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A warm welcome to our new
Headmaster, George Hartley

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As we arrive together at the end of what has been a productive and busy term, it is always appropriate and satisfying to reflect on the key events, successes and achievements of the last few months.

It is fair to say I have been quite astounded at the range and variety of what happens across King's on a weekly basis and the myriad of opportunities available to our pupils of all ages, the breadth of which one would otherwise only find in a large boarding school.

Picking out a few highlights, it was delightful to arrive to the metaphorical fanfare of trumpets that accompanied our public exam results at the end of the summer, results that I'm proud to say, make us the top performing school in Cheshire. Schools must never be judged solely by such statistics however, and there are plenty of other exciting things going on at King's to show how much we value a genuinely all-round education with excellent pastoral care at its core. You will see in these pages, for instance, that the new house system has got off to a fantastic start in the Senior School,

that we recently welcomed my inspirational friend James Shone with his powerful *I Can and I Am* message to the Junior School and the wonderful poppy display for remembrance in Willow Lodge.

As part of the broader community, we also continue to do what we must and should for the benefit of others in the Chester area and beyond. This has involved various charitable activities for the benefit of those less fortunate than ourselves, working closely with local schools to support them in various ways and also fun ways of fundraising to support our ambitious bursary programme targets.

All in all, it's been an immensely satisfying and exhilarating first term and I've enjoyed every minute. Likewise, I hope you enjoy the thrills and delights of the following pages.



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Leavers impress with A Level success



OUR UPPER SIXTH LEAVERS once again celebrated hugely impressive A Level results this year.

Four students received 3 A* grades or more: Jack Hodgkinson (3 A* and 1 A) (Oxford), James Hughes, Wilf Le Brocq and Matt Williams.

Three more leavers achieved 4 A Levels graded A*/A: Gunchit Sharma (4 A), Yuxin Shi (2 A* and 2 A), and Zack Soutter (2 A* and 2 A).

A further 23 students gained 3 A*/A grades: Robert Alderson, Kiera Barry, James Evans, Matteo Foglio, Harry Halewood, Rebecca Hatton (Cambridge), Euan Hay, Max Holland, Megan Jones, Megan Kendall, Joseph Langley, Emilia Lipton, Simon Parker, Reya Patil, Anna Plunkett, Edward Ramsey, Barnaby Rule, Shun Sato, Emily Scott, Fraser Smellie, James Temple, Adrian Waddelove and Robert Way.

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I want to congratulate every single Sixth Former on their fine achievement, which reflects their hard work and commitment. I also want to thank their teachers who have supported them throughout their A Level studies and, in many cases, the new A Level specification.

George Hartley, Headmaster

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87% of all the grades achieved by our students were graded A*/B and 98% were graded A*/C. 90% of the girls' grades were A*/B.

This year, we are delighted that 83% of our leavers are now studying at a Times Top 25 or Russell Group University. These super results, along with our GCSE results mean that yet again, we are the top performing school in Cheshire.

We wish our leavers all the best for this next chapter of their lives.

Celebrating our best ever GCSE results

OUR PUPILS WERE CELEBRATING IN STYLE THIS SUMMER as they received the best GCSE results ever recorded at The King's School, indeed the best in Cheshire.

57% of all the King's GCSE results received were at the top A* grade, our highest result since the introduction of the A* grade in 2007.

Ten of our students achieved 11 A* grades or more: Kate Jenkinson (11 A* and 1 A), James Clark (11 A*), Emilia Cotgrove (11 A*), Alasdair Daniels (11 A*), Mariam Littler (11 A*), Owen Parsonage (11 A*), Laura Scott (11 A*), Oliver Williams (11 A*), Rohan Yesudian (11 A*) and Arjun Periasamy (11 A*).

In addition to his impressive 11 A* grades, Arjun Periasamy is one of only nine students in

the whole country to achieve 100% in Further Maths, from an entry of 19,000 students.

Eight of the 18 A* grades achieved in Further Maths were graded a distinction level A⁺ indicating these were top performances in this subject.

A further nine students received 10 A* grades or more: Anna Chadwick (10 A*, 2 A), Robin Fryar (10 A*, 1 A), Ben Hardy-Jones (10 A*, 1 A), Oliver Irvine (10 A*), Henry Langley (10 A*), Amogh Patil (10 A*, 1 A), Mehtaab Shergill (10 A*, 1 A), William Unett (10 A*, 1 A) and Jack Walker (10 A*, 1 A). 23 other students gained 10 A*/A grades or more and 60% of all our students gained 9 A*/A grades or more. In total, 80% of all the grades achieved at King's were at A*/A grade.

This is again one of the highest ever A*/A percentages seen at King's. In addition, 94% of GCSEs were graded A*/B.

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The pupils and staff are absolutely over the moon with these record-breaking results, and rightly so after a great deal of hard work from the students along with the fantastic support of their teachers.

George Hartley, Headmaster

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Celebrating excellence in every area of school life

THE HARD WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS of pupils and staff over the last academic year was celebrated at our annual Prizegiving Ceremony at Chester Racecourse in July.

Following an uplifting Cathedral Service, our worthy prizewinners, Upper Sixth leavers and their proud families made their way to the Final Furlong marquee at the racecourse.

Following the welcome by the Chairman of Governors, Mrs Clague, and an introduction by the former Headmaster, Mr Ramsey, the presentation of prizes commenced. We were delighted to welcome Sir Roger Scruton, writer and philosopher, to present the awards this year. Over 160 prestigious prizes were awarded, recognising all areas of achievement across the school from sport and drama to academia and music.

There were some wonderful musical interludes from our Sixth Form leavers, including Erika Ignataviciute's solo of *Send in the Clowns*, and William Medland and Edward Ramsey's talented and amusing rendition of their duet *Mushnik & Son* from their performance in *Little Shop of Horrors* earlier in the year. Barnaby Rule performed his own piece of creative poetry, shining a light on life in the Sixth Form common room.

Mr Ramsey and Sir Roger Scruton brought the ceremony to a close with truly motivational speeches for the students. Congratulations to each and every one of our students who received prizes. Taking time out to reflect on these achievements is so important.



Introducing our new Head of School team

OUR NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL, Olivia Wade-Jones (U6BRD) and Deputy Heads, Aditya Iyer (U6WAL) and Abigail Fisher (U6GRO) have had an excellent start to the year.

Olivia hosted a successful new Sixth Former lunch before term began to welcome all new Sixth Form students and to help them settle in quickly. Both Adi and Abi, along with Kim

Nyamushonongora (U6BRD) have also been involved in our *Sixth Form Student Room*, a Facebook initiative set up to answer any questions prospective students may have.

This is, of course, in addition to all the duties they and all our other superb Prefects undertake to help and support the smooth running of the school each and every day.



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I feel very privileged to be the Head of School this year and have enjoyed this busy and successful start to the year.

Olivia Wade-Jones, Head of School

Removes quiz Headmaster in Q&A session



TWO OF OUR REMOVES STUDENTS, Sinead O'Mahony (RMAI) and Luke Williams (RMMW) were recently given the opportunity to host a Question and Answer session with the Headmaster to find out all about his first term here at King's.

The pupils questioned Mr Hartley on many topics, from first day nerves and favourite school meals, to his expectations of the pupils and what he was like as a student at school.

It was a fun and informative morning, gaining an insight into our new Headmaster. They even arranged for the session to be filmed. Simply scan the QR code to watch the full interview.



Prestigious Arkwright Scholarships awarded to budding engineers



WE HAD THE WONDERFUL NEWS IN SEPTEMBER that four pupils, William Unett (L6WAL), Amelia Jones (L6WAL), George Bell (L6WAL) and Owen Parsonage (L6DUT) have been awarded Arkwright Engineering Scholarships for the duration of their Sixth Form life here at King's.

The award includes an annual financial gift to the pupil and to the school, together with a range of enrichment activities that increase the pupils' understanding of engineering and the world of work, such as mentoring and industry visits.

The scholarships are awarded to students who aspire to a career in engineering, computing and technical design. These valuable experiences can then be shared back in the classroom for everyone's benefit.



Sixth Form leavers have a ball

OUR SIXTH FORM LEAVERS ENJOYED a superb night of celebration and fun at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Chester, to round off their time here at King's.

It was a wonderful night to reflect on all their successes together and look forward to the new challenges ahead. Congratulations to you all, and please keep in touch through our Alumni Office.



Singers in the house!

OUR FIRST HOUSE SONG competition took place this term with all eight new school houses performing a song of their choice.

Each house competed against each other, with the Removes students being the judges in deciding which four should make it through to the grand final in front of a live audience.

Werburgh House impressed with a charming version of *Hey Jude* by The Beatles, using their smartphone torches to generate a mystical finale.

Fox House entertained with a brilliant version of *Never Gonna Give You Up* by Rick Astley with some ingenious camerawork.

Dutton House dazzled with a storming rendition of *The Lion Sleeps Tonight* by The Tokens, with hilarious cameo appearances from teachers Mr Neal and Mr Morris.

Walsh House mesmerised with an impressive version of *Cups* by Anna Kendrick, shrewdly using plastic cups to execute the song tempo.

All four performances were of the highest standard and it was evident the weeks of preparation that had taken place.

The winners were announced following the closing performance, with Mrs Gareth declaring Fox House and Dutton House as joint winners!

Mr Hartley proudly presented the trophy to the Head Prefects from the victorious houses.

This new initiative was such a success it will now be an annual competition, with further inter-house competitions taking place throughout the year.

Please scan the QR code to watch the House Song final!



Mariam is a real success story

DURING THE SUMMER, Mariam Littler (L6DUT) won a coveted third place in the Portico Library's Sadie Massey Young Writer's Award.

The Portico Sadie Massey Award for Young Readers and Writers aims to encourage a life-long love of reading and to celebrate the talented young writers in the North West of England.

Mariam's gripping piece about an alien, an other-worldly divide between robots and humans, really impressed the judges. Mariam attended the prizegiving ceremony in the inspirational Portico Library, where she met with famous Manchester-based poet Tony Walsh. She received prizes of book tokens, author visits and copies of *Time Travellers* and the *Crystal Dome* for herself and the school.

In a further exciting twist, she learned that her story is to be published by Seven Arches Publishing as part of their *Time Traveller Series*!



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM
1914 1918



100 years on... we will always remember the fallen

WITH NEARLY 4,750 BURIALS, New Irish Farm Cemetery should not have been difficult to find. No doubt the men who lie there, many of them killed a hundred years ago in 1917 amid the featureless mud and gloom of Passchendaele, would have a thing or two to say about me getting lost with a sat nav to guide me.



It was still early in the day when I arrived. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) gardeners had beaten me there all the same. Their solemn nods acknowledged my presence as they went on mowing the grass and tending the flower beds.

It was my first visit to the grave of Thomas William Allen Jones: XXVI. B. 14. He died on 31 July 1917, the day the battle of Third Ypres began. It was because he had died in 1917 that I was visiting now in 2017. I knew little else about him, except that he left school in 1913 and had lived in Hoole. His name is on the local war memorial. I photographed his grave and moved on.

That was in April. Then in September, out of the blue, Second Lieutenant Thomas Jones' nephew, Mr James Tompkinson, contacted the school. He would like to visit the school to give us a certificate, hand drawn by his uncle's footballing and cricketing contemporaries, given to Thomas Jones "for his



invaluable services to the King's School Eleven, both at Cricket and Football" in 1913.

The certificate is now in the School Archive where it will be joined by copies of other mementoes, including a letter Thomas wrote in the trenches, probably his last, and a photograph of him in uniform.

Thanks to Thomas Jones' nephew we now know a good deal more about him. It is clear that the First World War continues to cast a long shadow and a chance phone call has helped draw the lines a little more firmly.

Written by *Sub Neal*

Faculty Head of Languages and Humanities

Taking 1984 to the 2017 Edinburgh Fringe



RECENT LEAVERS, Edward Ramsey, Eleri Reece-Jones, Rebecca Hatton, Fin Paterson, Simon Parker, Allan Prossor, Izzy Larken, Sam Barnes, Barney Rule, Chloe Cowan and Zoe Edwards, along with current pupils Alasdair Montgomery (U6GRO), Amber Disley (U6GLA), Jack Sackett (U6GLA) and Chris Hatton (5WAL) visited the Edinburgh Fringe Festival over the summer to perform George Orwell's *1984*.

Performing daily at the Greenside Theatre on Infirmity Street to sell out audiences, *1984* was a resounding success. As well as performing, our students also saw a plethora of performances including *Shakespeare for Breakfast*, *Fleabag*, *Brexit the Musical*, *The Secret Life of Humans* and *Showstopper! The Improvised Musical*.

A fantastic experience for them all!



George Orwell

A great start for Entry Scholar award winners

CONGRATULATIONS TO Charlie Marshall (RMMH), Eila O'Connor (RMMW), Maisie O'Leary (RMSC), Duncan Boyd (RMSC), Adam John (RMSC), Annabel Swift (RMGS), Luke Williams (RMMW), Rory Flynn (RMDR) and Rohith Muthuvelu (RMRA) who were awarded Entry Scholarships for their performances in the Senior School entrance exams which took place earlier this year.

The Music Scholar auditions were also of a very high standard this year, with a range of both vocal and instrumental auditions taking place. The King's Music Scholarship was ultimately awarded to Sinead O'Mahony (RMAI).



Forget Brexit, this was a real European debate

IN NOVEMBER, six Upper Sixth students took on the challenge of the Northern Schools' Modern Foreign Languages Debating Competition, preparing arguments in French, German and Spanish. The topics covered everything from politics, the environment and education to the concept of happiness and success and whether war is ever avoidable.

Ruhi Kaur (U6FOX) and Tom Owens (U6GLA) competed in French, producing strong, fluent arguments whose accuracy and quality matched their ferocity and enthusiasm. Spanish was ably represented by Rhiannon Jackson (U6FOX) and Rebecca Perkins (U6FOX) who won both their initial rounds and dominated the opposition with their intelligent responses. In German, Conor Donsbach (U6FOX) and Poppy Allan (U6LES) showed their skill in delivering their position and defending it to the hilt, whilst asking provocative questions of their opponents.

We enjoyed some wins and endured some losses but the pupils' arguments were exceptionally well prepared, structured and delivered, testament to their hard work and linguistic skills.



Art and Sport – a pair that belong together!

WE HAVE RECEIVED the most beautiful painting here at King's, and there's a rather unusual story behind it.



Artist, Kaye Parmenter, has visited the National Schools' Regatta for the last two years. She was there to capture the event, be it a portrait or painting of a boat or crew.

Whilst soaking up the atmosphere and taking photos at the event in 2016, she noticed a pile of trainers by the waterside. To her it was more than a pile of trainers – it represented a close team, and loving the colours and shapes, she thought it would make a nice piece of art, so she painted it.

Just before the event this year, she tried to find the crew via social media hoping that she could track them down. But sadly, she had no luck. Kaye had almost given up hope, and whilst talking with people at the Regatta this year about the painting, she overheard a voice saying, "they're mine!"

The trainers belonged to our student rowers Helena Barker (5FOX), Hannah Peters (5WAL), Eleanor Heritage (5FOX) and Eve Jawara (5DUT). Delighted with the painting, it is now signed, and hangs here at the school perfectly representing art and sport coming together – a true Cinderella story!



Amazing animations

THANKS TO EVERYONE who helped our *Big Draw* become such a success.

This year's *Big Draw* was a stop frame animation project, contributed to by everyone dropping by the Art Department during our busy Open Afternoon. There are a total of 326 frames that make up the animation, each one was hand drawn, photographed then imported to iMovie to create a stop frame animation. Sadie Nathan (U6DUT), our Art Prefect who is hoping to go on to study animation at university, drew a whopping 113 of those 326 frames. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Please scan the QR code to watch the *Big Draw*.



In their footsteps – a visit to the WW1 battlefields



LIKE THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN 1914, we headed for the Belgian town of Mons, where for the British, the First World War began and ended. En route we visited the hill-top town of Cassel in France to view the Ypres Salient as Marshal Foch and "Daddy" Plumer did.

At Mons, we saw where the first and last shots of the war were fired by British soldiers, where the first VCs were won and the graves of the first and last soldiers killed, which now lie opposite one another.

From Mons, we headed to Messines. Scene of the 1914 Christmas Truce and the 'mines battle' of 1917. Here we visited the church painted by Adolf Hitler, the Irish Peace Park and the New Zealand Memorial. A German bunker and a mine crater filled by water provided chilling evidence of war's devastation.

Messines served as the prelude to Passchendaele in 1917 and so it was for us, as we moved north-east of Ypres to go underground at the Zonnebeke Church dug-out and then explore the Passchendaele Museum with its reconstructed trench system.

At Tyne Cot, the largest Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) cemetery in the world, we paid our respects to two former pupils, and that evening we took part in the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres, laying wreaths for another three former pupils.

On the last day, Langemark German Cemetery afforded an opportunity to appreciate the difference in memorialisation between victor and vanquished, while the story of Harry Patch, "the last fighting Tommy", told at the memorial he erected, underlined his belief in reconciliation.

Poperinge, a town behind the lines, was our last stop. Here, soldiers faced firing squads just yards from cafés where officers could eat, drink and be charmed by waitresses such as 'Ginger', and from Talbot House, where soldiers of all ranks could relax by having a cup of tea and a sing-song. Like thousands before us, we did just that: a fitting end to a thought-provoking trip.

Written by *Sub Neal*
Faculty Head of Languages and Humanities



The Devil and the Deep Blue

OUR GCSE DRAMA STUDENTS have wowed audiences with a poignant and thought-provoking original piece of theatre.

Using a film entitled *Dreams of a Life* as their initial stimulus, the students worked together to write, rehearse, design and perform a fantastic 20-minute performance.

Based loosely around the seven deadly sins and set in purgatory, Alchemy Lucas (5WER), Anna Devoy (5LES), Maxwell Williams (5LES), Daniel Sharratt (5LES), Harry Caputo (5GRO) and Lottie Cliff (5WER) gave an emotionally charged performance as well as showing off the groups' musical talents, with some lovely moments of original live composition.

The performances were complemented beautifully by Joseph Clarke's (5WER) striking lighting design and the end result was a stirring and stylish evening of theatre.



Ambassadors spread the word about reading

THIS TERM, our Head Librarian, Mrs Harding, has brought together a team of Reading Ambassadors who will work with the librarians and pupil librarian team on specific activities, such as the School Book Award and School Book Week.

Our Ambassadors will operate on a rota system to make sure that there is a friendly face in the library to provide helpful book recommendations for other pupils, and to promote the exciting competitions and activities from our Patron of Reading, Non Pratt.

One of the many initiatives that help keep our much-loved library at the heart of all we do here at King's.



Making all the right moves

WE WERE DELIGHTED to host the Cheshire and North Wales Junior Chess Championship here at King's this term. Close to 100 children from across the region gathered at the school for this major event.

After five tough rounds of chess, played in a very impressive and professional manner, Lower Sixth student Rohan Yesudian (L6GLA), successfully defended his title as Regional Champion. Medals and cups were also won by several of our other chess stars across the age categories including, Riyaan Yesudian (4GLA), Rutujay Chawda (SHFOX), Milan Kustos (SHDUT) and Kareem Ghatwary (SHWAL) while other younger players gained experience of entering the competition for the first time.

This was a great result and one which bodes well for our chess teams in the upcoming Schools' Chess Competition.



Captivated by Catalunya

DURING THE SUMMER, 49 Shells and Third Year students travelled to Catalunya, Spain, for a six day cultural and language trip. They stayed in the beautiful seaside resort of Tossa de Mar, situated on the Costa Brava. Highlights included a visit to the Dalí Museum in Figueras, a morning in Girona, a trip to Tarragona, and a fun trip to Parc Aventura! Of course, Barcelona itself was not to be missed with the wonderful Gaudí buildings, Parc Güell, Camp Nou stadium, Las Ramblas and the Marina.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it was a wonderful opportunity for the students to immerse themselves in Spanish culture and converse in the local language.



Catherine draws on her knowledge of biology

CATHERINE SAVIDGE (L6DUT) recently entered a National Biological Drawing competition, the Nancy Rothwell Award, which celebrates specimen drawing in schools and highlights the benefits of combining art and science. Catherine used her knowledge of biology and also her artistic skills in order to produce her entry to the competition.

The competition was judged by Professor Susan Standing FRSB, Editor-in-Chief of Gray's Anatomy from King's College, London, Dr Grace Sim, Outreach Development Manager at the Royal Veterinary College, Timothy Pond, artist from the Zoological Society of London, Tom Ireland MRSB, Managing Editor of The Biologist and Lucy Coia AMRSB, Membership and Marketing Officer at the Royal Society of Biology.



The judges were hugely impressed with the work produced by Catherine, and she was subsequently awarded a place in the top six out of all the UK entries.

Please scan the QR code to take a closer look at her detailed drawing.



Thrills, skills and adventure – what a start to Senior School life!

THE REMOVES PUPILS MET FOR THE FIRST TIME as Senior pupils during the last week of summer holidays for the annual trip to Manor Adventure.

The trip was full of exciting team-building activities including crate stacking which demonstrates teamwork and communication, rifle shooting and archery to test accuracy skills, obstacle courses and an underground maze allowing pupils to test their physical stamina. For those who enjoy heights, the abseil tower and the high ropes course also offered plenty of excitement.

The weather was kind over the duration of the trip with the rain conveniently falling only as it was time for departure. Everyone worked extremely well together and many new friendships were forged which made such a positive and promising start to the year for our new Removes pupils.

A lively week in the Lake District

IN JULY, ALL THIRD YEAR PUPILS SET OUT TO the Lake District for what was to be an incredibly busy week at Ullswater. Mr Harle forewarned us it would challenge us and possibly take us out of our comfort zones. 103 of us rose to the challenge and took part in various activities throughout the week such as gorge walking, canoeing, cliff jumping and the unforgettable expedition in which we had to climb up the mountains of the Lake District and sleep in a tent or bivi overnight.

The Ullswater Centre, part of the Outward Bound Trust, is set beside a vast blue lake that we got to know well throughout the week. One of the key activities was the Hallen Fell orienteering challenge,

where various groups had to find points on a mountain in order to pay for material to build a raft to cross the lake. However, for some of the groups it didn't go as planned – as the rafts sank!

On the Tuesday night, some of the groups set out into the mountains on an overnight expedition. After hard work climbing the mountain, tents were set up and everyone slept (or attempted to sleep) through a midge-filled night, waking up to a few bites! When the groups returned to base at the bottom of the mountain, they were all tired and, as well as feelings of relief, cherished the feeling of achievement and accomplishment.

At the end of the trip, we could reflect on a week working with new friends and old, facing challenges in the outdoors (which were new to most) and having to do things for ourselves... rather than Mum and Dad doing it! We certainly returned to school having been through a week which could only be described as 'one of a kind' and one that we will never forget!

Written by Daniel Roberts (4DUT)





Cadets march in Remembrance Sunday parade



OUR CCF CADETS AND VOLUNTEERS were honoured to attend the Remembrance Service at Chester Cathedral in memory of those who lost their lives in conflict.

Hundreds of people lined the streets to watch the parade of military personnel and pay their respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice to give their lives for their country. In total, 60 of our CCF Cadets marched as part of the military parade, followed by an emotional, yet inspirational service. During the service, our Cadets collected donations for the Royal British Legion.



Cadets rise to Yorkshire Three Peak Challenge

THIRTEEN INTREPID KING'S CADETS conquered the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge in September.

The gruelling task is to climb the peaks on Pen-y-ghent, Wharfedale and Ingleborough,

usually in this order, and in under 12 hours. These peaks form part of the Pennine Range and encircle the head of the valley of the River Ribble in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The route is 24-miles long and includes 5,200ft (1,585m) of ascent.

Heavy rain and tired limbs were no match for the Cadets' high spirits and they finished the journey in triumphant form! They raised over £1,740 for the Royal British Legion and are all really proud to have contributed towards the work of this worthy charity.



KING'S JUNIORS

Harvest Festival, a time to share and care

KING'S JUNIORS hosted the Harvest Festival celebration this term, working alongside the Share Aid charity.

The Share Aid charity aims to support the issues of homelessness, extreme poverty and refugees by distributing donated food and drink to those who need it most.

We are delighted to announce that we received a record amount of donated food, with Willow Lodge and Junior School pupils filling the tables with all sorts of delicious goods.

The pupils joined each other for a shared assembly where J3B pupils presented the importance of the Harvest Festival and its wide-reaching benefits.



Following the assembly, pupils assisted the Share Aid team in loading the donated goods into the delivery van ready to be distributed. All the donated food and drink have been distributed to homeless people in Chester, food banks across Flintshire and Cheshire as well as selected refugee camps across Europe.

A huge thanks to everyone who donated to this worthwhile cause, we are so proud of the generosity shown by our pupils and parents.



Number Juggling

WE WERE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME Dr Colin Wright to the school in November to present two maths workshops to students from King's and other local schools.

Dr Wright graduated in Pure Mathematics at Monash University, Melbourne, before going on to achieve a PhD at the University of Cambridge. During his time at university, he developed his skills in a number of impressive activities including fire-breathing, unicycling and juggling.

Colin currently works as a director of a company that specialises in marine radar, but he takes time out to give maths talks all over the world. In his presentations, he focuses on *The Maths of Juggling* using his hugely impressive range of juggling skills to examine patterns in maths.

Dr Wright spent the afternoon with our Juniors, teaching them about different mathematical models such as Fibonacci and Morse code. The presentation concluded with the pupils devising their own specific mathematical sequence which Colin proceeded to remarkably replicate using his juggling balls.



Inspired by James Shone

JUNIOR PUPILS were delighted to welcome guest speaker James Shone to the school in October.

To appreciate the significance of this visit, and how inspired we were, it's useful to understand James' story. In 2012, James was diagnosed with a brain tumour. He underwent two significant operations and, whilst the operations saved his life, they took most of his sight. James had to relinquish a dream job, undergo radiotherapy and then set off into a new future without employment or buoyant health.

James is a man who embodies a positive attitude to life and a determination to turn setbacks into springboards. This is a message that he

now adopts himself everyday as well as sharing it with a wider audience through his *I Can and I Am* charity campaign.

The charity raises valuable funds to enable the messages of *I Can and I Am* to be spread to as many school children as possible across the UK.

James spent an entire day at the school, presenting his story to pupils, staff and

parents later in the evening. Throughout his presentations, James stressed the importance of adopting a growth mind-set rather than a fixed mind-set. A growth mind-set revolves around not solely depending on our current abilities but instead working harder to achieve more. There was also a consistent emphasis on striving to find our own individual purpose as this can significantly increase self-belief and self-confidence.



Who will be first for a Book Bingo full house?

THIS TERM, our Juniors took part for the first time in Book Bingo, a new initiative introduced by our Patron of Reading, Non Pratt. Non has devised a different bingo sheet for each year group, from Infant 1 through to J4. Each square on the bingo sheet has a book which the pupils need to read in order to tick off the different squares.

When they successfully complete a line of squares on their sheet, they are awarded a prize. When the pupils complete the whole grid, they are entered into a special prize draw, where they can win a selection of fantastic books from Non Pratt. Who will be the first to get a full house?



Exploring the history of Science and Industry

THIS TERM, our J1 pupils visited Manchester for a tour of the Museum of Science and Industry.

The day was spent exploring the fantastic displays throughout the museum, including the amazing aerospace hall filled with aircraft of all shapes and sizes including a Supermarine Spitfire.

The pupils also explored a variety of other exhibits, including a large collection of steam and diesel train engines, the *Connected Earth* gallery, which expertly conveys the history of communications in Manchester, and the experiment workshops where they had the chance to create their own tornado and even watch their own skeleton ride a bicycle!

The Bible in a Day

A TEAM OF JUNIORS took part in an epic *Bible in a Day* event at Chester Cathedral last month.

16 local schools and 16 churches read from *The Book of Books*, a retelling of some of the finest stories and poetry in the Bible.

Written by Trevor Dennis, *The Book of Books* was first published in this country in 2003, and has since been translated into five other languages. Before his retirement, Trevor Dennis was the Vice Dean of Chester Cathedral and was a Governor at King's for 16 years.

The entire book was read over 12 hours in the Cathedral, raising funds for Christian Aid. Scarlett Wright (J3B), Freya Artell (J3B), Hector Walsh (J3B), Harry Graham (J3S), Bea Cunningham (J3S), Aris Manolopoulos (J3S), Goda Butkute (J3H) and Finn Lewis (J3H) read *Love Wins the Day*, the story of Ruth, Naomi and Boaz.



KING'S JUNIORS

Guys & Dolls

Our 14 pupils triumphed in their stunning production of *Guys and Dolls* in June.

From the very first moment when the *Dolls* met the *Guys*, the audience of friends and family were taken back to 1940s New York, where gamblers rubbed shoulders with the earnest Mission Band as each try to leave their mark on the city.

The lead characters played their roles with great verve, confidence and flair. Luke Williams (RMMW) (*Nathan Detroit*) brought out the delightful humour of this role and excelled in conveying the character's emotions with excellent movement and vocal delivery. He worked superbly well with Sam Rigby (RMNG) (*Nicely Nicely*), who also had wonderful comic timing and some outstanding physical movement. Both these characters contrasted wonderfully with Louis Roberts (RMMH) (*Sky Masterson*) who played this smoothie with such maturity and excelled in his singing. He worked so well with both Eila O'Connor (RMMW) and Bróna Halpin (RMNG) (both played *Sarah Brown*). Again, both girls brought an extraordinary level of maturity to the role and conveyed the conflicting emotions experienced superbly. Finally, Margot Melville (RMDR) and Imogen Brander (RMRA) (both played *Miss Adelaide*) brought the house down with their wonderful comic timing, excellent movement and hilarious vocal delivery.

This was a wonderful ensemble piece of theatre, with each and every member of the cast focusing superbly and conveying the range of emotions experienced through their posture, facial expressions and tone. This outstanding production was an absolute joy from beginning to end and thoroughly deserved the standing ovations it received.

Please scan the QR code to view the full gallery.

Junior athletes get off to a flying start

CONGRATULATIONS to our pupils who performed fabulously at the annual Association of Junior Independent Schools (AJIS) Cross Country Championships at Rossall.

Many pupils returned to school proudly donning medals, with the girls' under 10 cross country team achieving the gold award in their category, and the boys' under 10 cross country team coming very close runners up in their category.

The pupils also performed admirably in the North West Regional Biathlon competition, with 12 pupils from both the girls and boys under 10 and under 11 categories qualifying for the British Schools' Modern Biathlon Championship Final in March 2018.

This was a perfect start to what, we hope, will be another successful indoor and outdoor athletics season for the Junior School.



Last minute drama seals hockey trophy triumph

THE GIRLS' UNDER 11 HOCKEY SQUAD were recently victorious at the Moreton Hall tournament.

Facing tough opposition, the girls performed admirably throughout the tournament and recovered from a narrow first defeat by comprehensively beating Oswestry School, Packwood Haugh and Moreton Hall School along with a tense penalty shootout triumph against Terra Nova School.

This impressive set of results meant that the squad headed into their final fixture of the tournament knowing that a win against their opposition, Prestfelde School, would be enough to win the trophy.

The final match proved to be a very evenly contested game with both teams displaying their defensive qualities. However, a dramatic late goal meant that the squad won the match and subsequently lifted the trophy!



Five-star performances by five-a-side girls

THE GIRLS' UNDER 9 FOOTBALL TEAM recently triumphed at the Chester Schools' five-a-side football tournament at Christleton High School.

This was the first tournament that the team had played in together, and they were very excited to be representing the school, as they were competing to represent Chester in the Cheshire round of the English Schools' Football Association (ESFA) tournament.

The team was victorious in all three opening group stage matches against Lache Primary, Dee Point Primary and Waverton Primary and was subsequently drawn against Delamere Academy in the semi-final. This proved to be a tough test for the team against strong opposition, but a fantastic individual goal proved enough to secure a place in the final against Dee Point Primary. Another fantastic goal, coupled with some superb defending by the team proved enough to crown them as champions!

This was a hugely impressive achievement, five games, five goals and five clean sheets... a five-star performance from the girls!



WILLOW LODGE INFANTS



Infants create beautiful poppy display



WILLOW LODGE marked Remembrance Sunday with a magnificent flowing poppy display. Pupils created their very own poppies which they carefully put together to create the collage outside the Willow Lodge entrance.

They were also privileged to include one of the highly valuable poppies used in the original Tower of London display. It was a creative and fitting way to commemorate Remembrance Sunday for our Willow Lodge pupils.

Digging into the secrets of Ancient Egypt

ANCIENT EGYPT was truly brought to life at Willow Lodge this term as pupils took part in a range of activities which allowed them to study the fascinating history of ancient Northeast Africa.

The archaeological dig generated great excitement as pupils crawled their way through a narrow tunnel passage before reaching the dig site. Here, the pupils closely examined ancient pottery, discovering unique patterns and re-organising the different segments.

Following their archaeological adventures, the pupils created their own armour and jewellery to help them understand the vast wealth that was possessed by the Egyptian Emperors.

This was followed by an Egyptian mummy workshop where the pupils learned about the ancient traditions of the Egyptian burials and tried their hand at wrapping.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their Egyptian adventures!



Welcoming Grandparents to Willow Lodge

THANK YOU TO ALL the amazing grandparents who came into Willow Lodge this term. It was wonderful to welcome you to the school and the children loved showing you around their classrooms and also entertaining you in Willow Lodge Hall. We hope you had as much fun as the pupils and staff did!

Welcome to our new Robins and Wrens

WE WERE delighted to welcome our wonderful new Reception pupils to Willow Lodge this term!

Our new pupils joined Robins and Wrens and have had a fantastic first term at Willow Lodge. They have settled into the school seamlessly and have already made many friends both in their own classes and with older Willow Lodge pupils.



Bon Travail!



THIS TERM, Mrs Ainsworth has started a new weekly French Class with Willow Lodge pupils.

During the lessons, pupils are taught how to count, identify animals and learn how to introduce themselves in French.

The pupils have embraced the challenge of learning a new language, made easier by the great range of fun activities that Mrs Ainsworth introduced to the lessons.



Learning history through creativity!

OUR INFANTS HAVE BEEN LEARNING about a series of major historical events this term, among these was the Great Fire of London.

The pupils were able to display their creativity by designing some amazing models replicating the Great Fire of London. The models were

created from all manner of materials, including cardboard shoe boxes, lego bricks, tree branches and coloured plastic.

Once all the individual models were finished, the pupils gathered them all together and created a fantastic exhibition which was displayed in the Willow Lodge reception.

The pupils were able to truly grasp the immense scale of the Great Fire of London and indeed, the damaging consequences it had upon the city.

A great example of learning history through creativity.



New reading scheme is a great success



OUR RECEPTION PUPILS have enjoyed welcoming our Senior School Book Clubbers to Willow Lodge this term, where they have enjoyed reading stories together.

The Book Clubbers have been visiting our Robins and Wrens weekly to read a selection of stories during their morning break.

This new reading scheme across the schools has been a great success, with both our Infants and Seniors enjoying their valuable reading time together.



KING'S ALUMNI

Bright sparks come together for science event



THIS NOVEMBER, we were delighted to host our first Inspiring Minds event, with a Science and Engineering theme. A host of phenomenally talented scientists and engineers joined us to share their knowledge and expertise. Pupils from King's and other local schools were able to hear from a fantastic array of scientists, engineers and innovators.

Guest speakers included: Dr Sue Assinder from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Professor of Zoology, Matthew Cobb, from the University of Manchester and Miss Maisie Snowden, postgraduate student at the University of Chester. Several high achieving alumni also returned to talk about their work and share their expertise with pupils including: Professor Hagan Bayley, Professor of Chemical Biology at the University of Oxford, Professor Christopher Hall, Professor Emeritus at the University of Edinburgh, Dr Phillip Hallam-Baker, Vice President and Principal Scientist at Comodo Group and Mr Rowan Pritchard Jones, Consultant Plastic Reconstructive Surgeon.

The presentations offered a fantastic opportunity for over 200 students to learn from these experts and spark an interest in their particular fields of study. Following the presentations, students were invited to visit an exciting array of expo stalls.

With the help of West Cheshire & North Wales Chamber of Commerce, we filled a hall with stalls hosted by leading universities and local organisations,

including Chester Zoo, INEOS, Siemens, The Raspberry Pi Foundation, Arriva and the University of Chester.

The event continued into the evening with an exclusive science-themed charity gala dinner for guests. The drinks reception, sponsored by Natwest, was a fitting start to the evening with space-age cocktails before the delicious science-themed dinner was served.

The whole event was championed by alumnus and Governor, Professor Hagan Bayley, the University of Oxford's pioneering Professor of Chemical Biology, who treated guests to an engaging keynote after dinner address. The evening was a great success with a charity auction and raffle, prizes having been kindly donated by a whole host of alumni, parents and local businesses.

Over £65,000 was raised for the bursary fund and other school initiatives as a result of this event – a phenomenal success. However, we would like to do more. If you feel that you can help, please get in contact with our Director of Development, Ant Hopkinson amh@kingschester.co.uk.



It's a rap! John Barnes MBE at the Founder's Dinner

A FABULOUS EVENING WAS ENJOYED by all at our annual Founder's Dinner in September. Alumni, parents, present and former staff and friends gathered together to celebrate the incredible sporting achievements of King's students throughout our history.

Our guest speaker, football legend John Barnes MBE, delivered a truly inspirational address on the life lessons learned during his many years as a top flight professional footballer. He spoke about the importance of setting yourself goals, having a strong work ethic and working as a team. John also spoke passionately about the value of a first-rate education, something we pride ourselves on here at King's.

Entertainment was provided by our very own talented Upper Sixth students, Olivia Wade-Jones and Lottie Cousins, who performed their own acoustic version of New Order's *World in Motion*,

the 1990 England Football anthem. They were thrilled when John joined in to perform the rap!

During the evening, we were delighted to be able to present Arnold Cooke with his Alumni Leading Light Award for 2016. Arnold received the award in recognition of his dedication towards the improvement of British Rowing and his continued support of, and involvement in, the life of the school. Arnold was the school's first rowing Blue and the first Olympian, competing in the Double Scull at the Tokyo Olympics in 1964. He also set a new world indoor record in the over-70's age group in 2011, a truly worthy winner!



Some ties last a *lifetime*

Award-winning alumnus visits King's

WE WERE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME alumnus, Dr Jonathan Shanklin, back to King's this term. Jonathan shared with his audience of students and staff, anecdotes about his experiences of living and working as a British Antarctic Survey (BAS) scientist, in the harsh conditions of Antarctica.

Jonathan is currently monitoring the Antarctic ozone hole and collating climate data for the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) Lead Centre and hopes to return to Antarctica for his 20th trip in the near future.

He attended King's from 1963 to 1973 before obtaining a BA in Natural Sciences and a PGCE in physics from Cambridge University.

He was part of the team of BAS scientists who crucially discovered the Antarctic ozone hole in 1985. The team was awarded the Charles Chree Medal from the Institute of Physics and also the Polar Medal by Her Majesty The Queen in 2005. In addition to this, Jonathan was awarded a Blue Peter badge for the discovery which he still wears with pride!

He emphasised that students should study subjects they enjoy. For Jonathan, his love of science was nurtured by his parents and encouraged by several inspirational teachers during his time at King's.



Blazers, boaters and blissful weather

A SUPER AFTERNOON WAS ENJOYED by all at the Henley Royal Regatta in July, with around 80 alumni, friends and family attending our annual tea party.

Considered one of the key events of the English social season, Henley is one of the oldest events on the British summer calendar and has been held every year since 1839, apart from during the First and Second World Wars.

Our striped blazers were truly out in force along the banks of the River Thames. It was lovely to see so many guests enjoying themselves, including

several who had travelled quite a distance, purely for this occasion.

A particular highlight for the Alumni Team was catching up with former Olympian and OKS Jim Walker and watching him participate in a row during the Friday Tea interval at Henley.

This was a thoroughly enjoyable event for all involved, and it was a pleasure to welcome so many alumni to our King's gazebo.

Congratulations must go to our recent leavers who performed remarkably well throughout the Regatta, doing us and their University Clubs proud.



Forthcoming alumni reunions

Opportunities to get together with former school pals don't come around that often. Join us at King's to catch up with others from your year and to swap anecdotes and shared experiences from your days at school. Each reunion will include a tour of the school and a complimentary buffet lunch or evening meal.

1968 Reunion (50 Year Reunion) Sat 24 Feb 2018, 11.30am-2.30pm

1978 Reunion (40 Year Reunion) Sat 24 Feb 2018, 6pm-10pm

1958 Reunion (60 Year Reunion) Sat 17 Mar 2018, 11am-2.30pm

1998 Reunion (20 Year Reunion) Sat 17 Mar 2018, 6pm-10pm

2008 Reunion (10 Year Reunion) Sat 19 May 2018, 6pm-10pm



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No soggy bottoms at our Rowing Club bake-off!

THE ANNUAL SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIPS took place this term, a great opportunity to bring the whole Rowing Club together and have some fun on the river.

The King's School Rowing Club (KSRC) welcomed rowers of all ages who raced the notorious *Pudding Race* course (300 metre sprint) on the River Dee. The weather and conditions were fantastic after some early rain, a perfect setting for some rowing fun.

The event was a fundraiser for the KSRC and we had a fantastic turnout of both girls and boys from J14 to J18. Five mixed octuples raced at full throttle aiming to become the KSRC champions.



Our newly-inducted J14s rose to the challenge extraordinarily well and this event gave them an insight into the look and feel of summer racing. After numerous rounds of tough competition, the newly-crowned Sculling Champions for 2017 are:

Alasdair Daniels (cox) (L6DUT), James Clark (L6WER), Lily Wood (3DUT), Dan Roberts (4DUT), Will Standing (4WER), James Henry (3WAL), Eleanor Heritage (5FOX), Giorgio Poletti (3DUT) and Archie Barker (3FOX).

As well as the on-water activities, we also held the much anticipated KSRC bake-off. Many of the rowers baked a cake which was marked on both creativity and technical difficulty. We had a fantastic turnout of delicious cakes and were spoilt for choice to pick a winner.

We are proud to announce the worthy winner as Madeline Ellis (J15) with an exceptional runner up of Lily Wood (J14). Louis Corrigan (J15) was awarded the prize for the best-tasting bake of the day for his wonderful chocolate and raspberry creation.

This was a great morning for everyone involved. As well as being lots of fun, we managed to raise over £500 for the Rowing Club.



Netball team start the season in style



THE U19 1st VII Netball squad kicked off their first tournament of the season in fine style.

The squad included: Megan Gareh (captain) (U6GLA), Amy Russon (vice-captain) (U6DUT), Annie Powell (U6BRD), Ellie Dooley (U6LES), Sophie Cliff (U6WER), Abi Fisher (U6GRO), Olivia Hughes (L6GRO) and Beth Horsfield (L6LES).

The tournament was competed in a round robin format with five teams playing each other over the course of the evening. A dominant performance against Bishop Heber High School in the first match was a great start to the evening, with King's running out comprehensive winners. It was King's v King's in the second round in what proved to be a hugely entertaining match due to

the fantastic attacking play from both teams.

The third match against Bishops' Blue Coat High School proved the most challenging for the King's squad as they came up against a really strong team who passed fast and accurately. However, perseverance and composure throughout the match proved key as King's managed a narrow win.

The team continued their fantastic form into the final two matches of the tournament against the Queen's School and Abbey Gate College, conceding only seven goals and scoring an astonishing 26 goals in both fixtures.

What a fantastic way to start the season!

Amelia and Wilf scoop medals at the Coupe de la Jeunesse

AFTER A YEAR OF TRIALLING for the GB Rowing Team, Amelia Standing (U6WER) and Wilf Le Brocq both qualified for the GB Coupe de la Jeunesse rowing team in July. The Coupe is the rowing equivalent of the Under 18 European Rowing Championships, which, this year, was held in Hazewinkel, Belgium.

Amelia was selected as the stroke in the girls' coxless four. Amelia also raced as part of the GB VIII. The VIII was the first race of the regatta and, after a gruelling battle against the French and Spanish VIIIs, the GB VIII came home in 2nd place, securing the silver medal, just 0.2 seconds behind the French.

Over the weekend of racing, Amelia's coxless four dominated the field. On the Saturday, the four led at the halfway mark

and won the gold medal by an unprecedented six seconds.

On the Sunday, the GB four once again won gold over the French crew by six seconds. This completed an exceptional weekend for Amelia who finished with one silver, and two gold medals.

Wilf Le Brocq was coxing the GB VIII and the racing was tough in the VIII races, however in exceptionally close circumstances, the GB VIII triumphed with bronze and gold medals. This was a fine effort by the GB VIII and Wilf, who has worked hard throughout his rowing career at King's to gain his international vest and it was a fitting end to his time here at the school.



Lester Smith House row to regatta victory

WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT of our new house structure, the first house regatta was held this term.

Eight house Vllls took to the water in a straight knock-out regatta, raced over a 400 metre, two lane course. The racing was fast and furious and many of the early favourites fell in the early rounds. However, after two hours of racing and a very close final, Lester Smith House emerged victorious.

The House Trophy, which dates back to the 1940s, was awarded to Daniel Sharratt as the winning cox. The trophy will now have the Lester Smith House name engraved onto it, to be part of history for years to come.



Taking the honours at Chester SSP Awards

WE WERE HONOURED to attend the annual Chester School Sport Partnership (SSP) Awards Ceremony in July. Our 1st XI Hockey Team were shortlisted for the Secondary School Team of the Year Award and Matt Willis (U6BRD), Megan Gareh (U6GLA) and Aled Bennett (L6GRO) were all shortlisted for Young Sports Performer of the Year.

The Chester SSP supports schools to help them deliver high quality sport, enhance the quality of sporting opportunities through the curriculum, host school competitions and develop young volunteers of the future.

Our 1st XI Hockey Team won Secondary School Team of the Year and Matt Willis won Young Sports Performer of the Year.



Triathlon triumph for Matt

MATT WILLIS (U6BRD) has had another successful summer of sport, representing Great Britain at the 2017 Triathlon Youth European Championships in Panevėžys, Lithuania, where he won the individual silver medal and the Mixed Relay Team gold in July.

His success has continued, with Matt's GB Junior Team coming a fantastic 7th place in The British Triathlon Mixed Relay Cup in Nottingham. Matt and his teammates beat some notable competition, including Great Britain U23s, Australia, Germany and several Performance Centre teams.





Bursary Trust Fund boosted by Golf Classic

WE WERE DELIGHTED to host our first King's Golf Classic event this term.

Taking place at the Portal Championship Golf & Country Club, we welcomed 14 teams from local companies, suppliers and parents to take part in a day of golf.

The course looked fabulous with a show stopping display of cars from our sponsors Mercedes-Benz of Cheshire Oaks. As well as enjoying a fabulous day of golf, there were opportunities to win prizes throughout the day, which seemed to prove an incentive for some fantastic golf!

After a successful day of golf, the event culminated in a spectacular gala dinner enjoyed by 130 guests, including our very special guest, retired professional snooker player, Dennis Taylor.

We are delighted that Holroyd Howe, our school caterers, were the worthy winners and took the silver King's Cup.

In all, we managed to raise an amazing £14,500. This money will be donated to our Bursary Trust Fund, with a smaller amount of the proceeds going to support the new sports centre and rowing via our parents' association.

Science in a box for local primary schools

DR FAULKNER, our Faculty Head of Science, recently made a successful grant application to the Royal Biological Society. The grant has been used to purchase science equipment to lend out to local primary schools so that they can conduct some amazing experiments.

Two inspiring science boxes have been put together to send out to schools. The biology box, includes a model of the heart, stethoscopes and oximeters along with some helpful hints and ideas about experiments that can be conducted. This all comes with some impressive data logging equipment that enables the children to upload their findings.

The physics box contains all sorts of electric circuitry and logic gates, enabling pupils to learn all about conductivity and what makes electrical items work.



We've harnessed the power of parents and staff of the school who drop off and collect the boxes to primary schools in the area.

The feedback from this initiative has been superb, with the schools and pupils being delighted at the opportunity to bring their science lessons to life.

Musicians hit all the right notes

CONGRATULATIONS to Huw Kendall (L6BRD) who successfully auditioned for the Hallé Youth Orchestra in Manchester. Huw is a talented trombonist who currently plays in the bass trombone section with this prestigious local orchestra.

We wish the best of luck to three students who are currently preparing for advanced diplomas in music. Luke Mulholland (4LES) and Rebecca Perkins (U6FOX) are studying for the ABRSM Diploma, and William Medland (L6GRO) is preparing his vocal pieces for his Associateship of Trinity College London.

Congratulations also go to Lily Van Loock (4GLA) who was recently successful in her Grade 8 harp exam.



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