the dance club are a truly talented and inspiring bunch. Their aim is to improve self-confidence and self-belief through the art of dance and their energy and enthusiasm is clear to see. What a great way to spend a Monday evening!



## Science Week goes with a bang!

THERE WAS much excitement in the Junior School as we celebrated Science Week. The week was kick-started with a creative and inspiring science lesson from Quantum Theatre. The pupils then had the opportunity to get involved in lots of hands-on experiments including chromatography, static electricity, magnetism, food groups, buoyancy and not forgetting the rather popular chocolate button experiment!

Infants from Willow Lodge were invited to join in the fun and the Junior School pupils had tours around the Senior School science labs.

It's safe to say that the week went with a very successful bang!





## KING'S JUNIORS



## Hoorah for Hoops4Health

JUNIOR PUPILS were thrilled to welcome stars of the Cheshire Phoenix Basketball Team to the school last term as part of the basketball team's innovative 'Hoops4Health' programme.

It was truly inspirational for our youngsters to learn from professional sporting role models and they all enjoyed improving their basketball skills whilst learning about the importance of keeping physically active and eating healthily.

The benefits of all the coaching did not take long to filter through as the J4 basketball team won a play-off match in front of over a thousand spectators at the end of January. This means that they have qualified for the 'Hoops4Health' final on Sunday 23rd April at the Ellesmere Port Sports Village arena. We wish them the very best of luck!



## Impressive figures for young mathematicians

WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD of Maisie O'Leary (J4M), Eila O'Connor (J4H), Charlie Marshall (J4H) and Duncan Boyd (J4S) who represented the school at the recent National Young Mathematicians' Award (NYMA).

They tackled tough competition by trusting their mathematical skills, using great teamwork and working in a very clear and structured way. In the first round, they achieved 78 % which was the top score from a Chester school, going on to win the Regional Final by scoring an impressive 92 %.

Whilst they narrowly missed out on a place in the Grand Final, we would like to congratulate them all for doing so well, their positivity and enthusiasm for the different challenges was both impressive and inspiring.



Blazer Magazine



Judo



Drama

Every picture tells a story...

EVER WONDERED what the juniors get up to in their free time?





## Fun and adventures at Technquest

IN FEBRUARY, all of the J1s set off to Technquest in Wrexham. The children experienced a variety of activities, one of which was the Drumming Monkey, where the children had to build and program a LEGO tech innovation model. The activity developed team-work and coding skills and was also lots of fun!

Following this, pupils went to the hands-on activity rooms where they tackled a variety of science and technology-based problems

They then watched *'The Adventures of Dr. Isosceles'*. In this session they followed the intrepid adventurer through the jungles of Peru and used their maths skills to help uncover the lost treasure. There were lots of puzzles to solve along the way.

All the pupils were a credit to the school and it was mentioned on several occasions by the staff how attentive and focused they were throughout the visit.



**Cross Country**



**Orchestra**



**Art**



**U9s Football**



**Mindfulness**



**Netball**



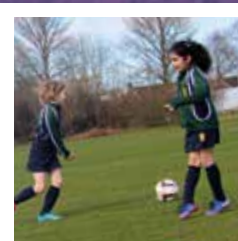
**Gardening**



**U8s Football**



**Reading**



**Girls Football**

Look no further! Here's a selection of photos, taken in just one week, of some of the exciting activities our pupils enjoy here at King's. And for those moments when pupils just want to have some quiet time, there's always the opportunity to settle down with a good book...



## 500 words for 500 books!

MANY OF OUR juniors have been busy composing stories for the national *BBC Radio 2, 500 Words* Competition. The competition, established by Chris Evans, aims to get children excited by reading and writing.

We're right behind the competition and the enthusiasm of our children is a sight to behold. The first prize is a pile of books as tall as Chris Evans and 500 books for the school!

The winning story will be read live on the radio by a celebrity to all 10 million Radio 2 listeners!



“We fully support every opportunity for our children both to read enthusiastically and write creatively.”

## Exploring our industrial heritage

J4 PUPILS enjoyed a fascinating visit to Quarry Bank Mill in February.

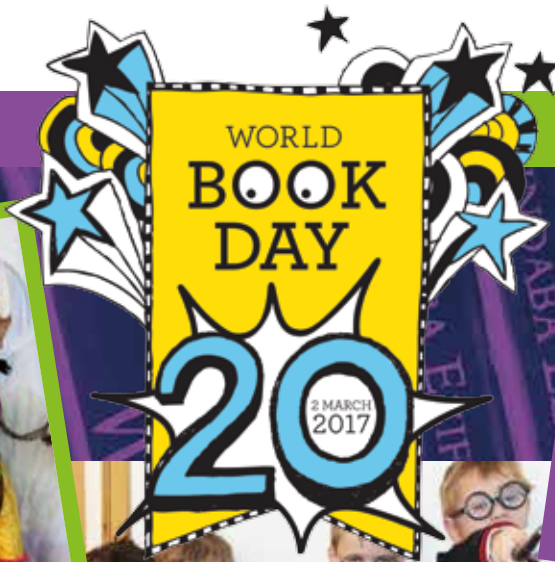
The Mill, Apprentice House, Village and Estate are a unique legacy of our industrial heritage and the tour was focused on life in the mill for Victorian

children. Pupils enjoyed the role play in the Apprentice House and, as expected, were extremely obedient during a lesson in a Victorian classroom. A close-up view of Victorian medicine followed – although, thankfully, no leeches were actually administered!

They tried different jobs that many Victorian children would have done and heard gruesome tales highlighting the hazards and dangers they endured. The hands-on activities and demonstrations really helped to bring history to life.







**CELEBRATING WORLD BOOK DAY** is just what we did in Willow Lodge and our Junior School. We celebrated authors, illustrators, books and most importantly, we celebrated reading.

It was wonderful to see all the children dressed in their outfits, inspired by the books they enjoy. We had Little Miss Happy and Mr Strong, Tigers Who Came for Tea, Sherlock Holmes looking for clues, Willy Wonka (with an Umpa Lumpa of course) and enough Harry Potters to shake a magic stick at!

The day was full of fun activities, starting with a parade; a wonderful opportunity to see each other's outfits. Throughout the day, pupils designed their own beautiful book covers, made bookmarks and took part in a book competition in the library. Everyone carried their favourite book with them throughout the day and at random times a trumpet sounded and everyone stopped what they were doing to read.

The fun continued over lunch where pupils were invited to a Hogwarts themed lunch, greeted by Professor Dumbledore himself, and our infants tucked into a yummy Hungry Caterpillar style feast.

We thoroughly enjoyed getting closer to the books and authors we love, and had so much fun in the process. Well done to everyone for making it such a memorable success!





WILLOW LODGE INFANTS

## Steffan's our master baker



STEFFAN FROM caterers, Holroyd Howe, recently came and held a fun bread making workshop with our infants. He believes that providing children with food knowledge helps them to understand what goes into great food and subsequently allows them to make better food choices both now and in the future. Bread making is one of the many exciting chef demonstrations that our pupils enjoy.



## Pop Art proves popular



WHILST LEARNING ABOUT healthy eating, our infants have been treated to some pop art lessons. They took the healthy foods they have been learning about and turned them into vibrant pieces of pop art, all now proudly on display in Willow Lodge.



## Pupil power!

OUR NEWLY FORMED Willow Lodge Student Council met for the first time in February. Many children spent a lot of time and effort on their election campaign, all preparing and delivering some impressive speeches.

Leila Pope from Kingfishers class was appointed chairperson and Nightingale's Joe Williams as secretary. Gus Jones and Jorja Curwen will be the treasurers.

They have many things on their agenda including raising money for new playground equipment and creating a Friendship Bench. In March they held their first cake sale raising £55.84 which will be carefully spent to improve their experience at playtime.

Future leaders in the making we are sure!

## Fun activities every day

ISN'T IT AMAZING when very young children surprise you with their expertise? This must happen all the time with the parents of Willow Lodge pupils, who are making the most of all the fabulous fun opportunities outside of the classroom. Yoga? Let's stretch ourselves! Orienteering? We will find a way! Crafting? Willow Lodge pupils have got it taped! And they are experiencing so much more, each and every day.



Craft Corner



Forest Skills



Orienteering



## Bright homes for birds

OUR INFANTS HAVE been busy creating some fantastic bird boxes and have had lots of fun painting them in their Forest School's Club sessions to make them bright and colourful for the birds to nest in.

All the children have been thinking about nature and the outdoors to help come up with some great ideas to decorate them. We are sure that the birds will love their new homes!



## The perfect formula



OUR SCIENCE DAY in Willow Lodge was packed full of fun activities. The pupils got stuck in making foaming monsters, spaghetti models, balancing butterflies and some very messy gloop! The highlight was making fizzy bottle rockets, which certainly ended the activities with a bang!



Keyboard Skills



Yoga



Ball Skills



Ballet



## KING'S ALUMNI



## Welcome back to the **class of '96**

MERRIMENT AND NOSTALGIA abounded as we welcomed back 1996 leavers and former staff to celebrate their time at King's. Old King's Scholars journeyed from as far as Dubai to catch up with old friends – several not having been back since leaving over 20 years ago.

A tour of the school followed with new buildings being highlighted, before everyone retired to our Sixth Form lecture theatre to look at old school photos and enjoy a presentation from the School's Alumni Team. Everyone then shared a delicious dinner together and took the opportunity to reminisce.

Thanks must go out to OKS James Storrar, who invested a great deal of time and effort tracking down his former classmates, turning this 1996 Reunion into a reality.

Watch out for future reunions!

## Inspiring minds with science

ON FRIDAY 10TH November, we will host our first ever *'Inspiring Minds: Science'* event.

We're looking to recruit alumni and supporters employed in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) to take part in 'lightning' talks and informal discussions with pupils from King's and across the region.

The event is being championed by former King's student, Hagan Bayley, Professor of Chemical Biology at the University of Oxford. In 2005, Hagan founded Oxford NanoLabs to explore the diverse applications of engineered protein membranes.



Following the *'Inspiring Minds Science'* event, we will host an exclusive science networking and fundraising dinner at King's for the 'who's who' of science in the North West.

We'll be fundraising for science bursaries at King's and championing investment in science in our region. We're inviting the local scientific community as well as our alumni, parents and interested charitable trusts.

If you're interested in getting involved, please contact the Alumni Office at [alumniteam@kingschester.co.uk](mailto:alumniteam@kingschester.co.uk)

## Who's our oldest alumnus? The search is on...

AS PART OF our 475th anniversary celebrations, we are on a quest to reconnect with our older alumni and hear their life stories.

In recent weeks, we've had a wonderful time corresponding with several alumni in their 90's including Mike Hoddinott (OKS 1941). Mike has shared with us notes on his cousin Henry Leslie Morris Williams (OKS 1929) as well as fascinating tales from his own life including being 'called-up' and successfully pursuing a place in the RAF Meteorological Service; meeting his beloved wife Mair in 1948 and marrying her the year after; and a very impressive 49 year career working for Walkers, Parker and Co Leadworks in Boughton.

Mike's notes and all the stories we collect will be stored within our permanent archive for future generations to read and enjoy.

If you're an alumnus over the age of 85, or a member of your family is, we want to hear from you! Please contact our Alumni Office at [alumniteam@kingschester.co.uk](mailto:alumniteam@kingschester.co.uk) or call 01244 689492.





Some ties last a *lifetime*

## Verdict in – Fundraising Dinner at Middle Temple a great success

A NUMBER OF special guests joined us for the school's first ever fundraising dinner in London to support our 'King's 100 Challenge.'

Set in the glorious surroundings of Middle Temple – one of the four Inns of Court – the dinner focused on celebrating the successes of our Old King's Scholar's working within the legal profession. The event raised several thousand pounds for our fledgling bursary fund and was organised with the help of alumnus His Honour Judge Anthony Russell QC.

Each of the four Inns of Court were represented and four of the OKS present have secured prestigious positions within the judiciary since leaving King's.

Grateful thanks to everyone who attended for making the evening such a special and memorable occasion.



His Honour Judge Anthony Russell QC, Sir Michael Wright, Sir David Maddison and Sir Stephen Phillips

## Book now for our next Founder's Dinner

RESERVE YOUR PLACE at this year's Annual Founder's Dinner on 23 September, as we celebrate King's colourful history of sporting achievement, spirit and endeavour. And what a line-up we have for you...

Our guest speaker, John Barnes MBE, needs no introduction and we are also eagerly anticipating contributions from a number of our recent Olympians – donning their medals of course!

The evening gets underway at 7pm and, needless to say, you'll be among friends, current and ex-students and teachers, special guests and sporting celebrities.



To book your place call us on: 01244 689492  
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## Alumni news in brief

- Minister of State for Digital Culture, Matt Hancock OKS speaks at the second anniversary of Channel 4's 360 diversity initiative arguing that arts and media should reflect the country they serve: on and off-screen and from all backgrounds.
- **Mark Machin** (OKS) – President and CEO of the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board – featured in nationally distributed Canadian newspaper The Globe and Mail. He is described as making a career out of making bold bets that have paid off.
- **Gabriel Range** (OKS) hit the small screen this month with a new fictional political documentary. His latest offering 'The Attack: Terror In The UK' is a drama documentary based on real-life stories from inside the UK's counter terrorism unit.
- Developers behind a 379-bed student housing scheme will name the complex after Chester-born railway engineer **Thomas Brassey** (OKS) if their planning application is successful. Jansons Property is targeting the site of the railway station car park next to Hoole bridge.

## Antique book discovered in attic

Richard Harden (OKS 1979), found more than 'cash in the attic' when he came across an old school library book – a volume of poems, some by members of the school, published in 1788. The book, dedicated to the new Bishop of Chester, William Cleaver, was compiled by the Headmaster of the day, Thomas Bancroft. It's a remarkable, first-recorded reference in print to 'The King's School, Chester' and the earliest work by its pupils.





## Hockey champions, indoors and outdoors

THE U19s girls have been crowned both Indoor and Outdoor District Hockey Champions as well as the County Indoor Champions.

In December, the District and County Indoor Competitions were both won by King's and in February the District Outdoor title was won for a consecutive year by King's 1st XI squad. With only the County Outdoor Tournament left, this has been an exceptional season for the U19s girls.



## Outstanding success for U11 hockey teams

THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' U11 hockey teams have enjoyed an extremely successful season. They've both reached the North of England Finals to be held at Leeds University.

Additionally, the girls won the Stonyhurst tournament in March, in which 10 strong teams participated. They narrowly beat AKS Lytham School 1-0 in the final.

## Representative honours for King's cricketers

SEVERAL KING'S CRICKETERS have been selected for representative honours this summer – both for North East Wales and their County.

This is a great achievement for all our U12 and U13 players.





# A busy season for King's footballers

IT'S BEEN ANOTHER busy season for our senior footballers with over 200 fixtures. They are still competing in the Mersey Shield and both County and District Cup competitions.

The Shells Team have been a joy to coach and to watch. Only losing twice since the end of September, they are one of four King's teams to reach a cup final.

The U15s lost at the semi-final stage of the ISFA cup, despite hitting the frame of the goal four times! These boys are also waiting to contest their District Cup Final.

The U11s recently won the ESFA Cheshire Schools' Tournament and will now go on to represent Cheshire in the ESFA U11 Northern Finals.



## Athletes pick up an impressive haul of medals

JAVELIN, JUMPING, BOUNCING AND BALANCING were just some of the activities undertaken when 31 pupils represented King's at the Association of Junior Independent Schools Indoor Athletics Competition at Robin Park, Wigan.

Athletes displayed excellent technique and skill, combined with exemplary behaviour throughout. After a thoroughly enjoyable day, King's came home with an impressive haul of medals, including 7 gold, 11 silver and 6 bronze medals.

## All the 4s for U15 netball squad

WELL DONE to our U15 netball squad who have won the District Netball Tournament for the 4th year running. They played some brilliant netball, scoring 44 goals and only conceding 4.





## Rowers put in performances to be proud of



IN DECEMBER, the **Wycliffe Small Boats Head** saw the trio of Senior Boys coxed fours placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the open men's category and crowned the fastest four of the division. The J15 boys performed commendably to capture a bronze medal.

Fair water and no wind greeted over 120 pupils for the annual **Pudding Races**. The final saw 'Santa' defeat 'Tinsel' by one boat length, with prizes being kindly presented by the Deputy Mayor of Chester. The day also saw two new boats christened. A coxless four shell was named after Maud Moir (OKS 2015) in recognition of her achievements while rowing at the school, as well as more recently at university. The second boat was named after Harry Brightmore (OKS 2012) in recognition of his achievements at school and at university culminating in him winning the Temple Cup at Henley Royal Regatta.

In February, 72 rowers made the journey to **Wycliffe**. Racing was fiercely competitive with many of our rivals present. The J14 boys were in mixed octuples and the two boats raced well to finish a mere 0.3 seconds apart. The two J14 girls' octuples also raced extremely well with one of the boats taking the overall win for the event. Also victorious were the J15 boys who won the J15 Viii's pennant over Shrewsbury School. The Senior Girls VIII dominated the Women's Junior Viii's winning by 30 seconds and, in doing so, set the fastest women's time of the day along with a new course record. This was a significant win for us as the crew included two J15 girls and an athlete who had never held an oar until they arrived at King's 5 months ago!



The Senior Girls' coxed four rounded off an excellent day of racing with a win in the Under 18 coxed fours event, promising much for the months and years ahead in such a young 'Senior' squad.

February half-term saw the Senior Boys' VIII compete at **The Head of the Trent** in Nottingham. The event included some of the fastest Viii's in the country including the Cambridge University and Goldie Boat Race crews. We dealt well with the tricky conditions, coming 2nd in the J18 8+ event. The afternoon was a great opportunity for the VIII to split into two coxed fours. One crew placed 4th in their Senior event and their crew-mates won the J18, 4+ event.

All our athletes should be proud of their performances on the water so far this year and these positive results will fuel a renewed vigour in training as we move towards the summer racing season.

### Infant School

*Discovery Afternoons*

**26 May, 9 and 16 June 2017**



### Junior School

*Discovery Afternoons*

**5, 12 and 19 May 2017**



### Senior School

*Discovery Days*

**22 and 23 June 2017**



If you haven't already, come and discover the opportunities and world of possibilities on offer here at King's.

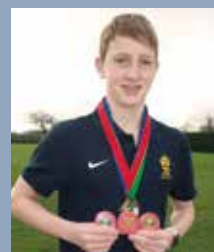
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## Success across a wide range of sports



**Anna Harris**



**Kristian Ellis**



**Matt Willis**



**Megan Gareh**



**Sophie Sinclair-Reeks**

As well as our pupils excelling academically, many have also excelled at a national level in the sports that they love.

Anna has been selected for the England Orienteering team and will be competing in Belgium in April.

Kristian is currently ranked as one of Britain's best swimmers.

Matt is ranked number one U17 cross country runner in Britain.

Megan was selected to represent Wales at the Netball Europe U17 Championships.

Sophie represented Team GB in the World Championship Ice Hockey tournament.