



THE KING'S SCHOOL
CHESTER

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SIXTH FORM STARS REACH ANOTHER LEVEL

It was another great day for King's as Sixth Formers celebrated an excellent crop of A-level results in August.

Over a fifth of students gained the coveted A* grades and almost 40% of the III King's sixth formers gained A/A* grade in three A levels or more.

Five A levels were achieved by Miriam Bowen (four A* and one A) who has gone to read Mathematics at Warwick and Luke Howarth (three A* and two A) who has gone to study English at Oxford.

Seven girls and eight boys gained four A levels with all A/A* grades being achieved by Jenny Corlett, Henry Crouch-Smith, Richard Dawson, Ketan Dhital, Felicity Elsegood, Emily Guest, Miranda Harle, Dona Kumar, Fred Norman, Bharat Sharma, PJ Wang and Raymond Williams.

Kate Coppack achieved four A levels including one A* and two A and Lottie Frazer Cox achieved four A levels including two A* and one A. Selim Ungut also achieved four A levels, including one A* and two A grades.

Hattie Webb gained four A levels including one A* and two A and has gone to study Archaeology and Anthropology at Cambridge; James Goulbourne achieved three A* grades and has gone to read Economics at Cambridge and Bradley Davies achieved four A levels including two A* and one A and has gone to Oxford to read Chemistry.

This year's crop of offers brings the total number of Oxford and Cambridge places gained by King's to 80 in the last nine years.

A further 31 students (14 girls and 17 boys) gained at least three A*/A grades with two of these – James Barnard and Ryan Thompson achieving all three at A* grade.

These were:

Harry Ashworth, Eleanor Bunting, Matthew Burgess, Nicole Clerk, Courtney Dowinton, Lara Goodwin, William Goulbourne, Natalie Hall, Sally James, Arthur Jebb, Stephen Lear, Will Miller, Ashleigh Milner, Josh Murray, Tom Niblock, Charlotte Nott, Sean O'Doherty, Ben Parton, Edward Peel, Jack Rhodes, Hannah Riley, Catherine Skue, Can Ulger, David Vickers, George Vickers, Dinushika Weerasinghe, Alice Wilkinson, Emma Williams and Vicky Wilson-Theaker.



GCSE and iGCSE results that speak for themselves

The King's School celebrated another set of excellent results as GCSE and iGCSE results were announced in August.

Eight pupils gained ten A* grades: Peter Boothroyd, Jessica Guest, Jack Jameson, Tom Jameson, Henry Makings, Tommy Metcalf, Hayley Milner, and Cameron Winter.

A further seven pupils achieved nine A* and one A: Eleanor Barnard, Elisabeth Cousins, Guy Dunbavand, Jack Peake, Ananth Ranjit (nine A* plus two A), Isabel Reid and Henry Thompson.

55% of pupils gained eight, nine or ten A*/A grades. King's girls performed extremely well with 44% of grades being A* and 76% A*-A

King's results included iGCSE in the following subjects: Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Music, French, Spanish and German.

From September 2013, English Literature and English Language courses will move to the iGCSE qualification.



WELL-VERSED FINALISTS READ ALOUD

To celebrate National Poetry Day, King's pupils competed in 'The Poetry Games'. Pupils from all years submitted their poems, and 13 poet finalists were then chosen to read their poems before staff and other pupils, as well as guest judge and Poet, Clive McWilliam in The Vanbrugh Theatre.



Finalists were assigned a Sixth Form mentor, who gave suggestions on how to improve poems and help practise reading aloud with expression. As ever, judging proved very difficult, and two joint winners emerged. The two winning poems were *The Whisper of Thoughts* by Andrew Darby (4DR), mentored by Matthew Spencer (U6JS), and

Monster by Rachel Huber (3RL), mentored by Chris Robson (U6NS).

A special mention was given to Gabriel Parry (ShAI), mentored by Oliver Bradley (U6NH), for his crowd pleasing poem about Everton Football Club entitled *Everyone has a Religion – but mine is different*.

Young voices turn up the volume

To celebrate the wonderful poetry writing at King's, Mrs Lydon and the Passion for Poetry (P4P) group have compiled a fantastic poetry anthology, 'Young Voices' which went on sale on National Poetry Day.

Over 50 pupils from throughout the Senior School have poems published in this volume. The P4P group have been meeting for over two years and have organised some great poetry events at lunchtimes which have proved extremely popular with pupils.

Copies of 'Young Voices' can be purchased from the library for £5.

The anthology has also received a plaudit from renowned poet Simon Armitage: "Dear King's School Chester, may your poems and poets prosper."



Boys 'do the business' for the fourth year running



The Good Schools' Guide have awarded The King's School Economics and Business department with their fifth award for excellent results. For the fourth year in succession, GCSE Business Studies and Economics students have achieved a Good Schools' Guide Award. The 2012 award is for the best GCSE results for boys studying Business Studies and Economics at an English Independent School. Many congratulations to the pupils and staff in the department for this fine achievement.



ROWERS UNVEIL KING'S CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

King's Olympic rowers returned to School in September to visit current pupils and officially open the newly developed Sixth Form centre.

Tom James, Chris Bartley and Olivia Whitlam were welcomed by Head of School, Kartik Upadhyay, before unveiling a plaque in the presence of the Chair of Governors, Councillor Eleanor Johnson, Governors, the Headmaster and Sixth Form students. The £300,000 investment boasts new study rooms, a bigger cafe and common room with new I.T. facilities. The Sixth Form students love their new Sixth Form centre and are grateful to the KSPA for buying the colourful new sofas in the common room.



Sean's Winning Formula



Sean Telford (U6NS) has been chosen as Liverpool John Moores University's Ogden Trust 'Young Physicist of the Year'. Sean was one of a handful of Physics students from the Cheshire and Merseyside area to receive the award.

The award was presented at Spaceport, Wirral, and organised by Liverpool John Moore's Astrophysics Research Institute. Along with his award, Sean also received £25 worth of book tokens.

Sean is applying to Cambridge University to study Natural Sciences.

Head of Physics, Dr. Heritage said: "I was delighted to put Sean forward for this award. His enthusiasm for the subject and his willingness to support other learners has been inspirational to all."

The King's Scholars 2012



The King's School announced The King's Scholars for 2012 in July. These academic scholarships are awarded to up to 12 pupils at the end of the Removes (Year 7) year.

Pupils are nominated by teachers based on their work throughout their first year in the Senior School and scholars are selected further to an interview with the Headmaster and presentation on a subject of their choice. Scholars are awarded £500 and the accolade of having KS after their name during their time at King's. The term 'King's Scholars' was first used by Henry VIII when he founded King's and was re-introduced at the School around seven years ago with the introduction of the scholarship awards.

Scholarships were awarded to: Owen Edwards (ShPS), Ben Ford (ShRC), Rhiannon Jackson (ShHL), Sarah Korb (ShML), Kieran Kumar (ShHL), Anna Lloyd (ShML), Alasdair Montgomery (ShHL), Rebecca Perkins (ShHL), Kingsley Roden (ShML) and Ruhi Singh (ShML).

ALISTAIR AND PETER ENGINEER COVETED SCHOLARSHIP

Alistair Coley (L6SW) and Peter Boothroyd (L6SB) have been awarded sought-after Arkwright Engineering Scholarships that identify them as some of the country's future leaders in engineering and related areas of design.

Arkwright
SCHOLARSHIPS

The renowned Arkwright Engineering Scholarships provide the students with a £600 financial award to enhance their A level studies and a range of activities to enhance their understanding and experience of engineering. King's will also receive £400 for each scholarship that its students have been awarded. The scholarships are respected by leading universities and industrial companies and are supported by top engineering employers such as Rolls Royce, BT, BAE Systems, National Grid, Balfour Beatty, Microsoft Research, Thales, The Royal Air Force and The Royal Navy.

Alistair and Peter had to successfully complete a rigorous selection process consisting of a detailed application form, a two hour aptitude paper and an interview hosted at a top engineering university.

The aptitude paper tested candidates' flair and originality in solving engineering design problems. The interview was a grilling in which candidates had to discuss an engineering project they had conducted. During the interview the candidates took part in a team exercise to solve a hands-on engineering problem working with students they had never met before. Candidates and their parents also toured the engineering facilities at the host university and explored the diversity of engineering and design careers and their importance to the UK economy.

The Scholarships were formally presented at a ceremony hosted by The Institution of Engineering and Technology.

Dr Martin Thomas, National Director of the Arkwright Scholarships Trust said: "I am delighted to see students from The King's School secure this prestigious accolade. Clearly, there is considerable technical talent in the Chester area. With the competition for rewarding jobs becoming ever-more fierce, the receipt of an Arkwright Engineering Scholarship can help dynamic young people at the start of their journey to be the country's future leaders in engineering and related areas of design."



Prefects make the perfect team

The Head of School is Kartik Upadhyay (U6JK) with Emily Moss (U6JS) and William Marshall (U6JS) both appointed Deputies.

In addition, 32 other Sixth Formers have been selected as the Head Prefect Team. The newly appointed team started their roles towards the end of last year as previous Upper Sixth students left for study leave, and they officially took up their positions in September.



Jam entrepreneur spreads the word

The GCSE Business and Economics students enjoyed a fantastic and inspirational trip to Salford Quays in October to hear from four highly successful entrepreneurs.

Along with other schools from the North West, they listened to a presentation from Fraser Doherty, the founder of the iconic Scottish brand SuperJam. Fraser started producing jam from his parents' kitchen at the age of 14, selling to farmers markets and now supplies all the major supermarkets in the UK turning over £1million a year. The students were impressed with Fraser's vibrant and confident presentation and a few of them got to speak to him afterwards. They also enjoyed hearing from the founder of WedgeWelly and how success on Dragons' Den and subsequent partnership with Theo Pathitis helped them achieve an 800% increase in turnover.

The pupils also enjoyed their own success in the Student Enterprise Challenge. Four teams from King's entered the competition by designing a new and innovative product for the healthy living market, aimed at teenagers aged 14-19. Two of the King's teams, Jooci and Superfruit, were selected on the day as finalists and got to pitch their idea to the entrepreneurs in front of an



audience of around 400 people. The judges were impressed with the 30 second advert and pitch from both groups and Jooci walked away with 1st prize and the £100 prize money. Team members Zoe Rigby (4ET), Isabel Dawson (4ET), Sophie Drew (4PN), Harry Strudwick (4EH) and Natalie Tomlinson (4PN) were proud of their achievements and have been inspired to think about setting up their own business in the near future.


King's make move towards National Championship

The ticking of clocks, the click of chessmen and the occasional gasp of exasperation were the only sounds to break the silent concentration at Consterdine Hall in October.



King's again hosted the North Wales and Cheshire Junior Chess Competition with over 150 young competitors battling it out during the day. The King's players had more than their share of success. Jack Owen (4MP), Susan Gorman (L6PW), Matthew Temple (U6KS) and Sam Arshad-Roberts (L6SB) were among members of King's chess club who won at county level while Riyaan Yesudian (J3O), Nithilan Sivanand (J3O) and Rutujay Chawda (JIT) were successful in the junior rounds. After six gruelling rounds, King's won the prize for 'the best school' and can now look forward with enthusiasm to the National Championships.





The CRUCIBLE
by Arthur Miller

Monday March 4
Tuesday March 5
Wednesday March 6
Thursday March 7
Friday March 8
Saturday March 9
7.30pm

Box Office 01244 689527 www.kingscheshire.co.uk

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Josef Weinberger Ltd

Matthew has the right chemistry to meet the challenge

Sixth Former, Matthew Temple (U6KS) has won a prestigious 'Roentgenium' award at the national Cambridge Chemistry Challenge and was invited to attend a residential course in Cambridge over the summer holidays. Matthew was awarded with a crystal trophy at a ceremony at the Royal Institution in Piccadilly, London. Only 39 students of the 4,296 who entered achieved this level, and Matthew was placed within the top 10.

Other awards given to King's pupils in the Chemistry Challenge include Sean Telford (U6NS) who won a gold award. Silver awards were won by Ben Hastings (U6JK) and Jeremy Telford (U6NS). Bethany Shears (U6JK), Mark Brownson (U6KS), Matthew Cook (U6NH), Benhur Johnson (U6KS) and William Marshall (U6JS) won copper awards.

The Cambridge Chemistry Challenge aims to stretch and challenge students to their full potential and provides the pupils with an excellent experience for anyone considering taking their studies further.

Dr Peter Wothers said: "It is encouraging to see this competition strike a chord with so many students. The competition allows students to apply knowledge of other subjects, think creatively and take their knowledge to the next level – these are exactly the kind of skills which are needed for university. It is therefore useful for students wanting to go on to study chemistry at undergraduate level because it gives them that outstanding flair!"



ROSE, MATTHEW AND WILF SHOWED GREAT MOMENTUM IN YORK

Rose Lindlay (3JJ), Matthew Williams (3JM), and Wilf Le Brocq (3JJ) travelled to York to take part in the St. Peter's School Physics Olympics.

This is the first time that King's have entered, and out of 32 teams King's came fourth, finishing in the top three in a couple of events. The students used their physics skills to take part in five practical events, such as tower building and rocket firing, and a theoretical task. The day was a great success.



Poetry workshop with Simon Armitage

Four lucky pupil-poets from King's attended a poetry workshop in Chester Town Hall led by the well-known contemporary poet and writer Simon Armitage in October.

Simon led them through some stimulating writing exercises, building up to the composition of individual poems inspired by a significant personal photograph. At the end of the session, pupils presented Simon with a copy of the School poetry anthology 'Young Voices' in which there is a message to King's poets from Simon – "May your poems and your poets prosper". Pupils were very flattered when Simon asked them to sign the poems they had written – predicting their future fame as poets!

It is not the first time King's pupils have worked with Simon Armitage: he visited four years ago to give a reading of his poems and run a poetry workshop for Sixth Formers.



A virtuoso performance from Terence

In July, Terence Au (U6JK) was examined for a QCF Level 4 Diploma in Music performance – Violin. Having fulfilled the requirements of the syllabus, he was awarded the Diploma of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.



Tablets prove to be the best medicine

Since the beginning of the new academic year in September, King's pupils have been using iPads in various subjects as part of the first stage of an ambitious programme that could lead to all pupils using these devices in the near future.

Four departments; Art, Economics & Business Studies, English and History & Politics, have been trialling various aspects of these tablet computers, looking at the potential impact on pupils' learning. The use of mobile devices in education is now a well-established concept and has proved to be successful in helping to facilitate independent learning, at the very least by providing internet access for all students in any classroom and indeed beyond.

Mobile learning using smart phones and iPod touches has some benefit but the touch screen technology and intuitive nature of the iPad are seen as particular advantages, together with its size and portability. Students have been enjoying



creating works of iPad Art using the 'Brushes' App, publishing their own books using 'Book Creator' and contributing to discussion forums via 'Edmodo' in A level Politics. Text books are increasingly becoming available in eBook format, which could be a further benefit, but with over 250,000 apps available the trial still has some way to go!



Painting a perfect picture of Venice

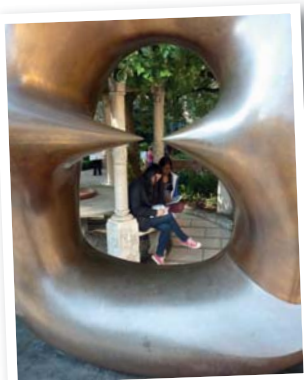
The autumn Aqua Alta floods swept through Venice in the week before October half term but the Fifth and Sixth Form artists experienced sunny skies and very warm weather as they wandered through that amazing city.

Pupils were there to explore the galleries, museums and sights of Venice, to absorb the atmosphere and to enhance GCSE and A level coursework through the drawing and photography opportunities available to them all throughout the trip.

As well as travelling around the canals via vaporetto, pupils were able to visit the Doge's Palace, St Mark's Basilica, the Accademia, the modern art collection at the Peggy Guggenheim Museum, the Scuola Grande di San Rocco to see the paintings by Tintoretto as well as visiting the islands of Murano and brilliant Burano. It was a remarkable week for all, teachers and students alike, as

cameras flashed and as the architecture was absorbed and as sketchbooks were filled with exciting work. The U6 students used their experience of travelling on previous art trips to guide and mentor the younger students and the enthusiasm and interest of everyone was exceptional.

Since their return the students are keen to develop their studies further as they complete additional work in their trip sketchbooks and we look forward to seeing the fruits of their labours in the school's gallery and on the art department website in the coming weeks and months.



An unforgettable expedition to magnificent Madagascar

During the summer holiday, 24 students from Shells and the Third Year took part in an amazing personal development expedition to Madagascar. The students' personal aims ranged from wanting to improve leadership skills, experience a different culture, learn how to cook for a team to seeing the endemic lemur species. However, the highlight of the expedition for all was to live and work in the community where King's had raised enough money to build a school three years ago.



The Ambohimandroso community was delighted to welcome the students and a formal inauguration ceremony was held to open the new cyclone proof primary school in celebration of the visit. King's also funded the installation of a water pump at the school two years ago and whilst in the community, the students added to this work by assisting with the building of a bridge over the river the water is pumped from, now allowing the whole community to cross safely during the rainy season.

The students' paddling and endurance skills were challenged by a five day trip down the Tsiribihina River in traditional wooden pirogues through an untouched and remote area of Madagascar accessible only by boat. The teams saw lots of wildlife along the way, camping on sandbanks at night and even had the chance for a wash under a beautiful waterfall.

To end the expedition the students visited the magnificent Avenue du Baobab for sunset, where giant trees, thousands of years old, stand in an almost straight line and then relaxed by enjoying a night in Morondava, a seaside town with beautiful white sandy beaches.

It was an experience they were extremely fortunate to take part in and all now have a lasting memory of the true friendliness and humility of the Madagascan people and of an impoverished community where both they and The King's School have made a significant improvement to the villagers' lives.



JUST THE RIGHT MATERIAL FOR A SUCCESSFUL FASHION SHOW

As part of the Enrichment Programme, Fifth Year and Sixth Form girls researched fashion through the ages. Their research on key eras in fashion history influenced an outfit that they created in the Enrichment sessions and it was exhibited in an end of year fashion show. The show took place in the Vanbrugh Theatre and helped raise money for Cancer Research.

It was a real team effort and the girls were responsible for all aspects of the show. The designers were: Katie Kent (U6), Charlotte Gurran (U6SD), Natalie Metcalf (U6NH), Francesca Jebb (5FV), Holly Jebb (5AC), Katie Arathoon (5AC), Divya Avula (5FV), Natasha Howarth (5AC), Lydia Sowden (5CM) and Emily Gregg (5CM).

The girls were helped by Kate Rothwell (5FV), Lucy Armatage (5CM), Grace Taylorson-Smith-Pritchard (U6JS) and Lydia Carr (U6BH) who modelled some of the outfits. Divya Avula (5FV) was the show photographer. Our first enrichment fashion show was a fantastic success and a great foundation on which to build. Well done to all of the girls for their hard work throughout the year.



Bennett's boys make history...

It isn't every day you get to call a Headmaster 'the chief enemy of culture in the School' and get away with it! In Alan Bennett's *The History Boys*, however, that is precisely what happens – and the Headmaster at King's took it all in remarkably good part!

In keeping with a fine tradition of nurturing independence and responsibility in the School, this Michaelmas Term's production of *The History Boys* was directed by two Upper Sixth students. However, this time they were not only directing a group of their peers – a difficult enough task in itself – but also had to coax performances out of a parent and a teacher. Scarcely easy, when you're still going to have to face them over the breakfast table or the school desk!

And the subject matter is hard! Not only does Bennett have a lot to say about his views on education, but issues are also raised about sexuality, adolescence,

attitudes towards women, sexual abuse, mental health problems, the treatment of minority groups in society, religion, death and handicap – to name but the most obvious! And this production met all of these head on: from the outrageous bawdiness of the French scene (with its all-important question about which boxer shorts should be worn) to the deep pathos of Posner's unrequited passion for Dakin and the quiet despair of a Hector seeking some sort of temporary relief from 'the long littleness of life' in groping boys on a motorbike, cast and crew rose magnificently to the challenge.

Those of us already entitled to wear grey hair marvelled at the readiness with which the cast of students inhabited characters young and rather less so; at the apparent ease with which they learnt their lines; and at the genuine friendliness with



which they welcomed us into their play. It took two remarkably good women (with lots of fabulous cupcakes) to direct them, but these boys really did make history!



The King's of Jordan

During the October half term, 11 students from Shells, Third Year and Fourth Year took part in a personal development expedition to Jordan. The pupils hoped to gain confidence, self-esteem, independence and to interact with the Jordanian people.

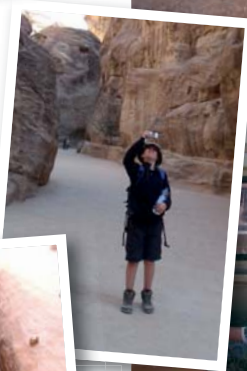
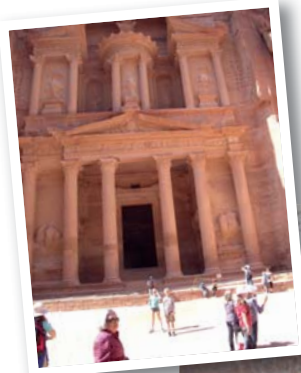
After arriving in Amman, the pupils spent the first morning 'floating' in the Dead Sea. The pupils then travelled to the Dana Nature Reserve where they visited the local primary school. They joined in with an English lesson and played a hard fought football match against local school children with a final score of 13-13.

They continued their travels to Petra, spending a full day sightseeing at one of the new Seven Wonders of the World, climbing the 670 steps to the 'High Place of Sacrifice'.

The highlight of the trip was visiting Wadi Rum where they stayed with the Bedouin Tribe, sleeping under the stars. They travelled to the Bedouin camp in 4x4 vehicles visiting Lawrence's Spring and the Um Fruth rock bridge.

After an amazing night gazing at the night sky and shooting stars, they had a camel ride before travelling back to Amman for an afternoon of shopping, haggling and pizza!

The pupils had a wonderful experience which they will value for the rest of their lives.



SIX AND OUT

The Sixth Form Leavers' Ball was held at the Doubletree Hotel at the end of term.



A WINNING NIGHT AT THE RACECOURSE

The Fifth Year prom was held at Chester Racecourse in July. The evening was a great success.



It's good to give...

In July, the annual King's prizegiving was held at Chester Racecourse following on from the Leavers' Service at the Cathedral.

The whole School community walked to the Racecourse. 1,200 pupils, staff and parents attended the event to see 120 prizes awarded to around 90 pupils. Chairman of Governors, Dr David Hempsall gave his final address to the School as he stood down from his three

year term as Chair. Mr Ramsey talked of the highlights of this year and how proud he was of the School, staff and pupils after what has been a tremendous year for the School.

From outstanding academic results and honours in district, regional and national competition in sport and rowing to wonderful drama productions and spectacular musical performances, it was indeed a fine year for The King's School.

Guest of honour, Mrs Gemma Bodinetz who manages The Everyman and Playhouse Theatres in Liverpool gave an inspiring talk to pupils of the importance of looking for and finding one's passion in life. She spoke eloquently about her passion for drama and how she loves her job every single day.

After the prizegiving ceremony, 560 prizewinners, leavers, staff and parents enjoyed lunch in the Pavilion suite.



Returning Olympians Win Over Our Hearts

In September, three of our four King's Olympians returned to the School to a fantastic welcome!

Double gold medallist: Tom James MBE, Silver medallist: Chris Bartley and finalist: Olivia Whitlam started their visit with a huge welcome from all the staff and pupils.

Walking through a guard of honour of oars held by pupil rowers, the three guests made their way onto a stage to be welcomed officially by the Headmaster.

Pupils had emailed a question to the Deputy Head and nine lucky winners were chosen to direct their questions to our Olympians. The welcome was concluded with a vote of thanks from the Chair of Governors Councillor Eleanor Johnson and the Head of School Kartik Upadhyay.

The Olympians went on to visit the Junior School and gave all the juniors the chance to see and hold the medals and answer their many questions.

Following this, the three VIP guests spent time in the Senior School having photos with pupils and signing autographs before officially opening the newly developed Sixth Form Centre. In the afternoon, they were given a tour of the School and visited the classrooms they remembered and met up with a few former teachers along the way! All three were very impressed by the many developments to the School since their time here:



Vanbrugh Theatre, Astro Turf, Music School, new Sixth Form Centre, to name a few.

The three honoured guests finished the day with a question and answer session with King's rowers in The Vanbrugh Theatre. It was a wonderful day of celebration for the whole King's community.





Cadets couldn't camouflage their enthusiasm

22 Cadets from the Army Section of the CCF deployed from The King's School to Wathgill Camp.

Cadets took part in six days of challenging activities designed to teach them about themselves, their peers and the army. The cadets had an excellent time in which they learned and practised many new skills.



Removes' big adventure

The week before the new School year began, the keen Removes headed off on a trip to Manor Adventure in Craven Arms, Shropshire for two days of outdoor activities and team-building.

The tutor groups met in the sports hall and were issued with coloured t-shirts. Those in teaching group 'A' had red t-shirts, those in teaching group 'B' wore green, it was yellow for teaching group 'C' and blue for group 'D'. Then it was time to board the coaches for the trip to Shropshire.

After a rather rainy summer holiday, the weather for the trip was perfect – not too hot but with lots of sunshine. On arrival at the centre, the Removes moved into their dormitories and began activities. Some pupils enjoyed getting muddy on the obstacle courses while others liked the dark, cramped conditions of the underground maze. The best team-building activity was crate-stacking and many enjoyed the thrill

of abseiling and the high ropes course. For others, the best activities were those involving accuracy and skill such as archery and rifle shooting. The Removes had lots of opportunities to get to know new people. After all this activity, meal times were welcomed eagerly and food during the two days included curry, cottage pie, chips and a variety of hot and cold puddings. Perhaps the most welcomed meal of all was the full cooked breakfast.

The Removes returned from the trip with a great sense of achievement. They had begun life in Senior school very positively, making new friends, catching up with old friends, meeting teachers and having fun.



Sadie wins 'Sandwich of the day' competition

Sadie Nathan (ShAI) was announced as winner of the 'Sandwich of the day' competition.



The competition was open to all Removes at the end of last year and they were judged on a number of factors including: nutrition by the School nurse, art and design by Mr Downey, productivity by the kitchen staff and affordability by Mr Beasley.

'Sadie's super sub' consisted of fresh chicken, cheese and sweetcorn on a bed of lettuce and was chosen for being 'healthy and tasty'. Sadie won a £20 book token and was able to see her sandwich on the lunch menu.

Lunchtime meeting with Chester MP

A level Government and Politics students and four keen Removes enjoyed a lunchtime meeting with Chester MP, Stephen Mosley.

He gave a fascinating insight into life as a new backbench MP and answered a number of challenging questions, ranging from Britain's position in Europe, to the validity of MPs appearing on 'I'm A Celebrity'.

Former pupil, Tom Bradley, Mr Mosley's parliamentary researcher helped to arrange the visit and was also able to attend the talk. It has really whetted the appetite for our visit to Parliament in March next year.



The King's School Rowing Club Parents' Association (KSRCPA)



The King's School Rowing Club Parents' Association (KSRCPA) has had a great start to this year. Since becoming a charity last year, they have now signed up five rowing Olympians to be their patrons – lead patron Tom James (Beijing 2008 and London 2012) is joined by Chris Bartley and Olivia Whitlam (London 2012), Stephen Peel (Seoul 1988) and Arnold Cooke (Tokyo 1964). A fabulous team to help them raise funds and motivate the rowers.

In 2011/12 KSRCPA raised around £27,000 less expenses of £12,000 which left them with £15,000 to donate to help purchase extra equipment for the Rowing Club. They bought a new launch and a second-hand VIII boat and reserved the remainder towards their 'big boat' fund. This year so far they have bought blades for a girls' VIII (£2,800), two single scull boats and a second-hand ergo (£2,450).

The senior girls' squad travelled to Boston, USA in October to compete in the biggest regatta in the world. The girls and their parents also worked hard to raise funds for their trip and through sales of cakes, running pop-up cafes at the boathouse and other events such as the Olympic rowing finals 'brunch' held in the summer, raised just over £2,700.

KSRCPA have got some great events coming up next term – just look on the What's On: www.kingschester.co.uk/extras/whatson to read more.



The King's School Parents' Association (KSPA)



The King's School Parents' Association (KSPA) is open to all parents who would like to be involved in raising funds and deciding where these should be spent in order to enhance the children's experiences at School. It also offers a great opportunity to meet and develop friendships with other parents.

Thanks to the wonderful support from parents, this year's Christmas Market raised in the region of £6,500 and will be used towards the purchase of items for use in both the Junior and Senior Schools in the coming year.

Last year saw the KSPA spend around £13,000 on additional items for the School: £3,000 for the wonderful living willow structures in the Junior School, £3,500 for a bowling machine for the cricketers in the Senior School, £1,200 for benches for the Junior and Senior School sports fields and new sofas and outdoor seating for the re-vamped Sixth Form Centre.

The KSPA have a lot more fundraising activities planned for this academic year, culminating in a **Bond Themed Summer Ball** taking place in a marquee on the School grounds at the end of the Summer Term – watch out for further details and be sure to book your tables early!

The KSPA have done all this through fundraising activities and would love for more parents to join them and get involved, in any way whatsoever. Please contact Helen Anthony (Chair): theanthonys69@hotmail.com for more information.



JUNIORS REAP A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

The Junior School celebrated an alternative initiative for the Harvest Festival, with the theme 'Reap what you Sew'. Instead of the more traditional gifts of fruit and vegetables, pupils were asked to donate good quality, second hand clothing to a local hospice.

A huge number of sacks were gathered and returned to the School by pupils, which will be sold, raising much-needed funds for Claire House Children's Hospice. To ensure their service is available within our local community, Claire House needs to raise £6,500 a day.



The King's School have supported Claire House Children's Hospice for several years. The hospice cares for over 300 families, whose children suffer, or have suffered from complex medical conditions. In the harvest assembly, pupils learned about the work of Claire House and how they provide a fun and caring home-from-home environment, helping enrich all of the children's lives. The pupils also had a surprise visit from the hospice's mascot Claire Bear, who came to collect pupils' clothing donations and answer the many questions put forward.

Mrs Whitta – King's 'fifth Olympian'

The King's 'Fifth Olympian', Mrs Whitta, spent four weeks in the summer officiating as an athletics field event judge at the London Olympics and Paralympics.

Mrs Whitta spoke to the Junior School in assembly, answering the many questions of the pupils, including how she was chosen to be an Olympic official and whether it was hard to ensure she wasn't biased towards GB athletes!

She showed the pupils her uniform and the commemorative gold medals and certificates (signed by Seb Coe and the Presidents of the IOC and the IPC) that she was presented with and talked about her experience as an athletics official in events including: hammer, discus, javelin, shotput, long and triple jump, pole vault, and the club throw in the Paralympics.

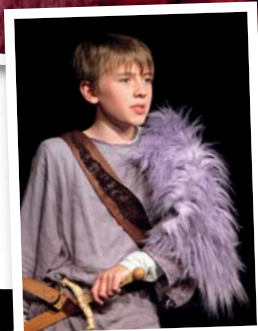


'Scottish play' wows the Vanbrugh Theatre

Thunder cracked across the blasted heath and three weird sisters emerged from the mist to foretell a story of power, betrayal and murder. The stage was set and a packed audience in The Vanbrugh Theatre awaited the blood-soaked tale of Shakespeare's Macbeth to unfold.

Macbeth plotted his way to the crown and glory in this Shakespeare for Kidz' production performed by the 62 member of J4, marking a dramatic finale to their Junior School careers. Stirring songs, particularly 'Scotland forever' were performed with magnificent passion, skilfully supported by the School orchestra.

Using a thrust stage, Director Vanessa Gibson brought the murderous Scottish warrior to life in an adaptation cleverly woven with dance, high drama and song. Magnificent costumes in heather hues added a professional styling to the show.



Three games in three days for the boys in green!



The King's School U11 football squad travelled to Cambridge to take part in their annual tour. A record number of squad members were involved this year, with The King's taking both an 'A' and 'B' team to play against Bedford Modern, Kimbolton and The Perse Schools. The squad performed extremely well, although finding that playing three games in three days is hard work.

In the matches against Bedford Modern, both teams were in total control, with convincing wins of 7-1 for the 'A' team and 8-2 for the 'B' team. Kimbolton proved to be difficult opponents with a 1-0 win from the 'A' team and a 0-0 draw for the 'B' team, where the goalkeepers pulled off a number of exquisite saves to deny the hosts a win. In the final matches against The Perse, who are often difficult encounters, they had raised their game and managed to beat The King's

'A' team 2-1 in a close match. The pressure was then on for the 'B' team, however King's won 2-0 with a last minute goal, much to the delight of the on-looking 'A' team.

Off the pitch there is also a success story to be told. Host families praised the boys for the manner in which they conducted themselves, as did the coach driver and members of the public. A truly professional performance from the boys in green!



A BLOOMING MARVELLOUS RESULT



Green-fingered Alfie Griffin (J4G) and Edward Kane (J4D) represented the King's popular lunchtime gardening club in Cheshire West and Chester Council's 'Schools in Bloom' competition.

They were presented with a silver award and received B&Q vouchers to invest towards future environmental projects at School.



OUR JUNIORS ARE SEASONED POETS

The Junior School held a poetry competition to mark Children's Book Week and National Poetry Day. The theme was 'The Seasons' and the competition was extremely well supported with some excellent entries describing changes throughout the year and particular months or seasons. Some very strong entries were inspired by Shakespeare and likened the stages of our lives to the four seasons. Other excellent entries were inspired by thoughts of the start of the

football and cricket seasons. The best of these poems, together with topical artwork will now be included in an anthology later in the year.

The winners were:

J4 – Miranda Thompson

J3 – Chloe Horton

J2 – Aeneas Dennison

J1 – Theo Parry



Harry rows to gold for GB in the Junior European Championships

Harry Brightmore, who left King's this summer, represented the GB Rowing Team in the Coupe de la Jeunesse, held in Banyoles, Spain in July. Harry coxed the VIII and Coxed Fours in this prestigious event.



In the two day event, Saturday saw the Coxed Four set high standards, securing a bronze medal just behind France and Italy. The VIII raced only two hours later – half the boat still with tired legs. Nevertheless GB led the 2,000m race from the start, nosing in front of Italy, but a ruthless push at the finish left the Italians in their wake and Spain, Switzerland and Belgium lengths behind. A gold medal was secured for the GB team, with a time of 5m 45s – one of the fastest on record for the Coupe.

On Sunday, a photo finish decided the fates of Italy, France, Spain and GB in the Coxed Fours, unfortunately leaving the GB team out of a medal this time. However the focus again was on the VIII and holding off the vengeance of the Italians. Although keeping their distance from Spain they were unable to catch Italy and crossed in silver medal position.

Harry said, "Once again, to represent both my country and The King's School, earning a bronze, silver and gold was a dream come true. I can take all the experience I have gained from this and all the years from The King's School Rowing Club with me to university and beyond!"

Clearwater for Olympian Tom James

King's Olympian, Tom James, spearheaded the 'Big Dee Day' clean-up, coordinated by Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council, Flintshire County Council and the Environment Agency.

This two-day event works with local businesses, community groups, town councils, volunteers and neighbouring local authorities to address tidal litter on and around the River Dee and saw them all working together litter picking, clearing the area of debris and improving the local environment for people and wildlife.

This year, the launch of the event was hosted by Chester Racecourse, where Tom was introduced by the Lord Mayor of Chester, Councillor Pam Booher.

Tom then visited The King's School Boathouse, where he helped King's pupils pick litter from the parts of the river only accessible from the water.

Tom has also been honoured with the Freedom of the County Borough of Wrexham. It was bestowed on Tom from Coedpoeth at a special council meeting and celebration at the Guildhall. The Freedom of the County Borough is the highest award any council can bestow and Tom became the 30th recipient of the award which dates back to 1906.



Rob's lecture is ranked a winner



Former pupil and mathematician Rob Eastaway, who left King's in 1980, visited The King's School in October to give an inspiring lecture to Sixth formers. With Ted Dexter, Rob devised the international rankings for cricketers, now used as official rankings by the ICC.

Rob is also former President of the Mathematical Association and is frequently to be heard on BBC Radio. Rob's lecture was entitled 'From Lampard to the Olympics', and explained the Maths behind Sports. Pupils were particularly interested when Rob explained the mathematics behind Frank Lampard's

disallowed goal in the World Cup 2010 England vs. Germany game. He explained how it should have been possible for the referee to tell from anywhere on the pitch that the ball was definitely over the line (as the ball hit the cross bar twice) without the need for goal-line technology – had he known his maths!

BOAT RACE CHAMPION TELLS HIS STORY

Mike Thorp, 2009 leaver, came in to School during the summer holidays for a quick visit.

He had some time to describe his experience during the dramatic boat race this year when a swimmer tried to disrupt the race by jumping in the water, and also how it was his oar that smashed into the Oxford boat, causing more drama at the end of the race.

Cambridge went on to win of course! Mike also discussed the gruelling training and selection procedure that each potential member of the crew is put through, including military style exercises and drills – it certainly is not for the faint-hearted. Mike completed his undergraduate course at Cambridge this year and is planning to embark on a Master's course.



20 years of change – former King's School pupils reminisce...

20 years after leaving The King's School, a number of former pupils and teachers met to reminisce and share stories about their time at the School.

Current Sixth Formers conducted a tour of the grounds and buildings, highlighting all that had changed since the nineties.

The new Vanbrugh Theatre and Sixth Form Centre were clearly the biggest changes. The day was rounded off with a convivial meal in Chester.



Strong competition and even stronger winds battle Girls' crews at Henley

This year the Henley Women's Regatta in June was hindered by a fast stream and strong winds, but the girls' crews were not fazed by these conditions and went out to race with determination and focus.

The J18 coxed four had a very successful day's racing on Saturday, beating Canford School by four lengths early in the morning. They then went on to face Oxford City in very windy conditions, who they beat with an easily verdict. Their final race of the day was against a strong Kingston Girls' School crew. Again the girls raced with determination, winning by 3 ½ lengths to gain them a place in the semi-finals on Sunday. The following morning brought milder winds but very strong opposition in the National Schools' Champions, Aberdeen Schools' Rowing Association.

Both crews went off the start with speed but the competition showed their strength down the course, gaining victory by four lengths against The King's School crew.



The J18 VIII faced a strong Headington Girls' School crew in their first round on Saturday. For many in this development VIII it was their first experience of racing at Henley, although they did not let this show as they gave their opposition a tough battle from the start.

Unfortunately, Headington used their experience and strength to gain a 4½ length victory. The girls in both crews showed great potential for next year and finished the season with the best result in history for The King's School Rowing Club at Henley Women's Regatta.

Boston bound – Girls' squad did us proud

For the first time ever, a girls' squad from The King's School competed in the Head of the Charles Regatta, Boston, USA in October. This international event saw the girls' VIII and coxed four line up against some of the northern hemisphere's best girls' crews. After winning the coxed four event at the School's Head in 2012, the senior girls' squad were looking to build on earlier successes in the year.

The King's crews, which comprise of eight returning National Schools' medallists from the 2012 UK National Schools' Regatta had high hopes and were looking to launch The King's School girls' rowing onto the international stage. The crews were selected in September after four weeks of pre-season training. Both crews represented the School with pride and passion in this prestigious event.

A strong link was developed with Simmonds College who hosted The King's School girls with extraordinary support during the whole camp. After the event at the weekend the girls' squad were lucky enough to train for four days on the

Charles River, then train at the Simmonds College state-of-the-art rowing facility, doing sessions on spin bikes, ergos and the water tank.

There was also an opportunity to see the sights of Boston and the girls were treated to a visit to the world renowned Museum of Science, the Freedom Trail, numerous shopping trips and plenty of culinary delights as they tasted a mix of American and World Cuisine.

It was a fantastic experience for all members of the party who returned with great memories of a wonderful city, event and an opportunity to continue an already strong team bond amongst the senior girls' rowing squad.



U13 netball squad crowned HMC champions

The King's U13 netball squad travelled to Stonyhurst School in September to take part in the HMC (Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference) tournament. The girls played 17 minute games against eight other schools, with five points being awarded for each win.



In the first four games, the girls played really well and won each of their games against Cheadle Hulme (7-4), Queen Elizabeth's Grammar (21-1), St. Mary's Hall (12-1) and Arnold KEQMS Schools (13-0). This was a fantastic start, but the pressure was on in the last four games against some tough opposition who had also won all of their games so far. The squad however went on to beat King's Macclesfield (13-6), Stockport (8-1), Kirkham (11-3) and Bolton Schools (12-1), giving King's the maximum score of 40 points.

It was a long and exhausting day for the squad, but they worked hard, played well and supported each other. The 12 girls were: Abi Fisher (ShRC) (captain), Emily Cartwright (ShRC), Sophie Cliff (ShAI), Lottie Cousins (ShAI), Emily Cresswell (ShAI), Eloise Dooley (ShPS), Megan Gareh (ShRC), Bethan Hill (ShML), Jess Lee (ShAI), Chloe Morgan (ShRC), Martha Owen (ShAI) and Annie Powell (ShRC). The girls are now the U13 HMC champions!

ROUNDERS TEAM BAT TO VICTORY

The U12 girls' rounders team won the Chester and District tournament held at Bishop High School in July. They beat Catholic High School, Queen's School and Christleton High School in the group stage to finish top of the group. They then played Blacon High School in the semi-final and won by 4½ rounders. They met Queen's again in the final and won by 3½ rounders to be crowned champions.

This was a fantastic achievement from a great squad. The members were: Alice Thomas (ShRC) (Captain), Amber Disley (ShPS), Annie Powell (ShRC), Megan Gareh (ShRC), Eloise Dooley (ShPS), Emily Cresswell (ShAI), Emily Cartwright (ShRC) and Sophie Cliff (ShAI).



Three in a row for Girls' U19 Hockey

The U19 Girls' Hockey Team have once again been crowned Chester and District Champions. This was the School's third consecutive title at U19 level, which they have won 4 times in the last 5 years. King's squad beat Queen's, Tarporley, Christleton, and Upton Schools and drew with Bishop Heber School in a tough 0-0 draw, crowning King's as Champions of the District.

The squad members were:

Ruth Tyrie (L6SW), Gemma Rigby (L6SB), Jessica Arnall (L6AM), Nicola Temple (5CG), Eleanor Barnard (L6DB), Pippa Higgins (L6ER), Charlie Corcuilo (U6SD), Jessica Guest (L6PW), Hannah Dent (U6CC) and Lexi Garnett (U6SD).



Sara's in the saddle for GB



During the summer holiday, Sara Ashworth (L6AM) was selected to represent GB at an International three day event at Haras Du Pin in Normandy, France. Sara was competing against the likes of Michael Jung, who won gold at the Olympics this summer in eventing. Sara competed wearing the GB flag for the first time, and she will be aiming to compete in the Junior Trials next spring with the aim of being selected for the Junior British team next summer.

In September, Sara competed at the Gatcombe International Horse Trials, where she came 3rd in a very strong intermediate section, with over half in the class being professional event riders – including riders who have competed at world class level and several Olympians. Sara was presented her prize by Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne, who took time to have a chat with Sara. Sara also received a large engraved glass bowl for being the best under 21 competitor.

Sara was also selected for the Wales and Borders team to compete in the Under 18 National Championships at Weston Park in October – her second year of being selected for this team.



Inspiring a generation – King's Olympians and teachers!

Whether it is the effect of the Olympics or the visit and success of our four King's Olympians, the fact is, there has been a huge surge in interest in hockey and rowing at The King's School this term! Third year pupil participation in rowing is at an all time high and all available spaces are full. A similar story is reported in hockey with a 25% increase in participation of girls and boys this term.

Further interest in hockey has been highlighted with the success of The King's P.E. teacher and Hockey Coach, Simon Egerton who was selected to represent the England squad in the Champions Trophy in Australia in November.

Simon said on his selection "I am extremely proud to play for my country again, but more importantly to be back in the fold after a few years out with injuries and getting my teaching qualifications. I've had great support from everyone at King's, especially the PE staff. To come in to a squad that is 4th in the world rankings

after an Olympic cycle will be tough, but it is something I cannot wait to do. I played professionally in Australia for a year, so I am looking forward to getting back over there and hopefully carrying on the same form that I have shown in the league this season."

Over the October break, pupils had the opportunity to take part in a two-day coaching course run by P.E. teachers Russell Hornby and Simon Egerton. Adam Dixon, England and Great Britain International player, and his brother Sam Dixon, a Junior International player, also came along on the day to help with the coaching. Adam

was also selected for the England squad alongside Simon Egerton. Adam, Simon and Sam all play for Beeston Hockey Club who are currently top of the National Premier League and compete in the European Hockey League (EHL), where the next round will be televised around Easter. Simon has now scored 20 goals in nine games for Beeston Hockey Club and remains top goal scorer in the League.



U18 FOOTBALLERS HOLD ONTO TITLE

The King's U18 football team have once again been crowned Chester and District champions in the 7-a-side cup. The tournament, involving ten local schools, proved more than a good run out for the team, as The King's retained the trophy from last year.

The King's team won each of their five games in the tournament, facing Bishop Heber in the first match, clinching a 4-3 victory in the final seconds of the game. The team were comfortable winners in the remaining group matches, defeating Abbeygate 6-0, Catholic High 3-1 and Tarporley 3-0. King's met Upton in the final, winning 3-0 and claiming the title once again.



Chester and District Cross Country Success

Pupils took part in the Chester and District Cross Country in October, competing against 11 other schools in the District.

The girls ran fantastically well and represented the School brilliantly. King's were the only School that managed to enter a full senior team and for the 4th consecutive year took 1st place. King's also took 1st place in the Intermediate competition for the 2nd year running, which is a mix of Fourth and Fifth Year pupils. Any girls finishing within the top 20 at this event have the opportunity to represent Chester in the County Championships. This year King's have 15 girls across all age ranges eligible to represent Chester in this event.

There were great individual performance by: Jessica Arnall (L6AM) 1st and Sara Ashworth (L6AM) 2nd in the Senior girls' competition, Anna Willis (4EH) 4th and Natasha Tudor (4DR) 5th in the Intermediate girls' competition and Martha Owen (ShAI) 4th in the Junior girls' competition.

The following evening, King's boys also contributed well to the Chester and District Cross Country event.

King's were once again the only school able to enter a team in each age group, with the Senior and Intermediate teams winning their events. The Junior boys (Shells and Third Year Pupils) came a very creditable 3rd behind strong teams from Tarporley and Christleton and although the Minors (Removes pupils) placed in the middle of the field they ran extremely well in a very competitive race.

There were notable performances from athletes in each age group. Liam Shortall (RmPH) came 3rd in the Minors' event, as did Matt Willis (ShRC) in the Junior boys' event. Ben Paxton (5CM) was 2nd in the Intermediate race with a notable finish in 6th for Sam Pode (4PN) who was running against boys in the year above him. A final mention to Jack Duncalf (L6ER) and Connor Morrison (U6CC) who placed 1st and 3rd respectively in the Seniors' event.



Senior rugby squad goes from strength to strength



The King's senior rugby squad are making great headway this season, building on what was the most successful season in recent memory last year. King's began the year with a tournament at Tarporley, playing Bishop's Heber, Tarporley and Brine Lees. King's won all of their games as did Heber; the final against Heber resulted in a draw, meaning an overall draw for the tournament. A quote from the tournament organiser Jody Pryor "A great evening of rugby, big tackles, blood and some good natured banter. The boys were excellent in terms of etiquette and competitiveness."

King's next played Rydal's second XV at home and won the game comprehensively 54-14. Jack Barber,

Matt Anthony and Alex Smith all enjoyed excellent games from the back row and the running from the backs was fantastic; Cameron Luckas and Ed Ryan being particularly impressive in the centres (a pairing that any side would be pleased to have).

The third game was against Shrewsbury School which resulted in another King's victory, 20 points to 17. This was an outstanding King's performance against a very well drilled Shrewsbury team. The King's pack were formidable with Jack Barber, Jack Jameson and George Nott reclaiming a lot of possession from Shrewsbury at the break down. The centre pairing again showed itself to be a real threat, breaking the gain line on many occasions.

This seasons squad:

Forwards: Cameron Szerdy (L6JR), Jack Barber (vice c) (L6JR), Bradley Kilner (L6HF), Alexander Smith (5MW), Jack Jameson (L6PW), Matthew Anthony (L6PW), Alexander Kerr (L6PW), Luke Williams (U6JK), Matthew Spencer (U6JS) and George Nott (L6DB).

Backs: Joshua Jones (L6HF), Simon Holme (L6SB), Peter O'Brien (U6BH), Luke Hughes (c) (U6KS), Lawrence Crowther (U6NS), Edward Ryan (L6DB), Cameron Luckas (U6CC), Oliver Major (5AC), Adam Young (L6SB) and Ciaran Gilling-Smith (L6BD).

Narrow loss at home for King's 6-a-side team

In September, 24 of the country's top independent schools took part in the annual Independent Schools' Football Association 6-a-side tournament, which was hosted this year by The King's School. The teams took part in four groups of six, with five league games of lung-bursting effort (the games are played on full sized pitches), followed by a knock out plate and cup competition. Despite remaining unbeaten in the group stages, King's just failed to reach the cup competition, with a late equaliser by eventual winners, St Bede's School from Hailsham, consigning King's to the plate. In the quarter finals of the plate King's met St Bede's College from Manchester who, again via a late equaliser, knocked out The King's 6-5 on penalties. St Bede's College went on to win the plate.



King's host U11 Netball and Football Invitational tournament



The King's hosted the U11 Football and Netball Invitational tournament against local schools Waverton, Ewloe Green, Upton, The Firs, Fairholme, Ashton Hayes and Christleton.

The King's netball team came 2nd in the netball cup which was won by Waverton. Fairholme School won the netball plate.

The King's football team also came a very close 2nd in the cup – won by Ewloe Green who will now go on to Finch Farm to play in a tournament organised by Everton Football Club – the winners of the plate were Christleton.

The referees and umpires were all current and former King's students, along with King's Junior Sports Leaders running the score tables and helping with each of the school teams.



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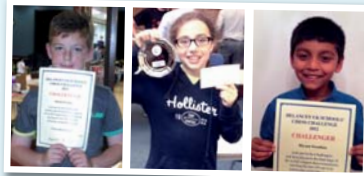
Success across the board

Four new King's students took part in the Northern Gigafinal Chess competition held in Derby in July, having been entered by their previous schools (The Firs and Mickle Trafford).

Rohan Yesudian (RmLB) and Riyaan Yesudian (J3O) were placed 5th and 2nd respectively.

Riyaan qualified for the Challenger Tournament Terafinal in Loughborough in August. This tournament is played between the top 250 chess players in the UK of all age groups. Players play 6 games each against opponents of all ages. Riyaan played opponents aged 13 to 18 and won 3 of his 6 games. He was the top player in his age group (under 9) and was awarded a special prize. He is now eligible to represent the UK in at least one international tournament in the next year.

Daniel Savidge (RmRA) and Catherine Savidge (RmLB) also entered the Northern Gigafinal Chess competition, with Daniel qualifying for the Terafinal, and Catherine qualifying for the Silver Plate tournament in Oldham where she won the U14 North Girls' section.



Matthew poses a triple threat!



It was a very successful summer for Matthew Willis (ShRC). Matthew came first in Liverpool's Sefton Triathlon, the biggest community Triathlon in the UK, finishing the 100m swim, 4k cycle, and 2k run in a time of 21:23, beating 75 competitors in the Intermediate event.

He also came first in the Chester Triathlon, the Chester Aquathlon (a swim, run event), the Oswestry Duathlon (a run, bike, run event) and second in the Cholmondeley Castle Triathlon, an open water competition.

In a Charity Bike event, he cycled 100km for the Christie Hospital, and also swam 750m in Bala Lake in a Charity Swim event, in aid of Help for Heroes and Cancer Research UK.

As a member of Wrexham Athletics Club, Matthew finished the track season ranked 8th in Wales in both the 800m and 1500m and as a keen cyclist he cycled 92 miles from Wrexham to Anglesey.

Alex sails to success

Alex Joesbury (4EH) took part in the Welsh Yachting Association's 27th Annual Welsh Schools and Clubs Championships at Cardiff Bay Yacht Club in July. The event was part of Gemau Cymru, the URDD Olympic Legacy Event. Alex came 2nd overall in the General Handicap Class sailing his RS Feva.



Chloe qualifies

In September, Chloe Stratton (L6SW) qualified her horse 'Thunder' for British Eventing, Badminton Grassroots Championships 2013 by winning a regional final, the final qualifying process to ride at this prestigious event.



Game, set and match for Llewelyn



Llewelyn Bevan (ShRC) took part in the Cheshire County Closed Tennis Tournament at the end of August. He won the Boys' U12 singles and the Boys' U12 Doubles.

Let's sing their praises



In September, Arran Fearn (RmLB) and Will Medland (RmVL) received their promotion medals for becoming Lead Choristers at Chester Cathedral.

Arran Fearn (RmLB) and Abigail Fisher (ShRC) recently starred in Birkenhead Operatic Society Trust's production of 'The Sound of Music'. The musical played from 7th-10th November at the Liverpool Empire to packed audiences.



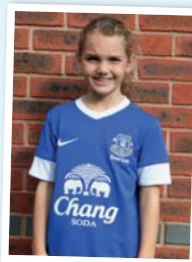
Kristian makes a splash with six golds

Kristian Ellis (J4G) won six gold medals for his club in a swimming gala in September. He won gold medals in the 100m Individual Medley, 100m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly and 50m Freestyle.



Heather achieves her goal

Heather Black (J3) has been selected for the Everton FC 'Girls' Centre of Excellence in the U11 age group, despite being only of U10 age. She recently scored two goals in a 3-3 draw with Derby County.



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