



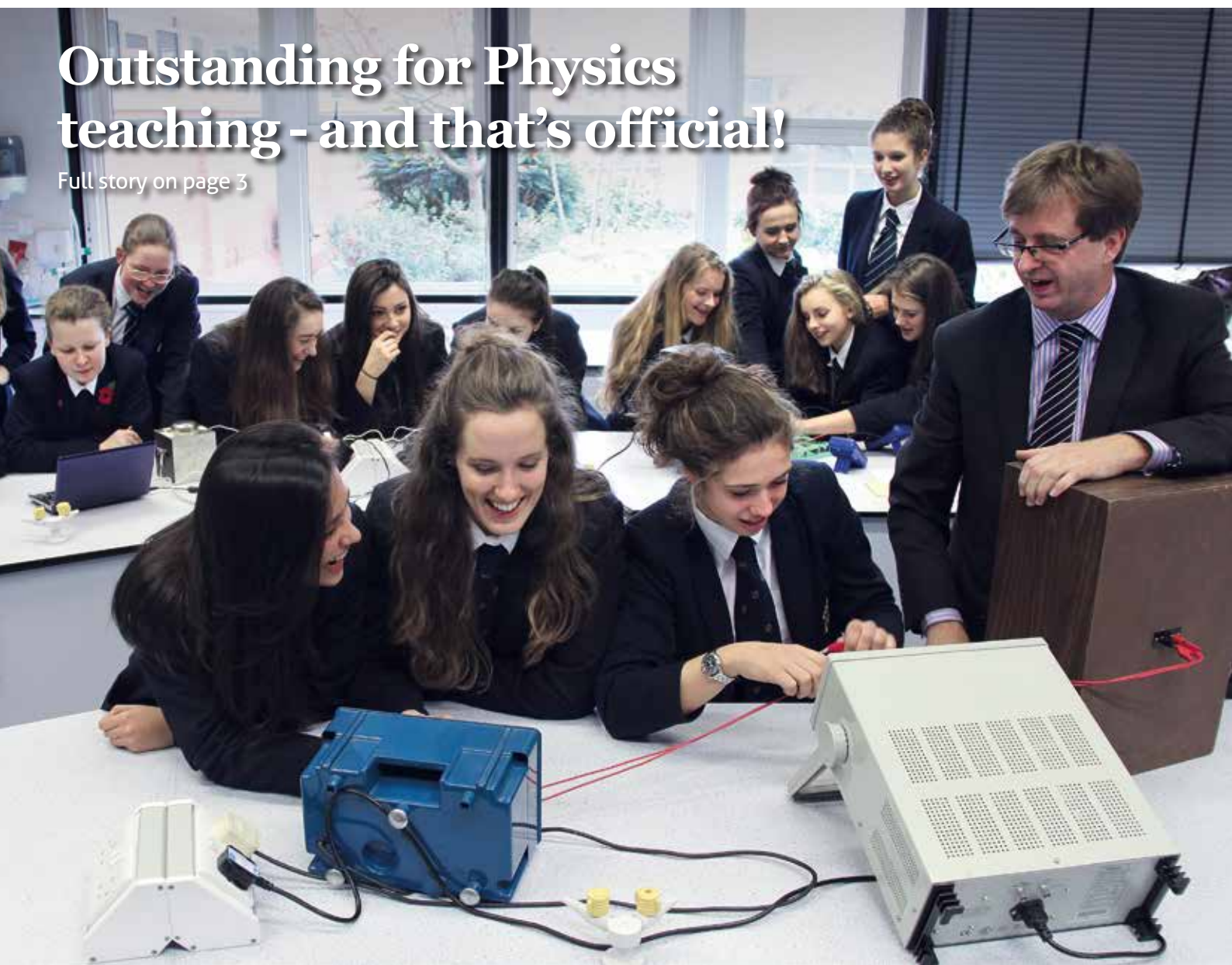
THE KING'S SCHOOL  
CHESTER

# Herald

All the latest news from **The King's School, Chester**

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## A\* for our amazing A Level results!

The fantastic 2014 A Level results saw The King's School as the top performing school in the Chester area and one of the best in the region, bettering last year's number of A\*/A grades. Students secured their places at some of the country's top universities, including eight students who went to Oxford or Cambridge.

Sixteen students achieved four A Levels with two gaining all four at A\* grade: Peter Boothroyd who took his place at Selwyn College, Cambridge and Henry Makings who accepted an Oxbridge place.

Ten students achieved four A\*/A grades: Jemimah Beardwood (1 A\*/3 A), Guy Dunbavand (2 A\*/2 A), Jack and Tom Jameson (both 3 A\*/1 A), Hayley Milner (3 A\*/1 A), Felix Morriss (1 A\*/3 A), Esme Norman (1 A\*/3 A), Kieran Paterson (3 A\*/1 A), Jack Peake (3 A\*/1 A) and Urbi Sen (4 A). Three further students gained 4 A\*/B grade A Levels: Eleanor Barnard (2 A\*, 1 A, 1 B), Charlie Mayes (3 A\*, 1 B) and Tommy Metcalf (3 A\*, 1 B).

Three A\* grade A Levels were also gained by Jessica Guest, Cameron Winter and Adam Young with a further 26 students achieving three A\*/A grades.

65.2% of the A Level grades of King's students this year were awarded A\*/A and 23% awarded the coveted A\* grade. 87% of all A Levels awarded were grades A\*/B.

Girls at King's performed extremely well with 89% A\*/B and 65% A\*/A grades achieved.

Over two thirds of King's students gained the much talked about top performing criteria of AAB for entry to many of the leading universities and the most prestigious courses. Of this year's leavers, 90% were offered places at a Russell Group university. Ten students went to study medicine and two went to study at veterinary colleges.



This year saw record offers for our students, with applicants receiving four from a maximum of five offers.\*

81% gained places at one of 'The Times' top 30 universities and other students who took their places at Oxford or Cambridge in the autumn were:

**Jessica Guest**, Downing College, Cambridge, to study History.

**Tom Jameson**, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, to study Natural Sciences.

**Hayley Milner**, Jesus College, Oxford, to study Law.

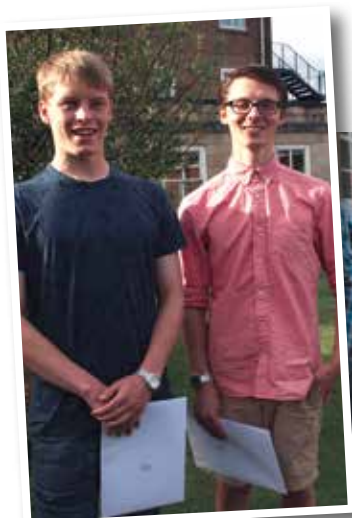
**Tommy Metcalf**, Worcester College, Oxford, to study Music.

**Kieran Paterson**, St Catherine's College, Oxford, to study Chemistry.

**Kartik Upadhyay** (2013), Homerton College, Cambridge, to study Economics.

The Headmaster said, "I am thrilled for all our students who worked very hard to gain this impressive set of results with the support of their teachers. I wish them every good wish as they now go to study the subjects of their choice at some fantastic universities and hope they enjoy the next stage of their careers."

\*Excludes Medical, Vet and Dentistry offers





## Best ever results for GCSE students

**The King's School celebrated the best ever set of GCSE and IGCSE results over the summer, with 47% of grades achieved being A\* and 96% being graded A\*/B.**

**F**rances Alcock and Ben Cliff achieved 11 top grades (11A\*) and Arjun Rao also gained 11 (9 A\* and 2 As). Emily Boothroyd, Erin Hollingworth, Mathew Oliver, Helen Ramsbottom and Hansaj Singh achieved 10 A\* grades and seven other students gained 10 A\*/A grade GCSEs: Tom Cuffin-Munday, Andrew Darby, Gergo Erdi-Krausz, Robert Fayle, Simon Ellershaw, Angus Menzies and Daniel Swinnock.

A further 14 girls and 14 boys gained 9 A\*/A grades with Katie Lawrence-Smith, Penny Downes and Daniel Weatherly gaining 9 A\* grades.

Half of King's GCSE courses are now international GCSEs which are felt to be more rigorous than the standard GCSEs. 58% of the IGCSEs awarded were at A\* and over 80% A\*/A. Outstanding results were seen in IGCSE Maths with 91% of the year group achieving A\*/A grades and also in Further Maths with all 15 pupils gaining A\* grades, 13 of these were awarded the accolade A\* with distinction.

The Headmaster said, "I am immensely pleased for every one of our students, they have worked incredibly hard with their teachers to gain these fantastic results and they should be very proud of their achievements. I wish them every success as they complete their first term in their Sixth Form careers. I am delighted again with the results for King's girls who gained 52% A\* grades and 97% A\*/B grades which shows how well girls really do in a co-educational environment."



## Physics teaching recognised with prestigious award

**We are very proud to announce that King's has been recognised by the Institute of Physics as "outstanding", among schools in England, in terms of the progression of girls studying A Level Physics. Head of Department Dr. Heritage was awarded a prestigious Teaching Award in recognition of this achievement.**

**T**he Institute of Physics Teacher Awards celebrates the success of secondary school Physics teachers who, by their outstanding practice in the classroom, have raised the state of Physics and science in schools. Dr. Heritage, Head of Physics, has played a pivotal role in King's success through his leadership, encouragement and sheer enthusiasm for the subject. Dr. Heritage was honoured alongside distinguished research scientists and industrialists who, too, are dedicated teachers and without whom there would be no Physics research community or technological base in our society.

The presentation of the awards took place on 15th October at the Institute of Physics in London, which was attended by leading physicists and policymakers. This occasion recognised achievement across the entire Physics community, covering education, academia and industry.

Dr. Heritage said, "I am absolutely thrilled to accept this award on behalf of King's and the fantastic teachers in my department. Girls perform superbly at King's in all sciences and we encourage them wherever possible to consider Physics."





## Ellie's winning and wise philosophy

Congratulations to Ellie Robson (L6JK) who recently took part in the University of Sheffield's annual Philosophy Essay competition and, as a result, has been honourably mentioned by the University for her essay.



The Sheffield Philosophy Essay Prize is an annual competition for Years 10, 11 and 12. The aims of this newly established prize are threefold: firstly, to widen interest in Philosophy and in studying Philosophy at university level among students who would not otherwise be exposed to the subject; secondly, to encourage ambitious and talented secondary school students considering applying to university to study Philosophy and thirdly, to recognize the achievements both of high-calibre students and of those who teach them.

Ellie submitted an essay titled, *Why do people like sad films or sad music?* She was subsequently invited to a prize ceremony at the University Open Day in October.

## 15+16+33=64 successes for young mathematicians



Last year, King's enjoyed numerous successes in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT), Junior Maths Challenge.

Pupils in Removes and Shells achieved 15 gold, 16 silver and 33 bronze certificates in this year's UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. Over 240,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze. Lottie Cliff (ShLB) achieved 'Best in Year' for the Removes year group and Owen Parsonage (3JJ) 'Best in Year' for the Shells Year group, earning him the accolade of 'Best in School.'

## Answering the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge

There were achievements for pupils who entered the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, with a range of gold, silver and copper awards being received.

The Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, which has been running for four years, aims to stretch and challenge students who are interested in Chemistry. This year, around 7,000 students sat the paper. These are largely the best of the 60,000 students who sit AS Chemistry; therefore an award that puts them comfortably in the top 8% of this select group is genuinely a real achievement.

Ben Paxton (U6CC) and Victoria Walker (U6ML) proudly took the gold award. Michael Ellis (U6JC) and Lucas Martin-Yates (U6HJ) took the silver award. The copper awards were awarded to Layton Spencer (U6ML), Aaron Soutter (U6CC), Katie Pownall (U6JC), Ben Monk (U6NH), Robert Massey (U6KS), Ellie Kearney-Mitchell (U6JK), Jonathan Hill (U6ML), William Blacklock (U6NH) and Animesh Anand (U6JK).



## Poet Luke puts on a thought-provoking performance

As part of National Poetry Day at King's, leading young performance poet, Luke Wright entertained Fifth and Sixth Form students with his unique brand of spoken poetry delivered with passion and verve.

Luke's subjects ranged from tender and personal, such as a sonnet to his son, through poems of teenage dilemma, to the biting satirical criticism of the Honours system in 'Have a Gong'. The audience was rapt as he laced together his poems with witty repartee, personal anecdotes and social commentary.

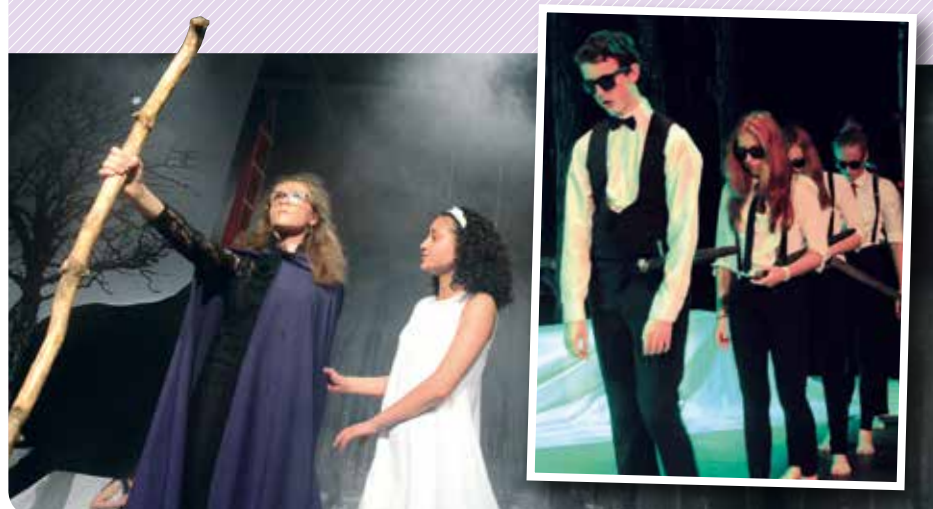
Following his electric performance, 12 students attended a writing workshop session run by Luke. Having looked closer at the structure and form used by Luke in one of his poems, students were encouraged to emulate this format, writing on any topic which mattered to them.



## 'The Tempest' goes down a storm

July saw the King's Young Shakespeare Company take the Vanbrugh Theatre by storm with a fire-cracking production of *The Tempest*.

Featuring students from Removes to Fourth Year, the show was deluged by applause from a theatre packed to the gunwales. Perhaps even more impressively, this talented troupe of young actors did not "vanish into thin air", as Prospero suggests, but went on to reprise their success at the Floral Pavilion in New Brighton in November, as part of the 2014 'Shakespeare for Schools' Festival. Truly "such stuff as dreams are made on"!



## Monster success for Frankenstein show

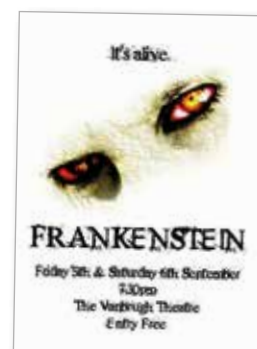
Many elements combined to bring September's student-led adaptation of Mary Shelley's Gothic novel *Frankenstein* to the Vanbrugh stage, but from the opening montage of images and sound it was clear that student adapter and director, Cameron Szerdy had anything but "lost the plot".

Following its triumphant Edinburgh Fringe debut with Simon Stephens' *Punk Rock* in August, the King's Sixth Form drama company, Focus Theatre produced a stunning version of Shelley's iconic story, remaining respectfully close to the novel's text, whilst never forgetting the imperative to deliver a great piece of theatre.



And what a superb piece it really was! All the impressive resources of the Vanbrugh's multi-media sound and lighting capacity were harnessed in ways which Victor Frankenstein would have found very useful indeed in his line of work! But this was no mere piece of "sound and fury". Led with immense intelligence and sympathy by Tom Larken (L6DB) and Laurence Ankers (U6NH) as Frankenstein and the Creature respectively, cast and crew worked tirelessly to make each moment and each heartbeat count.

King's has a long, proud history of encouraging students to step up to the challenge of staging plays themselves, and *Frankenstein* lived up to that challenge magnificently.





## Congratulations to our six scholars

Six students embarking on their Sixth Form studies this term have been awarded scholarships. Patrick Hudson, who came first in the scholarship papers, was the winner of the Investec Scholarship worth £1,000. Congratulations go to Patrick and all the other winners, including two students who joined King's this term from other schools.



The winners pictured above, left to right are: Mathew Oliver (L6SB), Elinor Honeybun (L6HF), Patrick Hudson (L6PW), Katie Lawrence-Smith (L6DB), Andrew Darby (L6PW) and Megan Russon (L6HF). These students achieved high marks in the scholarship papers and gained at least eight grade A/A\*'s at GCSE.

## Cadets Pass Out with honour

**The CCF recruits have been working towards their passing out since September 2013. In June, the recruits passed out and received the beret of their chosen service.**

The Passing Out Parade also gave parents a chance to see their children carry out drill exercises and take pride in watching them receive their beret. A number of cadets also received awards for various achievements gained over the term.



## A big 'heads up' for Ben and his team

**The Head of School for 2014/15 is Ben Paxton (U6CC) with Laurence Ankers (U6NH) and Megan Pode (U6HJ) both appointed as Deputies. In addition, 34 other Sixth Formers have been selected as the Head Prefect Team.**

**T**he selection process for the Head of School team is extremely meticulous and competitive, with candidates applying through 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 and meeting and greeting at events to library duties and assemblies.

A further 76 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.





# Students think pink for breast cancer

There was a wash of pink in July as Senior School students replaced one item of clothing with something pink, to help raise money for Breast Cancer Research. Spanish teacher, Miss Lindesay, organised this 'Wear it Pink' day. This day was particularly important and moving to those with family members battling the illness. Miss Lindesay's tutor group also organised a cake sale.

**T**he money raised was in support of Miss Lindesay's participation in Ride London 100 – a 100 mile course used for the Olympic Games in 2012. This event took place in August, starting at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Stratford, where over 24,000 cyclists cycled their way through torrential rain for the first 50 miles. However despite such weather, Miss Lindesay battled through and went on to raise a total of £1,900 for the charity.



## Flash poets make a big splash

**The start of October saw the Senior School pupils celebrating National Poetry Day in an unusual way by delivering flash poetry!**

**T**his day was organised by English teacher, Mrs Lydon, and it was a fantastic way to celebrate National Poetry Day. Almost 40 pupils, spanning all year groups gave spontaneous and enthusiastic recitations of their favourite poems in various lessons throughout the day.

Poems were also 'flashed' by participating teachers and a group of 25 pupils reciting three poems, with gusto, in the gallery at break time.

The three poems were *Thinking* by Walter D. Wintle, *Count That Day Lost* by George Eliot and *Leisure* by William Henry Davies.





## A year of exciting Duke of Edinburgh expeditions

**2014 has proven to be an extremely busy year for The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at King's with students having visited large areas of Cheshire and Wales in their expeditions.**

**T**he bronze award groups stopped in Beeston for an overnight camp after completing the Cheshire Sandstone Trail which provided them with some very scenic routes. The silver award groups toured the valleys of Llangollen and the Clwydian Ranges which also provided some spectacular views. The gold award groups headed to the mountains of The Rhinogs in West Snowdonia, a compact range of hills that made for a challenging walk.

Overall, it was a very successful expedition season resulting in students completing and passing assessments and gaining 51 bronze awards, 18 silver awards and 21 gold awards.



## Determined cadets prove they've got pedal power

**During the summer holidays CCF cadets attended a three day mountain biking expedition to Scotland taking on the Trails of Mabie, Glentress and Dalbeattie, which are all part of the 7stanes – a group of world-class mountain biking trails in the South of Scotland.**

**T**he team stayed in a bunkhouse, in the heart of The Mabie Forest, the original mountain biking venue in the South West of Scotland.

This was a challenging expedition, which tested the pupils' mountain biking skills to the maximum. Students were able to develop core skills, particularly the skill of not falling off! However, despite the inevitable falls and bruises, the team were driven, by their sheer determination and enthusiasm, to get back on their bikes and carry on.

There were smiles all round and an increase in confidence after the team took on the difficult Red Trails, which involved steep hills, rocks, steps as well as very fast downhill sections.





# To the Manor Born...

**The Removes undertook the first part of their induction into the Senior School by visiting Manor Adventure in Craven Arms, Shropshire at the beginning of term.**

After meeting in school and getting to know their tutor groups, the Removes donned their new polo shirts. The shirts were colour coded so that all could see other members of their teaching group really easily and each shirt was embroidered with the name of its owner.

In good spirits and excited to be seniors, the Removes boarded the two coaches which took them to Shropshire. The journey passed quickly as pupils chatted with each other about their summer holidays and all made new friends. On arrival at the centre, the Removes were taken to their bedrooms so that they could leave their

bags safely there and then they headed out to the first activity.

Some pupils took part in the obstacle courses which they enjoyed immensely because they were muddy. Some braved the underground maze, whilst others showed their skills at hitting targets in archery or rifle shooting and another group demonstrated great team spirit in crate stacking. For those who enjoyed heights, the abseiling tower and the confidence course provided ample challenges. After a hearty evening meal and tutor group meetings, it was time for bed. The Removes awoke excited and keen to get on with activities on Friday. The



weather was perfect for being outdoors all day. Thankfully, the rain only began as everyone boarded the coaches to head back to school at 8pm. The journey home was rather quieter, with all now tired and reflecting on a brilliant couple of days. All pupils had met new friends and were now excited about starting lessons the following week.



## 1,200 celebrate at annual prize giving

**King's held its annual Prize Giving Ceremony on the last day of the summer term at Chester Racecourse.**

This wonderful celebration of the year's outstanding academic, sporting and personal performances was a fine culmination to the end of the academic year. 1,200 pupils, parents, staff and governors watched as 120 prizes were awarded. The Headmaster summarised the highlights of the year with music provided by a choir from the *Oh What a Lovely War* cast.

Sixth Former, Katie Pownall (U6JC) played clarinet, Huw Kendall (3JJ) played the trombone and there was a recital of two poems – one was read in French and the other in Turkish as featured in King's *Varied Voices* poetry recital held earlier in July.

Students from various year groups recounted their experiences during the year and the outgoing Head of School, Hayley Milner, summed up the thoughts and emotions of the year's Upper Sixth leavers as they left for university and onto the next stage in their lives. Guest speaker, former cricketer, rugby international and sports commentator, Alistair Hignell CBE, awarded the prizes and gave a thought-provoking speech about his career.





## Magnifique!

Paris is so often associated with art, which was fitting for the art department who took its GCSE and A Level artists over to the heart of France during the half term. Students and teachers travelled via the Eurostar train in excitement and were ready to experience the best the city had to offer.

It was an activity-filled trip as students visited Le Musée d'Orsay, home to an abundance of famous sculptures and Impressionist paintings. The monographic museum that is Le Musée Rodin, gave students the chance to see one of the largest collections of work by French sculptor, Auguste Rodin. An art trip to Paris would not be complete without paying a visit to the world renowned Musée du Louvre, home of the famous Mona Lisa and Le Centre Pompidou situated at

the heart of Paris. Here, a wealth of sketching and photographing took place around Notre Dame, Montmartre, le Père Lachaise cemetery and of course, La Tour Eiffel!

Students took every opportunity to study, observe, photograph, draw and paint whilst in the fantastic city. They worked every hour on their trip sketchbooks and were energetic and enthusiastic, submerging themselves in the artistic spirit of Paris throughout this memorable experience.



## 100 years on... we will always remember

The school holidays had begun when Britain went to war on 4th August 1914, but the School quickly felt the effects of war even so.



Before the holidays were over, The King's School buildings around the Cathedral were being used by the Mayoress and her working committee as well as St John Ambulance. Suffragettes volunteered for clerical work in the Headmaster's study – which was something of a turnaround because the School's Debating Society had just a few months earlier, rejected a motion calling for women's suffrage. There was talk of turning the School into a hospital, although this did not happen.

Then, as now, few King's pupils went into the services when they left school. Nevertheless, even before the war, most of the Old King's Scholars (OKS) at Oxford and Cambridge had joined the Universities' Officer Training Corps. A year later, nearly 200 former pupils had volunteered, a number equal to the School's entire output over the previous six or seven years. These former pupils were university students, bankers and office workers. Now they trained for war and, while on leave, made home visits, often calling in at their old School. They were a familiar sight. The 1915 Year Book includes the comment, probably written by the Headmaster, the Reverend J. T. ('Jit') Davies, that "to all these boys life must have a very different meaning from what it bore a year ago".

Some former pupils had opted for an army career. Herbert Selwyn Aston, who in 1909 gained an Open Science Scholarship at New College, Oxford, was a Junior Officer in the Highland Light Infantry when the war began. He was one of the first former pupils to be wounded. Another was Robert Forbes Stanley Creek. With an army background (his father was a Colonel in the Royal Welch Fusiliers), Creek came to King's from Marlborough in 1893 and was at the School for just one year, leaving in summer 1894 age 16. Presumably, like his father, he then joined the army.

He next appears in the School archive in the 1915 Year Book, which records with some pride that Creek, a captain in The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, had been awarded the Distinguished Service Order for gallantry in 1914. The Roll of Service, a list of all those former members of the School known to have been serving in the Great War, states that Creek was wounded but there were no further updates.

Until recently, it was always thought that the first OKS to be killed in the Great War was Edward Whitfield, who died at Gallipoli in summer 1915. Sadly, it seems this grim title belongs to Robert Stanley Creek. During the Battle of Gheluvelt in October 1914, Creek was reported as missing. His body was never found and he is commemorated, along with more than 54,000 others, including two other OKS, on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres.

Because the School appears never to have been informed of Creek's fate, his name was not recorded on the school war memorial, erected in 1921. Soon the School will put that right. When that happens it will be possible to say, as General Plumer did when he opened the Menin Gate Memorial, 'He is not missing; he is here'.





# Berlin trip brings the past to life



**Over October half-term, 29 students, four history teachers and a top guiding team of Major Mike Cartwright and Colonel Piers Storie-Pugh OBE enjoyed four packed days in Berlin. The biennial problem is always what to include on the itinerary in a city with enough to keep visitors enthralled for weeks. Students were taken on 14 visits which were chosen to give them a flavour of Weimar, Nazi, divided and reunified Berlin.**

The group started firmly in the present with a fascinating talk and Q&A session at the British Embassy. Fortunate to meet with the Defence Attaché himself, King's students stirred themselves after a 3.30am start. Challenging questions about global problems and the design of the Embassy elicited some thoughtful answers from Brigadier Matt O'Hanlon. Students were also privileged to have a short yet moving service at Berlin's 1939-1945 CWGC War Cemetery led by Padre Rev. Max Homewood and accompanied by the haunting sounds of a piper.

A feature of the trip was the exceptional guiding. The superb guides, Finn, Florian, Olaf and Dr Roland Wirth amongst others, entertained and educated King's students and staff in equal measure. Their expertise on Nazi and Cold War Berlin, the Reichstag/Bundestag and Herta Berlin ensured minds were whirring as the next punctual U-Bahn, S-Bahn or bus arrived to whisk us onto our next visit. It was a pleasure to travel out to Potsdam one afternoon and sample life and cake at a slower pace, after the minutiae of the Potsdam Conference had been explained to students. It gave them a glimpse into Berlin's history, which was founded on far more than the traumatic twentieth century events. The genteel life of Frederick the Great did not seem so far away after all.

With so much to take in, it is the personal stories which have stayed fresh in the memory. For Upper Sixth Form student Kate Rothwell (U6CC), the visit to the Berlin Wall Memorial at Bernauer Strasse had great significance, as her German grandmother Renate and British grandfather Keith, had met and courted along the Berlin Wall. Kate later wrote, "... in discussing this story with Major Cartwright, it turned out that not only had he heard of my grandfather in the army, but they were in fact in the same regiment. Major Cartwright also knew my grandmother. I found this particularly incredible as I had, in fact, never met her".

From the Bundestag to the Jewish Museum, everyone had their own highlight, but one thing was true for all of us and summed up by Upper Sixth Former, Kate Robson (U6SD): "Berlin is a fantastic city and one which I intend to visit many more times in the future."





## Double success for musical Marissa

**Congratulations to Marissa Landy (U6ML) who received an ABRSM Diploma in Flute and an LCM Diploma in Musical Theatre, with Distinction.**

These diplomas were awarded on two successive days prior to a three week summer school at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, where Marissa studied Exploring Shakespeare, Contemporary Text and Musical Theatre. As The Herald went to press Marissa was in the process of directing the play, *Amadeus*, which showcases in December in the Vanbrugh Theatre.



## Chess boys play a winning game



**It was an exceptional day for our young chess players, Daniel Savidge (3RL), Rohan Yesudian (3JJ), Riyaan Yesudian (RmNG) and Arjun Balasubramanian (3HB) who represented Cheshire and North Wales in the National Youth Chess Association Under 14 Tournament.**

The boys all played superbly as they helped the county to joint first position with Sussex. This was the first title at this age group in the county's history.

Daniel had the honour of being captain and playing on top board, and Riyaan was awarded a special medal, having won all three games.



## Bronze medal performance at Physics Olympics

**In June, four King's pupils: Rohan Ingley (3RA), Rohan Yesudian (3JJ), Jack Mills (3JJ) and Greg Travis (3ET) attended the 2014 Physics Olympics at St. Peter's School in York.**

Competition was undoubtedly fierce as the boys competed against 30 schools from around the country, completing various different Physics challenges. The group worked successfully as a team and the highlights included winning the Boat Building task with a new Olympic record and finishing third in the extremely difficult Fermi Quiz. Scores from the six different events were combined and overall our students finished in Bronze medal position, a fantastic achievement in what has grown to be a very prestigious event.





## Introducing our first Head of Infants

**Mrs Margaret Ainsworth is to be the founding Head of Willow Lodge, leading The King's Infant School as it opens in September 2015.**

**W**e are delighted to have such an experienced and inspirational leader at the head of this latest addition to the King's family.

Mrs Ainsworth has taught in Infant and Junior Schools and has been most recently Deputy Head of the Queen's School Lower School. She is also a former King's parent, has two sons and a daughter and is well known in the regional educational scene.

Mrs Ainsworth takes up her appointment in January 2015, so that she will have two full terms to meet parents and others involved in the opening of Willow Lodge, which is a wonderful new venture.

Headmaster Mr Chris Ramsey said:

**“We fully intend Willow Lodge to be the leading infant school in the region: a King's education is much sought-after and admired, and we are proud to be making it available to younger children. Willow Lodge will be a self-contained, purpose-built school, especially designed for infants with its own playground and facilities, but it will be very much one of our schools!”**



## Willow Lodge begins to take shape

The Headmaster was delighted to witness the foundation of Willow Lodge, the new Infant School, being completed.

**“This is an extremely exciting time as we watch our new Infant School take shape. We are looking forward to welcoming our first infant pupils in September next year.”**





## Welcome on board to new Junior Captains

The Junior School announced their new House Captains, Sports Captains and Librarians for 2014/15.



### The House Captains are:

**Evans:** Charlotte Scott (J4P) and Jake Liddle (J4S)  
**Falles:** Anya Adapala (J4H) and Alex Waterer (J4P)  
**Lindans:** Anisa Kiely (J4S) and Dylan Allen (J4S)  
**Shepherds:** Freya Beyeler (J4H) and Joe Flory (J4P)

### New Sports Captains:

**Evans:** Leila Prendergast (J4S) and Monty Dunlap (J4P)  
**Falles:** Lily Wood (J4S) and Zak Packer (J4S)  
**Lindans:** Melissa Hughes (J4S) and Saul Corry (J4H)  
**Shepherds:** Iona Rathbone (J4S) and Max Lloyd (J4H)

### New Librarians:

**Evans:** Polly Gitz-Fitton (J4H) and Calum McCaig (J4S)  
**Falles:** Leilani Jenkins (J4P) and Josh Thomas (J4H)  
**Lindans:** Lily McNamara (J4P) and Daniel Kiely (J4P)  
**Shepherds:** Harriet Letts (J4P) and Aryan Agarwal (J4H)

## J4s stage a stunning Bugsy Malone

July saw a showstopping performance by 72 J4 pupils, who performed *Bugsy Malone* to a packed audience.

This stunning show featured every J4 pupil in a fast-moving, hilarious rendition of the classic tale of 1920's gangland days. The slapstick musical comedy, *Bugsy Malone* follows the rivalry between two half-witted street gangs. The message was one of good, clean fun; the characters were wonderful 1920's cartoon cut-outs; and the weapons of choice were 'splurge' and custard pies! Directed by Mrs Parker and musical direction from Mrs Stevens, it was a fitting end to the J4s' Junior School days.





# Foodbank reaps the benefit of Harvest Assembly

**A tremendous effort to support those less fortunate than themselves was made by the Junior School pupils as they donated food to the West Cheshire Foodbank, as part of their Harvest Assembly in October.**

Pupils learnt about the struggles other people may have in life and how their offerings help those in need. Overall, pupils donated a variety of food and it proved to be a very successful assembly.



## Juniors run up a great medal tally

**The King's Junior School performed superbly in the annual Association of Junior Independent Schools (AJIS) Cross Country Championships at Rossall at the start of October.**

The total medal tally reached 15 and The Junior School won the U11 Boys' Trophy for the first time since 1992. The U10 Boys' Team gained the bronze team medal and the girls beat the points score from the previous year. King's runners showed fantastic teamwork as they ran the challenging undulating course and all 27 runners showed great tactical awareness and understanding of the course, supported by sheer grit and determination.

The following pupils were included in the Individual Top 20 Performances: Jacob Popplewell (J3S), Sam McNeill (J3S), Isabelle Whittlestone (J3B), Eden Hambelton Davies (J4P), Douglas Boyd (J4P) and Jacob England (J4P).

Saul Corry (J4H) received the individual bronze medal in the U11 category and Charlotte Scott (J4P) was the first girl from King's who crossed the finishing line and finished in 24th place overall. With thanks to the team of parents who helped with the organisation, the pupils were given never-ending support that drove them to success.



## Lily and Archie show their show jumping skills

Lily McNamara (J4P) and Archie Barlow (J3S) joined the following pupils of the Senior School: Katie McNamara (4JM), Gregor Montgomery (ShPS), Alasdair Montgomery (4MP), Ffion Douglas (L6SW), Emily Boothroyd (L6HF) and Eleri Reece-Jones (5RH) to compete at the National Schools Equestrian Association in the Jumping with Style Competition on 27th September and the Show Jumping Qualifier on 28th September, at South View Equestrian Centre.

Both Lily and Archie rode as individuals in the 70cm classes, and Lily rode as part of the team with the Senior School in the 80cm class on her pony Manuka. It was a very well attended weekend with over 30 schools taking part. Lily finished 36th in a class of over 100 starters.





## Soccer boys get to Wembley!

**In preparation for the new football season, 36 pupils from the J4 football squad were given their first chance to attend a three-day residential pre-season trip to London.**

The skill development training was provided by Chelsea FC and Fulham FC Academy coaches at their respective training facilities. The training camp focused on developing a range of skills including technical, fitness and team development. The team were also involved in a competitive match against a local preparatory school, Lockers Park, where all four King's teams won their respective matches.

Furthermore, the boys also enjoyed a coaching session at Surrey Sports Park and a tour of the world famous Wembley Stadium. There they had the chance to visit England's dressing room, attend the press conference area, walk out of the players' tunnel, visit pitch-side, sit in the Royal box and hold the FA Cup, whilst also learning about the great history of this iconic venue.



## Guide dog visit shows the way with Puppy Walkers



**The Junior School received a lovely visit from Puppy Walkers from The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association in October.**

Juniors were given an educational talk by the Puppy Walkers that made for a very interesting assembly. The aim of the assembly was to help children become more informed in terms of how guide dogs help the blind and how to behave around them.





## ***Festive fun at Christmas Concert***

**This year's Christmas Concert was based on a nativity musical, written especially for The King's Junior School, by our very own Mrs O'Leary.**

With an entirely original script and seven songs to accompany the story, the J1 pupils led the festive show with some delightful acting and colourful costumes. Pupils from J2, J3 and J4 supported the musical with some fantastic singing and beautiful harmonies.

There was also a surprise appearance from everyone's favourite property gurus Phil "Spender" and Kirsty "Allsocks" (played by J1 pupils). After all, someone had to help the special family find a new place to stay on that holy night!



## Networking at the Houses of Parliament

**Three Headmasters, a Minister of State, a Judge, two Olympians, four medics, nine lawyers and a WWII Veteran, not to mention a whole host of successful leading businessmen and women, gathered in the Houses of Parliament on 4th November at a networking event for King's Alumni. A fantastic evening was had by former King's pupils ranging in age from 19-92 years, as well as former and current teachers.**

This was the first OAKS (Organisation for the Alumni of The King's School) event to be held in London and was sponsored by Stephen Mosley MP. It proved a popular event for former King's Scholars, many of whom work and live in London and the surrounding area.

The evening started with tours of Parliament, followed by wine and canapés on the Terrace, overlooking the Thames. The Headmaster, welcomed guests and introduced speaker, former King's pupil and now Minister of State for Business and Energy, Matthew Hancock MP. Matthew spoke amusingly about his time at King's and of how he has followed in the footsteps of some famous Old King's Scholars Government advisors such as John Bradbury, Chief economic advisor to the Government during the 1920s. John devised National Insurance and helped Britain pay down its war debts.

Matthew commented: "I have many happy memories of The King's School. It was a pleasure to see so many familiar faces at the House of Commons and to recall school trips, favourite teachers and valuable life lessons learnt both in and out of the classroom. The evening was a great success and I hope has rekindled many friendships."

The Headmaster added, "It was fantastic to welcome so many former pupils from such a diverse age range. Their success in whichever careers they have chosen was so impressive and makes me, and the current pupils and staff incredibly proud. They spoke very warmly of their time at King's and were appreciative of the contribution that the School made in helping them get where they are today. To know that King's, a day school in Chester, is producing such inspirational leaders of both private and public organisations, really shows the value of the education we provide and highlights how King's really does colour their lives forever."



### Apologies to Graham Bendall

Apologies must be extended to Graham Bendall, who we mistakenly called Mike Bendall in the last issue of the Herald. We wish Graham all the best with his helicopter scholarship at Staverton.

### Richard is our road racing champion

**Former pupil Richard Wilkinson is celebrating after becoming National Road Race Champion (Masters Category) for 2014. The event is staged by TLI cycling, an organisation that has been established for over 30 years and supports cycling clubs across the UK.**

Richard, a former Top Ten rider with numerous notable race wins, has ridden for various professional teams and is currently the Team Leader of the elite riders at Audlem Cycling Club in Cheshire. Well done from all at King's!





## A fond and sad farewell for Fergal

All at King's were devastated to hear about the recent death of former pupil Fergal O'Mahony. Fergal visited Marrakesh at the end of August, shortly after which, he became ill and died.

Fergal had immense musical talent as a pianist and reached the national semi-finals of the BBC Young Musician of the year competition. He performed frequently throughout the UK as well as making appearances in Europe. Fergal began studying the piano from an early age. He attended the Junior School at the Royal Northern College of Music and gained a Diploma in Professional Performance whilst at Manchester University. Fergal had received master classes from a number of internationally renowned musicians and had toured with the European Union Youth Orchestra under the baton of Vladimir Ashkenazy. Fergal also performed at the opening of the Vanbrugh Theatre in 2011 to the delight of pupils and staff alike. It is such sad news and our thoughts go out to his family.



## Cricket Guy's TV success

Former Pupil Guy Dunbavand (2014 Leaver) celebrated success with Boughton Hall Cricket Club at the English Cricket Board National Club T20 Championship!

Chester Boughton Hall beat Ahstead Cricket Club by 98 runs at the televised ECB Club final in September. It was a fantastic performance by the whole team which included 2014 Leaver Guy Dunbavand. Chester Boughton Hall's captain Lee Dixon proved to be the difference with a superb knock of 84 from 47 balls as Boughton amassed 178-7 from their 20 overs.

Great news for the Cheshire Team and for Guy who also achieved fantastic A Level results in August too and will now follow in his father's footsteps and study medicine at University.



## Supporting the School at Henley

In July the School hosted its first event at Henley where King's Alumni gathered for drinks and canapés to support the School's current 1st VIII as they endeavoured to make progress through the rounds.

Over 40 Alumni joined the Headmaster, Chris Ramsey and the School Development Team for refreshments on the banks of The Thames near Remenham Farm. Many who attended remembered well the nerves they experienced when they themselves competed during their time at King's. The course which is 2,112 metres long and starts at Temple Island is not for the faint-hearted.

Unfortunately King's 1st VIII were pipped at the post by Latymer School who won by three quarters of a length. This did not however dampen the spirits and it was lovely to see former pals Jon Groome and Gwyn Evans from

the 1965 School crew reunited. Arnold Cooke, David Latham, Ken Burrows, John Heath and David Roberts, part of the crew in the late 50s and early 60s, enjoyed the opportunity to catch up over a glass of wine. It was great to meet up with more recent leavers, Dan Innes, Adam Whiteley and Mike Thorp too. Mike confessed that he understood the pressure associated with such races very well, having competed himself in five University Boat Races.

As the event was a resounding success, we have planned a repeat performance in 2015. Further details will be circulated shortly.



## Arise Sir Stephen!

The Alumni Office was recently informed that a Knighthood had been conferred upon Stephen Edmund Phillips, Esquire QC on his appointment as Justice of the High Court. Stephen was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1984 and took Silk in 2002. He was appointed a recorder in 2000.

King's Alumni include a large number of lawyers, barristers and solicitors, some of whom we hope will support our Aspiring Lawyer's Event on Friday 6th November 2015. More details will follow.



Link up with our  
**LinkedIn**

If you haven't already, please do join our OAKS LinkedIn group. With a growing membership, it's a forum through which you can discuss or use professional connections to ask advice. All members have a connection to King's.

To join the Group on LinkedIn, search for The King's School Chester Alumni.

## Founder's Dinner

Saturday 12th September 2015

Our Founder's Dinner, to be held at School, will commemorate our beginnings in 1541 and celebrate the more recent ties of friendship with former pupils.

The event will include:

- Tours of the School
- Presentation from the Headmaster
- Three course dinner
- After dinner speaker
- Full bar service
- Live music

Dress code: Smart (but not black tie).

To book online visit:

[www.foundersdinner2015.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.foundersdinner2015.eventbrite.co.uk)

Please make a note of the next reunion dates:

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| Sat 7th February 2015 | 1975 |
| Sat 21st March 2015   | 1965 |
| Sat 9th May 2015      | 1995 |



## Wow! It's a world record...

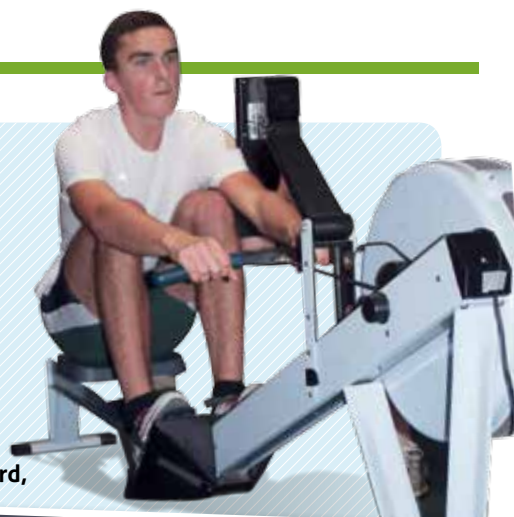
In October, 65 pupils from the Rowing Club took part in a Million Metre Ergo World Record Challenge. The pupils, aged between 15 and 18 completed the challenge in 18 hours and 12 minutes and, in doing so, set a new Concept 2 High School 4-erg Million Metre World Record, beating the previous record held by Sebastian River High School, Sebastian, Florida, United States by 2 hours 11 minutes.

**T**here was fantastic teamwork on show throughout the day at the Rowing Club as the 26 girls and 39 boys took turns on four rowing machines. The 1,000,000 metres were split evenly between the four rowing machines, two machines for the boys and two machines for the girls. The first wave of pupils arrived before sunrise to start the challenge at 5.14am. More rowers arrived shortly after to take part and give the early starters a well-deserved rest.

The rowers stayed in high spirits even when energy levels started to dwindle during the day, the determination and focus to break the World Record was always on their minds. All of the rowers pushed themselves both physically and mentally further than they thought they possible could, with many of our junior athletes rowing more than 20km in total and some of the senior athletes totalling over 50km during the day!

With the help of the King's School Rowing Club Parents' Association, the pupils were kept hydrated and fed throughout the day. The parents not only provided wonderful food and cakes but also a tremendous amount of support.

There was huge support and a great atmosphere at the Rowing Club as the girls brought the challenge to a close at 11.26pm. The boys who had finished their 500,000m nearly two hours before were pushing the girls on and supporting them through the final stages.



### Huge congratulations go to the new World Record holders:

Zoe Soutter, Lucas Martin-Yates, Olivia Rogerson, Alex Slater, Bronwen Hulme, Maud Moir, Ben Monk, Dan Weatherly, Millie Medland, Isabelle Beardwood, Amelia Standing, Isobel Larken, Gergo Erdi-Krausz, Patrick Hudson, Will Bach, Natasha Groome, Dan Green, Ben Paxton, Alex Guanaria, Jonathon Ralphs, Frances Alcock, Tom Larken, Rob Clark, Max Dunlap, Tasmin Feakes, Angus Menzies, Dan Coady-Ward, Matthew Reece-Jones, Alex Slater, Roberto King, Jake Kitchen, Simon Ellershaw, Dan Badeli, Jack Sackett, Charlotte Knight, Katie Lawrence-Smith, Anna Willis, Ben Cliff, Tom Ramsbottom, Alasdair Montgomery, Ben Stratton, Rebekah Hagan, Christian Palmer, Harry Higginbottom, Sophie Davies, Fiona McDonald, Chloe Cowan, Atharva Salvi, Chloe James, Jennifer McDonald, Emily Letton, Josh Roberts, Charles Smith, Eleri Reece-Jones, Anna Plunkett, Ewan Bulkeley, Ben Samarji, Matthew Carty, Oliver Berry, Lily Palmer-Madge, Lora Hunt, Aaron Soutter, Stanley Moir, Matteo Foglio, Wilf le Brocq and Charlotte Cross.





## International rowers' record-breaking summer

**During the summer holidays, nine athletes competed for the Welsh National Rowing Squad and Alex Slater (U6CC) raced in the GB VIII at the European Championships.**

After a gruelling selection process, Alex lined up in the four seat of the GB VIII at the Junior European Championships known as the Coupe de la Jeunesse. After three weeks of training, the VIII raced in Libourne, France finishing in 4th place in the A final on the Saturday, behind a strong Italian, Dutch and French team and 5th in the A final on Sunday. It was a fantastic achievement for Alex to make the GB VIII, whilst still in the Lower Sixth. He now has his sights set on the GB Junior World Championships in 2015.

Meanwhile at the Home Countries International Regatta in Cork, Ireland, King's was represented by a team of seven from the Senior Girls' Squad, who raced in the coxless pair, coxless fours and VIII. King's boys, representing Wales, included

Ben Monk (U6NH), who raced in the coxless fours and won a gold medal in a tight finish against four English Athletes, who had raced for Eton and won at Henley Royal Regatta three weeks earlier. Aaron Soutter (U6CC), who raced as part of the Wales VIII, lost out on a gold medal by less than ½ a second, in a tight finish with the England VIII.

David Blackham, Director of Rowing, commented, "It was an excellent end to the season to have had 10 athletes gain their international caps. They worked hard last year and deserved success at the higher level. All 10 of the athletes were in Fifth Year and Lower Sixth Year which is an extremely encouraging prospect for our squads this year."



## Athletes take on English Schools' challenge

**A group of Third and Fourth Year athletes competed in the English Schools' Regional B final in Warrington in June. The girls qualified after the County Round, where they came 6th.**

The squad consisted of Olivia Samson (4RC), Abi Fisher (4PN), Megan Gareh (4RC), Siobhan Benson (4RC), Lora Hunt (5JR), Rachel Huber (5CG), Anna Lloyd (4EH), Eloise Dooley (4PN), Izzy Beardwood (4MP), Jemima Benson (5CG) and captain Martha Owen (OKS). Each athlete competed in two events with their points added together for the team's total.

Siobhan Benson was the top scorer of the day. She gained 48 points; winning both the high jump, with a jump of 1m 53, and the 200m race in a time of 26.2 seconds. Martha ran the 1500m race in 5 minutes 18.9 seconds and gained 19 points.

Other great performances were made by Eloise Dooley in the shot-put competition, with 7.86 metres and gained 17 points. Izzy Beardwood gained 13 points in the shot-put competition with 6.95 metres. Both Rachel Huber and Megan Gareh gained the team 9 points in the discus competition, each throwing just over 16m. Another high point scorer of the day was Lora Hunt, running the 300m race in 47.3 seconds thereby gaining 18 points, and 16 points in the triple jump with a jump of 9.1 metres.

Overall the team finished with a total of 278 points.



## Tri Star 3 triumph for Matt

**Matt Willis (4RC) competed at The UK Inter Regional Triathlon Championships in August and retained his National Triathlon Title. Matt is now the best young triathlete in the country, for his age group, which is an astonishing achievement.**



This event saw young triathletes from Triathlon Scotland, Welsh Triathlon and each of the Triathlon England regions, compete not only for individual honours but also for the coveted team title.

It was success all round for Matt who won the Tri Star 3 Boys' race in a record time of 21:34 and led his North West England Team to the silver medal position.

In addition to his triathlon achievements, Matt also travelled to Dublin with the Welsh Athletics Team for the Celtic Games in August. Matt captained the Under 16 Boys' Squad and took 2nd place in the 1500m race after a close finish between himself and an older Irish Athlete, leading his Welsh Team to proudly finish in 2nd place overall.



## Athletics duo qualify for Cheshire

Congratulations to two students, Matt Willis (4RC) and Siobhan Benson (4RC), who qualified for a place in the Cheshire Athletics Team. The two were part of the team competing in the English Schools' Athletics in July. Matt competed in the 1500m race and Siobhan in the 100m race.





## Football and Netball fun

**King's held its annual Football and Netball tournament in September where J3 and J4 competed against other primary schools.**

This year, eight primary schools were invited to King's to compete: Ashton Heyes, Christleton, Waverton, Fairholme, Duddon, Ewloe Green and The Firs School.

Mrs Jones, Assistant Director of Sport, organised this event with the aim of involving lots of children and ensuring they enjoyed a fun afternoon. The tournament was split into two parts – a preliminary round followed by play-offs. In the second half of the tournament, the leading two teams then played for the Cup and schools who placed 3rd and 4th played against each other for the Plate.

Fifth and Sixth Form students umpired and refereed each tournament and King's Sports Leaders took part by assisting in each match, as part of the Enrichment Programme.

The event was a great success with King's Juniors winning the Football Cup Competition and Waverton Primary School coming a close 2nd on goal difference. The King's Junior School won the Netball Competition with Christleton School coming in 2nd place. Fairholme Prep School took the Plate for Netball and The Firs School won the Football Plate.



## Great success for Girls' hockey squad

**In September, King's 1st XI won the U19 Chester and District Girls' Hockey Tournament.**

Ellie Crisp (U6HJ), Lucy Armatage (U6JK) and Sophie Drew (L6SB) scored the winning goals. The team played a superb match as each member played a vital role that contributed to the girls' success. It was a fantastic win for the girls who beat Bishop Heber High School 2-0 and The Queen's School 4-0, which led them to secure the District Title for the 5th consecutive year at U19 Level.





## U14 girls step up to the next level

**It was victory for the U14s Girls' Hockey Squad in October as they stormed through to the next round of the National Schools' Competition.**

**T**he girls triumphed over competing schools beating The Grange School, Bishop Heber High School, The Fallibroome Academy and drawing with Birkenhead High Academy to win their group.

In a nail biting semi-final the girls played extremely well in sudden death flicks which clinched their victory. They played the next match and managed to secure their place in the North West semi-final which was held in November, in Timperley.

The girls represented the School in the North West semi-final in great spirits, having prepared well. Tough opposition prevented further progress in the competition, but the experience and enjoyment stands them in good stead for the future.



## Leading the way in sports

**C**ongratulations to the following pupils who have passed their Level 1 in Sports Leadership: Sam Thomson (4PN), Alice Thomas (4EH), Annie Powell (4EH), Miles Meredith (4RC), Frazer Marsden (4RC), Charlie Jones (4PN), Oliver Williams (4EH), Issy Whittingham (4PN), Hamish Strudwick (4JM), Anna Lipson (4MP), Charlotte Lewis (4PN), Jessica Lee (4RC), Charles Jackson (4EH), Tom Fotheringham (4PN), Eloise Dooley (4PN), Matt Willis (4RC), Fergus Abberton (4JM), Llewelyn Bevan (4RC) and Sam Gareh (U6SD). These students have demonstrated their ability to lead others in a simple sport or activity.

Sports Leadership is an option in the Enrichment Programme offered to selected pupils before the age of 16. The course enables students to learn how to plan sports sessions, lead safe and enjoyable sporting activities, as well as learn about basic leadership and control skills. Overall, this has proven to be a popular and enjoyable course for pupils.

In addition to passing their Level 1 in Sports Leadership, the following pupils have also received 'The Spirit of Leadership Award': Matthew Reece-Jones (4MP), Abigail Fisher (4PN), Megan Gareh (4RC), Amber Disley (4JM) and Emily Cartwright (4JM). This particular



award recognises the service of pupils who work over and beyond the constraints of the course and give their time and experience back to sports staff and other pupils attending regular practices.





## STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!

### MMC recognition for Jeevan

Marleybone Cricket Club (MCC) organised a presentation ceremony for players from UK schools in recognition of their achievement in playing against MCC regional teams. The MCC has various teams for each region and in total they play over 300 fixtures across the country. In all there were 16 players selected who took five plus wickets or scored more than 100 runs in the 2013 season. These players were invited to the presentation in June. The presentation took place in front of a capacity crowd on the pitch at Lords, during the tea break of the first test match between England and Sri Lanka.

Jeevan Kurukkal (U6HJ) was one of the 16 players who received the award from former English Cricketer, Mike Gatting OBE, for taking six wickets for 58 runs against MCC North West in June 2013. Jeevan was invited for a full day of hospitality with tickets to watch the 3rd day of the test match. During the tea break he was taken along with the other players to the famous Long Room. He was then taken to the part of the ground in front of members' pavilion where he was presented with a plaque by the MCC president and former England Captain Mike Gatting. His name also appeared on all the score boards around the ground. From Wisden 2014: "Off Spinner Jeevan Kurukkal's 6-58 against MCC was the highlight of the season."



### A budding chess master!

Well done to Riyaan Yesudian (RmNG) who took part in the 101st British Chess Championships in July. He remained undefeated throughout the tournament having competed against the top chess players in the country. Riyaan finished in a respectable third place in the Under 11 category.

In addition to this success, Riyaan recently represented England in Belgium, in September, where he played against a Flanders team. As a result, the English team beat the Belgians with Riyaan playing in the 6th board, which is an incredible honour at such a young age.



### Myles ahead at tennis

Summer proved to be victorious, in terms of tennis, for Myles Minchin (J3S) as he stormed through the Cheshire Division 1 County final with his Hoole LTC. Team in July, becoming Aegon County Champions!

Myles' greatest success, so far, has been winning his first regional Grade 3 tournament at the Sellers Huddersfield Open. This was one of many successes for Myles, including winning a county tournament at the Widnes Open Tournament, and finishing runner up at the Ilkley Grade 3 County Tournament.

As a result of these tremendous achievements, Myles finished at the top of the County Tennis Leader Board and third in the regional Leader Board for the North of England.



### Megan aims for the top

Megan Gareth (4RC) was selected to join a Welsh high performance netball club in September of last year, and has been training with them all year.

She was then selected to attend the Gemau Cymru in Cardiff in July, which was an Olympic style event with athletes competing in athletics, rugby, gymnastics, triathlon and netball. All athletes stayed in Cardiff Metropolitan University accommodation, with an opening ceremony in the Millennium Centre being held during their stay.

Megan played netball in July against the other seven high performance clubs in Wales, in an U16 tournament. Twelve teams took part and Megan's team came 5th. The Welsh selectors named Megan as one of the best 20 players from the 100+ taking part in the tournament. Megan also met and spoke with members of the Welsh Commonwealth Games' netball squad. The event was televised on S4C in mid July.



### Oliver is riding high for GB

Congratulations to Oliver Williams (4EH), who was selected over the summer holidays to be part of the GB team, at the Pony European Championships in Millstreet, Ireland. Of the riders selected, Oliver was the youngest member at just 14 years old and was only in his first year of competing at this level.

The newly constructed course was very technical and challenged even the strongest and most experienced riders, with jumps set at maximum height, width and drop. Furthermore, competition was fierce with 52 competitors representing twelve different nations.

The pressure was on for Oliver after two of his fellow team mates were eliminated. However, after having completed the cross country, Oliver and his remaining team mates became one of the 15 who were able to complete the course. They moved Great Britain into silver medal position and Oliver into 9th place individually pushing them through to the final phase.

Once again, GB riders were the stars of the show as all team members jumped a clear round with no time penalties and were awarded with a silver medal as a final result. This was an amazing achievement for Oliver, who finished 6th individually with a dressage score of 47.3, making it his new personal best.



### Jake's TV appearance

Jake Liddle (J4S) appeared on BBC television in June with his mother and grandmother to talk about 'Contact the Elderly', the only national charity solely dedicated to tackling loneliness and social isolation among older people. It is a charity that Jake and his family are heavily involved in.



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