



THE KING'S SCHOOL  
CHESTER

# Herald

All the news from The King's School, Chester

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## Top trio of Mathematicians

**Three pupils have performed brilliantly in the Junior Maths Challenge and have qualified for the Junior Maths Olympiad.**

Wilf Le Brocq (ShJJ) received the highest in the school with a score of 120 points. This is the highest score that a pupil has achieved in recent years. Sheil Sethi (RmPH) scored a high 113 points and Owen Edwards (RmJW) followed closely behind with 111 points.

All three scored significantly well as the average score across the UK was 54. In total 240,000 pupils sat the paper. The United Kingdom Mathematics Trust states that a score of 110 or higher means that all three pupils are in the top half percent in the country.



## New developments for Sixth Form Centre

**The Headmaster of The King's School is delighted to announce the building of an exciting Sixth Form Centre development which will be ready for September 2012.**

The current Sixth Form building was opened in 1989 and further developed to welcome girls into the school in 2003.

The Sixth Form Centre will boast new study rooms, a bigger cafe with new IT facilities and a light and modern common room. The project will cost £300,000 providing the space and facilities a 21st century A level student needs. More room to study, greater access to IT facilities and a dedicated Sixth Form only teaching room will give all Sixth Formers the platform on which to succeed in their studies.



## PROFESSOR EVANS' POLITICAL HISTORY MASTERCLASS



**Professor Eric Evans, one of the country's leading authorities on nineteenth and twentieth century British Political History, made his third visit to King's History Department.**

Known to all Lower Sixth historians through his writing, Professor Evans' two hour revision session proved to be most illuminating and entertaining.

Professor Evans led a study skills session on source evaluation and then gave a fascinating lecture on the influence of Gladstone and Disraeli on nineteenth century political reform.

He was full of praise for the King's A level historians, describing them as 'lively, engaged and responsive' and the History Department is already looking forward to his next visit.

## Top Prof sets economists on the road to success

**The Upper and Lower Sixth Form economists had a special treat when Professor Colin Bamford visited King's to give a lecture on Transport Economics.**



He spent lunch time talking to the economists about issues including the privatisation and deregulation of transport markets including bus, rail and air. The U6 students are currently studying Transport Economics in preparation for their final exam this summer, therefore the presentation was invaluable and has provided them with relevant and

up-to-date examples which they can use in their exam answers.

Professor Bamford was also kind enough to visit the U6 in lessons that day and talk in more depth about the air industry. In particular how increased air transport demand is creating market failures and what the government plans to do about it.

Professor Bamford is a well-known academic in the field of Transport Economics, often talking on Radio 4 and 5, and has also recently been interviewed on BBC news. The pupils know his name from their OCR textbooks and his knowledge of the exam requirements was invaluable to the students at this crucial time in their studies.

## STUDENT INVESTORS TEAM OUTPERFORM THE FTSE 100



**For the second year running, a team of King's students reached the regional final of the ifs Student Investor competition.**

The team calling themselves HOGbRokers and comprising Upper Sixth Form students Hattie Webb (U6SB), Olivia Jackson (U6SP), George Vickers (U6TH) and Ryan Thompson (U6ML) turned the value of their virtual portfolio of shares from £100,000 to £113,777.60 over the four month period of the competition, outperforming the FTSE 100 which rose only by about 5% over the same period.

They came 15th out of 1,737 teams in 'North Wales and the English Midlands' region and 85th out of 9,200 nationally to reach the regional final, which was held at The Public in West Bromwich on 21st March. During the day, the team improved their placing to 7th but did not get through to the national final. Well done to them.



## MODEL UNITED NATIONS DELEGATES ARE WORLD CLASS



**Eleven Sixth Formers and one Shell pupil travelled to Edinburgh to attend the Model United Nations (MUN) Conference hosted by George Watson's College. The team, representing Chad, won Best Delegation and many individual awards besides. Awarding the Best Delegation, the Conference Director said that King's had been the clear winners, not just for the quality of their work but for their generous support of novice delegates and committee chairs, and that they were a credit to King's.**

George Watson's College has been running a conference for six years and it is large, involving schools representing nearly 50 countries in each committee and with 600 delegates filling the College's impressive hall for General Assembly; a daunting prospect to address. Representatives from schools in Scotland, England, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Portugal, Greece, Germany, Norway, Egypt and Turkey attended.

Jebb U6AM (Environment Committee) Highly Commended; Kallum Marsden U6AM (Environment Committee) Best Delegate in Committee; Fred Norman U6SP (Political Committee) Commended; Sean O'Doherty U6ML (Human Rights Committee) Commended; Barnaby Rule ShJJ (Human Rights Committee) Best Junior Delegate in Committee; Kartik Upadhyay L6JK (Economics Committee) Highly Commended and George Vickers U6TH (Political Committee) Highly Commended.

The pupils signed up for the conference in the autumn and preparation began writing the position papers (submitted in February) for which students researched Chad and summarised its stance on the issues up for debate, which this year included: 'Live and Let Buy: Should we donate or sell organs?', 'Arab Spring: arid summer?: How far do we support new revolutions?', 'Cyber...a tax: Is a levy on

during debate, which is conducted to mirror the style of The United Nations.

Awards are made to delegates who represent their country accurately and have good knowledge of the issues but also demonstrate consensus building, negotiating and leadership skills, make effective speeches and use the rules and procedures accurately.

At this conference there were many individual awards for the delegates for Chad from The King's School, including two 'Best Delegate in Committee' awards, five 'Highly Commended', three 'Commended' and a 'Best Junior Delegate in Committee' award. This left Chad in a strong position to win the Conference overall, which they did.

This is the first time that a delegation from The King's School has won a Model United Nations Conference and it is a tremendous achievement for the young men involved who acquitted themselves with style and dignity throughout the weekend; a very well-deserved reward for all their efforts.

virtual transactions the way to beat world poverty?', 'Who RU?: Is internet anonymity a fundamental right or a dangerous privilege?', 'The Truth Hurts: Is torture ever justified?' and 'A Rubbish Debate: Is waste killing the Earth?'

Delegates write resolutions which they take to the conference and lobby for support amongst their counterparts in competing nations and schools. Amendments may also be submitted



Twelve King's students made up the winning delegation representing Chad. They were: Alex Austin (Media and Information Committee) Best Delegate in Committee; Chris Austin L6NH (Media and Information Committee) Highly Commended; Harry Butt L6SD (Political Committee) Highly Commended; Harry Davies U6TH (Health Committee); Matthew Gilbertson U6KL (Health Committee) Commended; Arthur





## Going the extra mile for Sport Relief

After a week of fundraising for Sport Relief in March with the 'biggest ever cake sale', Dodge ball game and teacher v pupil netball match, the highlight of the Sport Relief week was the 'King's Mile'. At lunch time, the Sport Relief 'King's Mile' saw approximately 120 pupils and staff complete a competitive run and a fun run mile around the sports fields. The whole community – teachers and pupils dressed in fancy dress all in aid of Sport Relief.

The costumes on display were breathtaking and highlighted the creativity of the pupils and teachers alike!

The fundraising efforts raised £1,600.



## SNAKE MAN SIMON SLITHERS INTO BIOLOGY ENRICHMENT SESSION

**In the Young Biologist enrichment sessions, run by Mr Parkes, Removes enjoyed an interactive animal talk from "Simon the Snake Man".**

Groups of approximately 16 pupils got to meet and hold a whole range of animals from spiders and hedgehogs to lizards and snakes. During the six sessions, pupils looked at a number of different topics such as the examination and dissection of salmon heads, cloning cauliflowers and the spherification of immobilised lactase enzymes to produce lactose reduced milk.





## Enterprising students pick up prizes and plaudits

**After seven months of hard work the Young Enterprise company Horizon attended the Chester and Cheshire West area board final of the Young Enterprise Competition at the Bank of America. They competed against 17 other schools from across Chester in three main competitions: Best Trade Stand, Best Presentation and Best Company Report.**

King's students have continued their successful record in the Young Enterprise competition with Horizon walking away with the award for the Best Trade Stand. The members of Horizon who attended the final were Tom Wheatley (U6SB), Mark Brownson (L6KS), Megan Rudge (U6KL), Edward Dawson (U6KL), Bradley Davies (U6SB), Oliver Willis (L6JK) and Luke Williams (L6JK).

The group were proud of their achievement and confirmed that they had learnt a great deal from taking part in Young Enterprise and thoroughly enjoyed the process of setting up and running a small company.

Horizon did very well in creating an innovative product that appealed to their target market of 16-18 year olds. They came up with the idea of creating a Learner Driver Kit which consisted of L plates, a Highway Code book, show me, tell me questions and discounts with local driving instructors. The group worked hard to negotiate and secure discounts with local driving instructors.

Sam Powell (L6BH), Ben Leaman (L6BH) and Tom Williams (L6CC) all had large roles to play in contacting and working with the driving instructors.

Horizon was also conscious about having a 'Social Enterprise' aspect to their company and decided to create a 'Driving Safety Awareness' presentation to go alongside their product, which they planned on delivering to local schools and sixth forms.

This team was headed up by Lloyd Stanley (L6BH) and James Lewis (L6NH).

Overall the team have enjoyed much success in terms of revenue raising and they continued to sell their learner driver kits until June this year with the aim of turning over a small profit.



## ROYAL HARPIST HANNAH TUNES IN WITH MUSIC STUDENTS

**Pupils were surprised and delighted to have a special visitor to their normal music lessons in April. Official Royal Harpist to HRH Prince Charles, Hannah Stone visited King's to talk about her position and the harp. Hannah answered lots and lots of questions from inquisitive Removes and Shells!**

The post of Official Harpist to HRH The Prince of Wales was reinstated in 2000 to help celebrate and foster musical talent in Wales and to raise the profile of the harp as an instrument. Hannah is the fourth person to take on the role, following in the footsteps of Claire Jones, who was appointed in June 2007.

Hannah played on a beautiful gold harp worth £35,000 which is the sister harp to the Prince's own harp. Prince Charles was presented with the harp to acknowledge his support and promotion of the harp as an instrument. Hannah was appointed to the position of Royal Harpist in June 2011 and will keep the title for two years.





## Fond farewells as Sixth Formers set off for pastures new

**King's wished a fond farewell to its 2012 Sixth Form leavers in June. The students came in their own clothes and fancy dress for their last day of school.**

The day started with a Leavers' Breakfast – a full English breakfast for all the leavers and their teachers. This was followed by some inter-tutor group competitive games and a tug of war.

There was a fun informal photo before all the students got changed back into uniform for their final school assembly and formal photograph.

All the students heading to university in October, have received good university offers with over 40 of them receiving a maximum of five offers each.



## ART STUDENTS TOUR LONDON'S TOP GALLERIES

**In March, 27 art students and staff headed off to London to visit the Royal Academy's Hockney exhibition, 'A Bigger Picture'.**



'A Bigger Picture' is an exhibition of old and new work from David Hockney, the majority of which has been made since 2008. It opens with a dramatic four piece work, 'The Four Seasons' in the Royal Academy rotunda. Following some iconic earlier pieces, the exhibition takes you on a characteristically colourful journey through a remarkable septuagenarian's account of the Yorkshire landscape.

The pupils were very fortunate to have five Lower and Upper Sixth art historians with them who eloquently led some discussion groups around the exhibition: much

appreciated by the younger students. A highlight for some was the collection of 52 iPad drawings that illustrate Hockney's passion for technology; when Hockney was asked by the Royal Academy in 2007 to stage the exhibition the iPad had yet to be launched.

After lunch the group headed off to the National Gallery taking in some of our very own national treasures followed by a short walk to the National Portrait Gallery to see the Lucian Freud exhibition 'Portraits'. The National Portrait Gallery houses more than 170,000 of the nation's portraits: including two

of Junior School teacher, Mr Hollingworth's photographs! Along with Hockney, Lucian Freud is one of the most influential painters of his generation and this retrospective exhibition of his 'Portraits' gave the pupils an opportunity to see a range of portraiture spanning seven decades. The first painting, a portrait of the artist's tutor, was painted in 1940 and the last piece in the collection is an unfinished painting of the artist's assistant, and his faithful hound; the artist was still working on this piece two days before his death. This gives an idea of Freud's life-long passion and curiosity for recording the human form.





## A collage of four images. Top left: A circular postmark from Paris, dated 2048, with 'PARIS' at the top and 'ANTON' at the bottom. Top right: A framed reproduction of the Mona Lisa painting. Middle right: A photograph of the Eiffel Tower in Paris under a blue sky with light clouds. Bottom left: A photograph of a group of people, mostly young adults, gathered around a large display board or map, looking at it with interest.

A group of students are gathered around a table, looking at a large sheet of paper, likely a project or assignment. The students are of various ages and are dressed in casual clothing. The paper on the table appears to be a large map or a detailed drawing. The students are looking at it with interest and are pointing at different parts of it. The scene is set in a classroom or a common area of a school.

A photograph of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, taken from a low angle looking up. The tower's intricate iron lattice structure is prominent against a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. In the foreground, a paved walkway leads towards the base of the tower, where several people can be seen walking. To the left, there are green trees and a small building. In the bottom right corner, a vintage postage stamp is partially visible, featuring a reddish-brown design of a figure and the number '4'. The photograph is mounted on a white background with a black border, and a small blue tab is visible at the top center.

A large group of students posing on a stone balcony or bridge structure, likely at a university or college. The photo is tilted slightly to the right.

A group of students sitting on a red train car, smiling and posing for a photo. The train car is white with red seats and is moving along a track. The students are dressed in casual clothing, and the background shows a building with arched windows.





## St Werburgh's concert raises £12,000 for Spinal Injuries Unit

Musicians from King's joined forces with Chester Catholic High School's 'Breathe' Gospel Choir and choristers from Chester Cathedral to present a concert at St. Werburgh's Catholic Church in Chester. To date, over £12,000 has been raised for the Spinal Injuries Unit at Gobowen Hospital, near Oswestry.

Roger Taylor of Cambrian Associates presented a cheque to Ken Law, Trustee of the Spinal Injuries Unit. Roger, a former King's parent, was involved in a serious accident whilst out cycling last year and spent six months recovering in the unit at Gobowen Hospital.



## Young artists exhibit their skills

**This term, Removes and Shells pupils have been displaying their talents with an art exhibition.**

Throughout the year Remove pupils have been developing their drawing and painting skills, and exploring the theme of distortion. They have looked at the play of light and dark on distorted form and developed their colour mixing and painting skills. Removes have used their appreciation of this in executing an A2 painted composition of crushed drinks cans.

Shell pupils have explored the theme of 'Fantastic and Strange'. Having looked at some artists who explore this theme in their work, students have developed a sculpture in response to the theme. They have learned about the possibilities and limitations of a whole range of 3D materials in the process.





## Skiers see the sights – and stars – in California



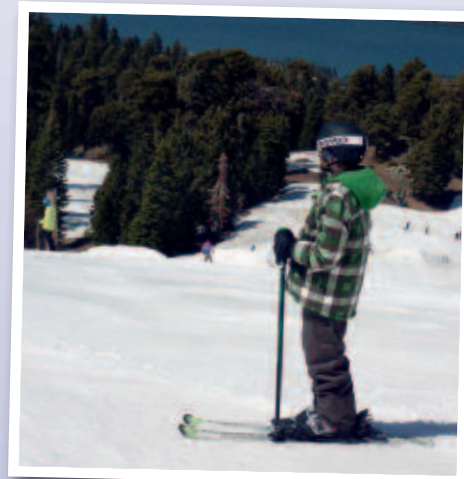
Twenty-seven students and accompanying staff spent the Easter Holidays in California on a skiing trip. The pupils visited the sights of Los Angeles, the Walk of Fame, the Chinese Theatre, Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills, Hollywood, the Groves and Farmers' Market as well as visiting Santa Monica beach. They had a whole day at Universal Studios on the rides, being photographed with Homer and Bart Simpson, taking in the 3D King Kong experience and touring the back lot seeing where so many films had been shot.

Los Angeles is a strange and fantastic place, so very busy and packed, tired and shabby in some places, rich and sumptuous in others, (even the street is air conditioned in Rodeo Drive!) yet it is fascinating for the eight lane freeways, the cars, the variety of shops, the place names known so well and the weather which is always bright, sunny and warm. A strange place then it may seem to go skiing. Not so, for just 99 miles from down town LA is Big Bear Mountain and Snow Summit. Big Bear boasts the highest ski lift in Southern California and some of the best runs too.

The pupils enjoyed five glorious days of sunshine and the most fantastic views from the tops of

the mountains. All the students made fantastic progress this week thanks to the terrific instructors who got the balance of teaching skills and enjoying the snow just right. Some of the party had never skied on real snow before but they all managed to get to the top of the mountain and make their way down with some skill and speed too.

The group met celebrities at Heathrow airport and on the slopes in Big Bear (thanks to Mr Bieber for his patience in the onslaught of hysteria and snapping cameras), they also enjoyed the music blasting out of speakers each day at lunch, but most of all the pupils enjoyed every fun-packed minute. The days were full of skiing of course but in the evenings there was a post-ski soak in the Jacuzzi before dinner then the cinema, laser tag, bowling or the quiz night to keep the momentum going. The flights are long but the rewards on arrival in California are huge and everyone who went will bring home and keep memories of those amazing places and sights.





# Warhammer team battle to fifth place

A team of pupils have competed in the Warhammer National Finals. King's came in 5th place overall, just missing out on qualifying for the internationals by one point (43 points against 42).



Pupils behaved incredibly, showing great sportsmanship throughout. Alex Kerr (5JM) performed best getting two victories and a draw. Chris Robson (L6NS) got two draws and a victory and was also nominated for the best painted army award (being one of the three best painted armies in the tournament).



Allan Prossor (ShJJ), filling in at the last moment, managed an astonishing two draws and a win despite using a completely new and borrowed army; a massive achievement especially given that most of his opponents were Sixth Formers – one to watch for the future definitely! Ed Newman (L6KS) also played well, but faced some very hard opponents.

## EXAM SUCCESS FOR MUSICAL MARISSA

Marissa Landy (4AC) has gained a grade 8 distinction in both flute and voice in the recent music exams and in addition to this Marissa has also received a grade 5 distinction in the saxophone and the piano.

This is a fine achievement. Every weekend, Marissa travels to The Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester to be taught flute and voice. She also takes advanced theory lessons and participates in The Royal Northern College of Music's symphony orchestra, wind quintet and is a vocal soloist in the Jazz ensemble.



## LUCKY 13 FOR HENRIETTA THE DUCK

The School duck, Henrietta, has returned for a fifth year to lay her eggs and hatch her ducklings. In the first year, she chose an uncomfortable spot in a planter outside the kitchens during the renovation of the kitchen area.

The second year she chose the quad. By the third year, the biodiversity group supplied a duck house on the pond in the quad and she used that. Last year, she was found in the enclosed garden outside the library. This year she is the proud mother of 13 ducklings and was seen during April in the quad again. Well done Henrietta!





## FABULOUS ARABIAN NIGHTS SUCCESS FOR J2

**The exotic delights of the Persian Court were brought to the stage of the Vanbrugh Theatre when J2 children performed a spectacular interpretation of “Scheherazade”.**

The magic begins when two children, played by Lily Walker (J2A) and Tom Hughes (J2B) discover an ancient dust-covered book – Tales of The Arabian Nights – in an antique shop. A mysterious shopkeeper, played by George Arnold, begins to reveal the fable.

A story of love, intrigue and power, the plot revolves around the beautiful Scheherazade, played by the charming Mansi Gupta (J2B), who must entertain the sinister Sultan or risk a trip to the executioner's block. Scheherazade beguiles the Sultan, played with authority by Angus Millard (J2A), with her cleverly interwoven stories of Arabia.



The famous tales of the Beggar, Ali Baba, the Fisherman and the Stone King were dramatised by a magnificent cast, in a play written by Nick Perrin and adapted for the 59 children of J2 by director and teacher, Miss Jan Anderson.

Sumptuous costumes were provided by the family and friends of the children, along with teachers Mrs Pennie Aspinwall and Mrs Jo Benson. Music was supplied by teacher Mrs Barbara Roberts, supported by a merry band of percussionists from J3.

## It pays to read – wherever you go!

**The King's annual “Readathon”, encouraging pupils to read as many books as they can and be sponsored for their efforts, has been running in the Junior School.**

All the money raised was to support the Malcolm Sargent Fund and the Roald Dahl Foundation for children with cancer, brain injury and other serious disorders. The event raised a whopping £2,282.40 for the charities.

In conjunction with the Readathon, the Extreme Reading Challenge over the Easter holidays saw King's pupils reading in some strange and exotic locations! The winners were: Anya Adapala (J1R) for reading in the Egyptian Desert, William Standing (J2P) who was up to his neck in snow and still reading, Oliver and Joe De Blainsin (J3P) for reading at the top of the highest building in the world in Dubai and Jack Walker (J4H) for reading on the set of Terminator 2!



## Juniors' Secretary Sheila appointed Olympic Official

Junior School secretary, Sheila Whitta, has been selected as a National Technical Official in Athletics for both the Olympics and the Paralympics. Sheila has been a member of West Cheshire Athletic club for 24 years and belonged to Ruislip Northwood and Hillingdon Athletics clubs when she was younger. Judging athletics for 20 years, Sheila is on the National list for officials and has received invitations to judge at international and televised events in this country.

Approximately five years ago Sheila was included on the International Officials' Group and holds a 'management' role at regional meetings. Last September, she went to judge at the Commonwealth Youth Games in the Isle of Man. She had to participate in the official test events held at the Olympic Stadium in the beginning of May. Sheila has also been given a ticket inviting her to the Olympics closing ceremony.





## An excellent display at Arts festival

Nearly 60 pupils from the Junior School took part in the Chester Festival of Performing Arts which was hosted at The King's School this term. The King's Junior School pupils were awarded wins in 21 sections:

First place Junior Scenes:	Year 3	First place Prepared Reading:	Year 3
First place Junior Scenes:	Year 4	First place Prepared Reading:	Year 4
First place Junior Scenes:	Year 5	Second place Prepared Reading:	Year 3
First place Junior Scenes:	Year 6	Second place Prepared Reading:	Year 4
Second place Junior Scenes:	Year 6	First place Solo Drama:	Year 5
Second place Junior Scenes:	Year 5	First place Solo Drama:	Year 6
First place Poetry:	Year 3	Second place Solo Drama:	Year 5
First place Poetry:	Year 4	Second place Solo Drama:	Year 6
First place Spiritual Reading		Third place Solo Drama:	Year 5
Second place Spiritual Reading		Third place Solo Drama:	Year 6
Third place Spiritual Reading			

The judges were very impressed and awarded commendations and merits to many King's pupils.

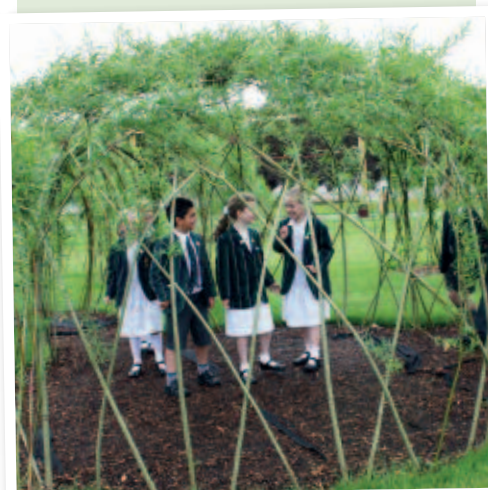


## Willow sculptures bring the 'wow' factor to playing fields

**Junior School pupils have worked with a visiting artist to create a series of living willow structures on the playing fields.**

The sculptures together take the form of a huge octopus with a large central dome and tentacles made from tunnels. It is surrounded by little fish domes.

All the Junior School pupils were involved in the process of creating the sculptures during their art lessons and the result is a magnificent addition to the Junior School's playground. The project was funded by The King's School Parents' Association.



## FUN RUN GOES GREEN FOR CHARITY

**The Junior School took part in a charity Fun Run to raise funds for The Hospice of the Good Shepherd and Macmillan Cancer Support.**

The pupils and staff dressed up in clothes with a 'green' theme. More than £650 was raised to be shared between the two charities. Both organisations informed the pupils, during a pre-event presentation, of the excellent work they undertake. It was good that both staff and pupils could work together to have fun whilst also raising funds in this way. A true sense of 'community spirit' came to the fore.







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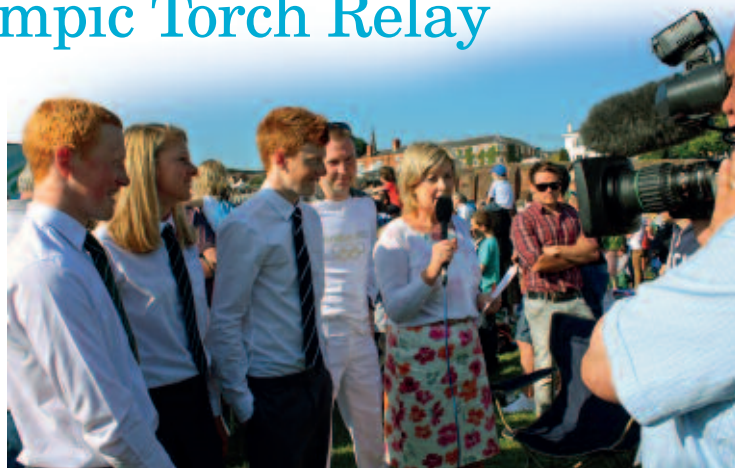
Our congratulations go to Tom James, Olivia Whitlam and Chris Bartley, all former pupils, who have secured their places in the GB Olympics Rowing team. We wish them the very best of luck for the forthcoming London 2012 Olympic Games.

## Student spotlight at Olympic Torch Relay

**Twenty-three of King's top sportsmen and women were invited to the welcome of the Olympic Torch at the Racecourse in Chester at the end of May.**

Harry Brightmore (U6SW), Sara Ashworth (5ET) and Tom Williams (L6CC) were chosen to represent King's and were interviewed in front of the 25,000 strong crowd. They explained the training and dedication needed to get to the top of their chosen sports. The three of them were also interviewed by Lucy Meacock for ITV's early evening news.

Earlier that day, 45 King's rowers met and had lunch with former pupil and Olympian Arnold Cooke.



## OLYMPIAN ARNOLD IS STILL ROWING

**King's was delighted to welcome 1964 European Silver Medallist and Olympic finalist Arnold Cooke back to School in May.**

Arnold, whose esteemed rowing career has resulted in him being featured in the rowing hall of fame alongside Sir Steve Redgrave and James Cracknell, is still very much involved in the sport, and holds the current indoor rowing world record for 2000m Men's Lightweight age 70+ – a truly amazing achievement!

Prior to attending the Olympic Torch VIP reception at Chester Racecourse, Arnold found time to answer questions about his rowing experiences with 45 rowers. He discussed his training schedule, his experiences at the Tokyo Olympics in 1964, and also his most nerve-racking of races, the University Boat Race, in which he rowed for Cambridge.



As well as his achievements in rowing, Arnold also gained a first class degree in Mechanical Sciences at Cambridge and worked for the Ministry of Defence on warship design as a mechanical engineer from 1973-1996.

Arnold was truly inspirational and all at King's felt very honoured that he had taken the time to visit. He also informed current pupils that he will be watching part of the Olympic rowing event at Dorney Lake this summer, and promised to cheer on our former pupils taking part!



## Rave reviews for old boy film star Ronald

**Former pupil Ronald Pickup's latest movie 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel', received excellent reviews when it was released earlier this year.**

Ron plays Norman Cousins in the film, an aged lothario, constantly on the look-out for a new woman and unable to face up to his own age. Set in Jaipur, India, it is a bittersweet comedy about a group of British retirees staying in an ancient retirement hotel. The distinguished cast include Dame Judi Dench, Celia Imrie, Bill Nighy, Maggie Smith and Tom Wilkinson.

Ron returned to King's last Summer to open the newly refurbished Vanbrugh Theatre and again in December to watch the School's production of 'Waiting for Godot' with Rupert Hands and Sean O' Doherty playing the main parts.





# Tom takes up top US climate change post

**Tom Crowther, who left King's in 2004, recently contacted the Alumni Office to inform us of his success in securing a fellowship at Yale University in the USA.**

He admits that he was 'not the most academic of students' and was diagnosed with dyslexia relatively early on during his time at school.

Despite this he credits a number of teachers at School with motivating him to do well and to consider an academic career. Mr Elmore (biology) and Dr. Murphy (chemistry), in particular, inspired him to go to university and enjoy his studies, rather than avoiding hard work.

Tom stated that, 'The King's School definitely set me up well for an amazing university experience, which enabled me to follow a career in academia.' Tom read Zoology at Cardiff, gaining a first class degree, then took a gap year and went back to Cardiff to do his PhD in Ecology.

His current research aims to investigate how woodland ecosystems will respond to, and potentially buffer the effects of climate change. Tom has been lucky enough to travel to some fantastic places including the rainforests of Honduras as well as the temperate deciduous woodlands of the Czech Republic. His next project is working with one of the scientific advisors to the American government (Professor Dianna Wall, Colorado State University), attempting to map and characterise the soils of Central Park in New York.

Tom is pictured here in the Honduras rainforest holding a humming bird and diving with a green turtle in Costa Rica.



# Peter Rimmer flies in from Oz to share his knowledge of Contemporary China with Geog Soc



Geography students from throughout the School and members of the Geography Society were recently given a fascinating insight into modern day China by former pupil Peter Rimmer. Peter moved to Australia permanently in 1965 after completing his degree at Manchester University, a Graduate Certificate in Education at Cambridge University and a Doctorate in New Zealand. His visit to the UK in March was primarily to catch up with family, but he also took the opportunity to come into School and share his knowledge with current pupils.

Professor Peter Rimmer, who left King's in 1955, is an economic geographer who specialises in urban and regional development within the Asian-Pacific Rim with a particular emphasis on the role of communications and transport (road, rail, sea and air). He has undertaken research work in China, Hong Kong SAR (Special Administrative Region), Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. Peter's insight into China, including the various geographical regions and main industries was very informative and well received.

# James' goal is Olympic glory

Former King's pupil James Fair was part of the Great Britain Team that beat India 2-1 in front of 10,000 fans at The Riverbank Arena in East London in May. The GB Team finished 3rd at the Visa International Tournament winning bronze medals. During the tournament the GB Team drew 3-3 with world champions Australia in front of a 12,000 strong crowd.

James, who started his hockey career at King's, made several fantastic saves during the game against India, and is hoping he has done enough to secure selection for the Olympics. The selection date for the Men's Olympic Hockey squad has been left open as a few key players have sustained injuries, however everyone at King's is keeping their fingers crossed that James is included, and wish him well.



As we went to press, the selection for the Olympic team had not been made.



## Hard work reaps rewards for rowers

### ROWERS HIT THEIR STROKE AT THE BIG NATIONAL COMPETITION



The King's School Rowing Club had tremendous success at the National Schools' and Sculling Head. In all 114 pupils raced for the club at National level with an average finish position of 3rd place. Nine of the 14 crews that raced came in the top 3, with the remaining five crews coming 8th place or better.

The highlights of the two days of competition were the three gold medals for the boys' octuple on Monday and on Tuesday, our first ever girls' gold medal at the National Schools' Head. The girls' crew of Elizabeth Williams (U6ER), Olivia Lewis (U6TH), Lottie Frazer-Cox (U6ML), Alice Carr (5JM) and Courtney Dowinton (U6SP) won the girls' under 18 coxed fours event (the first win at this event for the School since 2005). On average, King's finished in 3rd place in the rowing events, with an average number of 22 crews participating in each of the events.

### SUCCESS AT NORTH OF ENGLAND HEAD



At the North of England Head in Chester, King's won five events, which included both Novice and the Under 18 Women's Vllls event. On the boys' side the club was dominant, winning the Under 14, 15 and 16 Vllls.

### SIX INVITED FOR GB TRIALS

Four senior boys and two senior coxes received invites to the GB spring assessment trials in April. Harry Ashworth (U6ER), Harry Chappell (L6KS), Freddy Hill (U6KL) and William Miller (U6ML) all received invites after their performances at the trials in Boston, whilst Courtney Dowinton (U6SD) and Harry Brightmore (U6SW) received invites to trial for a coxes position. After a successful few days Harry was consequently invited to represent Team GB at the Munich International Regatta in May.

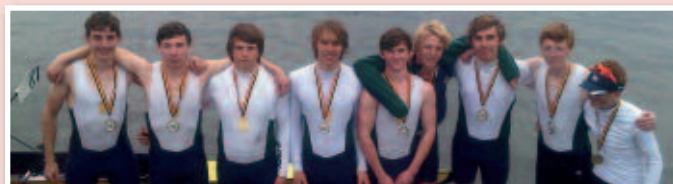
All the athletes continued to build on their performances at the trial held on Dorney Lake at the end of April. Harry Ashworth finished a promising 8th place in his pair, Harry Chappell and Freddy Hill 14th. All are now on course to win GB vests this summer.

### KING'S DOMINATE AT THE JUNIOR INTER-REGIONAL REGATTA



Rowers had an impressive weekend despite the monsoon conditions which settled across Holme Pierrepont. The J16 VIII took gold as they produced the quickest time of the regatta, beating the crew from Westminster School into 2nd place. The J15 girls' coxed four also took the gold medal in their event. The J16 girls' coxed four came a credible 4th, with the J15 boys' coxed four in bronze medal position. The J14 girls would have qualified for the A final if it had taken place, finishing in 6th position. Despite the disappointment of the weather, all the crews can take heart that they would have qualified and been challenging for medals in the A finals had they been run.

### BOYS' & GIRLS' CROWNED FLEMISH CHAMPIONS



Seventy-nine athletes and seven coaches made the annual journey during April to King's training camp base in Ghent, Belgium. Each crew focused on developing their boat speed in preparation for this summer's National Schools' Regatta to be held in June. To help with this preparation all the athletes competed in the Ghent International Regatta.

The highlight of the weekend was the crowning of both the boys' and girls' 1st VIII crews as National Flemish Champions, this is the third year running that the boys' VIII has triumphed in this event, however it was the first time for the girls' VIII, who also won the senior women's event as well.

### COX HARRY KEEPS TEAM GB ON COURSE

Harry Brightmore (U6SW) was selected to Cox for Team GB at the Munich Regatta in May. This was a great honour and Harry has done extremely well to earn a GB vest. As cox of the Junior Men's VIII, Harry (U6SW) led a team consisting of some of the top athletes at U18 level. The regatta itself was a two day event, with the Saturday pitting the GB Team against Spain in the VIII's event. The GB Team were just behind off the start, but powered through comfortably to beat Spain with clear water, taking the gold medal. On the Sunday event, the pressure was turned higher considerably!

Crews from Spain, Germany and Czech Republic entered, meaning that – as a crew that hadn't previously trained together – the GB team were competing against slick, well organised crews. Despite this, they progressed to the final and were pushing two German crews right to the finish, finishing with the bronze, but only two seconds behind the winners.

Although successful at Munich, as the only cox to represent GB last weekend, the pressure is still on for Harry to succeed at the final set of GB trials in July, and hopefully achieve a place in the team for the World Rowing Junior Championships.



### CHESTER REGATTA



King's continued their good run of form at the Chester Regatta. In the women's event, King's boated a VIII, beating the VIII from Liverpool University, this continuing the girls' squad dominant form, coming after their recent success at a training camp in Belgium where they were crowned the Flemish Under 18 champions in the VIII. William Marshall (L6JS) defeated scullers from the region to be crowned the "Champion of the Dee" by winning the J18 single sculls event.



# Daniel saves the day in style for U13 hockey boys



**In a thrilling final in March, the U13 boys' hockey team won the Schools' North Finals and were crowned Northern Champions! In the final they beat St. Olave's School taking the title of U13 North Champions.**

Scoring ten goals in five games and only conceding two goals, saw the team safely through to the final. The 1-1 final score against St Olave's ended in a nail-biting penalty flick thriller, where Daniel Whittingham (ShRA) saved both penalty strokes leaving King's 2-0 in the final score. Special mention has to go to Robert Way who scored the winning penalty flick and player of the tournament: Fraser Smellie.

The team consisted of: Daniel Whittingham (ShRA), Freddie Cheshire (ShLP), Robert Way (ShLP), Matthew Williams (ShJM), Fraser Smellie (ShLP), James Temple (ShJM), Fergus Abberton (RmJW), Harry Armatage (ShRA), Daniel Verity (ShJM) and Max Dunlap (RmSC).

## U12 AND U13 NETBALL GIRLS ARE LOCAL CHAMPS

**King's is now officially the U12 'a' team Chester and District netball champions!**

This is the first time the King's girls have ever won this trophy. They beat Christleton, Bishop Heber, Queen's and Blacon schools in the group stages and then went on to beat Queens Park High School in the semi-final before challenging Christleton again in the final which King's also won.

The team included: Megan Gareh (RmPH), Sophie Cliff (RmJW), Annie Powell (RmPH), Emily Cresswell (RmJW), Eloise Dooley (RmGA), Jessica Lee (RmIR), Abi Fisher (RmPH) and Emily Cartwright (RmPH).

The Chester and District U13B Netball tournament also took place at King's recently. The King's

girls' team were really looking forward to the competition as they won this tournament as the U12 'b' team last year. Christleton, Queen's and Bishop Heber High School took part in the tournament. King's were outright winners of the tournament winning all their matches very convincingly.

The squad consisted of Imogen Szerdyc (ShRA), Niamh Jones (ShRA), Gemma Hughes (ShLP), Chloe Cowan (ShHB), Chloe Gale (ShLP), Charlotte Cross (ShHB), Lily Palmer-Madge (ShHB) and Sophie Davies (ShLP). All the girls competed well, with an outstanding performance from both shooters and player of the tournament Chloe Cowan.





## Chester & District terrific treble for footballers

King's teams won three of the six Chester & District Cup competitions. The 1st XI beat Upton 7-0, the U14s beat Blacon High School in their final 3-2 with goals from Sam Pode, George Back and Tom Hill. The U16s played Upton at County Offices in their final and won 5-4 on penalties after extra time ended with the teams tied at 1-1.

The Seniors also won the Chester and District 7-a-side Tournament and lost only three of 44 matches in a remarkable season which saw George Daly score 37 goals.



## U19 hockey girls retain King's trophy



Beating local teams Queen's and Bishop Heber meant the trophy remained in the King's Trophy cabinet for the U19 Outdoor Hockey girls' squad. Captained by Millie Johnson (U6AM) the squad were successful in their 1-0 victories against both schools to claim the Chester and District Championship.

The girls then went on to play Wilmslow High School and Lymm High School in the County Final held at King's. The team played well in their first match beating Lymm 4-0 and in the final deciding match they lost to Wilmslow 2-0, therefore claiming the runners-up medals.

The U19 Outdoor Hockey Squad consists of: Jenny Corlett (U6SW), Emily Guest (U6SB), Megan Rudge (U6KL), Charlotte Nott (U6AM), Libby Fox (U6SW), Sarah Jones (U6SP), Hannah Porter (U6AM), Lara Goodwin (U6SB), Kate Coppack (U6KL), Hannah Dent (L6CC), Lexi Garnett (L6SP), Millie Johnson (U6AM) and Emma Williams (U6AM).



## SHOW JUMPERS ARE RIDING HIGH AGAIN

King's Equestrian Show Jumping team have yet again managed to clinch victory at a hard fought annual Inter-Schools' Show Jumping Challenge in May.



The team of James Pym (4CG), Oliver Williams (RmPH), Alasdair Montgomery (RmGA) and Emily Boothroyd (3DR) were one of only three teams to finish on a clean sheet, but had the fastest combined time to take victory, finishing just ahead of Bishop Heber and West Kirkby teams.

They now look forward to the National Schools' Qualifiers in September.





## GOLF TEAM ON COURSE FOR REGIONAL FINALS



### After a series of great victories, King's senior golf team have reached the Northern Final of the HMC National Golf Foursomes competition.

The team overcame Repton School 3-0 in atrocious conditions at Eaton Golf Club in April. This victory, following narrow wins over The King's School, Macclesfield and Manchester Grammar School, means that the team have reached the final twelve of this prestigious competition. The six regional winners go through to the National Final to be hosted by Milfield in July.

The team, comprising Flossie Logan (U6AM), Dave Cartmell (U6ML), Mike McCormack (U6AM), Ben Parton (U6SP) and Matt Curtis (5JM) all showed great determination in difficult conditions and special mention must go to the captain, Alex Way-Rider (U6AM), who has not only played with great skill all season, but also helped greatly with the match-day arrangements.

## Leading the way with the ISFA

**Nathan Evans (L6JK), Henrietta Green (5EH), Lucy Grindal (5ET), Henry Makings (5ET) and Ash Murphy (5MP) recently attended the ISFA Leadership Camp.**

**Nathan was selected to be a leader of the camp and has received a reward for his efforts this year – tickets to see England v Belgium in June.**

Nathan was praised by Sean Smith, Football Development Coach at ISFA for his hard work on the best ISFA Leadership Camp to date. From designing the programme, to delivering the icebreakers and opening ceremony, supporting the activities, engaging with young leaders and delivering the closing ceremony, Nathan and three other leaders were congratulated.

Following the course, Henry and Henrietta impressed so much that they have been asked to step up to take on a leadership role for next year. This will involve designing next year's camp and attending a series of meetings at Wembley as part of the ISFA team.

## Athletic displays at Deeside Stadium

### At the beginning of May, eleven schools from across Chester competed in the annual district athletics at Deeside stadium. Boys' and girls' teams from years 8, 9, 10 and 11 competed across a range of track and field events.

For the first time this event had been moved from its usual slot in July to May in order for a Chester team to be selected for the Cheshire championships. This impacted on the King's teams greatly as external and internal exams were looming in the near future.

In the Year 8 (Shells) girls' event King's took 5th place overall. There were some outstanding performances by: Rachel Huber (ShLP) taking 2nd in the discus and 4th in the 1500m, Chloe Cowan (ShHB) coming 3rd in the high jump and Erika Ignata (ShHB) coming 3rd in the 75m hurdles.

The Year 8 boys' came 7th overall. Lee Bryce (ShLP) came 3rd in the 75m hurdles and Jack Hodgkinson (ShJJ) 3rd in the discus, many of King's other athletes gained points for coming in the top eight in their finals.

The Year 9 (Thirds) girls' came 6th overall. Emily Boothroyd (3DR) won the 200m, Emily Scott (3JR) and Anna Willis (3DB) came second in the 800m

and 1500m respectively. The relay team came 3rd.

In the boys' event King's came 4th overall. George Back (3DB) and Stephen Wynn (3DB) came 1st and 2nd respectively in the 75m hurdles, Stephen also came 2nd in the high jump and Sam Pode (3AI) was 3rd in the 1500m.

Finally in the inters event, in which Fourth and Fifth Year pupils were able to compete, the girls came 5th. The girls' team took 5th place overall. Individual successes go to Lucy Armatage (4CM) who was 2nd in the 800m and 4th in the triple jump having never done it before. Ellie Kearney Mitchell (4DL) was 3rd in the 200m and 5th in the discus. Sian Jackson (4CG) was 2nd in the high jump and Olivia Rogerson (4CM) 3rd in the 1500m.

In the boys' Inters competition, King's were 8th overall. Sam Gareh (4MW) came 2nd in the long jump and Ben Paxton (4CM) came 3rd in the 1500m.





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## SEB'S WINNING FORMULA FOR RENAULT

Earlier this year, Seb Morris (5ET) was listed as one of the top 50 drivers to watch for 2012 by Motor Sport News as he moved into the next stage of his racing career, progressing from Junior Ginetta to Formula Renault BARC level. Making a flying start to his Formula Renault races, Seb won his first race, against a field of older and more experienced rivals.

Stunning the paddock with a remarkable qualifying performance on his category bow at Snetterton over Easter weekend, locking out pole position for all three races despite atrocious conditions, Seb went on to record his debut victory with a tremendous drive in round two.

Seb faced a tougher challenge at Rockingham in May, however came out with two victories and enabled him to move to the top of the Protyre Formula Renault BARC Championship standings. Seb maintained his 100 per cent pole position record with his fourth and fifth grid-topping starts from as many races.



## AMELIA PICKS UP TROPHY FOR 30KM WEEKEND HIKE



The Cheshire Hike is an annual overnight hike competition open to all Scouts and Guides in Cheshire. Teams of two enter in one of the four age groups, 11-17, with over 700 applicants this year. Amelia Standing (RmJW) was entered in the junior category. During the weekend points are awarded for map reading, check point challenges, behaviour and camp skills.

Teams carry all their camp, personal equipment and food with them (Amelia's rucksack was about 10Kg) and camp overnight at base camps on the Saturday. The hike is well organised and controlled by Cheshire Scouts who are responsible for planning the routes, organising check points, running the base camps and marshalling teams during the weekend.

All entrants need to be fit and need to learn mapping and camp skills in advance, practising these in the months leading up to the hike. The actual hike was 19km on the first day and 11km on the second day. The competition concludes on the Sunday afternoon when all teams finish their hikes and assemble for a presentation ceremony with families, when medals and trophies are presented.

Amelia Standing and a fellow scout from the 1st Helsby scouts won the trophy for the 'Best Junior Team' in the whole county and were also 'Junior District Winners' (Mersey Weaver). They also won the Brian Kershaw Trophy (an award for the highest scoring team who have not previously entered).

## JACK'S OUR U15 IFSA FOOTBALL STAR!

Jack Powell (4MW) was selected for the ISFA U15 National Team during the Easter break at Bradfield College in Reading. This is the second year that Jack has been chosen to play for the team. They played against Leyton Orient and Wycombe Wanderers. Jack was positioned in central midfield in both matches and scored ISFA's first goal against Wycombe.

Despite losing both matches, ISFA played well, showing plenty of skill on the pitch. Jack joined the ISFA team at Manchester United's training ground at Carrington, for the annual tournament where they played against some of the country's top academies in May. Despite struggling with a back injury, Jack played his part in the key central midfield position in three matches. ISFA were narrowly defeated by a Manchester United team which contained the brothers of current Manchester United players Rooney and Valencia, but then a draw against Exeter and a win over Bradford saw the team secure 2nd place in the mini-tournament.



## GIRLS NET PLACES ON CHESTER TEAM



King's pupils Annie Powell (RmPH), Megan Gareh (RmPH) and Emily Cartwright (RmPH) have managed to gain positions in the Chester netball team.

They were awarded the league title for the Deeside league (they didn't lose a match all season – 14 matches) and also won the

finals play offs (top four finishers in the league play-off). Annie was awarded the U12 player of the season for that league. The team has also won the Cheshire and Merseyside league.

In addition to this, they were also runners up in the Chester tournament in May. They played seven matches in the group stage (and only lost one match – and by only one goal – to Tameside). They then went on to beat Trafford in the semi-final and lost by two goals to Tameside, again in the final.

## SOPHIE'S HOCKEY SQUAD SELECTION

Sophie Drew (3DR) has been selected for the Regional Girls' Hockey Squad at U15 level.



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