



Herald

All the news from The King's School, Chester

Inside... from high-grade exams results to fun and success on the stage and sports fields, life is always exciting at King's.



It's our 50th Anniversary

...half a century of excellence
at Wrexham Road



Celebrating 50 wonderful years at Wrexham Road

The weekend to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the School's relocation to Wrexham Road in September was a spectacular success, commencing with a concert on Friday night for parents, pupils, staff (past and current) and Old King's Scholars. Music was provided by the Concert Band, Gospel Choir and Big Band.

On Saturday morning, the School was pleased to welcome the Right Hon. Frank Field MP to unveil a sculpture which marked the beginning of the Open Day. The copper tree sculpture with 50 leaves, each representing a year in the School's life, was designed and overseen by the Design and Technology Department. The sculpture was made by students in Shells.

The School welcomed many past pupils, some of whom had travelled from as far away as Canada, Australia and the USA. All of the former pupils thoroughly enjoyed sharing many amusing stories of their time at King's. Interestingly, it was discovered what had happened to the oak tree planted by the Queen Mother at the opening of the School. The tree mysteriously disappeared two days after her visit in 1960. During the Anniversary weekend,

a former pupil was able to shed some light onto its disappearance. Two of his classmates dug the tree up and re-planted it on Grosvenor roundabout – and it is still there today!

Also on Saturday, a wonderful exhibition of the School archives displayed past uniforms, memorabilia and film footage of the School's Opening Day and a trip to Ullswater in the 1980s. Current students gave tours of the School to former pupils. For many former pupils this was their first visit to King's since leaving and they were amazed by the changes.

More than 400 former pupils, parents and staff attended the 50th Anniversary Ball which was hosted in a marquee within the School grounds on Saturday night. They were treated to a spectacular evening with pupil performances at the drinks reception by a string quartet, and dancing to the School's Big Band. A tombola with 100 prizes raised almost £3,500 for the Bursary Trust.

On Sunday morning, the School's Chamber Choir and a selection of advanced string players led the music at the Eucharist service at the Cathedral. Meanwhile, at the Boathouse, around 30 former pupils, including Olivia Whitlam (Olympic and GB rower) and Mike Thorpe (Cambridge Boat Race 2010), enjoyed a morning of races against our current V.I.I.s. Olivia took the opportunity to take a look at the boat which was named after her and made by King's Boatman, John Blackwell.

In the afternoon, approximately 40 Old King's Scholars and staff met for the CAOKS President's Lunch in the Marquee.

The memorable weekend of events saw current and former pupils, parents, staff (old and new) and three King's Headmasters celebrate this wonderful institution.



MORE SUCCESS IN THE GOOD SCHOOL GUIDE AWARDS



Every year the prestigious Good School Guide Awards recognise

success at GCSE and A Level subjects. In 2009, King's won two awards, for GCSE Business and Economics: both for Girls at an English Independent School and Boys at an English Independent School. This year King's has been awarded two further awards:

The 2010 Award for the best GCSE results gained by Boys at an English Independent School and in Biology for the best A Level results gained by Girls at an English Independent School.



~ OLIVIA WHITLAM ~

A star exam performance

...for Upper Sixth Formers

The Upper Sixth Formers were delighted with their A Level results, with more than a fifth of passes being graded A*. The A* grade was introduced for the first time this year.

Three pupils achieved particularly outstanding results: James Carr (U6SW) and Emma Walker (U6NS) were awarded five A Levels at A* and Sam Lewis (U6LB) gained four As and 1 A*.

Gaining four A*/A were: Sophie Clough (U6AM) – three A* and one A; Will Moreland (U6DY) – three A* and one A; Charlotte Gillies (U6ER) – two A* and two As; Isabel Hughes (U6LB) – two A* and two As and Jack Webb (U6SB) – three A* and one A.

Matt Ireland (U6ER) and James Oldman (U6SW) gained 3 A* each and a further 18 students achieved over three As.

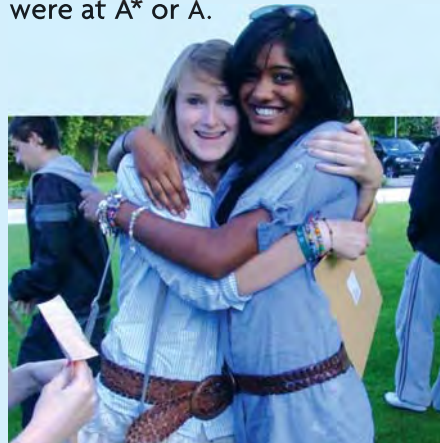


Just under 54% of all passes were graded A*/A and 77% of students who submitted their AQA Extended Projects gained A*/A. This was a new initiative for King's and has proven to be very popular, giving students a platform to showcase their talents by producing an independent essay on a subject of their choice.



GCSE results make the grade - again

Once again this year, King's pupils have achieved excellent results in their GCSEs. Almost 42% of pupils gained A*/A grades in ten subjects or more and just under three quarters of all grades awarded were at A* or A.



Miriam Bowen (L6SW) passed twelve GCSEs with ten A* and two A grades. Christina Davies (L6CH) gained eleven GCSEs including eight A* and three A grades.

Five other students gained straight A* in all their ten subjects; Kate Coppack (L6KL), Felicity Elsegood (L6CH), Laura Haylock (L6ER), Luke Howarth (L6SW)



and Henry Crouch-Smith (L6DY).

A further 29 pupils gained ten A*/A grade at GCSE.

Giving science brains a work out – at the Liverpool Physics Olympics



Thirty-six teams from across the North and Midlands entered the annual Liverpool Physics Olympics which were held at the Physics department of the University. The King's School were given special dispensation to enter two teams, such was the interest generated amongst the Upper Sixth Form.

The day consisted of five practical events, involving such challenges as finding the height of a mountain on the moon from the shadow cast as seen on a photograph. In one of these five events, King's 'Team Kelvin' consisting of Lewis Ankers (U6JS), Tom Menzies (U6KS), James Ellis (U6JS) and Graham Bendall (U6KS) were placed first.

Running throughout the day was the theoretical Fermi quiz, where each team had to answer 15 questions to the nearest order of magnitude. King's 'Team Epsilon,' consisting of Ben Moss (U6KS), James Edholm (U6KS), Oliver Tattersall (U6JK) and Matt Chadwick (U6KS) finished second overall in this event, with first place going to the other King's team, Kelvin.

At the end of the day all scores are aggregated to find an eventual top three. The King's School 'Team Kelvin' finished in second place!

HARD WORK PAYS OFF FOR NUFFIELD BURSARY STUDENTS



Ben Moss (U6KS) carried out his project at OptIC in St Asaph, working on a robotic finger controlled by optical wires, and achieved a CREST Gold Award. He has also

submitted his work for the

Big Bang Competition, which is a national science and engineering competition.

Siobhan Barnard (U6BH), working with Liverpool University, undertook a project involving the collation and analysis of data for Key Stage 2 results of schools in the Ellesmere Port area. Her placement was with the Ellesmere Port Education Improvement Partnership.

Graham Bendall (U6KS) worked under Dr Paul French at Liverpool John Moores University, studying the use of lasers in cutting modern composite materials as commonly used in the aerospace industry.

All three received certificates and were commended by the judges at the CREST awards.

Sixth Formers Matthew Chadwick (U6KS) and James Edholm (U6KS), although not awarded Nuffield Bursaries, worked on projects over the summer. James was asked to return to OptIC for another four weeks as a result of his successful time there the previous year, when he was actually too young to be there as a Nuffield Bursary student and Matthew worked on a project at ABB Engineering in Warrington.

After a summer working on their Nuffield Bursary projects, students from The King's School successfully presented their work at the CREST awards at the World Museum, Liverpool.

LIKE IT? WE LOVED IT!

Under the direction of Emma Lucia of Clwyd Theatr Cymru, 15 pupils presented an outdoor promenade production of Shakespeare's classic pastoral comedy "As You Like It" to enchanted audiences in the School grounds.

The play tells us that "all the world's a stage," so in a bold move the decision was taken to keep all the actors "on stage" and in character throughout the two hours of each of the four performances, with audience members free to wander between areas of staging as the action developed. This gave ample opportunities for these young actors to demonstrate their talents not only to audience members but also to the examiner from Trinity Guildhall, who came to assess their work.

Even the British weather played its part to perfection, as the sun shone down on every performance, and we all "liked it" very much indeed!

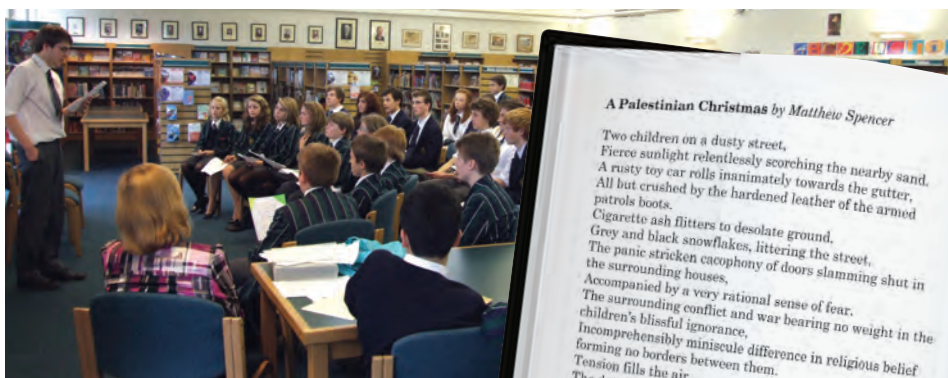


Bringing 'Home' the poetry prizes

The 'Passion for Poetry' group organised both a Poetry Reading Session and a Poetry Writing Competition to celebrate National Poetry Day 2010.

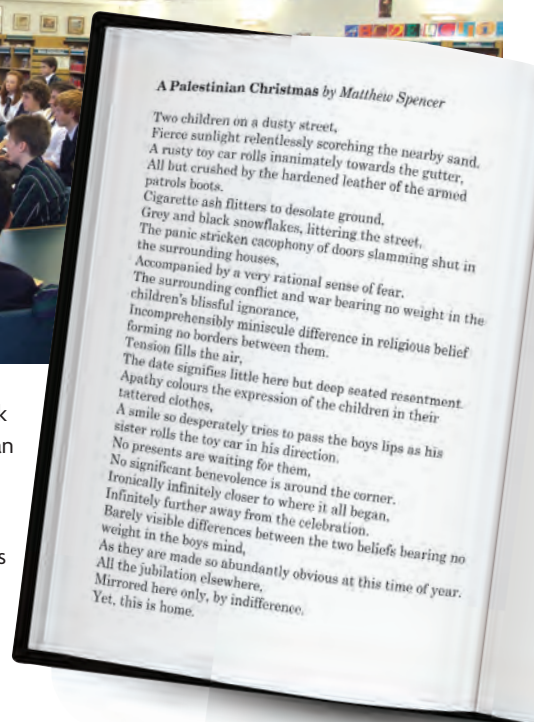
Senior students introduced and read aloud their favourite poems to an appreciative audience of staff and pupils in the Library during lunchtime; this was followed by readings of the shortlisted and winning competition poems all inspired by the broad theme of 'Home.'

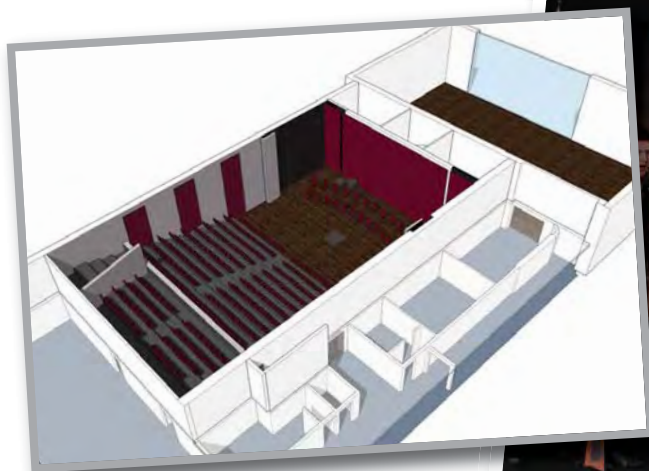
Pupils from all years delivered their own poems and received certificates.



The four winning poems were composed by Jack Hodgkinson (RmSC), Alice Cousins (ShHL), Nathan Addison (5DL) and Matthew Spencer (5FV).

Max Holland (RmSC), Rose Lindley (RmLB), Joe Gillet (RmGA), Emily Boothroyd (ShRA), Thomas Cuffin-Mundy (ShHL), Isabel Dawson (ShJJ), Georgina Daborn (ShTK) and Kitty Abberton (3DB) were all highly commended.





The stage is set for our new state-of-the-art theatre

This term, the School was delighted to announce the exciting new Theatre Development Project which will be opening in summer 2011. The project, costing £1.2m, has been part-funded by a generous legacy to the school from a former pupil.

The development will see the demolition of the current 1960's School Hall and its replacement by a state-of-the-art theatre with a balcony and tiered seating for an audience capacity of 300. The Theatre will be used for the regular drama productions King's undertakes

annually and the seating can be retracted to make use of the space for other school events.

This ambitious project started over the summer holiday period and will continue until at least May 2011.



A Cork-ing trip for the Big Band



During the October half term holiday, The King's School Big Band travelled to Ireland to perform at the world famous Cork Jazz Festival. They played alongside legends such as Herbie Hancock, Steve Winwood, Maceo Parker and The Brand New Heavies.

The band gave two superb concerts, one at The Atrium at The Clarion Hotel, and then at the heart of the festival - The Ballroom at the Gresham Metropole Hotel, as part of the Guinness Festival Club. As well as the performances, the Band

took part in a wide range of workshops and masterclasses with jazz experts Charles McPherson, Guillermo Rozenthuler and Bill Carrothers. They went to performances by Herbie Hancock, Jason Moran and the incredible One

O'Clock Lab Band from the University of North Texas.

The trip was a huge success and the band is very much looking forward to visiting Cork again in the not-too-distant future!

TOP OF THE CLASS!

Our new Head of School and Senior Prefects teams



The selection process for the Head of School team is rigorous and highly competitive, with candidates applying by personal statement, panel interview (with the Headmaster and Head of Sixth Form) and voting from teaching staff and Lower Sixth Form students.

The Senior Prefect Team at King's takes on many responsibilities in their year of office, including visitor tours, meeting and greeting at events, Library duties and assemblies, a Sixth Form film production and an alternative prospectus!

Mr Toby Hughes, Head of Sixth Form, has announced the new Head of School Team and Senior Prefects for 2010/11. The Head of School Team is led by Peter Johnstone (U6BH), supported by Deputies Siobhan Barnard (U6BH) and Joe Benson (U6JS). In addition, 24 other Sixth Formers have been selected as the Senior Prefect Team.

Selim and Terence hit a high note

Two pupils have reached the pinnacle of musical success...

Selim Ungut (L6CH) has gained his Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music Diploma (DipABRSM) with distinction in piano. Selim studies piano with Chester-born pianist John Gough.

Terence Au (5JM) has passed his Grade 8 Violin with distinction. Terence is a member of the Hallé Youth Orchestra and attends the Junior Royal Northern College of Music, where he studies violin with the German violinist Ulla Benz.

Both pupils are valued members of several of the 21 musical groups and ensembles which rehearse at King's every week.





THE BIG Biology Challenge

Students from King's have taken part in the Biology Challenge which is run by the British Biology Olympiad Organisation.

This new nationwide challenge was established to foster an interest in bioscience with questions on biodiversity, physiology and current developments in biology.

20,000 students participated in the competition, with 4,000 winners of gold, silver and bronze certificates. There were 1,000 students awarded certificates at a highly commended level.

Sean Telford (5DL) gained a Gold Award, with Jeremy Telford (5DL), Matthew Barrett (5DL) and William Marshall (5JM) gaining Silver Awards.

MATHS – the name of the game in tough Olympiad

Six students took part in the Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad ran by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust.

Of the participants, only the top 25% receive Certificates of Distinction; the rest receive Certificates of Participation. Additionally, the top 100 in each year group receive a medal and the top 50 in each year group receive a book prize. Only the top 1600 from the Maths Challenge were invited to sit the Olympiad, so

this is a fantastic achievement in itself for the pupils!

Eleanor Barnard (4ET), Jeremy Telford (5DL), Sean Telford (5DL), Matthew Temple (4AC), and Luke Howarth (L6SW), have been awarded 'Certificates of Merit'. Matthew Hill (5JM) was awarded a 'Certificate of Participation'.



A prize-winning day at Chester Racecourse

For the first time, the School celebrated its annual Prize-giving at Chester Racecourse. This enabled the whole School to celebrate the pupils' fantastic achievements together.

Prizes were awarded to students for their achievements and endeavours throughout the previous academic year. This included awards for 'Academic Achievement', 'Academic Endeavour' and numerous sport and subject-specific awards. The awards were presented by Professor Christopher Andrew MA PhD.

After the conclusion of formal proceedings, refreshments were served in the Pavilion Suite.

In addition to the awards, musical entertainment was provided by many of the School's musicians. This included barber shop and string quartet

performances. Zara Fyfe (U6CH) performed a solo vocal performance.

It was a fantastic occasion that was much enjoyed by students, staff and parents alike.



'SCHOOL OF THE YEAR 2010'

More success for chess champions



The King's School has enjoyed an excellent reputation for success in chess over the last few years. This year has been the best yet, with King's being named 'School of the Year 2010' by the Northern Counties Chess Federation for promoting chess in the North of England. The School has also been awarded 'Centre of Excellence' status by the British Chess Federation.

On Saturday 9th October, 152 students from across the region took part in the Cheshire and North Wales Junior Chess Championships, hosted this year at The King's School. For the third successive year, King's was Cheshire and North Wales Secondary School Champion. The final results were:

U17 County Champion: Marvin Hayes (L6SP); U16 County Champion: Davin Menon (SVL); U16 Schools Champion: Matthew Temple (5AC); U15 County Champion: Susan Gorman (4PN); U15 Schools Joint Champion: Oscar Lloyd Williams (4MP); U15

Schools Joint Champion: Henry Thompson (4EH); U14 Schools Champion: Animesh Anand (3CC); U12 Schools Champion: Haran Makwana (ShRA); U12 Schools Runner Up: Patrick Hudson (ShHL) and U11 County Champion: Owen Edwards (4JT).

Congratulations to all the King's students who took part in such an enjoyable day of chess.



Designed to impress



Design and Technology pupils competed against hundreds of students from across the country for an Arkwright Engineering Scholarship. This highly regarded award gives students financial support through their A Levels and an Industrial Partner to prepare them for engineering study and employment. Ryan Thompson (L6DY) was short-listed for a scholarship, which in itself, is a fantastic achievement.

Andrew Walton submitted his Travel Companion & GPS concept for the Young Designers Competition with Brunel University. From over 1,000 young designers, Andrew was short-listed in a group of twelve and attended an interview in London. His work was highly commended by the judging panel made up of professional designers, engineers and academics. Andrew has gone on to study Industrial Design Engineering at Loughborough University.





Enjoying a taste of the **Big Apple**

After touching down in 'The Big Apple', pupils rushed to climb 86 floors to the top of the Empire State Building. It was followed by tea at the Grand Central terminal and a stroll through Times Square.



On day two of the trip, they visited the world famous Museum of Modern Art. The work on show in the gallery can easily be described as the 'greatest hits' of the history of modern art! Later that day, pupils walked through Central Park and marvelled at the New York skyline, including buildings such as the Lever building and the Seagram building. Pupils took the opportunity to visit the Guggenheim Museum, where they had a chance to view pieces of 20th century art-work in an inspiring architectural structure. From there, they walked up 5th Avenue to the Met so that they could study the colossal collection of artefacts and artworks.

After visiting the Fuller Building, pupils enjoyed some time on the Fulton Landing, gazing at the Manhattan skyline whilst basking in glorious sunshine. From there, they embarked upon a busy jaunt across the Brooklyn Bridge. On day three of the trip, pupils also saw the Woolworth building and walked up Wall Street to Federal Hall and the New York Stock Exchange, pausing a while at the World Trade Centre construction site. They finished the day by looking inside the iconic Chrysler Building and the Rockefeller Centre.

On their final morning in Manhattan, pupils walked through Chelsea, passing Macy's, the world's largest department store; Madison Square Garden, one of the world's most famous arenas and the impressive structure of the New York General Post Office.

The pupils gathered a rich body of resource material and all of the staff look forward to seeing them bring a little bit of New York City to the walls of King's.

BIENVENUE!

During September, 18 French students and two teachers from Avignon spent ten days in Chester as part of a school exchange programme. The group stayed with their King's friends during the visit. They spent the week visiting places of interest in the region and also spent a morning at the School.

Some of the French guests joined the Year 11 pupils in a French lesson where the King's students were making best use of their guest's visit to polish up their French speaking!

The visit should have happened last term, but was postponed due to the problems with the ash cloud affecting flights to the United Kingdom.



JOINING IN THE BIG DEBATE

The King's School was represented at the 2010 MFL Northern Schools debating competition by six Sixth Formers: Richard Capes (L6SP) and Max Imfeld (L6ER) in German, Dominic Thurlow-Wood (U6JK) and Ed Pilkington (U6NS) in Spanish and Ilina Sen (U6BH) and Oliver Thompson (U6NS) in French. They competed against teams from eleven other leading independent schools in a series of debates on the following topics:

- In the age of globalisation, the nation state has lost its power.
- The job of the paparazzi is immoral.
- Immigrants should adopt the customs and culture of their adopted country.
- The ends justify the means.
- Environmentalists are extremists.

Each of the King's teams took part in two debates chosen at random from the above list. They had to be prepared to argue either for or against each motion. Points were awarded to each team on a scale of 0 to 5. The results of the King's debates were a 4-3 win and a 2-3 loss in German, a 3-2 win and a 3-4 loss in Spanish and a 3-4 loss and a 4-3 win in French.

Whilst these results did not produce any overall winners, all three King's teams were complimented for the quality of their reasoning, for the enthusiastic way in which they countered their opponents' arguments and, above all, for their good teamwork – whilst not forgetting the advanced language skills which were a prerequisite for the competition.



Cadet Force celebrate 150th Anniversary...



To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Cadet Force, students from The King's School Combined Cadet Force attended a Royal Review in London. The Review included a Parade, a Flyover by the Red Arrows and a Garden Party.



Cadets from the King's School paraded down the Mall from Horseguards Parade and into Wellington Barracks, the home of the Foot Guards where they then reformed and marched to Buckingham Palace. Once inside the palace the Cadets formed the Honour Guard with the Yeoman Warders ready to greet His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall.

The students were among the 28 invited from the North West to be invited to the Garden Party, and were accompanied by 5000 other Cadets from all three services. These students were: Warrant Officer Will Moreland (U6DY*), Sergeant Matthew Ireland (U6ER*), Company Sergeant Major Fred Deas (U6AM*), Corporal Christina Davies (L6CH), Sergeant Mark Rennie (L6ER) and Sergeant Ben Moss (U6KS). The cadets were led by Captain Alan Joseph BEM and Second Lieutenant Haydn Duncalf and accompanied by their parents.

*Leaver 2010.

A walk down memory lane for the Class of '68

During August, King's hosted a reunion for those who left the School in 1968. Former pupils and their families travelled from across the country to be at the event.

The former pupils were given a guided tour of the School by the new Head of School team – Peter Johnstone (U6BH), Siobhan Barnard (U6BH) and Joe Benson (U6JS).

After refreshments and a presentation about King's today, the class of '68 also had the opportunity to view a selection of the School's archives, which brought back many happy memories of their time as pupils at King's.



Two wonderful weeks in the wilderness

This summer, two groups of students (Shells and Thirds) visited the wilderness of the Algonquin National Park in Ontario, Canada, for a two week personal development expedition. Before travelling to Canada, the students spent 15 months planning their itinerary and fundraising for the project phase of the expedition.

During the first phase of the expedition, King's students canoed, pitched their tents, collected wood for camp fires and cooked meals. They shared stories around the campfire and fished in the lakes. Swimming in the lakes was not only a wonderful opportunity to relax, but also a chance to wash as there were no such facilities at the campsites!

The project phase of the expedition aimed to help the local community by opening up an old trail to encourage tourists to visit the area. This involved clearing a couple of kilometres of overgrown trees, deadwood, weeds and branches.

The students learnt new skills, experienced the excitement of new surroundings and gave something back to the community that they visited. In July 2011, students from King's will visit Peru and Bolivia in South America on another challenging expedition.



A helping hand for Save the Family

For the first time, pupils from the Senior School joined those from the Junior School in collecting groceries to celebrate the Harvest Festival. The gifts were collected by Steven Mawdsley and Graham Moore of behalf of Save the Family.



Experiencing the incredible history of Berlin

For historians in particular, Berlin is a magnificent city. Buildings, artefacts and ghosts from the Wilhelmine, Weimar, Third Reich and Cold War periods rub shoulders with 21st century innovation and design.

For this reason, 18 A Level students accompanied by four members of staff spent five days in Berlin over the half term. Guided by Colonel Piers Storie-Pugh OBE in his ninth year of trips with King's and Major Mike Cartwright, who commanded the Berlin Signal Squadron for two years during the Cold War. All of the party left with heads spinning, full of images and impressions of this constantly evolving city.

Of course, this may have been caused by the Mr Neal 'two for the price of one' 23 minute guided dash through the Story of Berlin Museum! It was all in a good cause, however, as everyone raced to the German Historical Museum where the party leader charmed two burly female museum employees into allowing the group into the much talked about "Hitler and the Germans" exhibition.

A flavour of eighteenth and nineteenth century German history was sampled in Potsdam, a delightful oasis of calm away from the city. Stark reminders of Berlin's pivotal role in twentieth century events were brought home to everyone on the trip as King's old friend Torben gave a magnificent walking tour of Third Reich sites. The icy rain and wind were appropriate, if not appreciated. Major Cartwright guided the students around Sachsenhausen concentration camp and the quite staggering Soviet memorial to troops killed in the Battle of Berlin at Treptower Park. Cold War divisions between the capitalist west and communist east were spelt out to the visitors. The group toured Normannenstrasse, the former Headquarters of the Stasi, the hated East German secret police. Hohenschönhausen, the former prison used by the Stasi until 1989, was a frightening place, doubly so when building materials from the roof into the

courtyard where the students had been standing minutes earlier, came crashing down!

Group Captain Andrews, the Air and Naval Attaché who hosted the group at the British Embassy, was full of praise for the quality of questions he faced. Colonel Storie-Pugh wrote that "this group of students was the most impressive of all the groups" he had met over the last nine years.



Ambassadors shine at the Model United Nations



Two delegations of 13 students from King's attended the Model United Nations conference at Cheadle Hulme School during October. The MUN provides students with a unique opportunity to debate and discuss the key international issues that affect the world today with the aim of negotiating peaceful solutions. With 90 delegations from over 30 schools in the UK and abroad, the standard of debate was high.

A handful of students from each Committee are recognised at an Award Ceremony to reflect the quality of their contribution towards the debate and the effectiveness of their speech-making. It is remarkable then that five King's delegates were recognised. Kallum Marsden (L6AM) representing North Korea on the Economic and Social Committee was a Highly Commended Delegate at his first conference

which is very impressive. Also commended were Fred Norman (L6SP) for North Korea on the Political Committee, James Ellis (U6JS) for Senegal on the Economic and Social Committee and Luke Howarth (L6SW) for Senegal in the Human Rights Committee.

Jack Webber (4MG), the only delegate from the Fourth Form was recognised as the Best Young Delegate in his Committee which debated issues concerning Ecology and the Environment. This is the first time a delegate from King's has achieved this accolade.

At the General Assembly, an emergency resolution, for which no preparation is possible, was debated in front of the 500 people at the Conference. Senegal's resolution was selected for debate and Tim Pemberton (U6JS) and Alex Austin (U6JS) took to the platform and



presented their proposal. They spoke with passion about the situation and responded excellently to points of information from the floor, a daunting prospect for many, which they did with great style.

Other delegates were Joe Dillamore (U6JS), Arthur Jebb (L6AM), Jenny Corlett (L6SW), Luke Evans (L6ER), Chris Austin (5FV) and Benhur Johnson (5DL). All acquitted themselves with maturity and flair.



A dream performance by J4

J4 pupils wowed audiences with their production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Every child in the year group had a part in the play which was a "Shakespeare 4 Kidz" musical interpretation of the original play, designed especially for children. Directed by Junior School teacher Mrs Vanessa Gibson, the pupils worked extremely hard to produce a performance of quality which truly belies their tender years.



The actors were being accompanied by a band of 15 J3 pupils, directed by teacher Mrs Barbara Roberts and supported by other members of the teaching staff with set design, front of house and costumes.



A bumper crop of food products was generously donated by Junior School pupils to celebrate Harvest Festival.

A bumper year for the harvest

The spectacular array of goods was collected after a special ceremony attended by Major Gill Stacey, of The Salvation Army. The foodstuffs will be safely gathered into hampers, before being distributed to local families in need at Christmas time. Towers of tinned tuna, piles of pasta, a bounty of baked beans and stacks of soups adorned the harvest tables.

Major Stacey described the kindness of King's pupils and families: "You have given from your heart and for that, we thank you."

Giving Juniors a voice



Election fever swept the classrooms of the Junior School as candidates campaigned for a seat on the School Council. Manifestos were issued, policies formed and promises made as each candidate took to the hustings to contest one of the 24 available places.

After the votes were counted and the winners declared, the inaugural School Council meeting took place, with the task of choosing an executive committee. A secret ballot for the role of Chairperson resulted in a tie between two candidates. A second round was conducted, with Matthew Reece-Jones (J4G) emerging victorious. He will be assisted by Secretary Stephen Carter (J4T), Vice Chairperson Laura Scott (J3P) and Treasurer Jack Walker (J3O).

The Council will act as a voice of Junior School pupils, representing the pupils' views and opinions and providing a forum for constructive input into the daily life of the school community.

A BIG SPLASH



The U10 swimming team returned awash with medals following the autumn AJIS Boys' Swimming Gala at Merchant Taylors' School.

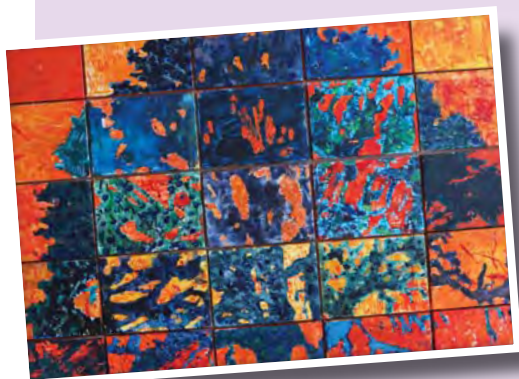
Taking first prize in the U10 medley relay were J3 swimming stars William Barker (J3J), Sebastian Corry (J3O), Patrick McClelland (J3J) and Edward Hughes (J3J). The team then achieved second place in the freestyle relay, with Zack Southern (J3O) replacing William Barker (J3J).

In the individual events, Patrick secured second place in the backstroke, Sebastian took third in the breaststroke and Edward third in the freestyle.

The team was completed by J4 boys Miles Meredith (J4H) and William Richards (J4T), ably assisted by Alistair Smellie (J3O).

Exhibiting great art and design skills

During the Summer Term, the Junior School held an Art and Design Technology exhibition (across all junior age groups) to celebrate the diverse range of ability that pupils possess in this specialist area of the curriculum.



Artwork included examples of still life, Picasso portraits, tree paintings, African and Aboriginal art, Venetian masks and figure sculptures.

Not to be outdone, the Design Technology department exhibited automatons, slot movers, safe mouse traps, rocket launchers and clocks, together with samples of kites and jewellery.

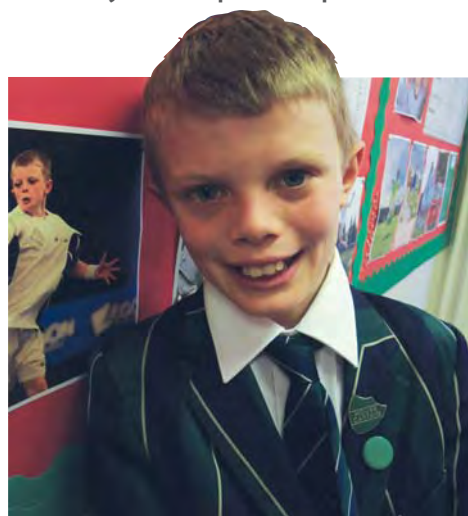


The exhibition co-ordinated by Junior School teachers Miss Kirsty Savage and Mr Andy Hollingworth proved to be a wonderful opportunity for pupils to display their obvious talents in a public arena.

Tom's Cross Country triumph for King's



A cool head combined with supreme athleticism steered Tom Thelwall-Jones (J4T) to an historic victory in the AJIS Cross Country Championship at Rossall School, in Lancashire.



Tom battled against the wind, rain and Fleetwood sand dunes to take first place in this prestigious event, which attracted 500 runners from 25 independent schools in the North West. This is the first time a pupil from King's Junior School has claimed the AJIS Cross Country crown.

Settling just behind the leading pack to begin, Tom took command of the race at the half-way stage, striding clear to take the AJIS crown by an impressive 30 metres. With Miles Meredith (J4H) and Fraser Marsden (J4T) taking 26th and 27th place, the King's J4 boys secured a team bronze. The J4 girls also gave a strong display, with Bethan Pode (J4H) finishing 13th and Alice Thomas (J4G) 18th.

The J3 boys were led home by Sebastian Corry, who took fourth place, closely followed by Liam Shorthall. Sophie Taylor completed the one mile course in less than nine minutes to finish sixth, followed by her team mates Isobel Thomas (J3J), Olivia Hughes (J3P), Jasmine Hardy (J3J) and Amelia Standing (J4H).

Tom's trophy will join a growing collection of silverware, as he has previously won the triangular athletics meeting between King's, Bolton and Birkenhead before smashing the 600 metres record on Sports Day last summer. As well as being a fearless defender and captain of the A football team, Tom also finds time to represent Shropshire at tennis.

Footballers hit the target



Junior footballers have returned from the traditional Michaelmas football tour to Cambridge with two dozen goals to their name. The two seven-a-side teams played six matches during the weekend, culminating in a sporting Sunday game against host school The Perse.



There were strong wins for both King's teams against Kimbolton

School and Bedford Modern but The Perse proved stiffer opposition for the A squad, winning 1-0. The triumphant B team ended the tour unbeaten with a 3-1 victory.

Off the pitch, the boys impressed their host families with their courtesy, excellent manners and sportsmanship, proving to be outstanding ambassadors of the Junior School.

Girls' Hockey Teams step up to the semi-finals



Both U14 and U19 Girls' county squads have beaten a host of Cheshire schools to win the National Schools Tournament (County Round). Both squads went on to represent Cheshire, along with the runners up of each tournament, at the North West stage of the competition in Timperley, Altrincham.

The U14 squad defeated Lymm, Wilmslow, Queen's, Fallibroome and King's Macclesfield. They did not concede any goals during these games. Although they were beaten in the North West Round, the team put in some great performances and gained valuable experience.

The U19s also won the Cheshire Round of the National Schools Tournament comfortably, beating Lymm, Wilmslow, Queen's, The Grange and King's Macclesfield. The young King's team had a lot to live up to, as other U19 squads have had the experience of representing Cheshire in this round for the past two years. In the North West Round, they competed against Sheffield High School from South Yorkshire, Stockport Grammar



from Greater Manchester, and St. Edwards College, Merseyside. The King's Girls were victorious, beating Stockport Grammar 2-1 in the Final to be crowned the U19 Girls' North West Hockey Champions. They now play in the North Final at Leeds University on November 30th 2010.

ROWERS LEAD THE WAY WITH EARLY SEASON SUCCESS



Both the Boys' and Girls' rowing squads have made promising starts to the season. As usual, the season has started with a trio of regional head races, two on the Dee and one on the waters at Salford Quays.

The Girls' rowing squads showed early season promise in Salford as they were placed second and fourth overall in the Senior Women's Vllls' categories. The crews saw off local Junior Vllls' from Warrington and the Grange schools, as well as Manchester University.

The Boys' squads have made an impressive start. At both Salford and the Dee Autumn

Head the Boys' Vlll produced the quickest time of the day, along with some encouraging victories over Shrewsbury School in the fours and Vllls'.

With a total of 16 category wins from the first three head races, all of the KSRC squads will look to turn this early season form into a successful 2010/2011.



PLUS, FOUR MORE SUCCESSES ON THE WATER



Four members of the King's School Rowing Club (KSRC) completed their successful season with junior representation at the highest levels.

Oliver Holt (U6LB) competed in the Home Countries International match in Ireland. As a key member of a strong England VIII, the crew dominated the main event of the day returning with gold medals.

Sam Wilson (U6CH) and James Kinsey (U6SW) competed in the Junior European Championships. Both boys walked away from the event in Belgium with medal success. Sam was a key member of the Great Britain VIII that won gold on the Saturday and then a silver medal on the Sunday. James, a member of the Great Britain VIII, also competed in the coxed four, winning silver medals on both Saturday and Sunday.

Inigo Atkin (U6CH) competed in the Junior World Championships which were held in the Czech Republic. Inigo qualified for the GB coxed four. Competing against the best juniors in the world, the coxed four fought hard after a late change due to the injury of one of the crew members. The crew were unlucky to be forced out of a semi-final place by a strong Serbian four. Despite this disappointment, the achievements of Inigo cannot be underestimated as many Junior World Competitors go on to full national colours in future years.



Game, set and Match for our girls!

Congratulations to Ellie Crisp (3DB), Zoe Soutter (3DB), Lucy Armatage (3DB) and Georgina Hodson (3AI) on their win in the U13 Chester & District Tennis Tournament in the summer. It was a clear victory for the girls, winning a total of 64 games out of 72.

Two couples (A and B) from each of the six Chester schools competed in the Chester and District U15 Tennis Tournament held at King's. The competing schools were Queen's, Upton, Abbey Gate, Bishop High, Bishop Heber and King's.

There were some close matches and the overall standard of play was high. After three matches the score was close with Bishop Heber leading King's by one point. King's had it all to play for as their fourth

match was against Bishop Heber. Both King's couples won their next match; Couple A 7-3 and Couple B 6-1. Both couples therefore gaining maximum points for winning by six or more sets.

King's then went on to win their final match and to win the tournament. A well deserved win for an excellent performance by all four girls; Emily Moss (captain) (5CM), Hannah Dent (5CM), Lexi Garnett (5JM) and Charlie Corciulo (5VL).

THROUGH TO THE FINAL ROUND

King's went into the U13 Chester and District Rounders tournament as last year's winners. They played Catholic High, Abbey Gate College and Tarpoley in the opening section. King's qualified in second place.

The girls went on to play the winners of the other section – Christleton. In an excellent semi-final result, King's fielded particularly well to keep the Christleton score down to just one and a half rounders, putting them comfortably in the final against Blacon.

The final could not have been closer – King's did not quite set a high enough target for Blacon to beat,



although the girls held them up until the second to last ball. Never the less it was a fantastic performance to finish as runners up.

Triple victory for cricket teams

The King's School achieved the remarkable feat of winning all three county cricket finals in which they competed. After a string of impressive victories in earlier rounds, King's U12, U14 and U15 teams reached the finals of these prestigious events, with the U13s just failing to reach the final after defeat in the semi-final.

The U14s set an unassailable target after batting first against Sandbach School, eventually winning by more than 40 runs.

The U12s travelled to King's School Macclesfield the following day and, in a rain delayed match, batted first. They posted 84 runs in 20 overs. The hosts were then put under severe pressure by King's Chester, who



bowled and fielded superbly to dismiss their namesakes for 60 runs.

The King's U15s, a team that until this year had struggled, were transformed by the inspirational coaching of new member of staff, Martin Goff. They won an extremely tight game by just seven runs, also against Sandbach.



Premier quality coaching with 'The Toffees'

Students have been reaping the benefits of working with coaches from Everton Football Club at their Community and Development Centre, which takes place weekly at King's.

Everton FC invite clubs from the area to training sessions where they identify players who would benefit from more specialised training. This community project gives King's students the opportunity to run the sessions, which have been developed by the Club. There are over ten King's students contributing to this project, several of whom are also preparing for the FA's Junior Football Organiser's course.

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On song for Mahler concert

Helena Cooke (L6KL) was recently the youngest member of the 360 strong combined Hallé Choir and City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus in two performances of Gustav Mahler's 8th Symphony.

Ralph's a business egg-head!

Ralph Elsegood (4MG) has launched his own enterprise, Flawless Fowls, based in Bunbury. His small-scale poultry breeding business sells hybrid and pure breed chickens, supplies custom hen houses and chicken runs.

Harry's riding off with it

After success at the Pony Club National Tetrathlon, Harry Ashworth (L6ER) was talent spotted by GB Modern Pentathlon. Harry is currently ranked sixth in the country for his Tetrathlon, where the age limit is 21 years. However it is his run, shoot and swim scores for his age that attracted coaches.

Going for goal at hockey

Following a rigorous assessment process and 36 hours of high level coaching sessions, Olly Church (4PN) and Jonny Verity (5CM) were selected by England Hockey to play for the Pennine Pumas U16 team at the Futures Cup tournament at Cannock Hockey Club in October. To reach the final squad of 18 players, the boys also represented the Manchester Pumas as part of the North Region selection process.

For the second year running, Jonny and Olly have achieved the accolade of being identified by England Hockey as being in the pool of best young players in their age group throughout the whole country.

Seb revs up for success

Seb Morris (4ET) made history at Pembrey Circuit in South Wales by winning the 2010 Ginetta Junior Winter Championship. He took two victories and a further second place from the four races contested at the 1.45-mile track over the course of the rain-affected weekend to further underline his potential as a true star in the making in the ranks of British motorsport.



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