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A top school for top university entrance places

The King's School is proud to have been named as one of the top Independent schools nationally for the quality of higher education destinations. King's came in sixth place in the new league table which was published in The Sunday Times Schools Guide, this year.

King's parents know that the School has a very strong tradition of supporting and encouraging its Sixth Form leavers with their applications to top universities. Resulting in over 80% of King's leavers, annually, going on to one of The Times Top 30 Universities and 100 having gone to an

Oxbridge university in the last 10 years. However, this is the first time this has been recognised in a league table. This year, King's also celebrated two former students who have received confirmed places at USA Ivy League universities – Ralph Elsegood (OKS 2014) has been

offered a place at Princeton University and Jack Webber (OKS 2014) has been offered a place at Yale University. Additional information regarding Jack and Ralph's acceptance into Ivy League Universities, can be found in the Alumni section.



Fun, games and fond farewells

King's said farewell and good luck to Upper Sixth students, on a sunny morning in May.

Students and teachers gathered in the dining hall to start the morning with a hearty breakfast! After which, students took part in a fun-filled morning of games and activities to mark their last day at King's. The first game involved each form competing against another in a tug of war – students were tactful in their bid to win, however U6JC remained undefeated and proudly won!

Additional activities included a wheelbarrow race which contributed to the students' final memories at King's and a final year group photo was taken to end the morning.



Excellent all round: it's official!

A highly experienced inspection team from the Independent Schools Inspectorate spent four days at King's in February observing lessons, looking at pupils' work, visiting tutor periods and clubs and activities, interviewing staff, management, pupils and governors, and checking all regulatory standards. Their findings, together with those of a pupil and parental survey, resulted in a fantastic inspection report, with almost every area being given the highest possible grade of excellent.

Inspectors found the quality of the pupils' achievements and learning excellent with results well above the national average. Results in IGCSE Maths and Science are higher than the incredibly high worldwide average. At A Level, results were above the national average for maintained selective schools. Pupils were found to have "an excellent attitude to learning with high aspirations, studying with tenacity and perseverance." They were described as "notably skilled in working co-operatively and showing genuine intellectual curiosity." Junior pupils were seen to have a "bubbling enthusiasm for learning."

Our "extensive, academic curriculum" was described as being "supported with a comprehensive range of academic extension enrichment and an extra-curricular programme of over 150 activities which gives pupils the opportunity to challenge themselves." Inspectors also wrote that "an innovative enrichment programme helps pupils develop higher order thinking skills and independence."

The inspectors noted the effective implementation of individual education plans and made some helpful suggestions for how this may be developed for Senior School pupils with SEND.

Our teaching was graded excellent with the Junior School having "a supportive and stimulating learning atmosphere in which pupils are encouraged to embark on new challenges with an expectation that this will be fun and they can succeed." The Senior School teachers were reported to "establish excellent relationships and have high expectations of their pupils and offer much help and encouragement."

Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural experience was also found to be excellent with pupils described as "well-rounded, independent young people, who respected the views of others and were quick to celebrate the achievements of others." Our students were described as "well behaved, courteous and respectful."

The pastoral arrangements were graded as good. In the Junior School relationships with teachers are excellent and mutually respectful of their peers.

In the Senior School, inspectors commented, "by the time they have finished the Sixth Form, pupils have matured into confident, well-informed and socially aware individuals, well prepared for the challenge of adult life." The inspectors suggested some ways to develop our pastoral system to help with our aim of knowing our pupils even better.

The welfare, health and safety of pupils were described as excellent with the medical team being praised for its great support of the pupils. The School is fully compliant with all statutory regulations.

The quality of Governance was described as excellent and the leadership and management as good. "Their success is seen in the pupils' academic and excellent personal development." The report went on to say that, "detailed and focused evaluation of development planning by senior managers is very effective in identifying and setting priorities and staff share a sense of clear direction and ownership of the School's vision."

The inspection report can be read, in full, on the website.



Dan's our TV History man

Television presenter and historian, Dan Snow, visited King's in February to talk about the Centenary of WWI. The Vanbrugh Theatre was full of students, parents and the general public who listened as Dan covered key anniversaries this year, though his talk focused mainly on Waterloo and WWI.

Prior to his talk, Dan spoke to Sixth Form students, discussing a wide range of topics including his passion for the study of History, his historical interests, his role as a person who popularises History and the importance of reading. He also discussed the electoral reform, the state of the Union and being born in a privileged position in a privileged time, which led to a question and answer session with the students.

Dan also held a question and answer session during his main talk which not only focused on History, but on contemporary politics and the state of democracy in the UK and America. Dan also shared funny anecdotes which took place while filming and answered questions from budding historians on studying History at university.

Overall, Dan's lecture proved to be a thought-provoking and highly engaging talk. Pupils gained a great deal from his insights about the world and the nature and value of the subject of History.



Photos courtesy of Ian Cooper.

Election time. Question Time

In the run up to the much discussed 2015 General Election, King's hosted a Question Time style debate in April which was well attended by students, teachers and the general public. To continue the politically themed events, Lower Sixth students ran a mock election for the Upper School in the same month.

The Question Time debate was chaired by Dr Stuart Wilks-Heeg, Head of Politics at the University of Liverpool. Parliamentary candidates for Chester from the Conservative, Liberal Democrats, Green Party, UKIP and Labour

attended and answered questions from students and members of the public.

Representing Chester from each party was:

■	Conservatives – Stephen Mosley
■	Liberal Democrats – Bob Thompson (OKS, 1974)
■	Labour – Chris Matheson
■	UKIP – Stephen Ingram
■	Green Party – Dr Andrew Garman from the Eddisbury Constituency

A range of interesting questions were asked, including what the panel thought about lowering the voting age, and the much debated topics of tuition fees and fracking. One student raised a question regarding a local matter, that has been the problematic roadworks in Chester, which led to Stephen Mosley apologising – a rarity in the world of politics! Stephen went on to defend the issue by stating the necessity of these roadworks, which will prove to be beneficial upon completion.

The Lower Sixth Mock Election involved students acting as representatives for each political party and proved to a great success. Tom Larken (L6DB) represented the Conservative Party, Niamh Massey (L6SW) represented the Labour Party, UKIP was represented by Andreas Jekov (L6SW), George Neal (L6SW) represented The Liberal Democrats and Luke Sawney (L6AM) represented the Green Party. Students in each tutor group voted for their chosen party which led to the victory of The Conservative Party who gained 20 seats, thereby winning a majority. UKIP followed winning 12 seats; the Liberal Democrats won three seats, the Green Party two seats and Labour one seat.



Remembering the *Lusitania*

Think of the First World War and most of us form mental pictures of trench warfare on the Western Front. The centenary on 7th May this year of the sinking of the Cunard passenger liner, *Lusitania*, was a timely reminder that the First World War was fought at sea as well as on land and in the air.

In February 1915 Germany declared the waters around Britain a war zone. All ships, even if from neutral countries, were liable to be sunk by Germany's new naval weapon, the U-boat (submarine). *Lusitania*, one of the largest and fastest liners in the world, had continued to carry passengers on her Liverpool to New York route. However, the danger to *Lusitania* was made clear by a notice placed in New York newspapers by the Imperial German Embassy in Washington alongside a Cunard advertisement for her 1st May return voyage from New York to Liverpool, reminding passengers that the vessel was "liable to destruction."

On 7th May 1915 that warning was realised. The German U-boat, U-20, captained by Walther Schwieger, spotted *Lusitania*'s unmistakable profile off the southern coast of Ireland and

gave the order to fire two torpedoes. *Lusitania* sank in 18 minutes with the loss of 1,198 lives, including former King's Scholar, George Solomon Maurice, aged 43. Born in Paris, he was one of five brothers who all came to the School in the 1880s when George Preston was Headmaster. His four brothers all served in the Army during the First World War.



One was a Major in the Army Service Corps, another was a Lieutenant in the Essex Regiment; a third was a doctor attached to the Royal Army Medical Corps, while the youngest was in the King's Liverpool Regiment. Unlike Maurice, they all survived. Maurice's widow, Louise, remarried but was to be widowed once more, her second husband also perishing at sea in 1941.

The United States did not enter the war against Germany until April 1917, although Britain hoped that the *Lusitania*'s sinking would bring this about.

For this purpose, as well as to arouse anti-German feeling and boost recruitment to the services, much was made of the *Lusitania*'s sinking in propaganda. A wave of anti-German feeling swept across the country and 'Lusitania riots' occurred in several major cities such as London, Liverpool and Manchester. Although no riots took place in Chester, the city was not completely immune to the popular mood. A boot maker in Eastgate Street, James Guckenheim, threatened to charge with slander anyone spreading the rumour that he was German. Although his name sounded German, he had in fact been born in Chester to a French father and English mother. One wonders how the art master at King's, Walter Schröder, and his son and nephew (both at the School) were treated.

Although the overwhelming majority of former King's pupils served in the Army during the First World War, the School's contribution to the war at sea was not inconsiderable. Twenty former pupils served in the Royal Navy during the First World War. Indeed, one of the School's most decorated servicemen was a Merchant Navy sailor who served in both world wars, William Henry Kelly CBE DSO RD. Kelly was awarded the DSO in June 1916 for service in the Auxiliary Patrol. The war at sea during the First World War has perhaps been overlooked because no former King's serviceman lost his life. George Maurice's death as a passenger aboard the *Lusitania* on her ill-fated last voyage from New York to Liverpool reminds us that the First World War touched civilians as well.



Historic elections explained by Professor

There was great election excitement amongst Lower Sixth historians in May. This was not caused by the close contest in the Chester Parliamentary Elections of 2015 but the result of another revision master class given by Professor Eric Evans on the 1832 and 1867 elections.

Professor Eric Evans led a two hour session on how to analyse, cross-reference and evaluate sources and gave a fabulous lecture entitled, 'Parliamentary Reform and the political parties 1867-85.' It seemed highly appropriate to be looking at a nineteenth century political leader who put country before party and others who were more ambitious and opportunistic.



F1 team step up a gear

Following the success of their team, Sixth Degree, in the Regional Finals of the F1 in Schools Challenge, students Sam Wild (L6JR), James McDonagh (L6HF) and Josh Roberts (L6SB) competed in the National Final of the F1 in Schools Challenge, held in Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre in March.

Upon arrival, the team began assembling their pit lane and display, which appeared extremely professional, all the while being judged on their teamwork. Formal judging soon began, following inspection of the model F1 cars. The team was questioned by several judges at their pit to ascertain how they had designed and tested their car. Presentations were then given by the team to a further panel of judges to explain the intricacies of the technology challenge, covering design, manufacture, sponsorship and marketing.

The team achieved creditable results when racing their cars against other teams, which had been involved in the challenge for several years, and even raced against the current World Championship Team. They were very proud to be nominated for an Award for Excellence in ICT by Autodesk, a CAD programme provider and key sponsor of the Challenge. The team returned enthused with a desire to be involved next year, particularly when they heard of University College London offering a range of sponsorship in Engineering for exceptional team members and a mentoring programme, which aims to encourage girls into teams. Sam, Josh and James were excellent ambassadors of King's throughout the challenge, which proved to be a worthwhile experience.



Showcasing Design and Technology

On an evening in May, students from the Fifth and Sixth Years attended the annual Design and Technology exhibition private view.

This showcased the wide variety of work completed by students. All projects involved a high level of demand and showed high quality in their manufacture. Fifth Year students worked on a lighting project, whilst students in the Sixth Form created their own briefs and designed products, which often introduced new concepts into the market. The evening also showcased the work of our external competition entries this year, which included the Design Ventura national finalists and the F1 in Schools Challenge national finalists, Sam Wild (L6JR), James McDonagh (L6HF) and Joshua Roberts (L6SB).

Awards were presented during the evening, in a range of categories, to celebrate particular successes and strengths of students' work in the subject. In the Fifth Year Mathew Burrows (5RH), Milo Little (5JR), Henry Greaves (5CG), Harry Armatage (5CG) and Iwan Bulkeley (5AC) all picked up prizes, with Daniel Whittingham (5FV) being crowned as the Young Designer of the Year. In the Sixth Form Harry Jones (U6SD), Francesca Jebb (U6JC) and Holly Jebb (U6NH) were awarded prizes, with Charlie Gomersall (U6HJ) receiving the Designer of the Year award.



A mind-stretching Physics Challenge

The Physics Challenge is a one hour paper which enables students to apply their knowledge of Physics to very unfamiliar situations, such as change of weight in lifts and energy stored in mobile phone batteries. The final question was based on methods of measuring the speed of light, which is a highly advanced topic that students would normally come across at university.

This year, 16 students took part in the challenge and particular congratulations go to Wilf Le Brocq (5AC) who received a book prize and achieved a gold award, which placed him in the top 4% nationally. A further five students were given bronze awards.

In the same month, a record number of Sixth Form students – 12 to be exact – sat the one hour AS Physics Challenge paper. This covered many topics, from balancing cubes on spheres to whether solar wind could power a spacecraft. These questions were quite a step above AS Level and credit goes to those who made progress in their solutions. Daniel Swinnock (L6PW), Mathew Oliver (L6SB) and Andrew Darby (L6PW) achieved a silver award placing them in the top 10% nationally. There were also two bronze winners.



Success for Biology Olympiads

A range of achievements have been made by student biologists as six Sixth Form students were amongst the 6000 who took part in the British Biology Olympiad, whilst students ranging from Shells to Fifths took part in the 2015 Biology Challenge.

The British Biology Olympiad challenges and stimulates students with an interest in Biology to expand and extend their talents. In offering a wider syllabus than A Level, it allows students to demonstrate their knowledge and to be suitably rewarded and publicly recognised by the award of medals, certificates and other prizes. It is hoped that competing in the Olympiad will encourage students already interested in this valuable, wide-ranging and rewarding subject to continue their study beyond A Level.

Congratulations to Elliot Pye (U6ML), Olivia Rogerson (U6NH) and Mike Ellis (U6JC) all of whom received high commendation. Fiona McDonald (U6KS), Sian Jackson (U6CC) and Bronwen Hulme (U6CC) were awarded silver medals.

The 2015 Biology Challenge aims to encourage and interest students in a science subject, before they decide on their choice of subjects post GCSE. A mixture of bronze and silver certificates were achieved by all students. Particular congratulations go to Huw Smith (4PN) and Owen Edwards (4JM), both of whom achieved a gold certificate.



Chemists show sleuthing skills at Salters' Festival

A team of four Removes students analysed their way to victory winning first prize, out of twelve teams, in the Salters' Challenge at the Salters' Festival of Chemistry in May. The event was held in collaboration with The Royal Society of Chemistry at Liverpool John Moores University and provides the opportunity for enthusiastic young students to spend a day in university, taking part in practical chemistry activities.



Students were given the following situation to solve – a murder had been committed at the salt mine and our team of intrepid forensic Chemists needed to analyse samples in a variety of ways, in order to gain enough evidence to discover and convict the culprit. Coupled with excellent laboratory work, the team wrote a detailed forensic report to support their conclusions.

The team thoroughly deserved their certificates as they exemplified the School's ethos of ambition, through dealing with new Chemistry against older students; benevolence, through their dealings with university staff and other teams; and cooperation as part of the winning team (with the tidiest work space!).

A great day was had by all, including Mrs Jepson and congratulations go to Molly Ferrara (RmPH), Thomas Flattery (RmCR), Arthur Greenwood (RmSC) and Oliver Whittlestone (RmSC).



Introducing our new Patron of Reading

Jon Mayhew agreed to become the School's first Patron of Reading back in April and has been a regular visitor to King's since the publication of his first book, *Mortlock*, in 2010.

Jon's work as Patron of Reading helps to support the School in its promotion of reading for pleasure, and we have started to work closely with him in a few different ways. He has been writing a regular blog, the first of which has been posted on the website.

Jon commented saying, "When Mrs Harding contacted me and asked me to be the School's official Patron of Reading, I was very honoured and excited by the prospect. I'm passionate about reading and spreading the enthusiasm for reading.

Reading opens so many doors for people, some into the imagination and some into well-being

and prosperity in the 'real' world. Research has shown that children who read for pleasure achieve much in later life. I believe reading is a habit that is not just fun but it has many pay-offs in terms of thinking skills, problem-solving and effective learning.

We've put together an exciting programme of events and activities that will engage all students. I'm really looking forward to talking to the students about their reading choices and preferences and, who knows? They may be able to help write my books!"



Merits for mathematicians

Fourth Year students, Jonathan Ralphs (4MP) and Owen Edwards (4JM) have been awarded a certificate of merit, after having taken the Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad papers.

The Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad is the follow-on round for the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. This is a fantastic achievement for Jonathan and Owen who were amongst the 500 students, from the national competition, to be invited to participate in the Olympiad.



Where's the sun gone?

Chester was plunged into darkness at 9:31 on 20th March 2015, as the largest solar eclipse visible from the UK since 1999 took place.

This was certainly an exciting time for everyone, as scientists predict that the next eclipse of a similar magnitude will not be until 2026! The Physics department set up a telescope, in The Senior School, to project an image of the Sun and Moon. Students in The Senior School and The Junior School safely observed the display through special viewing glasses.



Strings players tune into professional world

The annual Strings workshop, held by the Music Department, took place on an evening in March. The aim of the workshop was to provide King's musicians with the experience of working with a professional orchestral musician. The evening's guest musician was Alex Fletcher, a viola player with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra.

Alex led the masterclass in a performance of *O' WalyWaly* from *Suite for Strings*, written by John Rutter. The class was well received by members of King's Senior Strings Orchestra, parents and members of the public. The ensemble was led by Sixth Former, Lydia Sowden (U6CC) and Head of Strings, Adrian Rushforth.



Culture and language in Catalunya

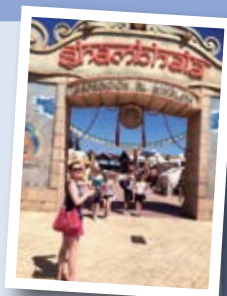
A superb time was had by students and staff as they travelled to the Costa Brava, Catalunya for five days for a Spanish cultural and language trip in May.

Students stayed in Hotel Don Juan in the coastal resort of Tossa de Mar. During their stay the students visited central Barcelona including Parc Güell, the infamous and eccentric Park designed by Antoni Gaudí, FC Barcelona's ground – Camp Nou Stadium and a walk down Las Ramblas to the Marina. In addition to this, students visited Teatro-museo Dalí in Figueres where they marvelled at the work of the artist Salvador Dalí and visited the beautiful town of Girona.

Students enjoyed a free day where they had the opportunity to relax and play games on the beach and also managed a trip to Port Aventura theme park near Tarragona. All in all, it was a jam-packed five days combining cultural and fun activities with language skills.

Students completed booklets based on the trip where they had to undertake certain challenges in Spanish. These included, asking directions, writing a postcard and buying stamps to send them back to the UK, plus asking prices of items in shops. The trip was a great success and highly over-subscribed which highlighted the popularity of the Spanish language and culture amongst students.

The department is now looking forward to future trips, in particular our cultural study trip next Easter to Southern Spain for students from Thirds to Upper Sixth.

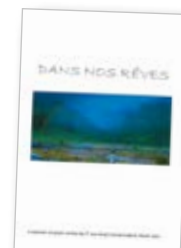


A dream experience for French students

Fourth Year students studying French took part in a poetry project in March.

The project was in conjunction with a school in Chamonix, where former student Jenny Corlett (OKS 2012) is currently working. Students wrote their poems in French and Chamonix students wrote their poems in English. The theme of all poems was 'dreams', which gave students the chance to write about what motivated them.

This collection of poems can be found on the website.



Smile! £2,150 raised for Comic Relief

Students and teachers showed their support for Comic Relief, through numerous activities, in March.

Students and a number of teachers replaced their usual uniform, transformed themselves into a number of characters and strutted their stuff down the 'catwalk' during assembly. Musical performances took place throughout lunchtime in the Senior School Gallery, which saw many students gather around to show their support.



Well done to all those involved as a total of £2,150 was raised for Comic Relief!



Skiing and baseball for Seniors USA trip

Flying to Boston to go skiing doesn't sound quite right. It is after all, on the east coast and not particularly hilly. But just three hours away by coach you'll find the Attitash and Wildcat ski slopes and some fantastic snow, which became the location for The King's School ski trip 2015.

The resorts were in receipt of record snowfalls throughout the winter, which meant that all 50 students and five staff were able to enjoy fantastic conditions late in season. Progress for all was rapid thanks to the excellent instructors. Even the beginners were able to ski down from the top of the mountain by the end of the week with skill, speed and confidence. Needless to say that the more experienced skiers were totally focused on speed and seeing how far they could travel in the air!

The final two days were spent enjoying the highlights of downtown Boston. Students were fortunate enough to see the Boston Celtics basketball team take on the Milwaukee Bucks, in a packed and atmospheric TD Garden, on their last night in the USA. The trip was particularly enjoyable, not only in terms of skiing but for the variety of other activities the students experienced throughout the busy week, and they look forward to the next trip back to the USA and Killington in 2016.



Cadets tough it out in the Black Mountains

CCF cadets took part in the Cadet Cambrian Patrol in April. The Patrol is the most prestigious competition in the cadet calendar and is held in Sennybridge, Wales each year.

The competition tests cadets in all areas of their cadet knowledge, fitness, teamwork, survival, shooting and fieldcraft. It takes place in the Black Mountains and tests their robustness over hugely demanding terrain and wildly changeable weather.

Earlier this year the cadets embarked on a training programme and their efforts were rewarded with the Junior Team achieving a Silver Medal and the Senior Team achieving a Bronze Medal.

Cadet Sergeant Henry Greaves (5CG), who captained the Junior Team, said:

"We are delighted with our Silver Medal but next year we intend to come home with Gold!"



Congratulations to our top cadets

King's celebrated a great achievement by Cadet Warrant Officer, Nicola Temple (U6CC) who has been awarded the Sir Geoffrey De Havilland Medal.

The De Havilland Medal is awarded to the top six RAF cadets in the country and recognises the exceptional achievements and contributions of some of the finest young people in the country.

Cadet Sergeant Major, Tom Larken (L6DB) and King's CCF Cadet Flight Sergeant, Jess Reed (Queen's), have been awarded a Lord Lieutenant's Certificate for Meritorious Cadet Service. These certificates are awarded to recognise exceptional service to the cadet forces. The awards were presented by Her Majesty's personal representative in Cheshire at Chester Cathedral in June.



SUPERCALIFRAGILISTIC!

At the end of the Lent term, J2 parents were treated to a spectacular performance of *Mary Poppins*, in a packed Vanbrugh Theatre. The production, adapted from the original play by Miss Jan Anderson, provided all 58 children with a speaking part.

Maisie O'Leary (J2A), starred as Mary Poppins herself and delivered an accomplished and charming performance and Will Saul (J2P) as Bert, was a wonderful, cheeky chappy chimney sweep. Luke Williams (J2R) and Limonée Fearn (J2A) were convincing as Michael and Jane Banks.

Louis Roberts (J2R) was an authoritative Mr Banks whilst Bróna Halpin (J2R) gave a delightful performance as Mrs Banks. Jake Harrison (J2A) excelled as the eccentric Admiral Boom, ably assisted by Oliver Smith (J2R) as Mr Binnacle.

The Musical Director was Mrs Melanie O'Leary and all of the children performed every song with great gusto. They delighted the appreciative audience with their enthusiastic singing and dancing to the popular songs of this much loved musical.

The authentic Edwardian Street backdrop, along with the children's nursery and Admiral Boom's rooftop were created by Miss Kirsty Savage.

Backstage help was also provided by a group of very efficient J4 pupils: Anya Adapala (J4H), Isabelle Griffin (J4H), Freya Beyeler (J4H) and Isabella Jones (J4H).



A ROARING SUCCESS

for J4 pupils

After much hard work and preparation J4 pupils graced the stage in July and showcased their much awaited production of *The Lion King Jr.* directed by Mrs Suzanne Parker and music taught by Miss Stephanie Conway.

Through music and choreography this one of a kind production told a story of love, hope, responsibility, culture and above all loyalty. Pupils sang well-known songs which included *Circle of Life*, *I Can't Wait to be King* and the much loved *Hakuna Matata*. With the help of costume designers Mrs Kirsty Savage, Mrs Suzanne Parker and additional help from parents, pupils certainly looked the part in their African inspired costumes and make-up.

A trio of girls, Lily McNamara (J4P), Leilani Jenkins (J4P) and Christen Daniels (J4P), played the eccentric mandrill Rafiki, who acted as a guiding force throughout the show. The

audience followed the adventures of young lion Simba (Anya Adapala, J4H), the heir of his father Mufasa (Sameer Dhanjee, J4S). Henry Banfield (J4H) cleverly portrayed Simba's wicked uncle, Scar, who plots alongside his band of mischievous

Hyenas, played by Jonny Madden (J4H), Eden Hamilton-Davies (J4P) and Charlotte Scott (J4P), to usurp Mufasa's throne on Pride Rock.

Young Simba leaves Pride Rock as a result of Scar's dastardly plans and meets the beloved dynamic comedy duo Timone and Pumbaa, who were well played by Calum McCaig (J4S) and King Chalapati (J4S) respectively, and the onstage chemistry between the two characters was evident throughout. Good triumphs over evil in the end as Simba, who returns as an adult and thus played by Peter Fenner (J4S), takes back his homeland from Scar, with the help of a number of memorable characters, and becomes King. Peace was restored in the Pride Lands and the circle of life could continue.



Quick learners on the ski slopes

February half term saw 32 pupils enjoying a fantastic week skiing at the Risoul Ski Resort, France. The resort is part of La Forêt Blanche, which is a name that perfectly illustrates one of the most beautiful ski areas in the Alpes du Sud, with access to 180km of downhill skiing and 108 individual pistes.

Pupils who were new to skiing spent the week learning how to ski by developing techniques and learning new skills. The Ecole Français de Ski (EFS) senior instructors assessed and awarded seven Level 1, 21 Level 2, two bronze and two gold awards to the Junior Skiers. They commented on how impressed they had been with both the achievement and rapid progress of the Juniors. Teachers, Mr Haydn Duncalf and Mr John Spellman, were particularly pleased with the enthusiasm, behaviour and fantastic team spirit of all the pupils throughout the eight days.



Outdoor fun at Plas Menai

14 pupils embarked on an enjoyable few days away at Plas Menai National Outdoor Centre in May. Pupils were allocated a partner and were split into groups of seven.

They were involved in a number of activities from the start of their trip, from low ropes and orienteering to blind trails and spider web ropes. The blind trail was a test of trust and communication where groups were blindfolded and led around the course under the instruction of other pupils. The spider's web was a ropes course element that was constructed between trees and pupils were challenged to cross from one side to the other without touching the web! This involved groups working together to create a plan which would help get them through this activity.

After a jam-packed first day, the second and third days involved much enjoyed water activities where pupils were given the opportunity to steer the *Mary Anne*, the Plas Menai fishing boat! Raft building, kayaking and sailing were just a few of the many activities pupils took part in. To finish off their visit, pupils enjoyed a hot meal and watched a movie.



Juniors bring books to life

World Book Day was celebrated in style, as pupils and teachers transformed themselves into fictional characters! The Junior School was filled with an array of characters, from princesses and detectives to pirates and cowboys! There were some fantastic costumes and it was great to see teachers join pupils in dressing up and showing their support for World Book Day.

Head of the Junior School, Mr Simon Malone, led the morning assembly where he addressed the importance of reading and prompted a moment of silent reading. The Consterdine Hall fell silent as both pupils and teachers became engrossed in their chosen book. Afterwards, Alya Adapala (14H) beautifully read out loud *Psalm 46* which was her Spiritual Reading entry in the Chester Festival. All in all, a fantastic celebration of World Book Day!



Ant and Dec become *Blazer* readers!

The celebrity readership of the Junior School's newspaper, the *Blazer*, continued to grow in May, as TV presenters Ant and Dec got their hands on the latest issue.

Junior School teacher Mrs Jo Benson, a former journalist, arranged for a copy of the *Blazer* to be sent to *The Newcastle Chronicle and Journal*, where the Geordie stars were guest editors for a day.

Mrs Jo Benson runs the School newspaper and has commented, "It was great of Ant and Dec to take the time to have a read. It's amazing for our budding young reporters to see their words being read by Ant and Dec, and rewarded for all their hard work and dedication.

I also want to thank some excellent contacts for helping the passage of the *Blazer* to Newcastle, namely, my husband, Neil."



Young mathematicians rise to challenge



The annual Primary Maths Challenge attracts schools from across the country and enables pupils to take part in a mathematical contest, which is both motivating and engaging. Joe Flory (J4P) and Christian Pain (J3S) represented King's in March, competing against 79,000 other pupils from 2,035 schools!

The boys did incredibly well, given the sheer size of the competition. They secured their place in the final round of the Maths Challenge which saw success for Joe, who was awarded a Bronze medal for scoring a highly respectable 17 points. Well done to Joe and Christian, both of whom should be very proud of this mathematical achievement!

Performing arts triumph at Chester Festival

Junior School pupils performed magnificently over a weekend in March, as they competed in the annual Chester Competitive Festival of Performing Arts (Speech and Drama Festival) which was held at King's.

This year was possibly their most successful yet, as approximately 50 Junior School pupils performed at the event. Pupils gained 1st place in nine different categories, and positioned themselves in the top 3 in more than nine categories. The Juniors' scene won the Avalon Cup for 'Round the World with Class 6' for the sixth year in a row. Well done to all pupils who took part!



Winners all round at junior sports

It was great to see a range of sporting success made throughout March and April.

The Junior School Rugby Team made history in March as they won the AJIS Rugby Cup for the first time! The team played against Kirkham Grammar School in a tense and exciting match which ended with a score of 14-14. However, the final decision was based on a 'golden try' which was scored in a dramatic finale by King's.

In the same month Zak Packer (J4S) led the U11 Boys' Hockey Team to victory, as they competed in the North West England Tournament. They drew two of their matches and won their matches against Arnold KEQM School (2-0), Cheadle Hulme School (2-0), Manchester Grammar School (3-0) and Bolton School (6-0). The team had secured more wins than all other teams and were crowned champions of the North West England Tournament. Particular recognition goes to Charlie Williams (J4H), who was named Outstanding Player of the tournament, having scored several goals.

The Junior School continued their sporting success in April as swimmers competed in the AJIS swimming championship. This was a most successful event for King's, who achieved 13 finalists.

Both the U10 Boys' Freestyle Relay Team and the U10 Boys' Medley Relay Team achieved silver medals. Joining the awards for silver medals were Fin Thomson (J2P), who competed in the U10 Freestyle Event, and Leila Prendergast (J4S) who competed in the U10 Breast Stroke Event. Additional congratulations go to Joe Mehra (J3B) who competed in the U10 Backstroke Event and achieved a bronze medal. Particular congratulations go to the U11 Boys' Relay Team who qualified for the National Primary School Finals, which was held in June.



Infant School nears completion

The completion date for the construction of Willow Lodge is fast approaching and the site is a hive of activity! It has been decided that the Infant School classes will be named Robins, Wrens, Woodpecker and Kingfisher which are all woodland and riverbank birds, thereby in keeping with the Willow Lodge theme.

Head of Willow Lodge, Mrs Margaret Ainsworth, and her new team of teachers look forward to welcoming new pupils into the School to see their new classrooms later this term. On this day, pupils and parents will be able to meet the new teaching team comprising of Mrs Jan Callaghan, Mrs Alison Stevenson, Mrs Kirsty Williams and Miss Katy Jonhson.

**Willow
Lodge**

The King's Infant School

Head of Infants,
Mrs Ainsworth



Mrs Jan Callaghan



Mrs Alison Stevenson



Mrs Kirsty Williams



Miss Katy Jonhson





The class of 95, twenty years on...

It was great to meet 1995 leavers on the 9th May, many of whom had not been back to School for 20 years. As usually happens at these reunions, all arrived looking a little nervous and not quite sure what to expect, however, within a few minutes, anecdotes and recollections of teachers and incidents from the 1990s flowed forth.

The new Head of School team showed the group around King's highlighting what had changed since 1995. A buffet lunch was enjoyed by all, followed by a game of football on the outdoor Astroturf, refereed by former PE teacher Adrian Neeves.

For Matt Slee, an amazing coincidence made the day one he really will never forget. A lifelong Evertonian, he had heard on the grapevine that Barry Horne was teaching Chemistry and coaching football at King's. He reeled off all Barry's achievements including

his FA Cup victory with Everton and his 59 caps for Wales and then, lo and behold, Barry walked into the Sports Hall! To say Matt was delighted would be a complete understatement!

The busy Jayaram brothers

Hari (OKS 1993) is currently doing post-doctoral research into retinal stem cell therapy in Portland, Oregon having been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship last year.

Consultant Paediatrician at the Countess of Chester Hospital, Ravi (OKS 1985), on the other hand, enjoyed his 15 minutes of fame on Thursday 14th May at 8pm, as he took part in a four-part series, titled *Born Naughty?*, on Channel 4.

Ravi was featured alongside Dr Dawn Harper from *Embarrassing Bodies* and was focusing on issues around children with behavioural disorders.



Election victories for Alumni

It was great to see success in the recent General Election for former pupils Matthew Hancock (OKS 1996) and James Davies (OKS 1998).

The constituency of West Suffolk re-elected Matthew Hancock (OKS 1996) as their MP. He was then appointed Cabinet Office Minister and Paymaster General by David Cameron. He will now have responsibility for Civil Service reform and efficiency in government departments replacing Francis Maude, who held the position since 2010.

Dr James Davies (OKS 1998) secured the Vale of Clwyd seat after a dramatic recount on 8th May 2015. GP Dr Davies said: "This is an amazing area... with amazing people and it has been a privilege over the last two years to campaign here and meet so many people."

We wish them both the best of luck!

Other Alumni working in the political field are Tom Bradley (OKS 2009), who is the Senior Parliamentary Assistant for the Conservative Party in Chester, and Tom Thornhill (OKS 2011) who represents the Liberal Democrats in Shropshire North.



Ivy League places for Jack and Ralph

Congratulations go to two former pupils (OKS 2014), Jack Webber and Ralph Elsgood who have confirmed places at Yale and Princeton University respectively.

Ivy League universities have no full scholarships, as such; therefore students who display exceptional levels of academic or sporting excellence are recruited. Jack and Ralph had achieved a great deal whilst rowing at King's, which increased their chances of acceptance. In addition to this, both received support from rowing coaches at their chosen university, having sought their support in August after receiving their A Level results.

Their freedom from exams was short-lived, as each sat the USA's universities' exam, SAT 1 and 2s, in October and November of last year. Both boys would like to highlight the considerable amount of support given by teaching staff at King's, including Director of Rowing, Mr David Blackham and Headmaster, Mr Chris Ramsey.

As well as preparing themselves for their move to America, Ralph is currently working in London and rows when possible for the University of London Alumni Club, Tyrian BC. Jack is working and rowing full time at the prestigious Leander Club as part of a crew entered into the Henley Regatta, and, after a brief visit to his hometown, will be setting off to study at Yale in August.



Former teacher celebrated

The School was recently contacted by Myrddyn Phillips who is part of G&J surveys, a company run by mountain enthusiasts who survey the heights of British hills and mountains. He was celebrating the contribution made by former King's teacher, Arthur St. George Walsh in listing the 2,000 foot mountains of England and Wales.



Mr Walsh was an extremely popular teacher at King's, and his passion for hill walking and mountain mapping was well known, but perhaps his huge contribution to the listings is not.

Myrddyn states, "it is probably correct to say that Walsh's list is the earliest comprehensive list to the 2,000 foot mountains of England and Wales. The list is little known and in its own right quite extraordinary, as it is the first to use 50 foot as the designated minimum re-ascent value, something that up until the present day is regarded by many people as the accepted re-ascent value for a mountain in Wales. Walsh was revolutionary in his use of a thorough and systematic, although perhaps subjective, approach to surveying hills on the ground. It is easily one of the most important Welsh hill lists that has ever been produced."

For those who may not know, Walsh was born on the 23rd April 1893, the middle part of his name given to him because of the day of his

birth, St. George's day. He won a scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he studied mathematics. When the First World War broke out, he was still studying at Cambridge. Applying for a commission at Christmas time 1914, he was gazetted a 2nd lieutenant in the 15th Battalion of the Manchester Regiment on 22nd March 1915. Walsh later became a Captain and served in the Middle East, France and finally the Dolomites. Walsh was transferred to the Dolomites from what was to become the slaughter of the Somme, something he believed saved his life, as well as providing him with good climbing experience.

After the war he resumed his education at Trinity Hall. His first appointment after leaving college was as a schoolmaster teaching mathematics at Cambridge High School. In 1925 he moved to The King's School, Chester, where his career as a Maths Master began. During this time Walsh and his brother Roger Crompton came upon Carr and Lister's use of 100 foot rise as the main qualification for their list of 2,000 footers of Snowdonia. Soon afterwards the Walsh brothers decided to make their own lists for England and Wales, using a 50 foot rise as part of their criteria. Mr Walsh also played a key part in maintaining contact with Alumni after his retirement.



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Saturday 12th September 2015
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Friday 6th November 2015

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Saturday 5th March: 1966 Leavers
Saturday 7th May: 2006 Leavers

A proud day for our U13 ESFA Champions

It was a memorable moment as The King's School U13 Football Team sealed a 2-1 win against Royal Docks Community School, from Newham, on Tuesday 19th May. The team thoroughly enjoyed playing at Reading FC's Madejski Stadium as part of the PlayStation U13 Small Schools' Cup.

King's opened the scoring in the 19th minute after man of the match Calum Huxley (ShCI), curled a sublime free-kick round the wall and into the bottom corner.

Huxley added a second goal at the start of the second half after his shot from the edge of the area sneaked under the opposing goalkeeper. Royal Docks Community School halved the deficit a few minutes later with a sublime chip over advancing King's goalkeeper Ollie De Blainsin (ShCM). However, King's held their nerve to clinch the win!

Representatives from both PlayStation and the ESFA presented the trophy and medals to our winning team. In addition to winning the trophy, the team had a day to remember as they were given the opportunity to play on the pitch at a

professional stadium and had their pre-match team talk in the dressing room.

It has been a fantastic season for the U13 football team who were semi-finalists of the ISFA Cup and finalists of both Cheshire and Chester Cup competitions. To finish the season with an ESFA winners' medal and play in such a fixture is thoroughly deserved by the players. Overall, a proud day for The King's School and an incredible and unforgettable moment for the team!



Brilliant performances by King's athletes

Chester's annual Year 7 and 8 Athletics event took place at Deeside Stadium in May in tough, windy conditions. All athletes took part brilliantly, with King's coming second overall in the boys' and girls' Year 7 events and the Shell girls were placed third overall in their competition.

There was little scope for Championship records due to the weather, however a number of Districts Champions Titles were awarded to King's Athletes. Tom Hughes (RmSB) was named the 200m champion; Olivia Barnes (RmSB) was named the 100m champion, Henry Bell (RmAI) the 800m champion, Solomon Meredith (RmVL) the Hurdles champion and Billy Jones (RmPH) the new High Jump champion. This is excellent news for these athletes as they continued to represent the District Team throughout the month.

Other athletes were placed second in the following events: Annabelle Temple (RmVL) in the 200m, Lucy Osbourne (RmVL) in the 1500m, Tom Hughes (RmSB) in the Long Jump and Will Saunders (RmPH) in the Javelin.

Other notable performances were given by athletes who placed third in the following events: Phoebe Binneman (RmAI) in Javelin,

Olivia Barnes (RmSB) in Discus, Annabelle Temple (RmVL) in the High Jump, Sophie Williams (RmVL) in the Hurdles, Elsa Hodgson (ShAR) in the Discus, Jessica Dooley (ShCI) in

the Javelin, Emily Haughton (ShCI) in the High Jump and Ellie Saunders (ShAR) in the Hurdles.



International honours for hockey boys

There was a trio of achievements for boys' hockey throughout March. King's 1st XI Captain, Will Dodd-Moore (L6JR) was invited by England Hockey to participate in the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence programme, as part of the National Age Group Squad Academy.

At the end of this seven month programme, he will receive a Certificate in Achieving Excellence in Sports Performance and a Certificate in Understanding Sports Performance. The programme involves him attending four centralised national camps to receive coaching and performance support. Will also represented the North of England Pennine Pumas team in the 2014 HiPAC tournament.

Additional congratulations go to King's U16 XI Captain, Matt Williams (5AC) and U16 XI player Will Bell (5JR). Matt was selected to play for the Welsh U18 National Age Group Squad which had international matches over Easter, with Will representing the Welsh U16 team.



Still the best in Cheshire!

After being crowned Cheshire Champions, King's U14 Badminton Team progressed to the North West regional final of the Center Parcs National Badminton Competition in March.



King's arrived at the National Velodrome, Manchester, in good time and faced Bacup & Rawtenstall Grammar School in their first game of four – the event being a 'Round Robin'. King's ran out 5-0 victors, but were wary going into the second match against Altrincham Grammar School for Boys who had looked dangerous, both warming up and in their first match. Sam Jones (3RL) was beaten by an extremely strong first seed, however Ben Davies (3RA) and Amogh Patil (3RA) drew King's level after a 15-13 win.

Unfortunately, Altrincham School's team were just too strong and King's lost the remaining three 'rubbers', though all played well in defeat, particularly Liam Shortall (3ET) in his singles game vs. the second seed.

With King's effectively left with no chance of progression to the finals (Altrincham having won all their matches), they were left to fight out two great games against Queen Elizabeth's School and Birkdale School. Both matches were electric and King's were unfortunate to lose each 2-3, with the last two games against Birkdale School going down to the final point.

Though disappointed, all four players deserve great credit for their efforts – it is important to note that, though they didn't progress further, they are still the best team in Cheshire!



Izzie's a hockey whizz!

After just four years of playing hockey and attending Welsh training days and camps since September, Izzie Howell (4MP) has been selected to play for Wales U16 Hockey Squad.

Since attending Welsh training camps Izzie has been able to improve her fitness level and game awareness, which increased her chance of selection and, after attending her last Welsh camp, she received the fantastic news that she had been selected. This is a tremendous achievement for Izzie and is a positive

reflection on the level of work she has put in. Izzie commented saying, "It's a relief that all my hard-work since the start of the year has paid off and it is a huge thrill to be representing my country. It feels amazing to reach this level of play in a sport I adore. Hopefully, I have a lot more Welsh games to come."



A great start for U14 cricket team

The U14 cricket squad has had a good half term, setting themselves up for a potential cup run after the break. Rainy weather has affected the number of games the squad could play, however they have still achieved four wins and two draws against tough opponents.

Many matches saw exciting finishes, beating The Grange School by one run, Altrincham Grammar School by three runs and Calday Grange School by one wicket – so they were certainly worth watching! The other win was a relatively comfortable 16 run victory against Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, with the

Bolton match being abandoned as a draw. Batting strength has come from openers Robin Fryar (3ET) with 112 runs and Ruari McBennett (3RL) with 131 runs. Both of whom were well supported by Barnaby Jones (3RL), Will Barker (3RA), Rohan Ingley (3RA) and Harry Langley (3HB). The bowling has been well spread with

most of the squad taking their turn with the ball. The leading wicket takers have been Ruari McBennett (3RL) with six wickets, Ed Fearnall (3RA) – five wickets, Rohan Ingley (3RA) – five wickets and Alistair Smellie (3RL) – three wickets, but no fewer than 13 bowlers have taken a wicket so far!



Congratulations to our U13 netball stars

Undefeated this year, and winners of the U12s Chester and District tournament last year, the U13 A Netball team won the U13 Chester and District Tournament held at Bishops' Bluecoat School in March.

Determined to win, the team's first match was against a strong Christleton School team which King's girls won 7-1. Their second match saw the girls come out on top winning 6-2 against a strong Upton High School team who they met in the final.

The girls were now in a strong position after their success in previous matches and they were extremely focused on winning the tournament. Ellie Saunders (ShAR) intercepted well and won the ball back for King's continuously with Jazz Denton (ShAR) and Ailsa Black (ShPS) showing fluid play and great support in the centre third. Pavlina Zigova (ShAR), Helena Barker (ShLB) and Elsa Hodgson (ShAR) defended well and were always there to intercept, turning defence into attack. Shooters, Paige Tomlinson (ShPS) and Jess Dooley (ShPI), shot with confidence in matches against Catholic High School (winning 6-0) and The Queen's School (winning 8-2).

As winners of their category, the team played Bishop Heber School in the semi-final which saw them win 7-3. The final match was against Upton High School which saw King's winning an impressive 11-7. Well done to the girls for both their conduct and teamwork, proving themselves to be great ambassadors for King's.



Wild about swimming!

It's been a fantastic year so far for Sam Wild (L6JR) who competed at the River Dee Swim, the oldest open water event in the UK, proudly winning the 1km race.

Sam has been swimming all his life and currently trains with the Nofio Clwyd Performance Squad, Connah's Quay. He is currently ranked 12th in Wales (all ages) and excels in the butterfly stroke, having won gold at the Welsh Winter Nationals in the 50m butterfly event. His hard work and dedication to the sport is reflected in all his achievements, and he hopes to continue swimming at university.



Jacob nets Welsh basketball place

Jacob Bell (3RL) was selected to play for Wales U14s at the 2015 FIBA Summer Slam event in Stirling, Scotland, in June. The aim of the tournament was to offer young players a great level of competition to acquire international experience on the basketball court while gaining an unforgettable life experience.

Jacob enjoys playing basketball and in June 2014 he started training with Crewe's U14s Team. After being invited to attend a trial at the England Regional Performance Camp, he tried out for the Welsh U14 Team and was selected from a pool of 35 players. He has been making the 400 mile round trip to the national teams' training sessions in Rhondda Fach, every two to three weeks.

Jacob is now part of the team of 12, who were selected to play at the FIBA International Tournament against teams including Scotland, Canada and Spain.



Alex and Harry stake international claims

International achievements go to Sixth Formers Alex Slater (U6CC) and Harry Higginbottom (L6HF) both of whom attended the GB rowing spring assessments at Caversham.

Both raced well and Alex was rewarded with a place on the plane with the GB junior squad to the Munich Regatta at the start of May.

This is the first step and one foot on the plane to Rio this summer for the Junior World Championships. Harry Higginbottom (L6HF) finished rank 12/13 on bow side and, although he didn't go to Munich, he has given himself a good chance of a place in the European's team this summer.

Another seven boys and girls, Rebekah Hagan (L6DB), Maud Moir (U6HJ), Bronwen Hulme (U6CC), Ben Stratton (L6DB), Lucas Martin-Yates (U6HJ), Will Bach (5CG) and Charles Smith (5JR) attended the spring Welsh trials – all seven competed well and gave themselves a chance of further selection for this summer's Home Countries International Regatta.



Rowers take on the best in Europe

The 2015 regatta season got off to a flying start as King's senior boys and U15 girls' and boys' squads competed at the Ghent International Regatta in April. After a week-long training camp at the training venue, the crews competed at all levels of racing against top opposition from around Europe's clubs and regions.

In total, 56 athletes competed for the club fielding no less than 40 crews, from singles to Vllls. Highlights included King's J15 boys' Vlll winning a silver medal in the J16 Vllls event.

The senior coxed four won a silver medal in the J18 event, which was matched by the top coxless four on both days, who also won a silver medal. In the final races of the weekend the boys 1st Vlll was seeded in the top men's open final race, finishing a very respectable 4th position behind a wealth of strong European opposition. The boys 2nd Vlll raced in the J18



Vllls race and, in a fantastic example of regatta racing and spirit, rowed through the field in the last 100 metres of the race which gave them victory and the J18 Vllls title.

Meanwhile King's girls 1st Vlll enjoyed the early summer conditions at the training camp in Dorney. Nine girls spent one week training on the international rowing lake in preparation for the summer.

A further 37, J14 athletes spent a week on the regatta lake in Peterborough preparing for the summer. All 102 pupils returned with high hopes and expectations for the summer.



Crews shine at National Schools' Regatta 2015

After an exciting programme of racing throughout the first half of the summer term, 99 athletes were selected to represent the School at the National Schools' Regatta 2015. Eleven Vllls were boated on the Friday and Saturday of the regatta in a strong show of strength and depth by the club, with every Vlll making it through the time trials stage and into the semi-finals.



On the Friday, all three octuples from the J14 squad came third in their semi-finals and produced excellent times. All three boats were unfortunate to miss out on a final by one place. On the Saturday of the regatta, all three J15 Vllls (two boys' and one girls') produced good performances

to post respectable times in their semi-finals. The boys' 3rd Vlll progressed through their semi-final and attacked the final with fight. Unfortunately they just missed out on a medal, however all eight athletes will return again next year to compete. The 2nd Vlll won their semi-final but were pipped to the line by St Paul's in the final in a photo finish to miss out on a bronze medal, a great row and again all eight members of the crew will return next year. The girls' 2nd Vlll reached the semi-final and came third overall in their category.

Drawing a tough heat, the girls' championship Vlll finished third in their semi-final, narrowly missing out on the championship final. The boys' 1st Vlll progressed through their time trial and finished fourth in their semi-final, missing the championship final by one place.

On the Sunday of the regatta, three crews shone as the club broke down to coxed and coxless fours. The Championship coxless four produced an exhilarating performance from lane one in their semi-final, rowing through St Edwards in the last 100 metres before the line, but missing out on a final place by a narrow margin behind Abingdon and Molesey. The girls' championship coxless four repeated their strong 2014 performance by winning a bronze medal in their event in a photo finish on the line. The boys' J16 coxless four also matched this performance and produced an excellent row to win a bronze medal.



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