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Welcome



THE TERM HAS GOT OFF TO A BUSY START here, with clubs and activities back in full swing and lots of fresh, eager faces joining us for their first few weeks at King's.

From the particularly oversized blazers of our new Willow Lodge pupils, to the slightly taller versions joining Sixth Form, all have got off to a flying start and quickly settled in to the vibrant pace of life at King's.

We start the academic year by being named the top performing school in Cheshire for our GCSE results and the best co-ed in the North West for A Levels for the second year running. This is testament to the hard work and dedication of our incredible students and staff, and I am immensely proud of how each and every pupil has strived to achieve their sustainable best.

The individual stories of students often get lost among the impressive statistics. Ask any teacher, however, and those are the memories taken away from any results day; the student who worked diligently to exploit every last drop of academic potential and walk away with the very best grades possible for their ability, be they the stuff of headlines or not.

We should never become complacent about the years of hard work and personal sacrifice that go into such fantastic results.

Equally, we will continue to shout from the roof tops about the incredible co-curricular achievements of our pupils beyond the classroom. They continue to excel in sport; drama; art; music and, as you'll see in this edition of The Herald, even trekking through the wilderness of deepest, darkest Canada.

We must also always remember that, however impressive a student's exam results, it is their health and well-being that will always be our first priority. Of course, happy learners are successful learners, and that is what we fundamentally want to achieve at King's.

I hope you'll enjoy this reflection on Summer Term, a time full of fond farewells and special celebrations.

GEORGE HARTLEY
Headmaster

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Articles written by King's pupils

This icon symbolises articles that have been written by our pupils which we believe will give them a stronger voice in our school magazine.

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Top co-ed in North West for A Level results



THE KING'S SCHOOL is the top performing co-ed in the North West for A Level results and the best school in Cheshire for GCSEs, according to the *Telegraph's* 2019 league table for independent schools across the UK.

This outstanding performance was confirmed in the recently published online league table, which also confirmed King's as one of only four schools in the North West in the top 50 for A Level results.

In this year's A Level results, an incredible 65% of grades were A*/A, matching a record year in 2015. Talented students also achieved the highest percentage of A*s in four years, with 23% of grades at this level. In an outstanding year for King's, 67% of students

achieved at least two A*/A grades. Most students will now be heading off to their first-choice university, including ten to Oxford and Cambridge.

There were some outstanding individual successes, with the following students achieving four A*s: Alasdair Daniels, Imogen Duncalf, Arjun Periasamy (KS) and Rohan Yesudian.

Eight students achieved three A*s: Anna Chadwick (KS), James Clark, Emilia Cotgrove (KS), Robin Fryar, Kate Jenkinson (KS), Aadithya Ganeshram, Amogh Patil and William Unett.

Headmaster George Hartley welcomed the fantastic news.

He said: "As a school we are clearly delighted to make it into the top 50 as the top co-educational school for A Levels in the North West and top in Cheshire for GCSEs – something Chester can be really proud of – though the real credit belongs to all the students who have worked so hard to make the very most of themselves and their teachers who have provided such outstanding support for individuals.

"Our high-achieving students have secured such results whilst involving themselves thoroughly in the extra-curricular life of the school, which we know is so vital for the development of character, confidence and resilience in the young."

Incredible success at GCSE – best in Cheshire

DELIGHTED STUDENTS celebrated an outstanding year of GCSE results at The King's School, with nearly half of grades achieved at 9/8. The fantastic results reflected the hard work and dedication of a talented year group, with the amount of grade 9s increasing by nearly 10% from 2018.

An incredible 26% of results were grade 9, with 48% at 9/8 and 84% 9/6. Overall, 40% of students achieved seven or more 9/8 grades (including A/A* further maths).

Mansi Gupta (KS) (ten grade 9s and A* in further maths), Mark Turner (KS) (ten grade 9s and A* distinction in further maths), Tilly Irvine (ten grade 9s), Riyaan Yesudian (KS) (ten grade 9s and A* distinction in further maths) and Emma Henry (KS) (ten grade 9s) are amongst only 837 students nationally to achieve all grade 9/A*. Elsewhere, there were a number of individual successes, with the following students achieving seven or more grade 9s:

Oliver Whittlestone (KS), Thomas Hughes, Lucy Plunkett, Daniel Rajapandian, Daniel Roberts, Anabelle Temple, Luke Mulholland, Lauren Barnes (KS), Chloe Horton (KS), Louis Corrigan (KS), Madeline Ellis (KS) and Freya Walsh (KS).

Headmaster George Hartley said: "We are delighted with these superb results, particularly at the top end, where there have been some truly stunning performances.

"I congratulate our hard-working students across the whole ability range, however, and wish them all the very best for their Sixth Form where I have no doubt

they will continue to develop and flourish as confident, happy and busy individuals.

"Exam performance is still really important but future employers are increasingly looking for many complementary attributes such as resilience, flexibility and creativity, and the Sixth Form, is a great place to fine-tune these essential qualities for work and life."





Prizegiving success for hard working pupils

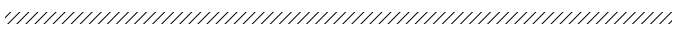
THIS YEAR'S PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY celebrated the hard work and achievements of pupils over the last academic year at Chester Racecourse. Following an uplifting Cathedral service, the sun shone as our pupils, staff, families and friends made their way to the Final Furlong marquee at the racecourse.



Following the welcome by the Chairman of Governors, Mr David Rowlands, and an introduction by The Headmaster, Mr George Hartley, the presentation of prizes commenced.

We were delighted to welcome Olivia Whitlam (OKS 2003), former Olympian rower and Head of Sustainability of Siemens, 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 academic and music. The ceremony also included musical performances, poetry and inspirational readings from pupils.



THE ECO SCHOOLS COMMITTEE will be the cornerstone of The King School's bid to become an Eco-School.

It will work towards the Eco-Schools Bronze Award and will be aiming to achieve this by the end of the Michaelmas Term 2019. The committee will focus on three areas in the first year: travel, recycling and marine biodiversity.

Furthermore, every week, each tutor group from across the schools has given an Eco Action Tip of the Week.



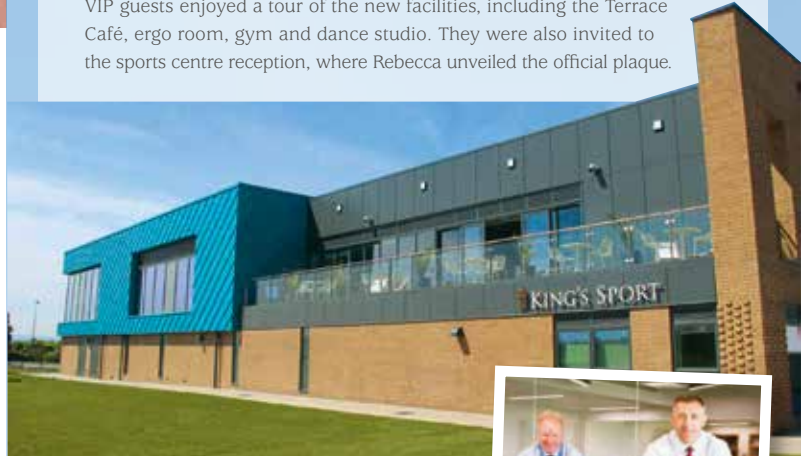
Mrs Aldridge, Head of Sustainability, said: "The King's Sustainable Travel Days will continue to be a feature of this year with one per term. This is where all modes of sustainable travel are celebrated and each person who takes part – cyclist, walker, public transport user, car sharer gets a free smoothie on arrival at school as well as being entered into a raffle to win vouchers for the Bike Factory."

The Golden Padlock Prize, which rewards regular cyclists, has also been very successful this year, and Samuel Griffiths (RMRA) and Iggy Rogers (RMRA) were worthy recipients in the Summer Term.

The official opening of our new King's Sports Centre

OLYMPIC AND WORLD CHAMPION ATHLETE Rebecca Romero MBE officially opened The King's School's new £4.5m Sports Centre in July.

VIP guests enjoyed a tour of the new facilities, including the Terrace Café, ergo room, gym and dance studio. They were also invited to the sports centre reception, where Rebecca unveiled the official plaque.



Not satisfied with winning an Olympic silver medal for rowing in Athens 2004 and becoming world champion rower two years later, Rebecca took on the extraordinary challenge of adopting a new sport and becoming a double world champion cyclist in 2008. She then became the first British female athlete in history to win Olympic medals in two different sports, returning to the games as a cyclist to win gold in the individual pursuit in Beijing 2008.

Rebecca delivered an inspirational speech about how, as a young person, she always viewed athletes as superhuman and out of reach. It wasn't until she was 17 and moved to Kingston, where a fellow sports person encouraged her to row – a moment she said 'changed her life' – that a passion for competing was ignited.



She emphasised the benefits that sport can bring, developing skills which enhance your physical and emotional state in order to become a well-rounded individual, and praised King's commitment to a 'opportunities for all' culture which provides an array of sports and activities outside of the more traditional options.

King's Headmaster George Hartley highlighted how the sports centre will increase provision for all students to get involved in some sort of physical activity, not only for health benefits but also life skills such as resilience, leadership and teamwork.

King's Director of Sport Richard Lunn spoke about how the school strongly believe there is a synergy between being active and achieving success, and the new facilities will widen King's provision and truly offer 'sport for all', including the Cheshire community.



Storybook ending for inspiring Mrs Harding!

School Librarian of the Year



WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE that Head Librarian and Archivist Ros Harding has been announced as the School Librarian of the Year for 2019.

The national event was held at the Millennium Gloucester Hotel London Kensington Thursday 27 June, where 2019 YA Book Prize winner Sara Barnard announced the winner. The ceremony was a celebration of the three Honour List Librarians, who were gifted with an honour certificate and a specially drawn 'library owl' illustration by Chris Riddell (SLA President, three-time Greenaway winner, past Children's Laureate). The pupil librarians that joined Ros all came away with one of Chris' drawings.

Sue Bastone, Chair of the SLA School Librarian of the Year Selection Committee, said: "Ros' professionalism and contribution to teaching and learning make her a highly valued equal among her teaching colleagues. Her caring and inclusive nature is appreciated by students, staff and parents, many of whom describe her as inspiring, not least in the way she makes things happen to the benefit of all who come into contact with her, from junior school pupils to the Senior Leadership Team."

King's Senior Deputy Head Dr Jane Byrne commented: "The work Ros does in school, not just in the library, is creative, inspiring

and unstinting. I could not be more thrilled that this should be noted on a national scale. Congratulations, Mrs Harding!"

Mrs Harding runs book clubs in both the Junior School and Senior School, along with annual book awards and coordinates the school's patron of reading, regular author visits and Skype sessions. She also runs an annual Book Week, which includes various competitions and a couple of quizzes which take place in a very crowded library at lunchtimes.

The library plays a key role in supporting teaching in the school, not only through providing resources, but also by team-teaching for project work, including research and marking with a particular focus on supporting independent learning in the Sixth Form.

Mrs Harding added: "I am absolutely thrilled to have received this award. The Honour List was incredibly strong and it really was an honour to share the celebrations with two amazing school librarians. I am now looking forward to the opportunities the year ahead will bring and the chance to spread the word about the difference school libraries make to children."

Welcome to our new patron

AFTER A FANTASTIC YEAR with Non Pratt as our Patron of Reading, in which time she has delivered a variety of fantastic workshops and talks to our pupils, it was time to bid the popular author farewell.

Head Librarian Mrs Harding said: "It has been so wonderful to have Non working with all the children in the school, from organising Book Bingo for Infants and Juniors, to talking about careers with Sixth Formers and everything in between! She has run writing workshops, delivered talks to promote reading, organised competitions and taken part in Skype chats."

We are excited to announce our next Patron of Reading, Mike Revell. Mike's debut novel, *Stonebird*, is about a boy who discovers a magic gargoyle, and his second children's book, *Stormwalker*, is about an 11-year-old boy who is pulled into his dad's novel and has to live out the story.

As Patron of Reading, Mike will be visiting the school over the next year to carry out different activities with all of the pupils to help continue their love for reading.



Our role as Pupil Librarians

Written by Beth Aldridge (4BRD) and Rachel Bosworth (4GL)



The reason why we both love being librarians is that we enjoy learning and developing important skills such as responsibility. Mrs Harding is always very welcoming and passionate about us being able to take charge and become more independent with our duties.

As well as this, she has created four different award levels, each consisting of different skills and jobs we have to be able to complete before moving forward onto the next award. There

are many different activities we can do, from the very simple first process of spinning and processing the books, getting the books ready to go onto the shelves, to a project creating posters and displays and updating sections of the library.

For our project in the gold award, we created a new display outside the library which made students interact as they wrote about their favourite books, which we then displayed. We

created this idea to promote a love of reading and to make the students feel involved.

Finally, we are both on the leadership award and this means that we can take more charge and supervise the library desk and train younger pupil librarians for the skills required for each award. Overall, being a librarian helps improve our social skills and interaction as well as leadership and responsibility.

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Adventurous team building

THIRD YEAR PUPILS took part in the annual Outward Bound course at the Aberdovey centre in Snowdonia, in June.

The group took part in a variety of activities including rock climbing, sailing, kayaking, canoeing, open water swimming and the infamous jetty jump. There were also a whole host of team challenges and leadership activities, designed to stretch pupils in a variety of ways. The highlight of the week was a two-day expedition involving wild camping in the mountains of Snowdonia.

The whole trip is focused on aspiring to be the best you can be, respecting each other and the environment we live in, and collaborating to achieve more than you thought possible at the start of the week.



Celebration of physics

THIS YEAR marked the fourth annual Physics Olympics at King's, with 19 teams from 16 different schools battling it out.

The competition comprised five individual events that were practical based, and designed to assess team-work and the application of key principles. A range of teams won prizes throughout the day, with only a couple of points between the winning teams.

Congratulations to the winning team, Team Watt from Stockport Grammar School.

Four students from King's then travelled to St Peter's School in York, to take part in their Physics Olympics. Students took part in five different events including: constructing crumple zones, calculating the biggest length of flight of a homemade car, devising an investigation to determine the length of a mystery pendulum, ranking sun creams in order of their effectiveness and trying to build the tallest tower to support the highest mass.

Our students had a busy and enjoyable day, finishing 12th overall.

Skiing stateside

A GROUP OF STUDENTS travelled to Lake Tahoe for a wonderful ski trip over the Easter break.

They hit the slopes and met the avalanche dogs in training, which they all agreed was an amazing experience. They then headed to San Francisco for a magical couple of days, where they visited Alcatraz, the Golden Gate Bridge, and attended a baseball game at Oracle Park.



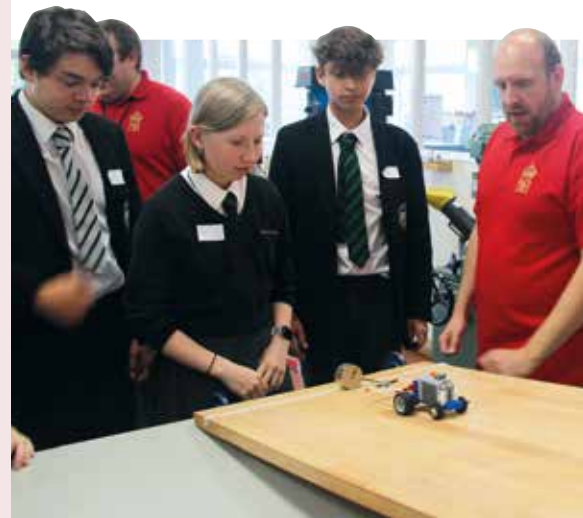
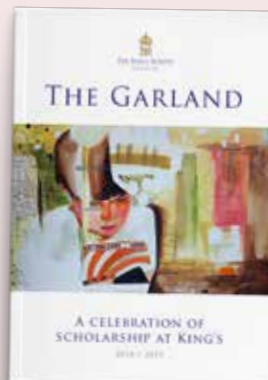
The Garland

LAST SEPTEMBER saw the first issue of *The Garland* – a celebration of the scholarship in the King's Senior School.

Through this publication we hoped to highlight and honour the outstanding work done by pupils across the full range of year groups and subjects during the school year.

Heads of Department were asked to submit outstanding pupil work for consideration. This approach was chosen out of a firm belief that the work being done in the day-to-day life of the school is already of extraordinary quality and deserving of praise.

In selecting pieces for *The Garland*, we chose to keep the publication open to all King's pupils. Although Entrance Scholars, King's Scholars, Music Scholars and Sixth Form Scholars are represented in the publication, we believe that scholarship involves love of learning, academic achievement and a desire for challenge that exists in all pupils at King's, and this is evident in the pieces included in the final publication.



House winners announced

STUDENTS HAVE ENJOYED a total of 38 House Competitions this year, kicked off in style with House Song back in October.

Since October all year groups have taken part in separate competitions and have thrown themselves into cross-country, book quizzes, the Enterprise Challenge, netball, swimming, creative writing, language challenges, geography quizzes, debating, PT Kahoot!, biology quizzes, house book quizzes... and much more!

The year finished with three major competitions, with all house members taking part. Lester Smith and Bradbury won the Charity Fortnight Event, Bradbury won the House Tug of War and Werburgh the House Athletics on Sports Day.

Each House has won at least one event over the year, and most importantly all Houses have entered all events, making the fight for the top spot very close. Lester Smith and Grosvenor



took the top spot for the majority of the year, with a final last-dash attempt by Fox, but it was Bradbury that took the title with a mighty 6,283 points after the final House Rowing event, won by Dutton.

Remove students were delighted to be presented with their House ties in July.

Talent on show at Summer Concert

OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT treated a packed audience to performances from the 6s and 7s choir, Voz Nueva and Troubadours, Concert Orchestra, Wind Band, Senior String Orchestra, Sixth Form and Staff Choir, Show Choir and Voz Nueva and, finally, the Big Band.

More than 100 students took part in the fantastic display of music, showcasing their tremendous work over the last term.

Chester Schools Together masterclasses celebrate successful start



LAST TERM brought the inaugural Chester Schools Together Masterclass to an end with a celebratory evening, held at King's.

The masterclasses have allowed students from the Bishops' Blue Coat High School, Blacon High School and King's Senior School to work together on engaging and collaborative projects, helping them to develop their creative, learning and teamwork skills.

The speeches were kicked off by Mr Hartley, who highlighted feedback from the pupils and then introduced three pupils from King's who spoke about their experience: Sinead, Sam and Luke.

Head of Bishop's, Mr Wilson, then briefly spoke about the masterclasses and introduced three pupils from Bishop's who spoke together about their experience. The final speech was concluded by Mrs Hudson, Head of Blacon, and their pupils.

All in all, over 70 pupils benefited from the new Chester Schools Together partnership, and we look forward to continuing the partnership with a new round of masterclasses and other exciting projects.



It all adds up for talented duo



MORE THAN 40 STUDENTS completed the Mathematical Education on Merseyside (MEM) Challenge '19 (Shells or below) or Senior Challenge '19 (Fourths or below).

The MEM received a total of more than 2,200 entries for Challenge '19 and over 900 for Senior Challenge '19, from 136 different schools.

Congratulations to Angela Yang (RMAI), who achieved "Best In School" for Challenge '19, and Lily Kenningham (4DUT) (KS), who achieved "Best In School" for Senior Challenge '19.

Angela's entry was awarded a Certificate of Merit and Lily's was Highly Commended. Both girls were invited to an evening of mathematical recreation in the Central Teaching Hub at the University of Liverpool in May.



Second year of success for LAMDA

London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art (LAMDA) has now completed its second year at King's, with a record 40 young people passing the Grade 5–8 acting course, with several students achieving distinction.

Olivia Polding (U6FOX), Will Medland (U6GRO), Max Williams (L6LES) and Eden Hambleton-Davies (4BRD) all achieved distinction at Grade 8.

LAMDA students have also taken part in a sharing of their work to parents and an extra after-school workshop with Harriet Fisher from the Cambridge Footlights.

Chester Music Festival 2019

THE CHESTER MUSIC FESTIVAL was at King's last term. A number of our students took part, winning the following accolades:

Will Medland (U6GRO)

1st place 21st Century Song class and 1st place Vocal Solo, age 17–26

The Kingsmen

1st place Barbershop Chorus class and two other trophies

Alistair Smellie (U6BRD)

Distinction in 21st Century Song class

Oscar Cornelius (U6FOX)

3rd place in Vocal Solo, age 17–26

Honey Holmes (3DUT) (KS)

2nd place distinction in Adults Romantic class

Arthur Crewe (RMCI)

2nd place in U12 Brass Solo Class

Kouki Hirakawa and Mia Hirakawa (J4S)

1st place in U14 Duo and 2nd place in Family Duo Piano and Cello

Mia Hirakawa

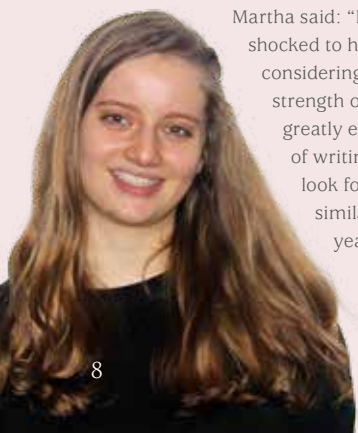
1st place in U10 Piano Solo, 1st place in Cello Grade Four and 3rd place in Piano Solo U11

Essay acclaim for Martha

CONGRATULATIONS TO Martha Mulliner (L6wer) (KS), Who won the Academic Essay prize with her exploration of the question "Is faith rational?"

Students were tasked with submitting an academic essay of between 1,800 and 2,000 words and could choose the topic from a list of titles given to them.

Martha said: "I was really shocked to have won, especially considering the academic strength of my year group. I greatly enjoyed the process of writing the essay and look forward to further similar challenges in the years to come."



Deputy Head of Sixth Form Ali Hollingworth said: "I was very pleased with all of the entries this year – 18 students entered, nearly 20% of the cohort. Titles are designed to stimulate higher thinking, moving beyond the curriculum and traditional subject boundaries: to examine ideas from a more holistic point of view. Students gain experience of many of the skills they need to be successful at university and beyond, including independent research, methodical planning and referencing skills. The essays are marked independently by a leading academic."

A huge well done also goes to runners-up, Max Wood (L6DUT) (KS), who chose the title "Is the general understanding of mathematics necessary in the computer age?", and Hannah Peters (L6WAL), who considered "Is the rise of China good for America and Europe?"



Showcase of creativity



THE ANNUAL DT EXHIBITION took place in May and featured the work of our GCSE and A Level students, with an added look behind the scenes of Product Design at King's.

Mr Curtis, Head of Design Technology, welcomed guests and spoke about the hard work and dedication of our talented students.

Thought-provoking theatre wows audiences



GCSE DRAMA STUDENTS WOWED AUDIENCES this term with their thought-provoking pieces of devised theatre for their Unit 2 performance examinations.

Using *Double Fantasy* (the John Lennon and Yoko Ono exhibition currently showing at Liverpool Museum) as their initial stimulus, the students wrote, rehearsed, directed, designed and performed their final pieces in the Vanbrugh Theatre. The result was an evening of challenging and innovative theatre which was perfectly executed throughout.

Looking to the future

OUR CAREERS FAIR welcomed over 35 professionals from a variety of organisations such as Unilever, Airbus, Cheshire Police, Manchester United and the RAF for students to speak to industry professionals about career advice into different pathways, work experience opportunities and graduate schemes.

Headmaster Mr Hartley is also delighted to confirm that Dr Ravi Hensman has been appointed as the new Head of Careers at King's.



Adam looks to the future for 500 Words

ADAM JOHN (SHGLA) entered the BBC Radio 2 competition 500 Words with a story about a futuristic coffee machine titled *Just Three Words*.

Adam's story was shortlisted for the final, which is a fantastic achievement as just 25 from 14,000 entries reached this stage.

Entrants were required to write a 500-word short story about anything they wished. The stories were then judged anonymously, without regard to grammar, punctuation or spelling.

“It was inspired by a talk on artificial intelligence (AI) at Oxford University. I also liked my brother's entry to the competition about protecting the environment, so I wanted to combine that concept with AI. Originally I was going to write about robots taking over the world, but instead I wanted them to protect it.”

Adam John (SHGLA)



New mascots challenge students



CREATIVE STUDENTS TOOK PART IN The Ryman National Enterprise Challenge, developing their ideas and business acumen.

Students were split into 26 teams and spent the day creating, branding and marketing a new mascot before nine teams were selected to present their ideas to a judging panel.

The winning team was Team Nine: Ruby the Rhino. The students were Erin Edwards (SHFOX), Theo Irvine (SHFOX), Oliver Kendall (SHFOX) and Cara Hollywood (SHFOX).

Canadian Adventure for Cadet Archie

Archie Barker (4FOX) took part in a very challenging weekend in May, competing in a CCF (Combined Cadet Force) national selection, and was selected to attend Army Cadet exchange in Canada over this summer.

Archie took on fitness tests, canoeing, mountain biking, hiking, and orienteering. When asked about the selection, Archie said, "It was all very challenging but I really did enjoy it."

After proving himself at the national selection, Archie enjoyed six weeks in Canada under the control of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets and had the opportunity to do various activities and challenges such as expeditions and a five-day mountain biking excursion.

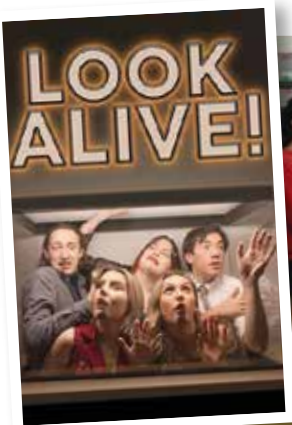


Cambridge Footlights perform *Look Alive* at King's

KSC DRAMA DEPARTMENT was delighted to welcome the Cambridge Footlights to the Vanbrugh Theatre on 2 July with their fantastic comedy sketch show *Look Alive*.

The Vanbrugh theatre was packed to the rafters and the audience were clearly loving every minute of the hilarious hour-long performance, featuring OKS Harriet Fisher.

GCSE Drama and LAMDA students were also treated to a two-hour comedy workshop with the Footlights the following day.



Inspirational workshop for Lower Sixth



LAST TERM 20 Lower Sixth business students took part in a Lean Production workshop, led by Chris Basford.

Chris currently works for AstraZeneca as a Senior Lean Coach for medical supply chain. Previously he held roles in Toyota, Airbus, Jaguar Land Rover and General Motors.

Teams competed to see who was able to create a construction in the quickest time using the planks available. The winning team won the customer's contract.

Many thanks for visiting, Chris – our Sixth Formers had a fantastic interactive afternoon!



A special ceremony



THE JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING gave pupils, parents and staff the opportunity to celebrate a year of success and achievement.

Mr Hartley started the afternoon by welcoming everyone before handing over to Mrs Ainsworth to give the address. The audience then heard from Sophie Hornby (J4S), Scarlett Wright (J4M), Aris Manolopoulos (J4S) and Marcus Thornton (J4O) about their experiences in the Junior School.

Awards were then presented by BBC News anchor Louise Minchin. One hundred and twenty-five prizes were awarded, including the Consterdine, Graham Shield and Brotherhood awards.

Mrs Minchin congratulated the pupils for their hard work and discussed the importance of continuing with sport and pursuing what you love.

Finally, Caspar Rathbone (J4M) gave the vote of thanks, concluding the Prizegiving.

Celebration Concert at King's

TALENTED PUPILS gave a range of performances at the Celebration Concert, showcasing an admirable array of creative skills.

Performances included:

String Ensemble: "Nobodies Gigge" – a tune from Shakespeare's England

Junior Orchestra: "Summer Sway" and "Scat Cat Swing"

Mia Hirakawa (J4S): Cello Sonata in E minor by Romberg

J3 Drama: "Alice in Wonderland" – Arabella Kendall (J3S)

Elliott Barnes (J4S): "Drums – Under The Bridge" by the Red Hot Chili Peppers

J1 Drama: "Children's Prayer" – Robert Scoltock (J1L), "Magic Cat" – Archie Fletcher (J1D)

Dance Club: "The Greatest Show"

Harry Duff (J4S): Drums – "Song 2" by Blur

J2 Drama: "Football Training" – Noah Glass (J2T), "Dad's Hiding in the Shed" – Christopher Neal (J2P), "The Sound Collector" – Jacob Stanley (J2F), Leo Chick (J2T) and Joe Williams (J2F)

Mia Hirakawa (J4S) and Kouki Hirakawa (J4S): Gymnopédie No.1 by Erik Satie for Cello and Piano

Alfred Lloyd (J4S): Drums – Uptown Funk by Bruno Mars

J4 Drama: Private Peaceful – Freya Artell (J4M), Finl Cottle (J4O), Sophie Hornby (J4S) and Hector Walsh (J4M)

Choir: Easter Prayer and Palm Oil Conga

28 medal magic for King's athletes

ATHLETES RETURNED PROUDLY to school with more medals than ever before after the AJIS meeting on a sunny Manchester day.

Twenty-one team members travelled to compete, earning 28 medals. Hurdles was the first event of the day, and three out of the four pupils took medals home. Grace Henderson (J5S) won silver, Anna Walker (J4O) gained silver and Javier Arechaga (J4O) triumphed with gold.

Holly Bosworth (J4M) won bronze in the long jump. In the U10 category, Joe Williams (J2F) won the 150m and Ben Pold (J3S) came second in the 600m. In the U11 boys, Marcus Thornton (J4O) was placed third in the 80m and Charlie Beyeler (J4O) triumphed and brought home a gleaming gold medal to retain his title. Holly Bosworth came second in the 80m in the U11. In the U10s, Lucie Thornton (J3B) won gold in the 150m and Holly Coates (J3S) placed third in the 600m. Marcus Thornton came third in the high jump. Exciting relays finished the day off, and all the relay teams brought home a medal. The U10 boys won gold, while the U10 girls won bronze. In the U11 category, the boys won gold and the girls silver.



Sensational six reach finals

A GREAT SEASON FOR CHESS has resulted in six players from the Junior School qualifying for the National Final (Gigafinal) of the Delancey UK Chess Challenge. They qualified by their outstanding performances in the School and County stages of the world's largest chess tournament, in which 1,200 schools and 40,000 children took part.

The players are: Harry Rafferty (J4S), William Mason (J4S), Tanmay Madhusudhan (J3H), Tom Honey (J2P), Oliver Beverley (J2P) and Dev Varma (J1L).



Twelfth Night



Written by Anna Walker (J40)

Junior School performers sailed through a sparkling production of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

Scarlett Wright played the amazing Sea Captain, starting the play off with a dramatic storm. Eleanor Williams played the marvellous Viola, and her twin brother Sebastian was played by Charlie Beyeler, Olivia was played by Thurka Gunarage, and sourpuss Malvolio by Elliot Barns. Members of the mischievous gang included Maria, played by Freya Artell; Sir Toby, played by Joel Stevenson; and his best mate Sir Andrew, played by William Greenhalge. Fabian was played by Alice Henry. Orsino was played by Marcus Thornton and Antonio by Aris Manalopes.

The play was an amazing success, directed by Mr Melville, who said it was an outstanding team effort. Mrs Stevens accompanied the chorus and singers, Mrs O'Leary helped with rehearsals and wrote two new songs and Miss Savage provided amazing costumes and scenery.





Football team triumph to take the cup

THE U11 A TEAM lifted the Chester Schools' FA Cup after a 2–0 win over Saughall All Saints, crowning a magnificent season.

Both goals were scored by the captain, Charlie Beyeler (J4O). The boys triumphed over 40 other teams to take the title, adding more silverware to an impressive trophy cabinet, won back in March against Stockport.

It was a very competitive and robust game against a team who were previously unbeaten. King's put up a defiant rear-guard action, balanced with sublime passing and movement in the attacking third of the field which brought the decisive goals needed to win the game.

Coach Mr Spellman said, "I'm over the moon. First Manchester City secure the treble and then King's win the double – this adds up to the perfect five-star season of football."

Captain Charlie said: "It was a team effort, and we have to thank our fabulous coach and our loyal parents who have supported us over this ten-month mammoth but hugely productive and enjoyable season."

Thirty-one goals were scored by King's in this competition, and three were conceded.

The team consists of goalkeeper Caspar Rathbone (J4M); defenders Owen Ewart (J4S), Jacob Pavel-Knox (J4O) and Alex Popplewell (J4O); midfield players Rory Delafaille (J4M), Jack Nash (J4M), Jacob Watson (J3B), Ben Pold (J3S) and Aris Manolopoulos (J4S); and forward Charlie Beyeler.

Overall, the team have played 15 matches this year, winning 14 and losing only one, back in September at the very start of the season. They have scored a huge total of 78 goals and conceded only 20.

Fabulous foursome make a splash

JUNIOR PUPILS WERE RARING TO GO at the ESSA (English Schools Swimming Association) North West regionals last term. A superb effort was shown by all pupils who took part.

Many congratulations to the girls' freestyle team, who qualified for the National Finals in Sheffield.



Sunny Sports Day for Students

PUPILS ENJOYED a particularly sunny Sports Day, taking part in a morning of track and field events ranging from hurdles to long jump.

At the end of the event, Falles House were declared the overall winners.

Many thanks to the KSPA and parents for the provision of refreshments, and all parents for their continuous support.



Hands-on fun for STEM week



STEM WEEK WAS A BIG HIT amongst curious Junior School pupils.

They enjoyed tours of the Senior School science labs, made hexaflexagons with Senior School maths ambassadors, did K'NEX constructions, learnt about static activity, took part in a triangle tetrahedron challenge with Senior School maths ambassadors, built bridges and raced salt cars with Mr Tomlinson from Shell.

J3 pupils also enjoyed a trip to the Spaceport.

KING'S JUNIORS



Skiers hit the Alps

INTREPID PUPILS flew to Les Deux Alpes, France, to improve their skiing over the Easter break. As they arrived it was snowing, providing them with the perfect conditions for the first day of adventure.

Over the course of the week all of the pupils improved their technique, with some even outperforming the teachers towards the end.

Pupils had a fantastic time skiing, swimming, tasting local hot chocolate, bowling and shopping, amongst many other activities.



Brilliant biathlon team success

JUNIOR PUPILS TRAVELLED TO Rossall School to compete in the AJIS (Association of Junior Independent Schools) biathlon competition. Each competitor swam two full lengths of the 25m pool and ran 800m on the athletics track. The top three results from each age category for each school were subsequently added together to form a 'team', and medals were handed out to the top three teams, as well as the three highest individual scores.

Team results:

Year 6 boys 1st Place	Year 5 boys 1st Place	Year 6 girls 2nd Place
		

As well as the fantastic team results, there were also lots of individual medals won.



Hockey masterclass at King's



WE WERE PRIVILEGED to welcome two members from the Team GB women's England hockey team to King's in March.

Susannah Townsend and Erica Sanders joined us for the day, teaching a lucky group of youngsters some key hockey skills before conducting a Q&A session in the Vanbrugh Theatre.

Pupils from King's Juniors, St Martin's Academy, Grosvenor Park Academy, Highfield in Blacon and Moreton Hall took part in the day.

All of the pupils had a fantastic morning improving their hockey skills and learning top tips from Susannah and Erica before the engaging question and answer session.

Questions asked included "What is the toughest match you've played?", "Who inspired you to play hockey?", and "How does it feel to know that you inspire others?"

Fun in the sun at Plas Menai

THE SUN SHONE for the end of year J4 residential to Plas Menai, were pupils had lots of opportunities to complete challenges with their friends and improve their teamwork skills.

The activities that they completed included: kayaking, sailing, power boating, raft building, mountain biking, orienteering, climbing and abseiling.

All of the pupils and staff on the trip had a fantastic time, making memories for life, and were extremely lucky with the weather.





Nomination honour for Miss Ley

MISS SIOBHAN LEY was thrilled to be nominated for Inspirational Teacher of the Year in the Cheshire School Awards.

Miss Ley has been teaching at King’s Juniors for four years and says she always strives to be “engaging, innovative and approachable” in the classroom.

She said: “I was absolutely delighted and humbled when Mrs Ainsworth shared the news that I had been nominated for Inspirational Teacher of the Year. To even be considered in this category and for somebody to take the time out to nominate me really means a lot.”

Since starting at the school, Miss Ley has started the girls’ football club for all Junior School classes. The lunchtime club and after-school club are very popular, with a total of 40 girls participating in the sessions.

Pupil Eléna said: “Miss Ley is really nice! If someone misses something in class, she always goes over it and makes sure everyone is involved.”

The sentiment was reiterated by another student, Robert, who said: “Miss Ley is honest, kind and really helpful.”

Another student, Dev, added: “Miss Ley makes things not too easy and not too hard, so it is always a good challenge. She has actually inspired me to want to become a maths teacher.”

The Blazer reaches the finals

THE BLAZER, OUR JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSPAPER, is produced by sparky cub reporters from across the Junior School. Named after their distinctive uniform, The Blazer was nominated in the School Communication category of the Cheshire School Awards by Year Six pupil Hector Walsh. This is the fourth consecutive year The Blazer has reached the finals.

In the past year, young writers have quizzed the current Children’s Laureate, Lauren Child, as well as explorer and story-teller Ben Fogle. Delving into the political arena, they have interviewed Tory MP Jacob Rees-Mogg. The peril of plastic pollution has been investigated and they have featured the inspirational Greta Thunberg. They have written match reports, recorded educational trips and reviewed films and plays.



Pupils think outside the box

This year for the House Art Competition, each pupil was given a small plain white matchbox and was tasked with creating something unique with it.

The results were very impressive, and Head of Creative Arts Mr Downey kindly judged the winners.

Congratulations to the following students for winning their category:

- Overall J1 winner, Alice Marrone (J1L)**
- Overall J2 winner, Alexandra Scoltock (J2T)**
- The Supreme Champion, Beth Edgerley (J3B)**
- Overall J3 winner, Hugh Samuel (J3B)**
- Overall J4 winner, Georgina Davidson (J4M)**

There were also 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each form. Once all of the various point scores had been added up, the winning House for the second year running was Shepherds.



Sophie’s storming success

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Sophie Pinnington (J4O), who was awarded 1st place in the Association of Junior Independent Schools (AJIS) art competition.

The theme for this year was ‘Weather’, and to develop ideas, Mrs Benson and Miss Savage took a group of ten J4 artists to Talacre Beach for the day, where they did a series of drawings and photography.

These ten students then came into school for the day and worked with Miss Savage to produce some exciting collaged landscape paintings based on their research.

Sophie’s piece was entitled ‘Storm Clouds’.



WILLOW LODGE INFANTS



Up, up and away for Science Day



BUDDING BOFFINS enjoyed a science-themed day, taking part in a range of investigative and hands-on activities.

Pupils took part in balloon races, made parachutes, measured sneezes, built wheeled vehicles and learnt about magnets and static electricity.

It was a great day of learning which reinforced the children's understanding of basic principles and how they are surrounded by science every day.



Infants and Juniors fundraising for Cancer Research



JUNIOR AND WILLOW LODGE PUPILS took part in a Race for Life, raising funds for Cancer Research UK.

All of the children took on the challenge with great vigour and enthusiasm, and were joined on several legs by some equally energetic staff members.



Body percussion is a stomping success

ENERGETIC PUPILS took on the challenge of STOMP-style body percussion workshops.

The workshops were run by Ollie Tunmer, founder of Beat Goes On. Ollie is a former cast member of the hit show STOMP and its sister show *The Lost & Found Orchestra*.

All pupils had a fantastic time learning about body percussion and developing new skills.





New feathered friends arrive

OVER THE COURSE of the Lent term reception pupils were able to see chicks hatch and grow, and learn about their lifecycle.

An incubator provided a source of wonder in the Wrens' classroom for 21 days before the first eggs started to hatch. Pupils then had a week with the chicks before half-term, when they went home with Mrs Stevenson, before returning looking much bigger for a few days after half-term.

The chicks brought great excitement to the pupils and they were fascinated by the speed at which they grew.



Ready, steady, go!

A SUN-DRENCHED SPORTS DAY gave reception pupils an opportunity to compete in a variety of races to see which team would emerge victorious.

Next, it was the turn of our Infant 1 and Infant 2 pupils, who took part in a carousel of eight different activities before competing in the relay.

All of the pupils put a wonderful effort in, with only nine points separating the four teams. Congratulations to the Turtles, who were the overall winners.



Game, set, match



EXPERIENCED TENNIS COACH Phillip Leighton ran skills workshops with eager pupils recently.

Phillip, who works for the British Lawn Tennis Association, provided the pupils with a fantastic introduction to the sport.



WILLOW LODGE INFANTS



Embracing the great outdoors

WILLOW LODGE TOOK PART IN a global campaign to inspire and celebrate outdoor learning and play.

Over the course of Outdoor Classroom day, pupils took part in a variety of activities including forest school, outdoor lessons and book time, before enjoying a delicious BBQ lunch.

A highlight of the day was toasting marshmallows around the campfire.



Beach buddies

LUCKY PUPILS from Robins and Wrens were blessed with a beautiful day for their trip to Wirral Country Park and Thurstaston Beach.



They enjoyed a wonderful nature walk along the paths, looking for butterflies, dragonflies, other minibeasts and pond life. Then it was time for a picnic, before they headed off to the beach.

Once at the beach, they created wonderful sand sculptures, looked for beach treasures, collected shells and pebbles and found some of the tiniest crabs ever.

Pupils then took part in a beach tidy. In school, pupils have been learning about keeping our environment clean and thinking of ways to recycle and protect our local wildlife, and the children took turns in using the litter grabbers to collect as much unwanted rubbish as possible.



Exploring and learning about the Romans



INQUISITIVE PUPILS have been learning about the Romans, which led them to think about what artefacts can teach us about the past.

Pupils have explored the job of archaeologists and have considered whether they would like to be one in the future.

They had a chance to look at artefacts from the Grosvenor Museum in Chester, which included a Roman soldier outfit and 'market and trade' artefacts. Classmates tried to work out what the artefacts were, what they were made of and who would have used them.

Pupils then went on to explore famous archaeological finds such as Tutankhamen's tomb, the Jorvik Dig and the Terracotta Army in China.





Sharing special memories

THE KINGFISHERS AND NIGHTINGALES delivered a fantastic Leaver Assembly, incorporating sketches from *Antiques Roadshow*, songs created by Mrs O’Leary and reflections on their time at Willow Lodge.

The pupils spoke about some of their favourite things, including the teachers, the lessons and, of course, playtime!

The assembly embraced all of the different activities and experiences they have enjoyed, including Forest School, a trip to Erddig and all of the art projects and theme weeks.

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Although it is a sentimental time seeing Infant 2s saying goodbye to Willow Lodge and preparing to start the Junior School in September, we are more than proud of the progress they have made and look forward to seeing them continue their King’s journey.

Deputy Head Jan Callaghan

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KING'S ALUMNI



Ed Walley (OKS 1959) at his Uncle Harold's grave at Bleuete Farm, Belgium



Headmaster George Hartley and David Wilkes laying wreaths at the Menin Gate War Memorial to the missing in Ypres, Belgium

A memorable visit to the Battlefields of WW1

(Written by David Wilkes OKS 1967)

DAVID WILKES (OKS 1967) joined an alumni trip to the Battlefields of the First World War in July. David has kindly shared his experience below.

In an intense three days we were taken to visit, learn about and understand some of the events that took place in key sectors of the Western Front. We spent a day each in the area of the Ypres Salient, in the battlefields of the Somme, and finally in and around Arras, Loos and Vimy Ridge.

The trip was framed around the exploits of the young King's scholars who abandoned their education and their careers in order to fight for their country. The visit was led by Seb Neal, Head of Humanities at King's and a qualified Battlefield Guide, who, as well as being fully versed in the history of the war, had thoroughly researched the backgrounds and wartime exploits of many of the OKS that died in the trenches and on the battlefields of the Western Front.

Poignant moments were many: from the laying of wreaths by the Headmaster, George Hartley, and myself at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, by two Junior School boys, at Thiepval and Dud Corner, respectively, to ceremonies at Tyne Cot, St Mary's Advanced Dressing Station, near Loos.

The most moving event, however, was the unscheduled stop at Bleuete Farm, where Ed Walley (OKS 1959) found the grave of his father's brother, Harold, a gunner of the Royal Garrison Artillery, killed in 1917 near the edge of the Ypres Salient. Ed read out to us two letters from a fellow gunner to Harold's mother.

The first informed her that he had been wounded by a fragment from a shell that exploded nearby as they were walking back to their quarters, but that they had taken him to the Bleuete Farm "Advanced Dressing Station (ADC)", where he was being cared for, and that he would be all right. The second letter informed her that he had died only a few hours later. It was an emotional moment. We observed a few moments of silence and Edward laid a wreath.

Henley Tea Party

MORE THAN 80 King's alumni and friends gathered at the school gazebo on the Henley Cricket Field to enjoy the world-renowned Regatta.

There was a superb atmosphere, enhanced by the glorious sunshine that continued throughout the day. It was fantastic to see so many former pupils, from a range of generations, all sporting their various blazers.

Of particular note were the three white and navy King's rowing blazers, proudly worn by David Bate (OKS 1987), Anthony Lighten (OKS 1986) and Tony Ward (OKS 1985).



2009 Reunion enjoyed by all

WE WERE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME BACK over 30 alumni for their ten-year reunion in May.

Fond memories resurfaced as old friends reunited for a tour of the school, led by three current Sixth Formers. The evening continued with a presentation from Headmaster George Hartley and Head of Development Liz Gwyther about King's today and the school as it was in 2009.

Alumni enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with old teachers, including their former Headmaster, Tim Turvey, whilst enjoying a delicious three-course

meal. Former Head Boy George Roberts brought the evening to a close by thanking the alumni team for a memorable event, before guests headed off into Chester to continue their celebrations.



Some ties last a *lifetime*



King's Tudor Legacy Society

THE KING'S TUDOR SOCIETY was officially launched at the school on Saturday 29 June.

The society has been established to recognise and celebrate supporters of the King's School Legacy Programme. Membership of the society is awarded to those who are happy to advise the school that they have made provision in their wills for a bequest to the school.

This hugely enjoyable launch event included a rose-planting ceremony in our newly created King's Tudor Society Rose Garden and a buffet lunch in the new Terrace Café in the Sports Hall.



THE KING'S
TUDOR SOCIETY

Olivia shares her vision with Prizegiving guests

WE WERE DELIGHTED that the President of the Chester Association of Old King's Scholars (CAOKS) Olivia Whitlam, agreed to be the guest speaker at our end of year Prizegiving ceremony.

In her capacity as Head of Sustainability at Siemens, she talked about how improving global sustainability was a collective responsibility and encouraged all in the audience to think about how they could play their part. Olivia also discussed the importance of her involvement in sport in developing the determination and resilience needed to pursue Siemens' ambitious sustainability targets. Olivia rowed in the Women's Eight at the 2012 London Olympics, finishing fifth in the final.

Headmaster George Hartley then took the opportunity to mention that in future, there will be much closer cooperation between the school and CAOKS. Of particular relevance to the 2019 leavers in the audience was that this now meant that they would automatically become members of the Alumni Association and be invited to all future alumni events.



DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019/20



King's in the Capital

21 November 2019

6.30pm–9.30pm

The Oxford and Cambridge Club, Pall Mall

Take advantage of this opportunity to catch up with old friends or make new connections at an exclusive venue in Pall Mall. We will be serving drinks and light bites and have arranged a superb guest speaker – Anthony Fletcher, CEO of Graze. Tickets are £25 – this includes a welcome drink, two free drinks and a selection of light bites.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2020

1960 Reunion (60 years)

To be confirmed

1970 Reunion (50 years)

Saturday 7 March (lunch)

1980 Reunion (40 years)

Saturday 7 March (evening)

1990 Reunion (30 year)

Saturday 14 March (evening)

2000 Reunion (20 years)

Saturday 28 March (evening)

2010 Reunion (10 years)

Saturday 16 May (evening)

*All events will be held at The King's School.

For more information on any of the above, please contact the alumni team at alumniteam@kingschester.co.uk or call 01244 689494

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KING'S SCHOOL SPORTS



Jake Harrison (SHDUT)

Flora Plass (RMSC)

Margot Melville (SHGRO)

Ben Whittlestone (RMCI)

Zafir Ahsan (RMCR)

James Rudd (SHBRD)

Talented athletes celebrate success

STUDENTS ENJOYED HUGE SUCCESS at the Chester and District Athletics Competition. Congratulations to the following students for their achievements:

Jake Harrison (SHDUT) is district champion after storming the Year 8 200m.

Flora Plass (RMSC) became double district champion in both Year 7 100m and shot put

Margot Melville (SHGRO) crossed the line first in the Year 8 300m to become district champion.

Ben Whittlestone (RMCI) took the title of Chester and District High Jump winner

Zafir Ahsan (RMCR) is Chester and District shot put champion

James Rudd (SHBRD) took the title of Chester and District Hurdles Champion.



Busy term for cricketers

THE BEGINNING OF MAY saw a lovely day for cricket with U15s and U13s playing against Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby with our Headmaster, Mr Hartley also in action umpiring.

The game was a great chance for the students in Fifths to take a well-earned break from GCSE revision, and it proved to be a successful match as the U15s won by 80 runs and a fantastic 100 off 61 balls for U15 Jake Liddle (4DUT) (pictured).

The U13s also won their match, congratulations to Harry Mahoney (SHGRO) and Henry Lunn (3GRO), who each scored a half-century.

Other notable performances for the season include:

Henry Lunn scored three 50s
Rohith Muthuvelu has a 50
Harry Mahoney also has a 50

Tom Rofe took a hat-trick and got 6 for 5 v Lymm HS
Matthew Walker took 5 wickets v MGS



The U13 Girls Cricket team came third in their first District Final, after only starting as a team at Easter. A fantastic achievement and one that shows great promise for the future.



Tennis triumph

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE U19 tennis team who are Chester and District champions. Their win came after a challenging nine games against The Queen's School.



National Schools' Regatta

THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS' REGATTA is the opportunity for the National level team rowers to compete against the best school and club crews from across the country.

This year King's was represented by 112 athletes as the club raced in events ranging from the J14 octuples to the senior boys 1st VIII. It proved to be a hugely successful three days for the club.

Highlights included the boys 1st VIII finishing 4th in the Championship B final, an overall finish position of 12th in their category. The J16 girls 2nd VIII rowed two fantastic races to finish with a gold medal in their category. The J14 boys octuple finished with a bronze medal. Both the girls J15 VIII and boys J16 coxed four narrowly missed out on a place in the A final, both crews finally finishing in 7th place overall in their categories.

Throughout the weekend the athletes performed to their best abilities, the supporters and parents were in fine voice and the coaching team once again worked hard to support and inspire their athletes. The King's School Rowing Club at the National Schools' Regatta is a team performance, and one that every member of the team this year was proud to be a part of.



County champions

OUR 1ST XI FOOTBALLERS beat Upton High 3-0 in the Cheshire Schools Cup final, held here at King's, to become county champions.

The team have had a fabulous season, with a record-breaking 21 wins.

A special mention must go to striker Sam Flory (U6LES) for scoring a fantastic 44 goals this season – an incredible achievement.

This marks the end of a wonderful season and was a very well-deserved victory for the team.



Thames Valley Park Regatta

Thames Valley Park Regatta provided the J15 squad with a final opportunity for the 2018-2019 boats to perform against national-level crews. The J15s performed well throughout the day, with the racing divided into a morning and an afternoon division.

In the morning racing, all three of the VIIIs progressed through to their finals. The J15 boys' VIII were too strong for Canford and Oratory School; however, the final against the heavily favoured Norwich School VIII was a step too far, although the boys didn't go down without a fight and stayed with the Norwich School boys for the race. The boys' second VIII raced a fantastic semi-final in the octuples to progress to the final, eventually finishing in 3rd place. The girls' J15 VIII raced up a category in the J16 girls' event; despite this they pushed a strong Lady Eleanor Holles School girls' VIII to the line.

The afternoon racing saw the girls' J15 octuple again race an LEH girls' crew in the final, again pushing them all of the way and finishing in 2nd place. The girls' J15 coxed four raced up a category in the J16 coxed four event and finished in 2nd place to LEH again! The boys' (tier 2) coxed four progressed to the final with a win of 2 feet over Monmouth School. In the final they were side by side with a strong Whitgift crew; going into the final 50 metres still level, the King's crew push gave them 2 feet with which to win the event – a fantastic way to complete the day and a chance for the whole squad to cheer their



Henley Royal Regatta

The school was once again very proud to send three crews to the Henley Royal Regatta. The boys' 2nd VIII and senior boys' quad attended the qualifying races and produced excellent rows in their respective events against a high level of competition. The crews failed to qualify but gained valuable experience. The boys 1st, VIII pre-qualified for the P.E. Cup for Schoolboy VIIIs; however, the first round draw was unkind as the VIII were drawn against Shiplake College, this year's Schools' Head champions and silver medallists in the Schoolboy VIIIs at the National Schools' Regatta. Despite this, the King's VIII challenged Shiplake all of the way down the Henley stretch, and the verdict of 2 lengths was a credit to the King's School VIII.

For the first time in the school's history, the 4th form rowing squad were given to opportunity to visit Henley for the day, and the support from the parents, KSRCPA and alumni was clearly evident along the course and a credit to the club and school. The alumni BBQ, held on the Friday of the regatta, was once again a great event, with over 100 alumni visiting on the day.



We are always impressed with the variety and scale of our pupils' achievements outside of school and value the opportunity to celebrate their success.



Megan Basford (L6LES) – featured and performed on ITV's *Granada Reports*.



Evie Williams (SHWER) – selected to play U14 county football squad and U14 Everton football squad.



Tom Wood (OKS) – finished 13th overall in the Young Race Marathon du Mont Blanc.



Joseph Webb (L6BRD) – completed the Three Peaks Challenge in 22 hours and 7 minutes; played hockey for Wales, and scored one goal as they won 4-1 against Ulster.

Issy Donnachie (OKS), Owen Parsonage (OKS), Jack Ramsbottom (OKS) and James Clark (OKS) represented Team Wales at the Home Countries International Regatta, held in Strathclyde, July 2019.

Flora Plass (RMSC) – Cheshire Track Relay Championships – Gold medal in U13 4 x 100m relay.

Holly Bosworth (J4M) – Cheshire Track Relay Championships – Bronze medal in U13 4 x 100m relay.

Jack Nash (J4M) – Cheshire Track Relay Championships – Silver medal in 3 x 800m relay.

Joe Williams (J2F) – Cheshire Track Relay Championships – Silver medal in U11 4 x 100m relay.

Cameron Moon (J4S) and Dylan Thomas (J4S) – represented North-East Wales at the Wales Schools Rugby Union Final in Llanidloes.

Archie Barker (4FOX) – Selected to attend Army Cadet exchange in Canada after competing in CCF national selection.

Adam John (SHGLA) – entered the BBC Radio 2 500 Words competition. His story was shortlisted for the final, a fantastic achievement with just 25 out of 14,000 stories shortlisted.

Leah Fidling (4DUT) – 9th in the Topper National Inlands Championship at Grafham Water, first female to finish; and second female to finish in the 2018–2019 UK Topper National Series.

Imogen Williamson (RMCR) – won the Cheshire Girls, U18 County Golf Championship at Caldby Golf Club.

Anna Crossley (4FOX) – selected to play for England U18 girls' touch rugby team in Paris in August as part of the European Touch Junior Championships.

Emily Hunt (RMDR) – selected to play hockey for Tensworth Hockey Academy.

Samuel Burchett (RMSC) – U12 chess champion for North Wales, West Cheshire and Wirral.

Benjamin Stanley (SHBRD) – selected for the England squad following his performance at the ISFA Festival of Football.

William Pritchard (RMDR) – finished 2nd in the Denbigh Triathlon.

Jake Liddle (4DUT) – plays for the Cheshire Schools cricket team and has scored a century this summer – 102 no v Wirral GS.

Max Lloyd (4WER) – plays cricket for North-East Wales. Scored 54 v Macclesfield.

Charlie Williams (4LES) – plays cricket for North-East Wales.

Henry Lunn (3GRO), Mikk Pold (3LES) and Rutujay Chawda (3FOX) – play cricket for North-East Wales (U14).

Rohith Muthuvelu (SHDUT) – plays cricket for Cheshire U13.

Harry Mahoney (SHGRO) – plays cricket for North-East Wales U13.

Adam De Rycke (RMAI) – selected for U12 Wales National Cricket team for 2019.

Lukas Pold (RMCR) – plays cricket for North-East Wales U12.

Anna Mackay – plays hockey for Wales, including in the Ulster test series; played for the U16s and U18s – won 2-1 with the U18s.

Emma Bosworth (5GLA) – second female to finish in the Cholmondeley Castle Triathlon Series.

Izzy Whittlestone (3GRO) and Jessica Sedman (3WAL) – represented U14 Chester Tigers netball team and won the English Netball Cup National Finals.

Lydia Bills (3GLA) and Emily Coopman (3FOX) – selected to attend the England Hockey U15 Junior Performance Centre.

Ben Whittlestone (RMCI) – Cheshire and Merseyside highjump champion 2019.

We would love to celebrate more of our pupils' achievements beyond school in the next edition of *The Herald*. Please get in touch via KSCNews@Kingschester.co.uk