

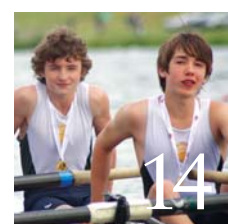


THE KING'S SCHOOL  
CHESTER

# Herald

All the news from The King's School, Chester

From academic achievements and centenary celebrations to exciting developments in drama and sporting success – life is always interesting at King's.



Unveiling an exciting  
new stage in our history  
as we open the new Vanbrugh Theatre.

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## Engineering a bright future in design

**Five students have been shortlisted for a prestigious Arkwright Scholarship. They are Thomas Reeves (5AC), Charlotte Gurrin (5DL), Christopher Austin (5FV), Christian Churchman (5JM) and Alexandra Garnett (5JM).**

Scholarships will be awarded in July and offer £500 over the two year A level study for students who continue with Design & Technology and Maths. Significantly, scholars are partnered with a sponsor who will offer support and invaluable work experience, which will greatly enhance their personal profiles and UCAS applications for university entry.

All the students sat an aptitude test, examining their design ability, technological acumen and problem solving capacity. The shortlisted candidates were then invited to top engineering universities, including Loughborough and Lancaster, for an interview and workshop activities to further explore their potential in the subject.



## SCHOLARSHIP REWARDS FOR TOP TEN ACHIEVERS

**Ten pupils have been awarded King's Scholarships for 2010/11. In previous years, the awards have been given to the top performers in the entrance examination, but from this year are now being awarded in the final term of the pupils' first year at the Senior School in recognition of academic excellence. Pupils, nominated by their teachers, prepared a talk on a subject of their choice which then formed the basis of an interview by senior members of teaching staff.**

22 pupils were shortlisted for the honour of a King's Scholarship, with ten being awarded. The King's Scholars win an award of £500 and are given the honour of K.S. after their name in all communications.

This years winners will collect their awards at the Prizegiving Ceremony at the end of term. The winners are: Ananda Chatterjee (RmAR), Jack Hodgkinson (RmSC), Rishi Lakshmanan (RmPH), Isobel Larken (RmLB), Reya Patil (RmAR), Barnaby Rule (RmLB), Charles Smith (RmSC), Sarah Stearne (RmIR), Matthew Williams (RmIR) and James Wynn-Edwards (RmJW).

## Top class for Business Studies and Economics – and that's official



**Every year, the Good Schools Guide Awards recognise success at GCSE and A level subjects with the aim of highlighting excellent teaching in individual subjects.**

In 2009 and 2010, the Business and Economics department was awarded three Good Schools Guide Awards for GCSE Business Studies.

For the third year in succession, the department has been recognised for their achievements. The 2011 Award is for the best point score at an English School for boys taking Business Studies and Economics at GCSE.



# The art of creativity and success

Three pupils from King's entered the 11th annual Living Edge School's Art Competition with great success.

The textile still life by Kitty Abberton (3DB) was chosen for the U14 section and the painted triptych of raspberries by Sally James (L6KL) added colour to the U16 section.

They both did very well to be selected for the exhibition in the Hexagon Room at the Lowry, Salford Quays.

However, the plaudits must go to Andy Walton (School leaver 2010). He outshone all others to pick up the first prize in the U18 section with his stunning painting of a collection of glass jars.

The three pieces demonstrate the breadth of skills and approaches that students are encouraged to experience at the School and the standard of the work produced demonstrates a very high level of creativity and skill.



## Exchanging cultures, languages and experiences

During April, ten pupils from the Third, Fourth and Fifth Years enjoyed an eight-day language exchange visit to the city of Leipzig in the east of Germany. The group spent some time at the Evangelisches Schulzentrum, Leipzig, where they attended a range of lessons along with their German exchange partners. The pupils took part in a variety of visits including tours of some of the country's finest cities, such as Berlin, Magdeburg and, of course, Leipzig. They also had the opportunity to spend time experiencing German culture with their host families.

The trip followed a successful visit of ten German students and two teachers to King's in March. The exchange was greatly enjoyed by all and proved to be an enriching social, cultural and linguistic experience.



## In training for the Physics Olympiad

For the very first time, pupils from the Lower Sixth Form entered the AS Physics Competition. Physicists tested their skill, which will also prepare them for next year's British Physics Olympiad.

Five pupils were involved, including Emily Guest (L6SB), Will Miller (L6DY), Fred Norman (L6SP), Miriam Bowen (L6SW) and PJ Wang (L6SB) – all achieving Bronze Awards.







## King's students always go further

80 students from the Sixth Form will be undertaking Extended Projects in 2012.

The Extended Project is in its second year at King's and requires students to research a topic of their choice outside of the confines of A level study. The students work independently to produce a 5,000 word essay

and outline their findings in a presentation to staff. The Extended Project helps students to develop their research and organisational skills in preparation for university studies and the project work that has been produced

has been of a truly stunning quality, with some of undergraduate standard in regard to the depth, detail and research that has been undertaken.

### HOT-SHOT CADETS HIT THE TARGET



Before half-term, the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) attended the North West's prestigious County of Lancaster Cadet Shooting Competition, led by Team Captain Alan Joseph BEM.

The team excelled themselves; Cadet WO Benjamin Moss (U6KS) and Cadet Elizabeth Wood-Bower came second in the pairs competition, with Elizabeth also coming second in the Best North West Female award.

They have now qualified for the National Shooting Competition to be held at Bisley in July when they hope to bring back even more silverware.

## Musical support for Japanese earthquake victims



Shortly after the devastating earthquake in Japan during March, Hiroshi Amako (U6ML) and several of his friends presented a concert to support those affected, entitled *Songs and Spirituals with the Sixth Form*. The concert was introduced by Hiroshi, and included a wide variety of songs and choral repertoire from Britain and America including:

- Tippet *Five Negro Spirituals* from *A child of our time*, performed by a choir that has been set up, rehearsed and directed by Hiroshi Amako
- My 5/4 Barbershop Quintet
- Folk songs, jazz standards and more from Sixth Form soloists Ellie Sowden, Lizzie Roberts, Hiroshi Amako and Michael Hutchinson.



A collection raised **£300** which has been donated to the British Red Cross Japan Earthquake fund.



# Bidding fond and fun farewells

Upper Sixth Form students had a fun-filled final day at School which was packed with activities. It began with a full English breakfast in the Dining Hall with teachers and staff.



Following breakfast, Sixth Formers enjoyed a morning of games, including the traditional tug of war between tutor groups, wheelbarrow races, hula hoop relays and more. Finally, they attended the leavers' assembly given by Head of Sixth Form, Mr Toby Hughes. Prefects were presented with awards for their support of the School

throughout the year and Head of School, Peter Johnstone, gave his farewell speech. Students from the Upper Sixth Form will end celebrations of their time at King's with a Ball at the end of the term after they have completed their A level examinations.



## LEARNING HOW WE CAN HELP THE DEAF

Before half term, the Hearing Dogs Association visited the School. As part of the Fourth Year Life Skills programme, they spoke to pupils in assembly about how hearing dogs are trained and how they can help those who are hard of hearing. This follows another visit by sign language speakers from the Deaf Support Network.





## VANBRUGH THEATRE

### A venue fit for King's!

The opening of the new Vanbrugh Theatre in June heralded a new era in drama, music and presentation facilities at King's.

It was a brave decision to open with a jam-packed programme full of music, drama and presentations from current and former pupils, together with world class professional productions by Opera della Luna and The King's Singers. The School also invested in a box office system to enable online bookings and easier access for parents and the local community.







Opera della Luna opened the programme with a thrilling performance of *The Sorcerer*. This was followed by several concerts from current and former pupils of a standard which set new heights for King's. The Opening Gala evening saw the theatre officially opened by actor and former pupil, Ronald Pickup. The evening included an amusing presentation about Sir John Vanbrugh's life and excerpts from *The Producers*, *Merrily We Roll Along* and the 2010 production of *Les Misérables*. In the daytime there were no less than ten free lunchtime recitals showcasing the talents of current and former pupils.

Jazz night saw a more informal evening with supper and jazz performances throughout the evening.



The opening programme came to a thrilling finale with a performance from the world famous King's Singers who, after several workshops with pupils during the day, kindly allowed them to perform in the final of the evening's concert.

All in all, a fine tribute to launch our beautiful new Theatre.



## Sir John Vanbrugh

**Sir John was one of the most influential dramatists and architects of his day; a leading light in the British baroque movement. Amongst his many architectural credits are Castle Howard and Blenheim Palace. He was knighted in 1714.**

The son of Giles Vanbrugh, a 'sugar baker' in Weaver Street, Chester, it is known he served (1683-1685) with the East India Company. Sir John was commissioned in the Earl of Huntingdon's Regiment in 1686 and was captured in France in 1688 on suspicion of being a spy. He was moved to the Bastille in 1692 before being released in 1693. Here, he may have drafted his famous comedy *The Provok'd Wife*.

Sir John returned to England in 1692/93 and became a member of the Whig political and literary circle, known as the 'Kit-Cat Club'.





## Celebrations of the century as Juniors hit 100

2011 sees the Junior School celebrate its centenary year with an exciting programme of events.



Celebrations began with the production of a 100th Anniversary Cook Book. All of the recipes were collected from pupils, staff and their families. Illustrations were also provided by Junior School pupils. The Cook Book can still be purchased for £5



from the Junior School, with the proceeds going towards new adventure playground equipment. A Fun Day was also held in June, with a huge number of exciting afternoon activities including children's games, face painting, a balloon race, a BBQ and a tombola.



The highlight of the day was the official opening of the Playground Activity Trail by the youngest Junior School pupil and one of the oldest former pupils, John Hulmston. A tree was planted in the Junior School to commemorate the 100th Anniversary.

## Exploring the world of Extreme Reading



**There were more than 50 entries into the Junior School's Extreme Reading competition. Examples of extreme reading included photographs of pupils in exotic locations, such as Japan, USA and South Africa. Cars, motorbikes, boats, planes, camels and horses all featured as modes of transport, all ignored in favour of a good book!**

The overall winners in each year group were Daniel Roberts (J1R) for his reading on a bungee, Caitlin Thomas (J2D) for her reading in a cupboard, Sam Flory (J3J) for reading at the Chiricahua National Monument, Arizona, USA and Matthew Reece-Jones (J4G) for reading underwater.

Junior School pupils also participated in a Readathon. They raised a total of nearly £1,600, which will be donated to CLIC Sargent, The Roald Dahl Foundation, and READwell, which provides books and story-telling to children in hospital.





## Giant winner at parade

**Junior School and Senior School pupils, together with teachers, created a giant to take part in Chestival's Parade of Giants.**

The giant 14ft Henry VIII was made from materials kindly provided by parents' of pupils and was sponsored by Chartwells catering suppliers and uniform providers Cheatle's. Made over just two weekends, Art teacher

Miss Savage worked very hard to produce an outstanding Giant that was named as 'Giant of the Festival' by the MBNA Chestival Team.

A giant downpour did not dampen the spirits of those involved, as Henry, along with over 30 other giants, was paraded through the streets of Chester City Centre. The parade began at the Amphitheatre and finished with a performance in Town Hall Square.



## Making a big splash at Schools Gala

Swimmers from the Junior School made a big splash at the annual Chester and District Primary Schools Gala hosted by the City of Chester Swimming Club. The Boys' 'A' team did superbly to finish second in the event, with the Boys' 'B' also performing to a high standard. The Girls' 'A' bettered the Boys', finishing in first place. The Girls' 'B' also raced brilliantly against tough competition from other local primary schools, such as The Queen's School, Newton Heath School, Upton Heath School and Huntington School.



Boy swimmers, from left, are: Zak Southern (J30), Edward Hughes (J3J), William Richards (J4T), Seb Corry (J3O).



Girl swimmers, from left, are: Eloise Dooley (J4G), Natasha Groome (J4G), Jessica Lee (J4H), Isobel Wild (J4H).

## Choir moves Mayor

The Junior School Choir was in fine voice at a prestigious Cathedral service to mark the investiture of Chester's new Lord Mayor, Councillor Eleanor Johnson.

The Choir, directed by Head of Music, Mrs Roberts, was invited to the civic event to sing the Junior School classic, "We Are The Young."

The new Lord Mayor of Chester and Chairman of Cheshire West and Chester Council commented;

**"As usual they brought tears to my eyes with their wonderful singing. It really made the service."**

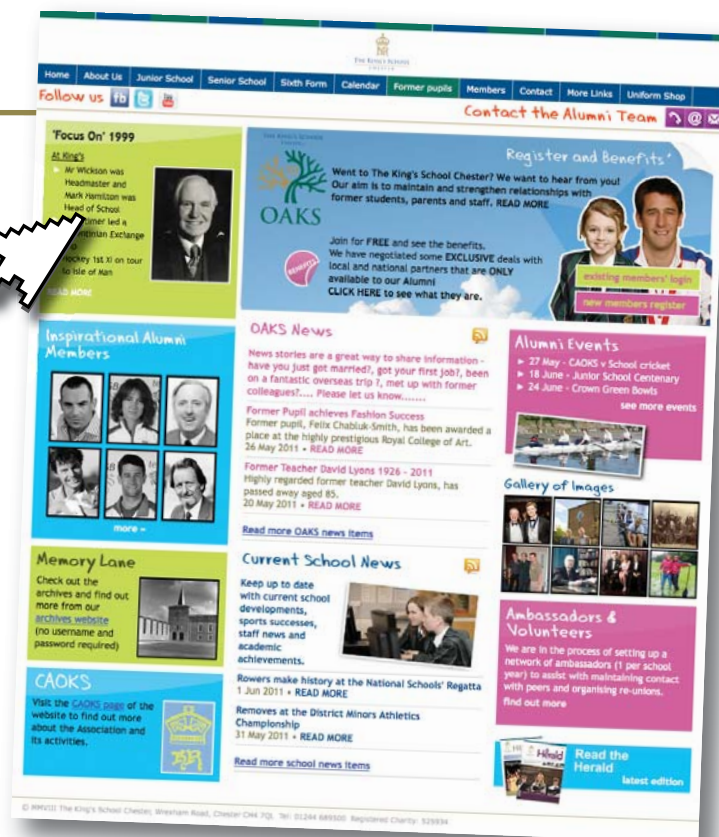
The member for Goway aims to highlight children and local businesses during her joint terms of office.





## OAKS – BRANCHING OUT INTO NEW AREAS FOR ALUMNI

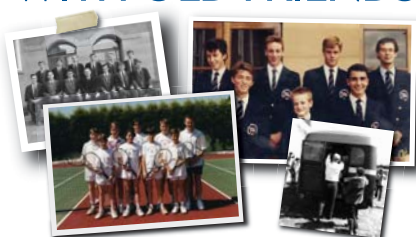
In June, the School's Development Office launched the new Alumni organisation, OAKS (Organisation for the Alumni of Old King's Scholars). OAKS is open to all former pupils and staff and is free to join.



The School is in touch with hundreds of former pupils around the world and through the Alumni, celebrates its history and the ties of friendship that bind former pupils and staff together.

Registration is quick and easy via the School's web-based database system, King's Online, which allows Alumni to search for friends they may have lost touch with, advertise their professional services and also entitles members to register for exclusive benefits including special promotions and discounts. As a member of OAKS, the Alumni Team will keep all members up-to-date with all of the latest news, developments and social events.

## REUNITE WITH OLD FRIENDS

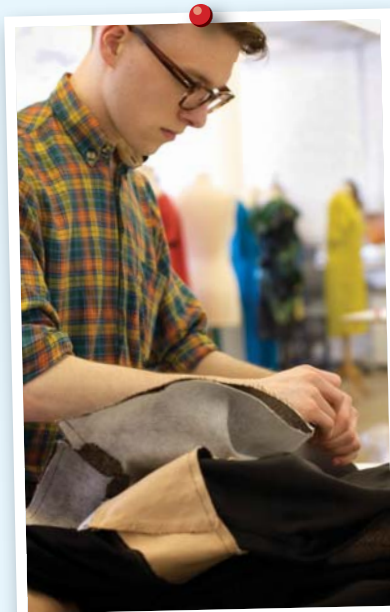


Please join us for one of our upcoming reunions. Catch up with old friends and find out what's new at The King's School.

**25th June 2011**  
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**24th September 2011**  
Reunion of 1980s pupils  
**12th November 2011**  
Reunion of 2001 leavers

To book or for further information  
contact Alumni Officer, Liz Gwyther at:  
[eeg@kingschester.co.uk](mailto:eeg@kingschester.co.uk)

## Felix is doing it in fashion



Former pupil, Felix Chabluk-Smith, has been awarded a place at the highly prestigious Royal College of Art in London to study a two year Master's Degree in Men's Fashion. He is the first student for 15 years to be allowed to specialise in menswear.

He has also won the Edinburgh College 'Stewart Parvin Award' 2011 (also known as the 'Best Graduate Award'). Stewart Parvin, the Queen's couturier, a former graduate himself of the College, presented the award.

Felix has been awarded one of three Burberry internships given as first prize in their national annual competition.





## Our rowers are world class

Two former pupils have been selected for the GB World Cup Rowing Squad. Tom James MBE (gold medallist at the 2008 Beijing Olympic games) and Chris Bartley will take part in a series of three World Regattas. The Olympic Team for London 2012 will be selected from this elite group.

This recent success, in addition to Mike Thorp becoming the School's twelfth Blue in the University Boat Race, confirms King's as one of the leading rowing schools in the country with a tradition of developing elite rowers.



## A chilling presentation on climate change

**Before the end of term, former pupil, Johnathan Shanklin (Head of the Meteorology and Ozone Monitoring Unit at the British Antarctic Survey), gave an audio-visual presentation about Antarctica, the Ozone Hole and Climate Change.**

He is part of the team of atmospheric scientists who first discovered the ozone hole in 1985 and continues to monitor and assess ozone levels from data collected at the Halley Research Station, Antarctica. He discussed life as a climate scientist and how chemistry, physics and politics influence the world in which we live.

## Designer Sarah is a real jewel

**The jewellery brand, Swarovski, has named the winners of its annual design competition held in collaboration with Central Saint Martins.**

This year's overall winner, Sarah Narici, is a former pupil who left King's in 2010. She designed a ring to the brief of "jewellery with set stones for the fashion/fine jewellery market with a focus on the innovative inclusion of Swarovski Elements."

Prizes were awarded for innovation, best interpretation of theme and best use of crystal. Her winning piece was displayed at the Swarovski Crystallized Lounge in London.





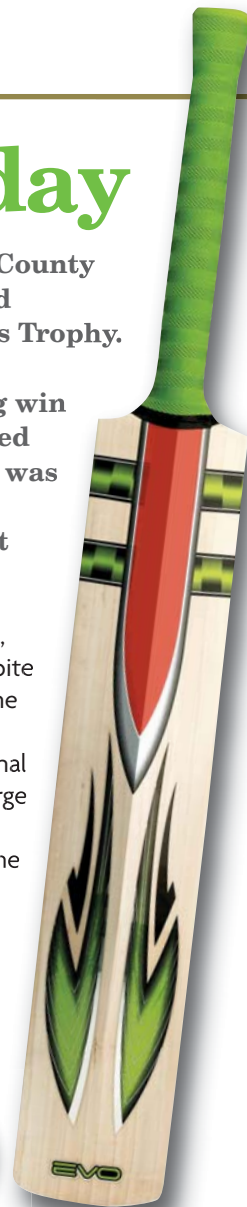
## Battling batsmen win the day



Following their success in last year's County Cup, the U15 cricket team represented Cheshire in the Lord's Taverners Colts Trophy. This is arguably school cricket's most prestigious event and, after a thrilling win over Sedbergh, they have been crowned Northern Champions. The first round was away to Pocklington School (East Yorkshire winners) followed by a tight victory over Repton School at home.

King's made the long trip to Sedbergh in June and, after losing the toss, Sedbergh chose to bat. Despite Sedbergh's reputation as a strong batting team, the King's bowling attack put the hosts under great pressure and at one stage they were 83-5. Their final score of 168 was eminently achievable, but the large outfield meant that it would be a challenge. Worries were fortunately allayed after another fine opening partnership by Henry Makings (4ET), and Guy Dunbavand (4PN). Powerful batsman, James Hattersley (4EH), scored the winning runs for King's to win by seven wickets, with three overs to spare.

At the time of publication, King's were ahead in the national semi-final against Midland group winners, Denstone College.



## Game set and match to Girls' tennis team

King's are Girls' U19 Chester and District Tennis champions. Team captain Jenny Corlett (L6SW), Hannah Dent (5CM), Emily Moss (5CM) and Charlie Corciulo (5VL) competed in timed doubles matches against Bishop Heber High School, Christleton High School and The Queen's School.

The team played an excellent standard of tennis and won eleven of their twelve games. King's also reached the area final of the Aberdare Cup competition, but narrowly missed out on reaching the national finals, losing 4-2 to Lymm High School with a team of Sian Bayliss (L6SB), Jenny Corlett, Hannah Dent and Emily Moss.



## Learning leadership skills – on and off the pitch



Lucy Davies (5VL), Lloyd Stanley (5CM), Hannah Lawrence-Smith (5VL) and Nathan Evans (5AC) attended the ISFA Leadership and Volunteer Camp at Bradfield College. The Camp included sessions on youth coaching, refereeing and delivering football activities.

Nathan and Hannah have both been invited to represent ISFA in the full FA Leadership Camp in July. This is a five day course and will further develop their leadership skills.

## CAP THAT!

### FINLAND SUCCESS FOR ISFA U16 FOOTBALLER GEORGE

During the Easter break, George Okell (5DL) was selected to represent the England Independent Schools Football Association U16 national team for their tour of Finland.

George, who plays central defence for King's and was selected for the Cheshire U15s last year, toured Finland over six days and played three matches.

He played every minute of each game against HJK Helsinki, FC Turku and the Finland U16 national team.



## OUR SHOW JUMPERS ARE FLYING HIGH AGAIN

The School's show jumping team, the King's Flyers, recently competed in the Northwest Qualifier for the Schools' National Riding Championships. The team consisted of three riders: Emily Boothroyd (ShRA), James Pym (3CC) and Ben Stratton (ShHL).

The Flyers rode brilliantly, beating some very competitive teams on superb ponies and won the Intermediate Jumping with Style competition by some considerable margin. Ben also achieved the highest mark for style.





## Rowing to success...

again, and again, and again – and again!



## Golden days at the National Schools' Regatta

The Rowing Club returned from the National Schools' Regatta 2011 with a haul of five medals, including four golds and one bronze.

On Day One of the event, the King's rowers completed an historic triple race win. The Boys' 1st octuple brought home gold after rowing through Shrewsbury School in the last 100 metres and the Boys' 2nd octuple won their race by three quarters of a length. The Girls' 1st octuple won their race by one foot to claim the first gold medal for a girls' team in the history of the School.

The J16 1st VIII added a bronze medal on Day Two after a solid performance. With a winning margin of more than a length, the J15 2nd VIII retained the Mariners Trophy and secured another gold medal.

Strong winds made racing on Day Three of the event difficult and the racing was reduced to a 1000 metre time trial. The Girls' J15, racing up a year group, showed great ability by finishing fourth overall, missing out on a medal by just 0.2 seconds.

The senior coxless pair of Elizabeth Williams (L6ER) and Charlotte Seddon (U6NH) also gave a terrific performance, similarly finishing in fourth place and narrowly missing out on a medal.







## GB Trials for coxless pair James and John

Well done to James Edholm (U6KS) and John Marsden (L6SW) who recently competed in the GB Trials. Competing in a coxless pair, the duo dealt with the harsh conditions well to finish 14th in a strong national field.

With poor conditions throughout the day, all of the crews had to compete against driving wind and rain. The pair were able to produce an excellent time of 20 minutes and 51 seconds, earning them an invite to the next set of GB trials during Easter 2012.

## Easter winners – at home and abroad

**Rowers enjoyed success throughout the UK and Europe in an exciting Easter race calendar.**

The Boys' squad medalled in seven events at the Ghent International Regatta, including the 1st VIII winning the Belgium National Junior Championships over the top crew from Belgium. The J16 coxless four won gold and the J15 coxless four won silver.

At the Inter-Regional competition in Nottingham, the Girls' J14 coxed quad won gold and the Girls' J15 coxed four won bronze. This is a national level event, with each region producing a top crew.

Elizabeth Williams (L6ER), came third in her single scull and won the pairs trials at the Welsh U18 Junior Trials, placing her in strong contention to win a seat for the Welsh Junior Team this summer.



## SUCCESS FOR TOP CREWS AT TRENT HEAD

Last term at the Trent Head in Nottingham, the Rowing Club had the opportunity to race club and university crews. They achieved two category wins along with some very encouraging times. In Division 1, both the 1st VIII and J16 VIII competed in senior events, with the 1st VIII finishing in 8th place overall on the day and as the quickest Schoolboy VIII. The J16 VIII finished a credible 23rd overall in the Vllls competition. The Senior Girls' squad raced in two coxed fours. The A boat, in the quickest Women's four time of the day, won the Senior Women's coxed four event by 14 seconds – an excellent margin over such a short course.

Division 2 saw the turn of the J15 squad. A 1st and 2nd VIII competed in the novice division. The 2nd VIII finished 16th overall and the 1st VIII missed winning the event by 0.7 seconds, a very encouraging result as the winning crew was from Nottingham University. The coxed four achieved 5th overall.

King's had three fours in Division 3. The J16 coxed four raced well to finish in a time of 17:35 and the senior coxed four narrowly missed out on a win with a time of 17:10. The row of the division went to the King's first coxless four, whose time 16:32 was enough to win the coxless four event and was the quickest sweep four time of the day.





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## Seb speeds to success

Seb Morris (4ET) is celebrating after a double race win during the first two races of the 2011 Ginetta Junior Championship at Brands Hatch, in Kent. The Hillspeed driver performed in front of a crowd of 20,000 people, three Formula 1 World Champions and a television audience of more than one million.



## Luke is on song



Luke Mulholland (J1B) was broadcast on the BBC programme Songs of Praise, singing with other children from his local choir in Ruthin, The Collegiate Church of St Peter Choir. The programme focused on school assemblies through the ages and Luke was chosen to recite the Victorian version of The Lord's Prayer.

Luke also performed in a memorial service for Gabriel Godman at Westminster Abbey last year and was chosen to sing the solo "Once in Royal David's City" at the William Aston Hall, Wrexham, at Christmas.

The Choir has featured in two programmes on BBC Radio Wales in the past twelve months.

## Terrific tennis from Cameron

Cameron Hogg (4EH) made a flying start to this summer's tennis season with victory in the North of England Under 16s Championships. This season, Cameron also represented Cheshire for the first time in both the Under 16 and Under 18 age groups.

He hopes that this will be the first of many successes over the remainder of the season, which will continue to help him improve his current National Ranking position.

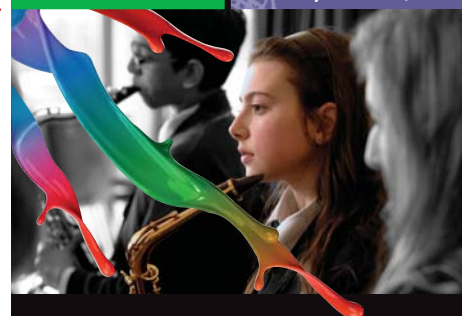


## Helping Thomas eXcel

Thomas Williams (5CM) has been selected for a place on the I eXcel programme, run by the Youth Sport Trust. The programme is designed to help support Thomas as a national level athlete, helping him to achieve his potential both academically and in sport.

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