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REACHING THE HIGHEST GRADE WITH SUPER A LEVEL RESULTS

Many congratulations go to the Upper Sixth leavers this summer. The results of their A levels place King's firmly as the best performing school in Chester and Cheshire league tables in *The Times* and *The Telegraph*, they also placed King's in 2nd place in the North West for A level results.

Nationally, King's was the 13th best Co-educational school in the country and was placed in 55th position for A level results.

With more A*/A grades than ever before in its history, King's had a stunning **28.8%** of the results at the coveted A* grade, with **67.5%** at A*/A grade. Just over half of King's pupils gained A*/A grades in every subject.

The A* grade, introduced last year, is designed to highlight the very best students and King's is delighted that **26 pupils'** results included two or more A* grades.

Two students gained five grade A/A* A levels: **Edward Andrade** (four A*s and one A) and **Lewis Ankers** (four A*s and one A).

Four A* grades were achieved by: **Siobhan Barnard, Matthew Chadwick, Adam Davies, Joe Dillamore, James Edholm, Christopher Jarvis** and **Oliver Tattersall**.

Three A* grades were achieved by: **Joe Bentley** (plus one A), **James Goulbourne, Robin Johnson** (plus one A), **David Leyland, Tom Menzies** (plus one A) and **Ed Pilkington** (plus one A).

A further 11 students gained two A* grades.

Leavers head for top universities

This year, King's Sixth Form leavers are off to some of the country's best universities. 86% of all the leavers have headed to one of *The Times* Top 30 Universities. 12 leavers were offered places for Oxford and Cambridge and 11 took up those offers. (Isabel Hughes decided to study Medicine elsewhere and turned down her offer for Oxford.)

A third of the 2011 leavers are going to study at one of *The Times* Top 10 universities and 15% to one of the country's top 5 universities.

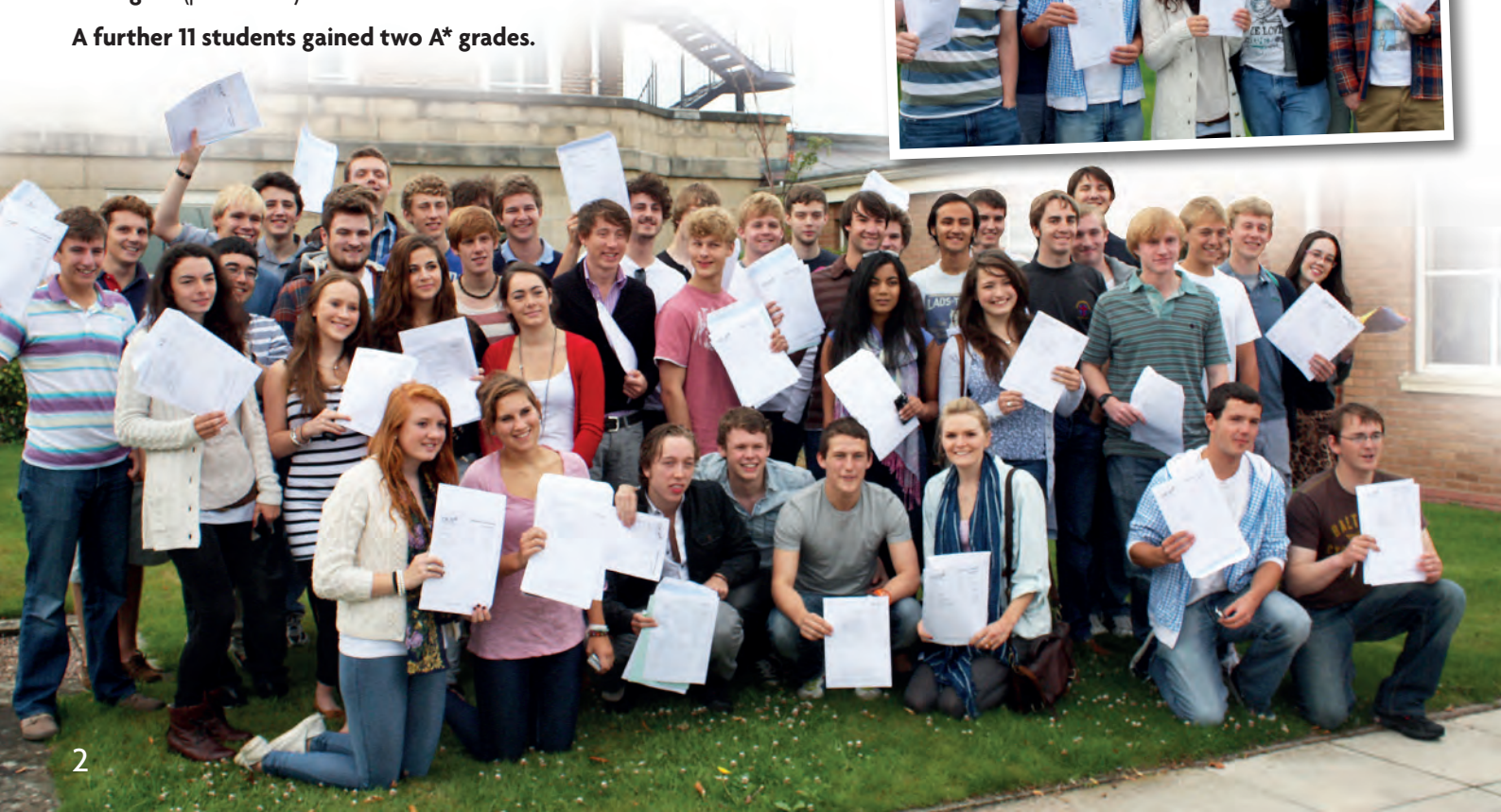
11 leavers took up places to study Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science and 77% of King's applications for these courses were successful, against a national average of 23%.

Each Sixth Former can receive a total of five possible university offers. The 2011 leavers received an average of just under four offers each in a year of record applicants to universities.

For the third time in recent years, a King's student has gained a coveted place at the world-famous Central St Martin's College of Art and Design with Katie Grant being the latest student to achieve this accolade.

In a year which saw an unprecedented number of applications for university, with up to 20 people applying for every place on some of the most competitive courses, King's leavers have shown that their talents and hard work were richly rewarded.

The Headmaster, Mr Chris Ramsey, is Chair Elect of the HMC Universities Committee and, unlike much of the rhetoric in the press, sees first-hand how universities are continuing to recruit the best candidates for their courses regardless of where they have been educated.





Adam is the top A level chemist in the UK

2011 Sixth Form leaver, Adam Davies, obtained the highest mark in the 2011 A level Chemistry examinations in the country.

The Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) awarded Adam a £100 cheque, a certificate, a chemistry book as well as a letter congratulating him on his outstanding achievement. It recognises the hard work of Adam and his teachers in preparing for the exam. Adam is now studying Medicine at St John's College, Cambridge.

The Royal Society of Chemistry is the largest organisation in Europe for advancing the chemical sciences and supporter of chemistry education in the UK. They strive to modernise the curriculum and work closely with the UK government, subject associations, professional bodies and learned societies to ensure a coherent approach to science education.

Many congratulations to Adam on this prestigious award!

Top in Cheshire for GCSEs

It's official – King's have best GCSE results in Chester and Cheshire.

League tables in The Times and The Telegraph place King's as the best performing school for GCSEs in Chester and Cheshire. King's was placed 3rd for GCSE results in the North West and nationally was placed in 72nd position.

An excellent set of results from the Fifth Year saw Emily Moss (L6JS) top the GCSE grades at King's with a stunning 11 A* grades. Following close behind her with ten A*s were: Meredith Benson (L6KS), Matthew Hill (L6NS), George Kaye (L6BH), Hannah Lawrence-Smith, Sean Telford (L6NS) and Joshua Smith (L6JS).

Rachel Alcock (L6NS) gained 9.5 A*s (plus one A) whilst William Marshall (L6JS), Sam Narici (L6SD), Christopher Robson (L6NS), Bethany Shears (L6JK), Matthew Temple (L6KS) and Kartik Upadhyay (L6JK) all achieved nine A*s plus one A.

With higher results than last year, 95% of the GCSE grades were A*/B grades and over a third of all the King's pupils gained all A/A* grades.

The GCSE results also include International GCSE passes in Maths, French, German and Spanish.



KING'S + MATHS = SUCCESS



A team of four Sixth Formers have won the Liverpool Regional Final of the UK Maths Trust Senior Team Challenge.

The team consisting of Sean Telford (L6NS), Matthew Temple (L6KS), Ryan Thompson (U6ML) and Fred Norman (U6SP) were competing against 30 teams from schools across the region.

The team will now go to the National Final in London in February 2012 to compete against the winners of the other Regional finals.

Changing times – new curriculum gets underway

After several years of behind-the-scenes hard work, the new King's curriculum was launched in September. It heralds a modern, forward-looking curriculum with a completely revamped school day. Lessons start slightly earlier and are now 55 minutes long giving teachers and pupils a much improved learning platform.



Pupils are now able to make some subject choices in Third Year, enabling them to concentrate on subjects in which they excel.

The International GCSE programme has been extended to eight subjects: Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Music, French, German and Spanish.

Early indications of the move to the iGCSE courses have been incredibly positive, with disruptive modular examinations giving way to more effective teaching time and much better preparation for A level work.

Furthermore, the more challenging iGCSE courses are much more suitable to the talented pupils at King's.

The new Enrichment Programme was also unveiled in September. This ambitious programme offers every pupil in the school the opportunity to study a whole range of activities including languages such as Mandarin, Italian and Russian; sciences such as Electronics, Organic Chemistry and Astronomy; special interest options such as Biodiversity and Constructed Textiles; creative arts such as Drama and Chorus and academic studies such as Psychology, Legal Studies and Geology. Over 35 different subjects are on offer and in the Sixth Form Community Action is also an option.

The Enrichment Programme is designed to offer pupils subjects which are academically stimulating, in addition to the normal curriculum, and give them the option of trying new skills.

All of the enrichment activities are in addition to the 120 extra-curricular clubs and societies.



The excitement around the school during the enrichment sessions is palpable and the pupils are relishing their new subjects and challenges!





Maths adds up to fun for Removes

At the end of last term, a week of Mathematics Enrichment was run to celebrate the Removes final Maths lessons of the year. They explored Mathematics outside of their normal curriculum, and were able to use and apply it in an unusual context.

Teachers from across the departments contributed to this expanding annual event. Each pupil was given the opportunity to have different lessons with three teachers they wouldn't usually have.

Some of the Maths sessions included "Dodging the Flu", "Junior Stock Market" and "First Past the Post". The aim of the week was to enrich pupils' learning and show how Mathematics can be applied in different environments.

Exhibiting our talent for art



The Art Department were pleased to display work from the 2011 GCSE, AS and A level art students in an exhibition that showcased the fantastic range of their work, interest and skills.

Current and former pupils, parents and staff visited the exhibition in the gallery to view the displays. All of the 2011 leavers who studied art went on to study architecture and design.

IN TUNE WITH CHESTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Three musicians from King's supported a fundraising ball at The Queen's Hotel in aid of the Chester Cathedral Choir's tour to Toulouse next summer.

Pupils Jeremy Telford (L6NS), Terence Au (L6JK) and Lydia Carr (L6BH), performed together with King's Head of Strings, Adrian Rushforth. The aim of the evening was to raise funds through a raffle and auction, whilst enjoying a wonderful meal. All money raised at the ball was used for the benefit of the Choristers of Chester Cathedral.



Paying respects to the fallen – a trip to the WW2 battlefields

The History department's second trip to Holland proved another great success, affording as it did varied insights into Second World War history. An expert guide, Col. Storie-Pugh, brought history to life in the field as 38 pupils and the four history staff were at turns moved and inspired by visits to museums, cemeteries, battlefields and bridges.



Highlights of a packed itinerary included three museum visits. The Anne Frank Museum was incredibly poignant. The pupils ranged in age from 12 to 18 so there were striking resonances here – extracts from her diary, of course, but also the pencil wall markings showing Anne's increasing height. Very different in tone was the Hartenstein Museum, British HQ during the battle for Arnhem. Although *not* celebrating war, it did portray warfare very much from a soldier's viewpoint, complete with sound

effects and original graffiti. Different again was the National Liberation Museum, which reminded the group that Holland was occupied during World War II and what Allied forces were fighting for in September 1944. The museum made a powerful case for repose, remembrance and reconciliation.

The field sites were equally interesting.

Col. Storie-Pugh's account –

delivered while wearing a red beret – of the landings and drops at Ginkelse Heide was dramatic and atmospheric in the early morning chill. But perhaps the pick of these visits was the walk over the bridge at Arnhem – the 'bridge too far' – which Col. Storie-Pugh's uncle, John Frost, struggled valiantly but in vain to capture.



Visiting the graves of former pupils is key to any battlefields trip and the group were able to pay their respects to two OKS. Pilot Officer C.J.C. Walker, shot down in 1942, aged just 21, is buried in Amsterdam



while at Mierlo lies Major G.W. Cowley, former Head Boy and captain of cricket. Like the visits to other cemeteries at Groesbeek and Oosterbeek, these gave powerful testimony to the tragedy of war, of young and promising lives cut short. It certainly made the group reflect and think.



West End star returns to Vanbrugh

Godot might have kept people waiting, but West End star Ronald Pickup returned promptly, as promised, to the Vanbrugh Theatre to attend a performance of September's student-led production of Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*.

The promise in question had been made in the summer, when Ronald Pickup graciously performed the official opening ceremony for the Vanbrugh Theatre. Even he, with all his experience of playing Lucky alongside Ian McKellen, Patrick Stewart and Simon Callow at the Theatre Royal in 2009, could not have foreseen how profoundly emotional he would find Head of School, Luke Howarth's production of Beckett's most famous play.

Playing to full houses on both performance nights, young actors Rupert Hands, Sean O'Doherty, Ketan Dhital, Fred Norman and Ben Maudslay more than lived up to the School's proud tradition of extra-curricular drama. 'Tonight I have seen *Waiting for Godot* in a very different way,' Ronald Pickup told them. Echoing the sentiments of the whole audience, he went on to say that he had 'seen something incredibly special' and felt 'deeply moved'. How very moving it was for all of us also to witness, in a theatre named after the School's most celebrated playwright, that 'incredibly special' encounter between King's School actors across the years.



BIG DRAW

In October, the Art Department supported the national campaign for drawing called 'The Big Draw.'

The Art Department launched their 'Big Draw' on the School's Open Morning when visitors, pupils and staff were encouraged to 'Drop and Draw'. This involved dropping to the floor and drawing everyday objects in a collaborative piece of art work. The activity was enjoyed by all and continued in the Gallery the following week.



Debating team go multilingual

Debating a topic such as 'religion makes good men evil' or 'defend yourself and protect your property at all costs' sounds challenging enough in itself, but six Sixth Formers faced the added challenge of performing in French, German or Spanish when they took part in the fifth annual Northern Schools' MFL debating competition in November.

They had to prepare either to defend or attack four motions, with the motion for each debate decided by the toss of a coin immediately before battle commenced. Nine independent schools took part in the competition and the King's School teams achieved very creditable scores – especially the German team which reached the semi-final. The students were complimented not only for their good language skills but also for their lively, good humoured approach to the event and above all for their ability to react spontaneously and creatively to their opponents' arguments.



Check mate! Triumph at chess

Twenty three pupils from King's entered the Cheshire and North Wales Chess Championships. Around 145 children from the region competed in the County Competition which was hosted by King's.

King's had an exceptional day, winning many individual trophies and gaining the accolade of Schools' Champions for receiving the highest score of any school.

Sixth Former and King's Chess captain, Davin Menon (L6NH) was named as the U21 County Champion. Davin currently plays for the Welsh National team and their scout was at the competition. Since the Championships, Haran Makwana (3DR) and Owen Edwards (RmJW) have also been selected for Wales.



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| • U21 Tournament Champion
Davin Menon (L6NH) | • Third Place – U14 School and Club
Fergus Davidson (3DR) |
| • Winner – U17 School and Club
Matthew Temple (L6KS) | • Runner Up – U14 School and Club
Haran Makwana (3DR) |
| • Winner – U16 County
Susan Gorman (5PN) | • Winner – U14 School and Club
Patrick Hudson (3HL) |
| • Winner – U16 School and Club
Sam Arshad-Roberts (5JM) | • Third Place – U12 County
Owen Edwards (RmJW) |
| • Runner Up – U16 School and Club
Oscar Lloyd Williams (5MP) | • Second Place – U12 School and Club
Ally Bibby (RmGA) |
| • Third Place – U16 School and Club
Henry Thompson (5EH) | • Second Place – U9 School and Club
Nithilan Sivanand (J2B) |
| • Third Place – U15 School and Club
Animesh Anand (4FV) | |



On the Inca trail... exploring Peru and Bolivia

This summer two teams of Fifth Year and Sixth Form students spent four weeks on a personal development expedition in Peru and Bolivia, South America. The teams travelled to La Paz, the capital of Bolivia, before moving on to Copacabana on the shores of Lake Titicaca where they visited the Incan ruins and sacrificial table on the Isla Del Sol.

Team One then headed to Sorata donning sturdy walking boots for a challenging trek in the High Andes of Bolivia. They reached the Laguna Glacier at over 5000m, with the help of guide Eduardo after several days camping out in freezing temperatures surrounded by the most amazing scenery and wild llamas.

Meanwhile, Team Two journeyed over the border into Peru, trekking in the Cotahusai Canyon, the deepest canyon in the world, before working with the community in the

Sacred Valley, where they became fully involved in Peruvian village life. Team One also followed the second team into Peru but headed for Cusco to work on a project in a boys' home which involved raising a vegetable bed, levelling a football pitch and constructing a stone path.

Both teams also visited Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas. They then headed to the oasis at Huacachina for some relaxation as well as to try out sand boarding in the dunes.



The students gained enormously from the experience – from managing a budget to organising transport, but most importantly becoming fully immersed in another culture whilst enjoying themselves.

Next year, students will be venturing to Madagascar to work with a school funded by King's over the last few years, before paddling down a river in dugout canoes.

World class performance at Model United Nations



Students attended the Model United Nations Conference at Cheadle Hulme School where they gained several distinctions. Six of the King's delegates won individual commendations and the delegation representing South Africa was Highly Commended in the General Assembly.

'Commended Delegates' were Harry Butt (L6SD) and Rory Benson (L6AM) representing Qatar and George Vickers (U6TH) for his work representing South Africa.

'Best Young Delegate' in the Middle East Committee and representing Qatar, was Jack Webber (5JM) and, in the Political Committee representing South Africa, was Barnaby Rule (ShJJ).

Kallum Marsden (U6AM) was an 'Outstanding Delegate' as South Africa representative in the Ethical Committee, which singles him out as one of the top 12 attending delegates out of around 450 students.

Success for our biggest ever Spanish Exchange

The School welcomed Spanish guests from Colegio Fontenebro, which is situated in the mountain range near Madrid, during September.

Forty-five Spaniards between 13 and 18 years old were welcomed into King's pupils' homes. This was the biggest ever Spanish Exchange programme undertaken by the school.

In October, the King's pupils enjoyed a return ten-day language exchange to Madrid. The group spent some time at the Colegio Laude, Madrid, where they attended a range of lessons along with their Spanish Exchange partners. The pupils took part in a variety of visits including tours of local areas such as Chinchon, Toledo and Segovia. They also had the opportunity to spend time experiencing Spanish culture with their host families.



A WHO'S WHO AT THE GLOBE



Sixth Form A level English Literature students visited London during September, where they had an extraterrestrial experience of a different kind when they went to see the World Famous Globe Theatre.

The students were visiting the theatre to watch a performance of 'Doctor Faustus' and were lucky enough to meet actor Arthur Darvill, currently starring as Rory in the BBC's Doctor Who, during a talkback session following the production.

The Sixth Formers also met Jade Williams, who performed with Darvill in 'Doctor Faustus', the critically-acclaimed Christopher Marlowe play at the Globe. The Globe Theatre is a replica of the 16th century theatre, where many of William Shakespeare's plays were performed. The students thoroughly enjoyed their visit and found it extremely useful for their A level studies.

New Heads elected for School and Prefect teams

The new Head of School Team is announced.

The Head of School is Luke Howarth (U6SW) with Miranda Harle (U6ML) and Arthur Jebb (U6AM) both appointed as Deputies. In addition, 30 other Sixth Formers have been selected as the Head Prefect Team, this being the largest amount of students that King's have chosen since a new democratically elected Prefect system was put into place.

The selection process for the Head of School team is extremely rigorous and competitive, with candidates applying by personal statement, hustings debate, panel interview (with the



Headmaster and Head of Sixth Form) and voting from teaching staff and Lower Sixth Form students.

The Head Prefect Team at King's take on countless responsibilities in their year of office, from visitor tours, meeting and greeting at events, library duties and assemblies, to Sixth Form film

production as well as an alternative prospectus. Outside of the Head Prefect team a further 70 students have been elected to other Prefect responsibilities to enable almost the entire year group to gain leadership experience and develop the school community at King's.

Removes take up the challenge

In a break from tradition, this year the Removes took part in their outdoor trip before term began rather than in the first few weeks of it.

The year group assembled in school on Thursday 1st September and, after spending some time getting to know each other, departed for the Manor Adventure Centre. Every pupil was issued with a t-shirt, embroidered with their name and the school crest. The t-shirts were coloured to reflect the house which the pupils would represent:

RmJW and RmSC were given blue t-shirts to show that they belonged to Shepherds, RmPH and RmLR had yellow t-shirts for Evans, RmGA and RmLB had red t-shirts (Lindans) and RmRA and RmVL had the green t-shirts of Falles. The pupils looked very smart in their new attire and it was easy for them to spot others in their teaching group.

On arrival at Manor Adventure, pupils were shown to their dormitories by the centre staff and then divided into activity groups. Each activity group consisted of a tutor group and this allowed all pupils and tutors the chance of getting to know each other while taking part in a range of activities. Pupils particularly enjoyed the underground maze (and emerged wet and muddy from it), crate stacking (a great team-building activity) and the confidence course (a series of ropes and poles high in the trees).

The tutors really enjoyed the rifle range (the annual competition resumed with Mr Andrews as keen as ever)

and the obstacle course (Mr Ward showed his tutor group how to complete each element with style).

Each pupil was given a card with the name of a character from a cartoon, film or book on it. During break times, pupils had been challenged to find their card partner, for example Tom had to find Jerry, Wallace had to find Gromit and Romeo had to find Juliet. When the partners had found each other, they reported to Mrs Gareh and told her three interesting facts about their new friend. The reward was some chocolate!

The evening at Manor Adventure was spent in tutor meetings and taking part in the first inter-form competition – a quiz about sweets. After a good night's sleep, all took part in more activities on Friday 2nd September such as abseiling and initiative exercises. After a long but really enjoyable day, the whole group returned to school. Parents reported that the pupils had been really tired after the trip but had really enjoyed themselves and were looking forward to seeing their friends when term began on Monday 5th September.

The trip was a great start to the year and the t-shirts really gave the Removes a sense of identity as well as allowing others to get to know names very quickly. The t-shirts will be used again for inter-house sport competitions and the Removes are still talking about the fun they had at Manor Adventure.



In the pink for Breast Cancer

Fundraising for different Breast Cancer Charities saw pupils don an additional colour to their usual blue, green and grey uniform – pink!



The colourful day raised £653 for Cancer Research. The day was arranged by Natalie Metcalf (L6NH) and Sophie Caslin (L6NH), who also organised a cake sale and ran the 'Race for Life' to support their fundraising.





Expressing a Passion for Poetry



The 'Passion for Poetry' Club showed their enthusiasm for poetry with a Reading Marathon which took place over two lunch periods. Pupils and staff were given the opportunity to read their favourite poems in the Vanbrugh Theatre in an hour-long, non-stop marathon. In total 104 poems were dramatically read aloud to an appreciative audience of staff and pupils.

The event was so successful that it had to be extended to an extra lunchtime. Two winners were selected: one for the best poem to be read aloud and a further winner chosen from all the pupils involved.

During the week, staff had been asked to choose their favourite poem and all the poems were mounted and displayed around the school. The events were organised by King's Passion for Poetry Club to celebrate National Poetry Day.

Shhh... drop everything and read

On Monday 3rd October, all lessons and school activities stopped for 15 minutes during International School Library Day as King's took part in an initiative to promote reading.

The 'Drop Everything and Read' scheme saw both pupils and staff members pick up a book and read for 15 minutes. From science labs to art studios and Junior School assembly, the school fell silent.

King's recognises the vital part reading plays in pupils' education and this event, organised by our enthusiastic Librarians, encouraged all pupils to pick up a book and read.



Leading the Cadets Contingent



After the October holiday half term, the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) saw members compete for the chance to lead the Contingent – an important role within CCF. The selection process included leadership tasks, an interview, delivering a lecture and group discussions on current affairs.

The highest scoring Cadets were: Mark Rennie (U6ER) who performed outstandingly with the highest score and was appointed to Cadet RSM (Regimental Sergeant Major) and Cadet Will Miller (U6ML) who came second and was appointed to Cadet CSM (Company Sergeant Major). Matthew Temple (L6KS) has been promoted to Cadet FSgt (Flight Sergeant) as a result of his superb leadership skills to lead the RAF Section.

Racing miles to help Down's charity

During the summer holiday, teachers Mr Lee and Mr Heap ran in this year's 'Lakeland 50 Race' which is one of the toughest running challenges in Europe – at 50 miles long it is twice the length of a marathon.

They were raising money in aid of the Charity Sundowns which aims to support children with Down's Syndrome and their families. Mr Lee and Mr Heap were able to raise a total of £2131.19.

Stepping back in time with Archibald's War

The heart-warming tale of a teddy bear lost by a wartime evacuee was brought vividly to life by the J4 cast of Archibald's War.



More than 60 children performed in the show, claiming the honour of becoming the first young thespians to stage a school drama in the Vanbrugh Theatre. The audience was transported to a time of GIs, steam trains, jitterbug and ration books, as the spirit of the Home Front in World War II filled the splendid auditorium. Nostalgic songs, such as "We'll Meet Again" and "Hush, Here Comes a Whizz Bang", were delivered by the chorus line of the "Home Guard" and the "Women at War."

As the wartime evacuees enlivened a sleepy Cheshire village, Archibald, the beloved lost teddy of Maggie, is adopted by another child, Jack. Through air raids and evacuation, the teddy bear is Jack's constant companion. When Jack and Maggie finally meet, Maggie recognises her beloved Archibald, and there is a fierce struggle over the bear.

The show was framed by the memories of 'Grandma', as told to her granddaughter Lucy. Funny, sad and with a twist in the tale, Archibald's War offered a nostalgic snapshot of life in the country for children escaping the London Blitz.

GIVING IT OUR BEST TRI

Amelia Standing (RmJW), Isobel Wild (RmGA) and Bethan Pode (RmGA) competed in the Sefton Triathlon for juniors which saw them attempting to tackle a 50m swim, 2k bike ride and topped off their exhausting day with a 1k run.

The highly successful event was sponsored by New Start and attracted entries from competitors aged from 7-74.

Amelia Standing attacked all three disciplines with much vigour despite the gruelling task that lay ahead of her and was rewarded with an individual medal for finishing in 15th place. Amelia finished with a time of 0:14:51 which was just under three minutes behind the eventual winner. Both Isobel Wild (23rd) and Bethan Pode (55th) also deserve praise for their efforts; all three were confirmed as winners of the Association of Junior Independent Schools' event.



TAKING CRY TO HEART

The King's Junior School raised £200 for the charity 'Cardiac Risk in the Young' with a number of class cake sales.

The charity aims to provide young adults between the ages of 14-35 with free ECG heart screenings, helping to detect hidden heart conditions and ultimately helping to save lives.



Juniors answer quiz challenge



Junior School pupils Lucas Arthur (J4H), Jack Walker (J4H), Mariam Littler (J4G) and Philippa Noble (J4G) represented the School in this year's AJIS Quiz. Their performance was outstanding.

Early in the competition, King's astonished the audience by achieving an amazing 20/20 in the Dingbats round.

As the contest progressed, whenever results were announced, King's appeared to be in 1st place and although it was very close towards the end, many people thought King's had won.

However, Bolton scored highly in the last round or two and the final result was a draw, so it went to a tie-breaker. Bolton scored that point – and the King's team will never forget that Addis Ababa is the capital of Ethiopia!

The King's team's general knowledge, team work and sportsmanship was superb.

Juniors swim to success at Schools' Gala

The Junior School swimming team have recently competed in the AJIS (Association of Junior Independent Schools) Swimming Gala against 21 other schools.

The event was held at Darwen Leisure Centre. Two King's teams of U10 and U11 girls and boys swam extremely well and reached five finals in total.

Special mention has to go to Tom Hughes (J2B) aged nine, who swam in the year above and won a silver medal in the boys' Backstroke. Rohan Ingleby (J4H) also swam well coming 3rd in the boys' Breaststroke.





It's been a busy few months for the Alumni Team, with reunions, heart-warming stories of engagements between former pupils and the incredible story of two former best pals who hadn't seen each other for 50 years, meeting up again after a chance e-mail to the Alumni Office...

Back to the 80s



Former pupils and staff congregated at School in September for a 1980s Reunion.

Former teachers Harvey Mellor, John Leyshon, Graham Hutton, Paul Consterdine and Barry Ball relished the opportunity to catch up with their former students and find out where life had led them 20 years after leaving school.

Archive material from the 80s was displayed, there was a fun presentation on the School today, followed by a competitive game of 5-a-side football, refereed by former Head of Sport, Adrian Neeves.

Andrew Lilico (1988 Leaver) was one of those who attended. Since leaving school he has become a leading economist, who writes for national newspapers, sits on The Sunday Times Shadow Monetary Policy Committee, and is a regular commentator on economic issues on BBC television and radio. He gave an informative and stimulating talk to Sixth Form Economists and shared his views on the current global economic crisis.

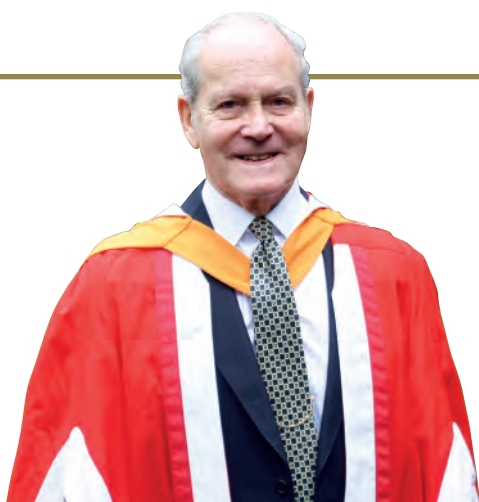
Fifty years on... old friends meet again

A chance e-mail to The King's School Alumni Office has led to the reunion of two former best pals from the fifties. Peter Williams who now lives in Newark, New Jersey e-mailed the Alumni Office to try and find some details for Leon Bernicoff – his best friend from school in the 1950s. Our newly updated database held details of Leon's current address, and we were able to put them in touch.

Peter, who emigrated to America in the 1950s, taught English at the University of Delaware, and is the author of 'Whistling in the Soup' – a collection of his childhood memories in Wales during World War 2. Leon taught History at various schools in Liverpool throughout his long career and was delighted to catch up and relive some old school memories.

The pair met at The Queen's Hotel in Chester, with their respective partners, then came into School to have coffee with the Headmaster. They had a tour of the School and looked at some archive material from the 1950s. Both agreed they had really enjoyed the day and were absolutely thrilled to meet up again after nearly 60 years!





Old boy awarded Honorary Doctorate

Dr Clifford Kay CBE, FRCGP who attended King's in 1936, was recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science from the University of Chester for his outstanding contribution to research in general practice and women's health. Clifford set up a GP Practice in Didsbury, and throughout his esteemed career made a massive contribution to medical research, publishing over 70 research articles.

Painting a picture of life at St Martin's

At the beginning of November, Katie Grant, Sixth Form leaver 2011, returned to school to visit the Art Exhibition of GCSE and A level Art in the gallery and to view her A level work. Katie has gone on to study a foundation course in Art and Design with a graphics specialism at the prestigious Central St Martin's College of Art, London.

King's Art Department have a long tradition of sending pupils to St Martin's with David Graham in 2008 and Sarah Narici in 2009. Former Art student, Felix Chabluk-Smith, who graduated from Edinburgh, an equally prestigious art college, has also been awarded a place at the Royal College of Art to study a Master's Degree in Men's Fashion.

Former pupil Tim Wallinger is a fellow of St Martin's and went on to become a successful menswear designer with his own brand.



REGISTER ON OUR ALUMNI DATABASE TODAY!

If you have not yet registered on our Alumni Database, please do so. You can search for former pals with whom you may have lost contact and find out what they are doing now.

For more details contact:
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True love begins at King's



Two former pupils have announced their engagement ten years after studying together at King's.

Mike Sayer and Natasha Jakub got engaged in Turkey last year and plan to marry on the 24th November 2012. Here they are pictured in Turkey.

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Hockey girls get through to National Championship

The U18s girls' hockey team progressed through to the National Schools' Championship for the fifth consecutive year after four straight wins and a clean sheet by Goalkeeper Jenny Corlett (U6SW).

The King's girls were victorious against Lymm High School, Wilmslow High School, The Grange School and The Queen's School and progressed through to the North West Semi Final in Timperley. The team all played exceptionally well and put in a good performance despite tough opposition.

There were some brilliant goals on the day most notably from Megan Rudge (U6KL), Kate Coppack (U6KL), Lexi Garnett (U6SD) and Charlotte Nott (U6AM).



In the North West Semi Final King's were unlucky not to qualify for the next round. With an excellent display of fine hockey against St. Mary's College Merseyside, resulting in a 3-1 victory and a 11-0 victory against Sheffield High School, King's looked promising in their final match against

Sedburgh. The U18s played in good spirit and at times showed what has made them such a force to be reckoned with. Tiredness got the better of them and they lost 2-1. They can now look forward to the County Indoor Final in January and County Outdoor Final in March.



Game, set and match to U13s

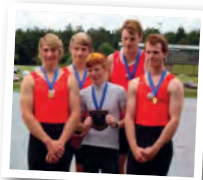
Towards the end of the Summer term the U13 girls' tennis team won the U13 District Tennis Tournament. They beat teams from Upton, Christleton, Bishop Heber, Queen's and Abbey Gate College Schools. Playing as a pair, Harriet Fisher (3AI) and Sophie Drew (3DR), gained the most points of any pair in the tournament and beat all of their opponents.



Emily Boothroyd (3DR) and Catriona Hogg (3JR) played as the second couple and won four of the five matches, winning three games by six or more to gain extra points.

REPRESENTING WALES IN THE HOME INTERNATIONALS

Over the summer period, Harry Brightmore (U6SW) and Elizabeth Williams (U6ER) gained international representation by qualifying for the Welsh rowing squad at this year's Home Countries' International Regatta in Strathclyde, Scotland.



In addition to this considerable achievement, Harry was also able to secure the coxing seat in the Coxed Four Squad. At the British National Championships the four rowed a high performance race to win gold and become British Champions. Despite their earlier performance, the four came in 3rd at the International Regatta behind Ireland and England.

Elizabeth Williams, (Vice-Captain of KSRC in 2011) won a seat in the Welsh Junior Squad. After a disappointing row at the National Championships, the quad trained well in the build up to the regatta to secure a 3rd place finish in Strathclyde. Elizabeth will be hoping to go one better in 2011-2012 as she sets her targets on a full GB vest and begins the process for qualification into the full GB team.

Rowers impress at GB Rowing Trials

King's entered four athletes into the Great Britain Early Identification Rowing Trials, held in Boston. Out of 180 GB hopefuls from all parts of the UK, the King's athletes showed their class by all finishing in the top half of the draw. William Miller (5JM) led the charge by finishing 9th overall, in amongst many GB Junior Internationals from the 2010-2011 season. Harry Ashworth (U6ER) came 31st, Harry Chappell (L6KS) was ranked 57th and Freddy Hill (U6KL) came 70th.

It was an excellent day for the King's rowers who will look to progress in the GB ranking next February at the pairs' trials in Boston.



Rowers get season off to a great start

The Rowing Club had an encouraging start to the season when they won four events in the Chester Long Distance Sculls race held on the River Dee. King's boated a reduced entry due to the early date of the event in the calendar; however the athletes who did compete showed excellent early season form.

The boys' top squad came in 3rd position behind two strong Royals quads, the boys' J17 squad came an encouraging 11th overall and won the J17 category. Other winners were Harry Ashworth (U6ER) and Will Miller (U6ML) in the single sculls event along with Kitty Abberton (4DL) and Olivia Rogerson (4CM) in the J16 girls' double sculls.



Staff hold off pupils' rowing challenge

Staff members were given the challenge of competing against a VIII, which comprised of athletes from the boys' and girls' rowing squads, in a 500 metre race in July.

It was a very competitive, but enjoyable race, which rounded off the 2011 season perfectly.

Both crews lined up for the last race of the year. The pupils got away well, leading from the start however, 100 metres into the race, the staff pulled back level and took a commanding lead of $\frac{3}{4}$ length. Despite tiring in the last 100 metres, the staff managed to hold off the challenge of the pupils to win by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.



Running the distance at Cross Country

The girls' Cross Country team participated in the Chester and District Cross Country in October, competing against 11 other schools in the District. King's were the only school that managed to enter a full senior team and for the third year running took first place. King's also took first place in the Minors competition which is run solely by Remove pupils, and in the Inters race which is a mix of Fourth and Fifth Year pupils.

Following on from the success of the girls' Cross Country team, the boys' team also had a strong showing in the Chester and District Cross Country event. The Minor team (Removes) placed 2nd overall, beaten by a strong Tarporley side. The Junior team, made up of Shells and Third Year pupils, also placed 2nd overall. Both the Intermediate and Senior boys' team won their events, though the Inter-team shared the honours with Christleton High School. As well as the team events, the top 20 individual boys and girls in each race will be selected to represent Chester in the County Championships, which will be held in the New Year.

Everyone ran fantastically well and represented the school brilliantly.



Under 18s are 7-a-side winners

The annual Chester and District U18 School 7-a-side Football Tournament was hosted at King's.

The two top performing teams in the tournament were entered into the Cup Competition with the second two into a Plate Competition. King's ran out victors in the Cup beating Christleton High School, Queen's Park High School and drawing with 2nd placed Bishop Heber School. The Plate Competition was won by Tarporley High School.



Playing host for football and netball



King's hosted two Football and Netball Tournaments for local Primary Schools across Chester and North Wales. Winners in the Plate Competition this year were The Firs School for both football and netball.

In the Cup Competition, Waverton Community Primary School won the netball for the second year running and Upton Heath Primary School won the football contest. Winners, Upton Heath were invited by Everton Football Club to play in a tournament at Finch Farm – Everton's training ground – in December.

Scouts from Everton Football Club were also there on the day on the lookout for any new talent in the area.

GIRLS WIN PLACES AT HOCKEY PERFORMANCE CENTRE

Three girls have been chosen to attend the North Junior Regional Performance Centre for hockey. Katie Pownall (4MW), Ellie Kearney-Mitchell (4DL) and Kitty Abberton (4DL) were all successful in progressing to the County Academy where they will represent the Northern Schoolgirls Counties against other regional performance centres. Katie was selected to go into the U16 Level whilst both Ellie and Kitty were placed into the U15s Level.



Fencing team in Cheshire schools final!



Members of the Fencing Club competed in the Fencing Competition for Cheshire schools in June.

Despite being young and relatively inexperienced, the King's team fought well in the final competition at Christleton High School but fell slightly short of a medal position in the last remaining seconds.

All pupils contributed equally to the team effort, but particularly impressive was Rishi Lakshmanan (ShHB) who was drawn against a Sixth Former nearly twice his height and defended himself well. Bede Timpson (RmSC) was also outstanding and was voted 'Fencer of the year' by his fellow team members.

THE UNDEFEATABLE BOYS' HOCKEY TEAM

The U14s boys' hockey team are proving to be undefeatable in this year's Cheshire Cup and with one game still to play it is highly likely that they will be progressing as champions through to the North West Finals. Last year saw many members of the successful U13s team finish within the top four of the North finals. The team is playing very well and have already amassed 47 goals this season.

Captain William Dodd-Moore (3DB) is leading the way this year having scored 16 goals in five games. They recently played against a talented Pijnacker Hockey Club who were visiting from Holland.

A special mention must go to Freddie Cheshire (SHLP) and Matthew Williams (SHJM) who have marshalled the backline well, and to goalkeeper Daniel Whittingham (SHRA).



Rowers bag seven super successes

King's had an excellent day at the recent Northwich Head held on the River Weaver in Northwich. With the club boating 38 crews and 98 pupils it was the biggest King's entry to an event this season and the athletes gave their best on what was a glorious autumnal day.

Nine scullers raced in Division 1, from the boys' squad William Marshall (L6JS) continued his run of form in the J17 category, with Charlie Mayes (5MP) leading the King's scullers in the J16 category. From the girls' squad Amelia Barry (5JM) was the quickest girls' sculler and Henrietta Green (5EH) picked up her first win of the season in the Novice Women's Category.

In Division 2 there were wins for the novice four (J15 coxed four) as well as the girls' J16 coxless quad plus the girls' senior coxed four, who continued their good run of form after their very positive result the week before at the Fours Head.

The club picked up a further three wins in Division 3 as the J16 coxed four won their category. There were also wins for the senior girls' double scull of Alice Carr (5JM) and Elizabeth Williams (U6ER), as well as a first win for the J14 boys in the coxed quad, beating rivals Shrewsbury school into 2nd place.



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WILF IS A MATHS OLYMPIAD STAR

Wilf Le Brocq (ShJJ) has achieved an outstanding result in the Junior Maths Olympiad, receiving a bronze medal for his performance. A quarter of a million people took the initial challenge with the top 1000 competitors being selected for the Olympiad. Only a small number were given a distinction and a medal.

OUR U12 TENNIS ACE

This year's International Tri-Nations Tennis Tournament in Dublin saw Tom Thelwall-Jones (RmSC) compete as one of the 16 players selected for the Welsh Team and played against teams from Ireland and Scotland. Despite it being Tom's first International Cap he was selected as Number 1 for the U12 team and tasted success when he won against the Irish Number 1. Tom was finally beaten by the Scottish Number 1, despite his valiant effort.



GEORGE TACKLES HIS WAY TO TRAINING SQUAD

George Nott (5JM) has been selected to join the North of England rugby training squad as part of the England U16 selection process. George, who plays No. 8 and Lock Forward, is currently a member of the Sale Sharks Elite Player Development Squad and captain of Chester U16s. His selection for the training squad is jointly due to George's great efforts at Sale and some barn-storming performances after his selection to play for Cheshire.

As a result of his continued hard work, he has been invited to a Development weekend in Leeds. The weekend, which takes place in January, will allow the selectors the opportunity to see all the players in action and decide which of them will progress to full England honours.

Aside from George's success in rugby, he is also a talented footballer and cricketer. He has represented the Northern Independent Schools in football and opened the bowling for King's in last summer's impressive cup run when King's were crowned Northern Champions.

CAMERON'S A FUTURE STAR

Cameron Hogg (5EH) competed in the Aegon U16 Grand Prix Masters' Tennis Finals where he performed tremendously well and reached the semi-finals, narrowly losing to the eventual winner.

Despite this, Cameron still achieved his qualifying record for the event and finished 7th nationally for the summer season and 11th nationally for the year. As a result of this, Cameron was chosen by the Lawn Tennis Association for the Aegon Future Stars Group for the coming year.



JUMPING UP A LEVEL

Sara Ashworth (5ET) has been competing in Eventing and Tetrathlon competitions over the summer holidays. Sara qualified for, and competed in, the National Tetrathlon Championships and was placed 14th in the Open Class. Sara achieved one of her personal goals which was to reach the level needed to compete in the Junior British Eventing Team. By doing so she was invited to the U18s Wales and Borders Competition at the Regional Team Championships.



TWO TOMS SAIL THROUGH TO REPRESENT GB



Two pupils have gained a key achievement by being selected to represent Great Britain at an International Sailing Event during the summer. Tom Williams (L6CC) and Tom Joesbury (4MN) competed in The Laser 4.7 European Championships which took place in Holland. The competition was extremely high with 450 entries from just 26 countries and spanned a whole week.

ISOBEL MAKES A SPLASH

Isobel Wild (RmGA) spent much of her half term competing in the Swim Wales Welsh Summer National Swimming Gala in Swansea. She swam in the 10-11 year old category and did exceedingly well winning a gold medal in the 100m Backstroke, a silver in the 200m Backstroke and 200m Freestyle. She also won a bronze in the 100m and 400m Freestyle.

Isobel also participated in the Welsh School Games in Cardiff and was fortunate enough to get the chance to have her photograph taken with the Olympic Torch. She competed in two of the swimming events, the 50m and the 100m Butterfly race.



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