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All the news from The King's School, Chester

From the sports fields to the stage, from action adventures to thought provoking trips abroad, there's never a dull moment at King's!



Girls Allowed

From Juniors to Sixth Form King's is now co-educational all the way

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Girls. Girls. Girls!

This academic year, King's has become fully co-educational, with girls now represented in every year group. To celebrate this milestone, the girls braved the weather to have an extra photo taken together after the whole school photo in April.

In a mere five years, the girls have integrated into The King's School with ease, quickly establishing a reputation for sporting success, as well as for enhancing our community in the classroom, in music and in drama.

Co-education has been a great success, adding a different dimension to the school and strengthening and enriching its overall character and spirit. In the words of Mr Ramsey, "I doubt many members of the community can imagine us as a 'boys' school' again. We genuinely are a co-educational community and proud of it!"

Talking heads

Chris Woodhead, the former Chief Inspector of Schools and newspaper columnist, was the speaker at our first Education Forum, held on the 10th April. Invited guests from schools across Chester were welcomed to King's by the Headmaster.

Guests, teachers and some members of the 6th form had a lively discussion in a Q&A session by Chris Woodhead, which led to some stimulating debates!

We are already planning the next series of Educational Forums for 2009 and have an open invitation to parents too.



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The winning formula

Two prizes for Alex at the US Science Olympics

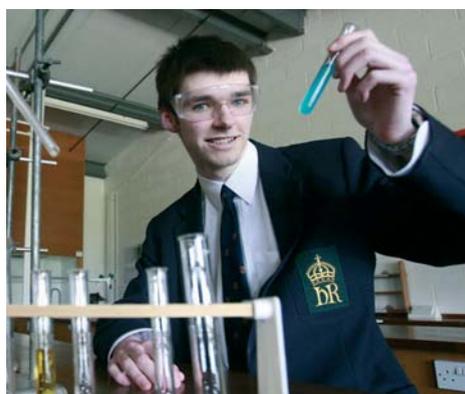


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Alex White, L6 travelled to Atlanta, USA in May to represent the UK at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, dubbed the 'Olympics of Science Fairs'.

DESCRIBED AS ONE OF THE UK'S TOP YOUNG SCIENTISTS, Alex was awarded a Nuffield Science Bursary last summer for his project on the synthesis and catalytic behaviour of layered double hydroxides, which could form the basis of environmentally friendly alternatives to chemical reactions in the manufacture of

pharmaceuticals. His work was of such high quality that his supervisor, Dr Andrew Fogg, has since presented Alex's research at a chemistry symposium in Mexico!

Alex was chosen from the region to present his project at the National Young Scientists and Engineering Fair in London, and was awarded the most prestigious prize – the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) Prize – ahead of 33 other finalists (from over 30,000 applications for bursaries at the start of last year). Judges commented that the overall standard of work was even higher than in previous years.

The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair was held in Atlanta from 11th-16th May. **Alex was one of only two UK students to win** at the international fair, scooping \$3500 (£1780) after winning two prizes. He achieved second place in the American Chemical Society Prize and came fourth overall in the main ceremony Chemistry Awards as judged by at least five Nobel prize winners. His success is impressive: Intel ISEF is the world's largest

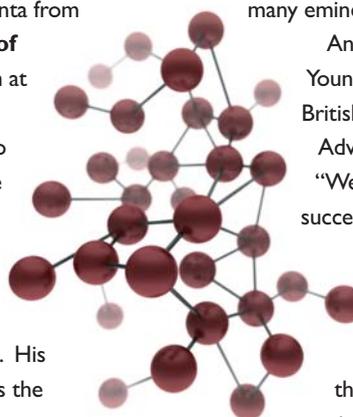
pre-college science competition and Alex was competing among over 1,500 students from more than 40 nations across the globe during the event.

Speaking of his success, Alex said, "I am overjoyed at winning such a prestigious prize. I would like to thank Dr Andrew Fogg at the University of Liverpool for allowing me the opportunity to undertake the research and for all the support he has given me. **I hope that my achievements can inspire more young people** to pursue a career in science... I loved meeting other young scientists from so many countries, and was very excited about the

prospect of my work being judged by so many eminent scientists on the panel."

Annette Smith, Director of the Young People's Programme at the British Association for the Advancement of Science, said, "We are delighted for Alex. To succeed at an international event is a truly fantastic achievement.

It's further evidence for the role of project awards such as CREST in nurturing the talent of our young scientists and engineers."



Tom's off to Sandhurst with a top Army Scholarship



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Tom Pearson Jones, 5th form, has been awarded an Army scholarship which will help fund his 6th form tuition and give him automatic entry to the Army Officer Training Academy – Sandhurst. In addition, this will provide him with preferential funding for university study.

After being one of the 10% accepted by interview to attend the Board, Tom had to endure a gruelling process of written, problem solving, leadership and fitness tests.

This resulted in him being offered one of these coveted Scholarships, of which there are only 100 awarded annually.

Tom's interest in the Army was developed from his involvement in the CCF (Combined Cadet Force) at The King's School. It is the largest and one of the most successful CCF brigades in the country winning many inter-CCF competitions.

Tom hopes to become an Army medic after university.



‘The play’s the thing!’

If, as Hamlet reminds us, the ‘purpose of playing’ is ‘to hold, as ‘twere, the mirror up to nature,’ this year has shown us plenty – and some of those ‘mirrors’ came straight out of life’s fairground!

We began back in November with the work of the Bard himself.

Romeo and Juliet has to resonate with teenagers for the obvious reason: it’s about them. Hence, the decision to tackle the play in the first place and then to strip it back to focus relentlessly on the lightning-swift loves, lives and deaths of the young people who are its main characters.

And the end product was glorious: a powerful evocation of the ecstasies and despairs of young love in the title roles, beautifully enhanced by performances, turning in an instant between raw emotion and outrageous comedy, from the rest of a truly outstanding cast. Nor was that by any means all. Few schools would be able to boast of having an entire Shakespeare play scored by a current student, but we had Alex Hinchliffe, whose sensitive interpretations of the magnificent direction resulted in music – quite literally – to die for! Add to this the fabulous evocation of the Capulet mansion provided in the Art and DT Departments’ luscious set and the unobtrusive but positively illuminating work of our magnificent backstage crew, and this was a production which did justice to the world’s most famous tale of young love with a freshness hard to realise by older – even just slightly older – actors.

Persons with public exams in the offing might well have decided that ‘our revels’ should indeed have ‘ended’ after one school play in the year, but then enter Josh Hatfield and his merry band! It takes a lot both to direct and to take direction from one’s peers. Nonetheless, having directed a splendid production of **The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui** last year in the lower sixth, Josh



Into the woods



and his invaluable lieutenant, Hugh Dingley, went on this year to offer us a stunning play version of Orwell’s **Animal Farm**.

Tyranny, fear, love, betrayal, humour, pathos: this play had them all – and a whole lot more besides. Orwell is often considered a

‘political’ writer, but, whilst the politics and philosophy were clearly in there, Josh’s version made the audience weep, laugh and cringe, for and with, the very real humanity of his ‘animals’. Set, lighting and sound were, moreover, starkly and brilliantly realised – and they were used to the full.



Animal Farm

Where else to go from **Animal Farm** but skipping blithely **Into the Woods!** Building on the huge success of last year's production of **Assassins**, former King's pupil David Whitley (yes, he of the Oxford double first in English, University Challenge winning team and soon-to-be-published first novel!) returned to join Director of Music, James Millard, in staging another massively complex piece of Sondheim – and to truly magical effect!

Working with a relatively young cast, largely of fourteen and fifteen-year old pupils, David, James and choreographer Nina Gaskill coaxed from them performances of impressive depth, as a parade of virtually every fairy-tale character you could name unrolled before us. Not only that, but the band, too, was composed almost entirely of current school pupils: no mean feat, when you looked at all those very scary dots! And then there

was Milky White: the patience and good humour of the DT Department in stabilising Jack's wayward cow is now the stuff, not of fairy tale, but of legend!

The end results of all this 'sound and fury' would have delighted even the great Dane himself: speeches were spoken 'trippingly' and positively no one 'sawed the air'! And what did we see in all those 'mirrors'? Life in all its 'infinite variety'.



Romeo and Juliet

Time for reflection... on a visit to Krakow

In March, a group of 21 philosophy students accompanied by Mr. Loach, Miss Roberts and Mr. Routledge visited Krakow in Poland.



The weekend began with a tour of the historic city, followed by a visit to the Wieliczka Salt Mines.

Students, who expected a somewhat laborious trip to see your everyday sodium chloride, were amazed by the sheer size and beauty of the mine and admitted that it far exceeded expectations. The underground chapel, carved by miners once they had finished their shifts, was simply stunning. However, perhaps the most literally 'breathtaking' part of the day was the trip back to the surface in the lift – 12 people crammed into a tiny cage in complete darkness!

Sunday brought the arrival of a visit to **Auschwitz-Birkenau**. This was a day that most pupils were genuinely looking forward to, but at the same time worrying about how they should react in front of their peers. The group were fortunate to be accompanied by a knowledgeable and sensitive guide and the striking displays within the museum at Auschwitz gave an understanding of life in the camp. **Pupils witnessed huge piles of children's shoes, the hair of hundreds of thousands of people and the torture rooms.** The famous gate which carries the inscription 'Arbeit macht frei' (work will set

you free) still marks the entrance to the camp. Everything is carefully preserved, and this brought a true sense of reality to the visit.

The tour then moved to the concentration camp at **Birkenau**. The scale of this 'death factory' astounded all – acres of land laid out in the style of **army barracks, interspersed with machine gun turrets and gas chambers** positioned at the edge, surrounded by trees in an effort to hide the grim reality from the local population. The memorial that is laid at the camp brought a solemn conclusion to

the tour, and captured what most pupils felt. It states: 'For ever let this place be a cry of despair and a warning to humanity, where the Nazis murdered about one and a half million men, women and children, mainly Jews from various countries in Europe.' Many of the group found it difficult to imagine slaughter of this magnitude, feeling overwhelmed by scale and statistics. Yet, when one reflected on individual victims, the horror seemed even more pronounced.

After a tough, emotionally draining day, it



The famous gate at Auschwitz concentration camp

was decided to mark the last night in Krakow with a traditional **Polish style meal, alongside a 9 piece folk band!** The food was excellent, and everyone willingly took part in the singing and dancing.

The final day arrived, and everyone was very tired. However, all managed to get up early for a tour of the Jewish Districts in Krakow, followed by an afternoon of ice skating. Sad to leave, but fulfilled after a truly emotional and thought provoking weekend, the party left for home.



A fond farewell...

We are sad to be saying goodbye this term to four long-standing and very well respected teachers who between them have clocked up 113 years of teaching at The King's School.



Left to right: Dr Murphy, Mr Hutton, Mr Mellor, Mr Neeves

Mr Graham Hutton has been at King's for 40 years teaching Geography and Economics, 23 of them as Head of 6th Form and Careers.

Mr Harvey Mellor has been teaching Chemistry since 1974 and Head of Science for the last 10 years.

Mr Adrian Neeves, Head of PE, joined us in 1980 and is retiring after 28 years.

Dr Denis Murphy is retiring after teaching Chemistry at King's for 11 years.

We thank them all for their outstanding contributions towards the life of the school, and wish them the best of luck and happiness in the future.

Mace duo success!

Upper 6th Form Students Lawrence Gibson and Disha Gulati represented the school in the English Speaking Union Schools Mace competition earlier this term.



The Mace is now in its 51st year and is the oldest schools' debating competition in the world, testing students' skills of engagement, critical thinking, persuasive argument and delivery. This year nearly 600 schools participated in the Mace which is run throughout the winter and spring academic terms.

The King's School hosted the first round which was against five schools from the North West area, including Queen's. King's were placed in the top two of that round and won through to the North West regional final where they faced tough opposition from MGS plus five other schools. They debated on the topic of 'The tabloid press does more harm than good'.

They were worthy winners of the regional final and then went through to the Northern final which was held at Bradford Grammar School. Unfortunately they did not progress any further, but, as this was the first time that we had entered the competition, to have achieved so much was very impressive! These achievements are testament to the skill and dedication of our two competition debaters. Both Disha, who has been chair of the debating society for the past year at King's, and Lawrence will be sorely missed, but the debating society is much richer for their contributions this year.



Selim is our piano maestro

Selim Ungut (3JM) was awarded the prestigious Daisy Riley trophy and prize at this year's Chester Competitive Musical Festival for his magnificent performance of Bach's piano concerto in D Minor.

Selim was accompanied by The King's School Senior Strings Ensemble and competed against some of the best musicians from all over the North West.

The King's School Piano Trio consisting of Selim Ungut (Piano), Hiroshi Amako (Violin) and Rachel Dixon (Cello) also won their class at the same festival.



Parlez-vous français? Habla español? Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

A new, state of the art language lab for use by the French, German

and Spanish teaching staff and students has been a welcome addition to our facilities. The lab offers the most up-to-date Sony Engineering and software in order to enable extensive multi-media teaching.

Paul Shannon, Head of Modern Languages says, "This fabulous lab is fully used every day to enable students to benefit from it with individual speaking and listening practice."



Little ducklings

On Tuesday 13th May we were delighted to announce that our school duck, now nicknamed

Henrietta, hatched 10 beautiful ducklings in her flower pot nest in the junior school car park!

The next day, she and her brood went in search of pastures (puddles!?) new and decided to cross the Wrexham Road during the rush hour! The family are thought to be doing well. This is the second time Henrietta has been back to lay her eggs, last year she decided to visit the science labs on her way to the pond! We wish the whole family the best of luck and all the pond weed they can eat.



That figures...

King's maths scholars are the best in the UK!



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Three fourth year pupils are considered to be amongst the UK's top young mathematicians.

Last term Siobhan Barnard (4SR), Joe Dillamore (4FV), and Peter Johnstone (4DL), took part in the Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad 2008, which is an invitation-only competition, following on from the Intermediate Challenge.

"Qualifying for the Olympiad is no mean feat – participants must be in the top 400 in the preceding Intermediate Challenge competition," said Kathy Crewe-Read, Head of Maths. Siobhan and Joe were awarded certificates of merit, and Peter received a

certificate of participation.

Siobhan has since gone on to achieve a sought-after place on the National Mathematics Summer School, which is only open to the top 40 most talented young mathematicians in the UK, who will meet for a week of lectures, problem solving sessions, mathematical competitions and social events. This will be Siobhan's first step to becoming an International Olympiad Team member.

Kathy Crewe-Read went on to say, "We are so excited about Siobhan's success, which is even more spectacular as she is one year younger than the other participants."

Building a better future...

for primary school children in Madagascar

The School was proud to welcome the Ambassador of Madagascar in May. Dr Ravaoarimanana toured the Junior and Senior Schools, meeting pupils, staff and Governors.



Dr Ravaoarimanana joins in with the Junior School Choir

The School was launching a fundraising initiative to build a school in Madagascar in the next year. The Ambassador hopes to return later this year to sign a twinning agreement to officially commemorate the project between King's and the school in Madagascar. In July 2009, 24 students from King's will visit the new school and help in various projects.

Chris Ramsey, Headmaster said, "The whole school is involved in this fundraising project: it is one of the biggest ever taken on by the school. We are hoping to build a three classroom primary school in a rural area where education provision is non-existent. This facility will give the children in the local community the basic education they desperately need. It is fabulous that 24 of our students will visit the school in July as part of an expedition to Madagascar."



Grand old York!

J4 went to York on a residential trip in April. They first visited Eden Camp which was a prisoner of war camp in the 2nd World War. They walked through the huts which were very interesting but some were a bit gruesome.



J4 standing to salute at Eden Camp

It was then back to the hotel in York for tea after which a ghost walk around York with some tour guides proved very interesting, if not rather unnerving!

After an early start the next morning, the group visited the Castle Museum and Visitor Centre. In the castle, the pupils saw a cell where Dick Turpin spent the last few weeks of his life. There is one part of the Museum which has been dedicated to the Victorian times complete with school, police station, butcher, bank, horse and cart and a man giving out newspapers!

On the return journey back to school the pupils stopped to visit the IMAX museum where they saw a blue screen, a simulator, a 3D film and lots of other scientific exhibits. Tired but happy J4 continued their journey home.

Swimming success



The Chester Primary Schools swimming gala was held at City Baths at the end of May.

The Junior School entered three teams for Boys and Girls. **All the teams performed very well** with some fabulous final places for the Boys' 'A' and 'B' teams and the Girls' 'A' teams. The girls' hotly competitive final against rivals Merton House and Queen's saw the King's team come in second place after the Merton team.

The boys' 'A' team also won their race and the 'B' team came 4th which was a great achievement considering that the team was made up of many younger swimmers. **Well done to all the teams!**

Junior Art Exhibition

The first Junior School Art and Design exhibition took place at the beginning of May in the Senior School Gallery.

The exhibition consisted of many great pieces of Art inspired by famous artists from around the world such as Lowry and Escher. Students from all years contributed to the exhibition. The design



and technology work consisted of the impressive efforts of students from J4 with their Automaton.

The biggest attraction was a very colourful monster designed by Miss Hartley and some J2 pupils. Students from all year groups spent some of their art lessons constructing the monster from wire and covering it with paper maché. During the

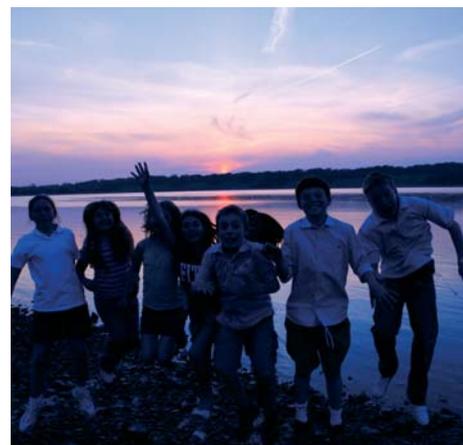
exhibition, there was even an opportunity to name the monster!

A lovely evening was enjoyed by all.



J4's action adventure

In May, all of J4 set off on a great adventure to Plas Menai Adventure Centre.



A whole raft of activities enjoyed by J4

For the first half of the J4 group, the adventures started almost immediately with speed boating, raft building and canoeing. Everyone had a go at sailing on the Straits monitored carefully by the instructors.

The raft building consisted of teams trying to construct rafts from four barrels, six wooden stakes and a square lashing!

Following a hearty supper, the after-dinner games commenced including the egg drop contest and a DVD.

On Wednesday, the other half of the year

group arrived and together J4 completed a series of team building activities on land, including a rope course, blind tent building and trail, rock climbing, tower building, a quiz, treasure hunt and challenge course!

Overall it was an incredible adventure for all J4 to take with them as a joyful memory of their time in the Junior School.



Vive La France!



At 5.30am, forty intrepid J3 and J4 children and five brave teachers (Miss Anderson, Miss Hartley, Mr Griffin, Mr O'Neil and Mr Luck) set off from the King's School by coach to Calais, France.



On the way to their destination, they travelled through Boulogne to Le Pré Catalan, where they were staying for the duration of the trip.

On Saturday, the children visited the Boulangerie Maillard, where they were shown how croissants and pains au chocolat are made. Mr Griffin translated for the boulanger and they were delighted to be given a croissant and a pain au chocolat each at the end of the visit! Afterwards, they went to a nearby market, where they tried out their French to buy some presents from the various stalls. Later that day, they travelled on to the **Nausicaa Sea Life Centre**, which is the



biggest in Europe, where they saw an amazing collection of sea life including sea-lions, fish, jellyfish, stingrays, sharks and penguins and also watched a 3D film about sea pollution, which was frighteningly realistic!

Sunday saw a visit to **Etaples War Cemetery**, where nearly 11,000 Commonwealth soldiers from the First World War and 119 Commonwealth soldiers from the Second World War are buried, a real contrast to their previous fun activities. The tour then stopped at **Aqualud** which is a huge water park in Le Touquet. Mr Luck and Mr O'Neil proved they were brave enough to join the children in the water, down slides and chutes, including almost vertical drops and pitch-black tunnels!

After lunch, the Juniors

went to **Les Escargots du Bocage**, a snail farm, where they were allowed to hold snails. They saw how they were cooked, and **were given the opportunity to taste them!**

Back to their home from home, the children were treated to a traditional French dinner of Coq au Vin, snails, frogs' legs and crêpes au chocolat. Unfortunately they then had to pack, in readiness for going home the next day.

After an early breakfast, the party travelled to the Chocolaterie de Beussent, where they were shown how chocolates are made for the Ritz Hotel in Paris. The chocolates were delicious, and all enjoyed the free samples!

Finally, they travelled to the Cité Europe, a huge hypermarket in Boulogne, where they had the chance to buy some last minute presents and souvenirs before boarding the coach for home.



Girls Swim In To The Finals

In April, a Junior School girls' team was entered in the Bazuka swimming gala in Birkenhead.

The team of **Kitty Abberton, Lucy Armatage, Alice Chambers** and **Sarah Lusher** had fabulous success, winning their heat of the front crawl relay and medley relay to get to the final. Against some tough competition from Birkenhead Girls, St Bede's and Queen's, the girls fought brilliantly, winning their front crawl relay to get to the **finals in Sheffield** at the end of June!



Business is booming at King's!

The Young Enterprise programme offers students the opportunity to run a real company and learn about aspects of business from first hand experience.

Earlier this year, both our 6th form teams won awards in a competition against other YE teams in the Chester area. ICE was placed second in both the Best Marketing and Best Product competitions, whilst BLOQUE, with Managing Directors Chris Wayne and Tom Chappell, won both the Best Product and Best Trade Stand competitions.

Our two Young Enterprise teams of ICE and BLOQUE have, over the past few months, been running weekly board meetings, writing business plans/company reports, preparing financial statements, managing money, marketing and selling at trade fairs. To be successful the students have had to work together as a team and learn how to communicate effectively.

In April, twenty teams from schools across Chester Area Board met in the lecture theatre at the Bank of America. The company trading as ICE, managed by Simon Younger and Max Ankers, took **first prize for the Best Company report** and were also awarded the accolade of **Best Company overall**.

This is a fantastic achievement and is testimony to the hard work of the whole team. To maintain enthusiasm and commitment for a project which runs this long, alongside AS exam pressures, indicates just what can be achieved.



King's girls' reign at hockey

There has been so much to be proud of amongst the girls' hockey teams at King's this season, both individual successes, team successes and trophies.

The school was the only school in Cheshire to have been represented in all three age girls group finals; winning one and coming third in the other two.

The girls' U15's started the season off well winning the Chester and District Indoor Tournament – this was followed by the U13's also winning their Chester and District indoor tournament.

The girls' U16's had a storming season, winning both the outdoor and indoor county tournaments playing spectacular hockey. They are also National Schools Cheshire Champions, North West National Schools Champions and North Finalists coming third in the North National Finals.

The girls' U15's won the EuroHockey Nations Road to BelleVue Cheshire Round and finished off the season coming runners up in the tournament held at Belle Vue Hockey Stadium Manchester.

Individual successes are high and several girls not only represent local clubs and their schools but their county of Cheshire (Sarah Underhill, Alice Plews, Siobhan Barnard, Kate Saunders, Annabelle Church, Millie Johnson, Hannah Porter, Kate Coppack, Georgia Andrews, Lexi Garnett, Sara Ashworth, Eleanor Barnard, Jessica

Guest, Pippa Higgins and Susan Gorman). At a higher level Sarah Underhill has represented Wales U18, Amy Bellis North Wales and Alice Plews North U17. Four girls have been nominated for the forthcoming Junior Regional performance centres at North level for next season.



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Hockey boys treble hits the top ten!

The King's School Under 14, Under 15 and Under 16 Boys Hockey teams are celebrating a treble victory!

Our Under 14 and Under 16 teams have been successful in winning the Cheshire County Championship. Both teams have since gone on to be North West Champions and narrowly lost out winning the Northern Championships. These great successes mean that the teams are now in the top 10 school hockey teams in the country.

Last week, the U15 team won the EuroHockey Nations Legacy Hockey

Championships at the Belle Vue Hockey Centre in Manchester to cap a very successful season for boys' hockey at King's.

"These victories for the Under 14, Under 15 and Under 16 Boys hockey teams are well deserved. The boys have built on the success of last year where the U14 team reached the National Semi-finals, and I look forward to next season with a real chance of National success.

Hockey is going from strength to strength at The King's School with many



boys now representing County and Regional sides. It has been a great year so far with these boys' victories coming on the back of the recent girls' success at county level." said Mr Hornby, Master in Charge of Hockey.



So close – and yet so far

at the Rensburg-Sheppards U13 ISFA Cup Final

On March 6th the Wigan Athletic team coach pulled into the Three Queens Hotel in Burton-upon-Trent for the pre-match hearty brunch of lasagne and scrambled egg with the Under 13's Shells team.

Arriving at the ground, the team were further inspired by Mr Horne's canny purchasing of alternate green, blue and white coat hangers on which to suspend the sponsored Rensburg Sheppards team King kits, before walking out on to the hallowed sand, sorry, turf, of the Pirelli Stadium. Pre-match training and tactical discussion created a very positive tone, despite the obvious strengths of the Brentwood side.

Not surprisingly, Brentwood started very strongly, but King's weathered the first 15 minutes gradually gaining composure and confidence, and started to play their usual quality passing football, and created several half chances. However, a Brentwood long ball, to one of their two lightning fast academy players on the left hand side of the final third of the pitch, saw

Matthew Williams unfortunately bringing him down to concede a free-kick just outside the box. This was despatched with supreme skill, curling into the top right corner of the net, leaving Matthew (or, indeed any other great keeper, even Stallone) any chance of a save. This galvanised King's, however, into starting their best spell of the match, which was continued for a good 15 minutes into the second half. The King's team simply **battered Brentwood in terms of passing, movement, possession and chances**, but sadly failed to take any of them. It was just one of those days where nothing was going right in for King's.

As King's pushed harder and harder for the equaliser, they were always going to be vulnerable to the counter attack, and the second Brentwood goal came about 10 minutes from the end, again as a result of a long ball forward, which was finished with aplomb.

Had King's managed to equalise earlier, the result could have been very different, for the



team felt sure they would have gone on to win comfortably, so well were they playing as a team. However, the third goal, also another fine individual effort, confirmed the outcome 0-3. Nevertheless, the boys must feel very proud of their achievements all season. The travelling support (sincere thanks to you all) represented the school with pride and passion at a King's School gala occasion that will be fondly remembered for many years to come by all who were there.

Under 18's crowned football King's

Congratulations to the 1st XI for securing a convincing 2-0 victory against Catholic High to claim the Chester and District Cup. At the end of a season which promised so much at times, it was finally good to collect a trophy!

King's started brightly and looked to play football from the outset. A fine move down the left flank in the first half saw Griffith with the ball close to the touchline. Campbell, always a willing worker down the right flank, made a run from his own box into the Catholic High

penalty area and was able to get on the end of the well flighted cross from Griffith, and guide the ball into the top corner of the net.

Possibly the best move of the game saw King's unluckily have a goal by Boyd ruled out for offside. Soon after Dyne noticed that the keeper had advanced slightly from his line and he was swift to seize the opportunity lifting the ball over the keeper's head and into the far corner of the net for a second goal.

In the second half, a greater percentage of the game was fought out in the King's half, but apart from the occasional threat from corners, the defence dealt reasonably comfortably with

Catholic High's attempts to get back on level terms.

The final whistle brought a conclusion to the game with King's running out 2-0 winners. The team could feel immensely proud of their efforts as Captain Powell raised the cup above his head. It was a fitting way to bring the curtain down on a positive season for the 1st XI.



King's rowers get an education from the Light Blue crew

The King's School was proud to welcome the 2008 Cambridge University Boat Race Squad to train for a second year at the King's School Rowing Club in March. The King's rowers were able to benefit from a training session with the Cambridge squad.

Dan O'Shaughnessy, President of the Cambridge University Boat Club said "The whole squad has enjoyed our stay. It is an ideal preparation for the Boat Race on the Tideway. We love the atmosphere here at Chester and the Dee is a great river on which to train. It has been good to have the opportunity to row alongside the King's School crews, and we wish them well for the rest of the season."

Dave Billings, a former King's School pupil who is rowing at stroke in the Goldie crew said, "It's great to be back and rowing again on the Dee. I have many good memories of the Boat House and all the staff at King's."

King's has a long tradition of rowing excellence and has had several previous Boat Race Squad members particularly at Cambridge. "We have high hopes of similar future success



King's School rowers training with the Cambridge squads



for this year's school leavers, as three members of our current 1st VIII crew have offers from Cambridge colleges." said Mr Parry, Master in Charge of Rowing.

Mr Ramsey said, "It is an honour to share our first class rowing facilities with the team

which includes one of our former pupils David Billings."

Unfortunately, after an epic battle over the first half of the course with Cambridge stealing a brief lead after Hammersmith, Oxford regained the initiative and moved steadily away to boat race victory.

All oars! New boat for King's rowers

In May, the 3rd Year rowing squad travelled to Nottingham, not only to compete in the National Schools Regatta, but also to collect a brand new boat in which to row.

The boat has been manufactured by Raymond Sims Racing Boats at their workshop beside the River Trent.

The crew are seen collecting the new boat from the boatyard owner and production manager.

The boat was put straight onto the water for a practice session in readiness for the race on the following day against 23 other crews. At this event King's reached the Final coming 5th overall with only four seconds between the first five crews.

The Regatta organisers were surprised to find one girl in the King's squad! Stephanie Gorman has proved a match for her fellow boys rowers and earned her place in the crew through hard work and technical ability. She is pictured preparing to

go out in the new boat for the first time on the River Trent.

The cost of the new boat was £17,000 and it will be named the "Rob Irving" after a previous rower at King's.



Game on for tennis aces



Eleanor and Sara prepare to serve

Sean Boyd (U6LB) and Ian Britton (U6SB) reached the semi-final of the British Schools (Northern Region) Tennis Tournament at Bolton in May.

This was quite an achievement, considering that the boys were playing against lots of larger schools, some of which have their own tennis academies attached to them!

In the same month, **Eleanor Barnard** has won the Chester and District round of the Cheshire School singles tennis tournament.

Sara Ashworth, also reached the semi-final of the same competition, losing out to fellow pupil Eleanor!

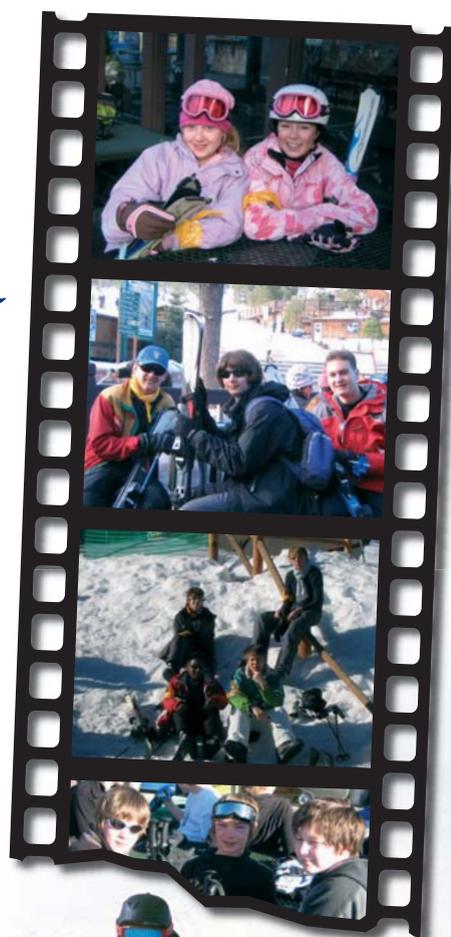
Mountain excitement in California

In February, seventy six students and nine members of staff travelled to America, spending five days skiing at two resorts – Snow Summit and Big Bear Mountain in California – and a further two nights in Los Angeles.

The resort of Big Bear is located high in the San Bernadino mountains, on the edge of the famous Mojave Desert in California. The skiing takes place on two mountains with 55 runs and a top station altitude of 2500 metres, offering spectacular views of Big Bear lake while enjoying really good skiing under the blue sky and warm California sun.

Whilst in LA, the group visited Hollywood Studios and took in a city tour of all the sights, including Santa Monica Beach, Rodeo Drive and the Kodak Cinema to name but a few.

Apart from a delay on the last night, the trip ran very smoothly and was thoroughly enjoyed by all!



Winning is plain sailing for yachtsman Harry

On the weekend of 10th-11th May, Harry Yeoward (ShGA), with his crew Nick Elsdon, won the RYA (Royal Yachting Association) Eric Twiname 2008 championships for Mirrors.

The Championship is an Inter Zone/Home Country competition, and more than 330 sailors – all aged between eight and 15 – in some 270 boats took to the water to try to wrestle the coveted Eric Twiname Shield

from the grasp of 2007 event winners the South Zone.

After no wind on Saturday, Harry (sailing for the West zone) won all of his races on Sunday. Virtually all the GBR sailors going to the Olympics this summer have sailed in this competition as youngsters.

Harry has been training and aspiring to win this competition for the last 7 months, hence training most weekends. This victory means a lot to Harry, as he has had to give

up playing in team sports and going to parties!



Comedian on the staff? You're having a laugh!



One of the members of the King's School housekeeping staff, Danny McLoughlin, is on his way to being crowned the best student comedian in the UK.

Danny, 24, who is studying creative and critical writing at Chester University, triumphed in the heat of the Chortle student comedy Award held at De Montford University, Leicester, as part of the city's long-running comedy festival.

He will now head to the final at the Edinburgh Fringe this August to go head-to-head with some of the finest up-and-coming comics in the country to fight for the prestigious title.

Danny, whose influences include the US comedian George Carlin, describes his own comedy as "playful yarns on both surreal and everyday subjects."

Steve Bennett, editor of the Chortle comedy website, said "**Danny has bags of**

confidence and a nice offbeat style. You'd never know he was relatively new to comedy, and I think he's got a good chance at the final – which could be just the break he needs to get noticed in the fiercely competitive world of stand-up."

The first prize winner will receive £1,000 in cash, with £200 going to the runner-up. But possibly more valuable is the leg-up it will give the winner on the competitive stand-up circuit. 2005 winner Nathan Caton, for example, has recently had his own sketch show on Paramount Comedy.

Last year's winner, Tom Deacon, said: "Winning the competition was the best thing I could have hoped for in becoming a professional stand-up comedian. It has given me a fantastic CV for getting gigs around London, in some of the best stand-up clubs. It's also nice to have a title of "funniest student stand-up in the UK."

King's boy heralds The Queen!

Simon Bate, U6 was chosen to sound a fanfare for the Queen's arrival at the Philharmonic Hall in Liverpool in June.

As a member of the **Philharmonic Youth Orchestra**, Simon along with four others formed the brass quintet which sounded the fanfare. In between A level examinations, Simon just about managed to make his royal appointment!



Image supplied by the Liverpool Echo.

Livin' The Mad Life

The Big Band has just released their first CD –Livin' the Mad life.

Packed with wonderful jazz and all the favourites, it is an ideal present and costs only £10!



Silver cups are reunited after 120 years!



In 1887, a rowing team from King's won the 'Junior Fours' at the annual Chester Regatta on the River Dee. It appears that each member of the crew was presented with an engraved silver cup, one of which the King's School has held for many years.

In February 2008, out of the blue, the library received an email from 'Ross and Cheryl', who live in Mount Coolum, Queensland, Australia, to tell us about a silver cup they owned. They sent us a photo, (which looked rather familiar!) and, following advice from **The Grosvenor museum**, and with the approval of the Headmaster, we were able to buy the cup and have it shipped from Australia. It arrived a couple of weeks ago. Pupil librarians **Emily Moss (ShJJ)** and **Matthew Temple (ShRH)** have polished it up to restore it to its original shine and now both cups can be seen on display in the Old Library.



STOP PRESS... the news in brief

ATHLETICS

King's entered 4 teams into the Cheshire round of the **National Schools competition**. There were 10 schools at this event. There were some amazing personal bests from James Preston (ShJK) and James Ellis (4DL). The Junior boys' and Inter boys' teams came 3rd and Junior and Inter girls' teams came 6th.

CHESS

Cardiff to Kiev

Chess in the Land of the Cossacks



Davon Menon (ShJK) spent May half term break playing in an international friendly chess competition as a member of the Welsh junior chess squad against teams from the Ukraine. They enjoyed five interesting and eventful days playing chess, sightseeing (caves monastery, Eastern orthodox churches), shopping, eating the local food (rye bread, borsch /cabbage soup, chicken Kiev) and enjoying the warmth and hospitality of wonderful Ukrainian hosts. The Welsh team came in second overall out of three teams.

TRINITY GUILDHALL SPEECH and DRAMA EXAMS

In May over twenty Remove and 3rd Year students took part in grades 3 and 5 Trinity

Guildhall Speech and Drama exams.

The Removes devised pieces of theatre entitled **THE LONDON EYE** and **THE ROLLER COASTER**. They involved mime work, performing poetry and rehearsed improvisation.

The 3rd Year group was given the title **CONFUSION** and devised a script based on the characters from Oscar Wilde's **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST** getting mixed up with characters from Shakespeare's **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM** to comic effect.

The examiner enjoyed both sets of performances giving them all merit awards. Congratulations to all who took part.

CRICKET

Tom Pearson-Jones has scored two record breaking centuries to go into the King's record books! He scored 113 v Wolverhampton GS and 139 not out v Rydal Penrhos. The 113 was the first century by a King's 1st XI batsman since 1996, together with the 139 not out, the first time a batsman has scored two centuries in a season since 1996. 139 not out is the highest score since Jeremy Casey's undefeated 157 in 1989. Tom's 139 not out contributed to an opening partnership of 217 – the highest since 1989.

ST MARTIN'S

David Graham, U6 has gained a place at the famous Central St Martin's to study art.

FIRST EQUESTRIAN

Sam Eckroyd, Lucy Ormrod and Ben Stratton of the Junior School formed the

"King's Flyers" equestrian team, winning 2'6" Class and qualifying in the 2'9" Class to reach the National Schools finals in Bedfordshire in November.

MUSIC

Terence Au, Shells, has won a place at The Royal Northern College of Music Saturday school to study violin and piano from September 2008. He will also receive tuition in theory, aural work and ensemble playing. This is a great achievement and he was in competition with the best from the North-West of England to secure this place.

ATHLETICS

Some great successes at the Chester and District Minors competition in June.

Cameron Thompson (Rm CC) broke the **District record** in the hurdles and won the high jump competition. The 4x100m relay was won by Cameron Thompson, Tom Okell (Rm CC), Henry Makings (Rm NB) and Peter Boothroyd (Rm CC). **Tom Okell also gained the District record** for the long jump. In the 1500m race, Alice Carr came 2nd and Sara Ashworth 3rd.

CCF

13 CCF units competed at a competition at St Bees school. **The King's CCF team won 3 events** and achieved 4th place overall in the competition.

HISTORY

George Roberts, L6, entered an essay for the Peterhouse Vellacott History prize based at **Cambridge University** and has been chosen as one of their Commended entries.

