

Headmaster's Report

All those involved in education must welcome this Government's commitment to improving basic standards and to providing minimal levels of attainment for all. One might object to some of their methods or to details in some of their plans but the recognition that the roots of so many ills lie in a neglected education and the attempts to insist on accountability within schools are wholly to be welcomed. 'Good schools can make a difference'. This might appear a truism but failure to accept it has resulted in too low expectations and a self-reinforcing cycle of failure for too many of our pupils, and vigorous attempts to raise the profile of education are praiseworthy.

It is important, however, that there is recognition by everyone that statistics about performance only tell you a limited amount about education and usually only about results - very little about reasons behind results or about processes, and very little about broader aspects of a good school which develop less easily measurable qualities.

Interestingly, complaints from those who work in Higher Education and from employers focus on the two aspects omitted by results: firstly, they claim, students/employees, *despite their good results*, cannot spell, punctuate, do mental arithmetic, write coherently, etc..., and secondly they lack the *skills* needed to carry out tasks expected of them, such as independence, initiative, creativity, ability to work with and motivate others.

Recently, indeed, a booklet has been published entitled 'Leadership in Schools', which is concerned about diminishing opportunities for pupils in schools to develop as leaders, owing to pressure of public examinations. In it the statement is made: 'there need to be opportunities for every pupil to develop the skills of leadership'. There is a confusion here but the concern is understandable. We do not want all our pupils leaving school convinced they are going to be leaders, so much as pupils who are aware of others and have skills in communication and motivation, and, above all, a sense of responsibility. All pupils benefit and learn from being given an area of responsibility, even if only a limited one. Usually they respond with enthusiasm and exceed expectations.

Much that is written in the pages that follow concerns results, and there is much that we take pride in here. I hope, however, that readers will discern from the range of experiences described the philosophy at King's of a

whole education. Visitors to the school frequently comment on the responsibility of the pupils. This does not appear in any statistics nor is it specifically identified in any of the reports. It is, however, something that we greatly treasure.

The most significant development in the school this year has been the establishment of our Infants' section (three to seven) for some seventy-eight pupils. King's now provides continuous education for boys and girls from three to eighteen. Rumours that we are about to start ante-natal classes or to develop an FE branch are untrue! It has been a delight to see the Infants' section develop and, by any criterion, it is proving an outstanding success. At Key Stage One all pupils (from a non-selective intake) achieved at least Level Two and a very high proportion reached Level Three. The range of activities offered, however, matches that in the rest of the school and our most recent innovation has been the introduction of French from the age of four. There is a waiting list until 2001 - we do not register unborn children!

The Junior Division also produced results well above national expectations. Level Four is the norm, achieved by all but two pupils in every subject, with over half in English and Mathematics achieving Level Five.

This year was also significant in the Girls' Division, since the first full cohort who entered in 1993 took their GCSEs. Their results were even better than expected and, as this coincided with the best results the Boys' Division has ever known, this could be called a record year. Of the many outstanding statistics the following must suffice:

- 206 pupils (boys and girls) achieved at least six A*-C grades.
- 56% of these were A*/A.
- One third of the candidates achieved 8 A*/A passes.
- In total there were 1046 A*/A grades.

Only one other school in the country - Eton - achieved so much with so many pupils.

At A Level all of the 123 candidates qualified for Higher Education with a pass rate of 91.7%. There were ninety-eight A grades in all, with thirty-nine candidates obtaining thirty points or more (equivalent of three As). The average number of points-per-pupil was 24.3 (slightly above an average of three Bs).

As another innovation we now plan to produce a termly newsletter. Two of these have appeared already and they provide regular news in brief of what

is happening in the school. With four Divisions and over 1400 pupils there is a great deal happening and the communication with parents and Former Pupils seems to be welcome.

The school also has a website on the Internet and has received, at the time of writing, over 1600 visitors from near and far. Scope for development seems endless but already we have registered our first pupil through the Net!

King's has always sought to play its part in the local community. Our music centre, set up nearly four years ago, now regularly has some four hundred pupils on a Saturday morning who come from all over the area. Tribute is paid later in this publication to the work of Mrs Susan Brown in the school. Her work in setting up the centre and establishing it at its present size and to such widespread benefit has been quite outstanding. The Macclesfield community owes her an enormous debt. I am sure that her greatest reward is to know it is still flourishing.

King's pupils are also involved to a considerable extent in work in the community in a whole variety of ways. As ever, the benefits of what they do are mutual and they learn enormously from their involvement.

One recent development in our involvement with the local community has come about partly as a result of Macclesfield Town football team's rise to the Second Division. Their search for better training facilities brought them to our Derby Fields, which they now use on most week-days. We hope that, if they remain afloat in this Division, some part of their success will be due to our support!

I return to the exciting times ahead. As the first large cohort of girls enters the Sixth Form, the benefits of our initiative started five years ago become apparent throughout the school. Two groups of pupils coming together after five years of King's School education bring great potential for the future, not just academically but in every sphere of school activity.

For this to be realised that mysterious chemistry between teachers and pupils has to be right. If it is, then the benefits are life-long and cannot be measured objectively. Those involved know about it, for all that. I am pleased to pay tribute to the dedication and commitment of all the King's School staff, teaching and non-teaching. They know what rewards their work can bring.

A G Silcock
October 1998

Hail...

Welcome to those members of staff who joined King's in September 1997. The following have kindly provided brief histories:



Catherine Buckley
(Principal of Girls' Division)

Catherine was born on Tyneside and is herself the product of a single-sex education, firstly at Dame Allan's Girls' School in Newcastle and then at St Hugh's College, Oxford.

The months between gaining a place at Oxford and going up to university were spent as an au-pair in France, an experience which gained added colour by being during the student riots which brought down the French Government. A degree in French and German was followed by a PGCE and a probationary teaching year, and then it was time for some more applied language learning - this time in Bavaria, Southern Germany.

Apart from helping her acquire a taste for German wine and a grudging appreciation of Baroque architecture, this two year stint at a Gymnasium encouraged Catherine to transfer her linguistic allegiance from French to German, which remains her main teaching subject today.

Since her return to England, she has lived and worked in the Manchester area, teaching at Manchester High and then at Cheadle Hulme School, where she was latterly Head of the Sixth Form.

Catherine's interests include concert and theatre-going, reading contemporary fiction and visiting art galleries. As a modern linguist, she always feels uneasy when she is in a country where she cannot speak the language, so her ambition now is to learn Spanish and

then visit the Prado in Madrid.

She is married with a sixteen-year-old son, James.

Nicola Chadwick
(English)

Nicola was educated at Bolton School Girls' Division and at Nottingham University. She remembers vowing to her English teacher at school that she would never teach and, even if she did, she would never teach in the independent sector. She began her teaching career at an excellent comprehensive in Nottingham (Arnold Hill School) and then spent a year at Stockport Grammar School. Thus, she took up her post at Fence Avenue conscious of having come full circle and of having broken several promises to herself!

Nicola thoroughly enjoys teaching English: she would describe herself as an avid reader who has a passion for punctuation, as girls who have been taught by her will no doubt be aware. Amnesty International, visits to the theatre, debating and writing are other interests which she brings to her post at King's.

Eileen Olsen
(History & Careers)

Eileen grew up in south west London and went to school in Hammersmith. At the age of eighteen she went to Hull University to study History. At Hull she played netball for the university and in a local ladies' league. It was her interest in History and love of sport which led her to pursue a PGCE in History and PE at De La Salle College in Manchester. From here she worked for Cheshire LEA in Runcorn for five years. During this time she got married and had a daughter. In 1985 she moved back to London with her family and worked at St Catherine's Girls' School in Twickenham for one year and then at Lady Eleanor Holles School in Hampton for five years. At the latter she was involved in both organising and accompanying school trips.

In 1992 her husband's career brought her back north, this time to Stoke-on-Trent. With three young children to look after, she opted to work part-time between 1992 and 1996. She returned to full-time teaching in 1997 with her appointment to King's.

Linda Pyatt
(Coordinator of Instrumental Studies)

Linda was born in Stirlingshire, where she spent the first eleven years of her life before moving to Macclesfield. Educated at Macclesfield High School, she then studied Piano, Flute and Ac-

companiment at the Royal Academy of Music in London, before taking a PGCE at Manchester University.

From 1976 she worked as a peripatetic music teacher in many of the local schools, including The Ryleys and Mount Carmel, before taking up her present full-time post at King's. She has also been an Associated Board Examiner since 1994, something which she enjoys immensely.

Much of Linda's leisure time is inevitably taken up with musical activities. Many years' involvement with several local choral societies have seen her performing in much of the choral repertoire, either on piano, harpsichord or organ. When there is no orchestral part for her, she is equally happy to add her voice to the alto line.

Away from musical activities, she has a passion for early Italian art and enjoys travelling, especially if it involves visiting art galleries or churches. For the past nine years she has been increasingly involved with the local branch of the Samaritans, which occupies much of her spare time. If there is any time left over, she also enjoys the theatre and walking in the hills, providing it is not too strenuous!

Linda is married to a King's old boy, also a musician, and they have two teenage sons, who also pursue music both in and out of school. However, on a Saturday afternoon Linda can be found enjoying some peace and relaxation on her own, as her husband and sons are always to be found on the terraces at Macclesfield Town!

A warm welcome, too, to:

Jane Cole Junior Division
Philip Colville Mathematics
Rachel Cookson Infants
Anne Eardley Infants
Tracey Elliott Headmaster's Secretary
Alison Gierc Nursery Nurse
Rose Jones German
Daniel Kearney Religious Education
Amanda Monk Nursery Nurse
Jamie Serafi Classroom Assistant
Joy Sykes Infants
Helen Taylor French
Elsie Thompson Classroom Assistant
Linda Turner Junior Division
Melanie Unsworth Infants
Karen Wells Junior Division
Liz Welsh Classroom Assistant
Denise Wilkinson Junior Division

... and Farewell

and our best wishes for the future to:

Kate Beavis

When Kate Beavis was appointed Vice-Principal of the Junior School in 1992, one of her earliest tasks was to help in the transfer of the school to a new site and to oversee the change of status from a boys' to a co-educational school. Every detail of the move was precisely planned, and the Junior Division opened triumphantly in September 1993. That it has expanded and flourished so dramatically since is due in large measure to Kate Beavis' drive, energy and vision.

In addition to teaching RE throughout the Division, Kate set up and taught a highly successful PSE programme. She assumed responsibility for many aspects of the administration and of the monitoring of standards in the Division. The success she achieved was due mainly to the high standards she set herself, and the newly appointed staff, of whom there were many, greatly appreciated the feeling of working in a school with such a strong sense of purpose and vision.

One of Kate's particular strengths was her relationship with parents, whether in showing visitors round or in fronting public functions. Warmth of welcome combined with a strong sense of professionalism was evident to all.

In her last year in the school Kate assumed responsibility for the planning and setting up of the Infants' section (3-7). This involved many hours of meticulous work, on top of her normal duties, from careful reading of Government documents to discussions with architects, from appointment of staff to running of meetings for interested parents. Every detail was taken care of and the Infants (originally planned to open with two classes of eighteen pupils) opened with four full classes in September 1997 and has flourished ever since. It remains a legacy to Kate's high standards.

In January she left us to become Head of Kettleshulme CE (Controlled) Primary, a school which is sure to flourish under her leadership. We miss her but remember with gratitude all she did for King's Junior Division.

Simon James

Simon James began teaching at King's Junior Division in September 1995. This was his first teaching post, having graduated via Hull and Bristol Universities after a first-class education (as many may recall!) at King's School,

Macclesfield. During his three years in the Junior Division he has been Form Teacher to two classes of J3K and one of J4K, as well as teaching other children across the Junior age range. He has used his curricular strengths in History and PE/Games to enhance the teaching in those subject areas in particular and has made a vital contribution to extra-curricular sport. An outstanding all-round sportsman himself during his time as a pupil at King's, he has passed on his expertise and enthusiasm to football, cricket, rugby and athletics teams that have reached very high standards. More recently he took on the responsibility of co-ordinating the Junior Division's extensive programme of extra-curricular activities, a role which he carried out with great energy and organisational skill. He leaves us to take up greater responsibility at Cheadle Hulme JS.

Dai Jones

(1962-1998)

Dai Jones joined King's School in 1962 direct from Aberystwyth University. He was appointed by the late T T Shaw to teach Geography and PE and, perhaps uniquely, with a specific brief to take charge of rugby at the school. It is surely in this latter role that he will be remembered best.

In the ten years to 1972 that Dai ran rugby, he brought it to levels which set standards for years to come. In many ways, he was a rugby missionary at a time when Welsh Rugby was justifiably earning worldwide respect and with his grounding in Welsh Schoolboy and Valleys Rugby, he injected a steel and vigour into King's Rugby which pushed it into national recognition – a position from which it has never slipped.

But rugby was not the only string to his bow and, although it remained his abiding passion, Dai added a range of extra-curricular activities to the ever-increasing positions of responsibility which he took on as the years progressed. He was an ever-present on Derryck Siddall's Fifth Year Mountain Course in the Lake District and when Selwyn Russell Jones finally relinquished his hold on the annual skiing trip to Solden which he had run since 1946, Dai took over and, with his usual exuberance, built up the numbers to a position where he could charter a whole plane to take King's School to the Alps!

Athletics and basketball both benefited from his efforts and, as with all things which he approached, he brought an infectious enthusiasm which caught the imagination of his charges.

Dai was in on the ground floor of what is now the hugely significant pastoral care system at the school. As Head of Middle School, he took charge of the Upper Fourths and Lower and Upper Fifts. Needless to say, he ran a tight ship as he brought his authoritative personality to bear on what are perhaps the most awkward of childhood years. Moving on, he became the school's Examination Officer, taking over from Bill Martin a crucial and highly pressured job with responsibility for all aspects of external examinations.

As a founder member of the Common Room Committee and having expressed his thespian talents in the staff play, Dai moved on to become Senior Master for staff and pupils. As such he ran the day to day affairs of the Common Room and represented the interests of both staff and pupils to the Headmaster. His role involved him in setting up the first Health and Safety Committee as well as taking on the less onerous tasks of organising staff social events.

And, of course, through all this Dai continued to teach Geography at all levels with his usual style and skill and, it almost goes without saying, success.

Dai is one of those larger than life figures and inevitably he has ruffled a few feathers with his direct and forceful approach and his strongly held views, but throughout his actions have been to safeguard the interests of the school and its pupils. His dedication and loyalty to King's has been absolute and, with his departure, the school has lost one of its most passionate and vocal advocates.

Strong ties build over many years and to those who were here with him, the school will never quite seem the same again. Dai Jones has carved a niche in King's history and the thousands of students who have passed through his hands will remember him with affection and respect. We wish him and Myrna a long and happy retirement.

Richard Killen

Richard Killen came to the King's School in September 1995 and soon established himself, above all through his considerable scholarship, as a strong and enthusiastic member of the Modern Languages Department. He is a brilliant linguist, though he never flaunted this during his time with us.

He taught German at all levels and Lower School French and Latin in his three years here and inaugurated an Italian Club for interested and initiated

young pupils. Had there been opportunity he could and would also have taught Spanish and Dutch. The excellent results he achieved with his Advanced Level students bear witness to his expertise.

He was always ready to help with extra Oxbridge work, joined in fully in the activities of the Department at all levels and gained useful experience in assisting with the school exchange in Memmingen this year, where he played an important part in ensuring that everything ran smoothly and harmoniously. He also helped organise the Classics trip to Sicily earlier this year.

A cheerful, friendly and supportive member of our team, he enjoyed excellent relationships with colleagues and pupils alike. His encouragement of and support for the U13 Tennis team was also much appreciated.

We are grateful to Richard for his efforts here and wish him well in his new post teaching largely German at Bedford Modern School.

Mike Nolan

Mike Nolan joined the staff at King's in September 1996, teaching Physics and Science to both boys and girls. He displayed a great enthusiasm for science in general and physics in particular and he was always keen to pass this on to the pupils in his classes. His knowledge of computers and the internet was invaluable within the department and I know that many other areas of the school benefited from his expertise.

Outside the classroom he devoted much of his time to helping Chris O'Donnell run the school orienteering, travelling far and wide as a consequence. Indeed Mike was a most proficient runner himself and in 1997 he completed the London marathon in a time of under two and three quarter hours.

One of Mike's other major achievements whilst at King's was to become a father for the first time in the summer of 1997 when his wife, Julia, gave birth to their son Daniel. Also, in the spring of 1998 he completed and submitted his PhD thesis and following a successful viva at Cambridge was duly awarded his doctorate.

Mike has now moved on to King Edward VI Camp Hill School For Girls, Birmingham where we wish him and his family every success and happiness.

Rachel Sellers

Rachel joined the King's School in 1993 to teach German at the Cumberland

Street site. She soon found herself involved in many other areas - she taught German at Fence Avenue for a number of years and also became very committed to girls' sport, initially as an extra-curricular activity, then later on as a member of the girls' Games staff.

Rachel made an enormous contribution to the German Department, teaching German to GCSE and A Level as well as setting up the one-year FLAW course in the Sixth Form. She was a very popular member of staff and brought a tremendous amount of enthusiasm to all her lessons. Her love of the German language and culture helped to ensure that ever-increasing numbers opted for the subject at GCSE and A Level. She was a dedicated, hard-working teacher, always interested in her pupils and happy to help them outside the classroom if necessary. In 1994 she took part in the very successful exchange to Memmingen.

Rachel also made a very significant contribution to the girls' Games Department. Up to 1996 Rachel ran the senior girls' hockey team and helped with the senior girls' tennis. She was involved in hosting the touring hockey team from Argentina in 1996 and in the same year accompanied the Games staff on a holiday coaching course to the Isle of Man. From 1996 until she left, Rachel was a member of the Second Year girls' Games staff, coaching the hockey team and assisting with the coaching of the tennis teams, including taking the girls on occasional fixtures.

For three years Rachel was involved with the summer school trip to Zell am See where her linguistic skills and organisational talents were much in evidence.

Rachel offered a great deal to the school over the years and she will be sorely missed. She combined efficiency and enthusiasm with good humour and unfailing cheerfulness. Her many friends on both sites wish her, her husband Paul and her delightful young son James every possible happiness and success in the future.

Melanie Unsworth

Melanie Unsworth was a 'founder member' of the Infant staff, joining King's at the beginning of this school year in September 1997. She, like all the other Infant staff, had a very busy summer last year in preparing the way for the first cohort of Nursery children and has developed the Nursery curriculum during the course of this exciting first year. Her patience, fortitude and good humour have been important factors in the successful develop-

ment of the school's youngest children. She leaves to return to her roots on Lancashire's Fylde Coast with our thanks and very best wishes.

Infant Support Staff

Jamie Serafi, Year 2 Classroom Assistant, has worked with Mrs Sykes this year in a 'gap' year before commencing his university course in September. Another former King's pupil, his musical input has been particularly well appreciated. No doubt his experiences will stand him in good stead as he aims to work with children musically in the future.

Mrs Chris Woolford, who has assisted Mrs Cookson and the Reception class since the latter part of the Autumn Term, also left at the end of the school year. She has been an adaptable team member whose patience and common-sense approach has given valuable support to the Infant team.

... and to:

Christine Barrick

Susan Brown (*see Music report*)

Amanda Monk

Monica Mullen

Jenny Silcock

Jackie Thalrose

Art & Design

The 22nd King's Art Exhibition

The 22nd art exhibition was held in the first week of the latter half of the Autumn Term. There was a departure from the norm this year - instead of the usual fifty to sixty artists being invited to exhibit, there were only thirteen. Six were painters, six were potters and one was a photographer, hence the distinctive exhibition title: 'Nearly six of one and half a dozen of the other'.

Although it is regularly remarked upon by artists and visitors that the exhibition provides a visual experience that is not evident elsewhere in the region, it is sometimes felt that more people who have no direct contact with the school could take advantage of what is freely on offer. Similarly, the advantages of first-hand experience for GCSE and A Level Art candidates, as required by syllabuses, do not appear to have been fully exploited by neighbouring schools.

The majority of work from the majority of exhibitors was motivated by landscape or the local environment. Their reaction to it was demonstrated in a variety of ways.

All the artists contributed work of a very high calibre and this exhibition (although not all people would necessarily agree) probably achieved, overall, the highest standard in twenty-two years.

Accompanying the exhibition was a display of A Level work produced by the 1995/97 students. Their work was a consequence of the annual field trip to Snowdonia where the subject matter was derived from the study of the slate quarries at Blaenau Ffestiniog, the estuary at Borth-y-Gest and rocks and waterfalls in the grounds of the field centre at Tremadog. As much three-dimensional work as two-dimensional

work was evident and the high standard was favourably commented upon. Six of the eleven students represented had left school to embark upon art foundation courses.

After the landmark 21st exhibition in 1995 there was no exhibition in 1996. After a year's gap, and with a new approach, the 1997 exhibition provided a different perspective with a high standard of quality work. There will be no exhibition in 1998 but it is intended to have an exhibition in 1999, the last of the millennium, that focuses on a different aspect of the art world, and it is hoped that this will be something to look forward to and support.

Pottery Workshops

The Autumn Term began with pottery workshops run by Annie Tortora, an artist potter well known in the North West. She instructed the Fourth Year GCSE girls in how to build a variety of ceramic forms based on rocks and fossils. She later repeated the workshop for the Fourth Year boys. The work produced was exciting and will form part of the GCSE coursework for the pupils. The Second Year girls who had missed their workshop day at the end of the previous academic year were able to experience a series of raku firings.

Stapeley Water Gardens

The Fifth Year GCSE field trip was spent at Stapeley Water Gardens where pupils were able to see first-hand a variety of exotic plants and fish. They spent the time drawing these subjects in a variety of media with the intention of using the information gained in their GCSE Coursework unit on Plants.

Life Drawing Classes

Since the department began its life drawing classes, the Human Form has become an important theme for Sixth

Formers on the A Level course, as the A Level exhibition demonstrated. The standard of students' drawing has improved immeasurably and the life drawing classes are a venture that we shall want to repeat in future years.

Field Trip to North Wales

The Lower Sixth Art and Design Field Trip to Nantlle in North Wales was the highlight of the Summer Term. There were seven students participating this year and they attacked the venture with enthusiasm, vigour, initiative and commitment. We departed early on a Friday morning heading via the Craft Centre at Ruthin and then to Denbigh where a visit was made to the pottery workshop of David Frith, an internationally known potter. Continuing over the Welsh mountains we eventually arrived at the Trigonos Centre in Nantlle. We were accompanied by Miss Inman's partner, Phil, who became the official video recorder of all that happened. The students were set particular tasks to last the long weekend which was spent at various locations. The grounds of the Centre provided a rich resource. It is set alongside Lake Nantlle Uchaf with views of Snowdon in the background. We also spent time studying the amazingly spectacular scenery in the slate quarries that surrounded the village and which were also a venue for deep water divers who came from all over the UK. A visit was also made to a local farm on which was a particularly spectacular waterfall which provided challenging ways of depicting it.

The meals at the centre were simple, filling, healthy and wholesome and largely made from home grown produce. Accommodation was in twin bedrooms and the centre provided studio work space, a common room, a games room, a quiet room and a library. We were fortunate to have experienced phenomenally sunny weather and everybody was caught off guard and suffered various degrees of sunburn. The social experience was consolidated by an invitation from one of the centre's workers to join him around a campfire by the lake where conversation continued into the early hours of the morning. We returned to school at the end of the following Monday having had a profitable but far too short experience. A wealth of useful visual information was assembled and collected, and this will provide the basis for the work in school next year.

Upper Sixth A Level Exhibition

In the penultimate week of the Summer Term we held an open evening at



which all the A Level candidates displayed their work. This was well received.

The GCSE Exhibition

At the end of the Summer Term, the families of the Fifth Year girls on the GCSE course were invited to attend an exhibition of a representative selection of GCSE work which was in the hall and the entrance foyer at Fence Avenue. All of the girls sitting the examination had the opportunity to display their achievements over the two year course and this was accompanied by a catwalk show of the costume work produced as a result of last year's visit to the Clothes Show. It was a highly enjoyable evening and many girls had offers to buy pieces of work!

The Clothes Show

Following the success of our first visit a coachful of students from the Girls' and Sixth Form Divisions visited the Clothes Show at NEC in Birmingham - the annual showcase of the work of both student and professional designers from the world of fashion and textiles. They were able to talk to college lecturers and student designers from the top fashion and textile colleges in the country and memorable moments included the costume performance in the 'Fashion Circus' and the College Forum catwalk shows which went on throughout the day. Once again the day inspired many of our students to go on to produce their own costume work for GCSE and A Level courses.

Other Activities

In the latter part of the Summer Term visits were made to the end of year shows at Northwich, Stockport, Manchester and Macclesfield. A visit was also arranged to the Earth & Fire Event at Rufford Country Park where one of our Sixth Formers was able to interview a selection of well known potters for her A Level personal study.

The department hosted junior workshops on both sites on the Friday of examination week. These provided the opportunity for primary school children considering taking a place at King's to experience some aspect of artwork. At Cumberland Street they were given the opportunity to make and decorate a small press-moulded dish which was subsequently fired and which they were able to take home, and at Fence Avenue they were given the opportunity to experience simple printmaking techniques.

Pupils in the Girls' Division worked

to produce the set for *The Ragged Child*. The concept for the piece was entirely based around the use of dreary, damp and mildewy colours to help create a gloomy atmosphere of the slums of London and a feeling of claustrophobia which was effectively conveyed largely by the use of drapery. As usual, most of the set decorators were under thirteen so it was a tremendous achievement.

In the final week of the academic year we participated in the Macclesfield Borough venture 'Art in Action'. Two ceramic sculptures vaguely in the manner of Richard Long and Andy Goldsworthy were produced by First and Second Year girls and a series of ceramic totems based on plant forms was produced by Third Year boys. These were installed in the Bollin Valley together with work from other schools in Macclesfield.

It is hoped to have a similarly stimulating programme of events for next year.

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Drama

Sixth Form & Boys' Division

The Drama Department has had a busy year producing *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare, *The Ragged Child* by Jeremy James Taylor and two evenings of *Class Acts* as well as maintaining its customary high standard of practical work for the GCSE and A Level examinations and preparing readers for the Church services.

The Tempest was an ambitious project involving a large cast of pupils taken from every year of the school. In order to explore the themes of illusion and reality, the play was updated to the nineteenth century with Prospero (played by Curtis Jordan) becoming a showman and illusionist, Caliban a sideshow freak and Ariel a troupe of skaters. Magic Lantern slides, hypnosis, theatrical illusion and conjuring were invoked as the characters, bewildered by Prospero's magical skills, were brought to acknowledge their misdeeds.

A heavy rehearsal schedule enabled a high quality of verse speaking to be achieved and from the intelligently delivered lines it was clear that the actors understood the text, making for an entertaining and accessible performance of Shakespeare's final play.

Curtis Jordan was impressive in the demanding role of Prospero. With considerable stage presence he demonstrated Prospero's wisdom, learning,

magical powers and human frailty. Miranda was played on alternate nights by Esmé Patey-Ford and Annie Phillips, their performances proving quite different from each other but equally valid and complementing Edward Coxson's beautifully spoken portrayal of Ferdinand.

Nathanael Bradbrook was an amiably bumbling Gonzalo providing a sharp contrast to the cynicism and aggression of Sebastian and Antonio played by Simon Bush and Daniel Dale. With Andrew Unterhalter and Damian Painton in the roles of Adrian and Alonso they ensured that the intrigues of the sub plot were conveyed with clarity.

The pathos and comedy of Caliban were explored by Tom Johnson who worked well with Adam Sumner and Alex Healey as Stephano and Trinculo. It was hard to believe that Alex Healey was only a Third Year pupil, such was

the assurance with which he delivered Trinculo's opening soliloquy and subsequent asides. In a loud check suit and with an easy, gossiping manner in addressing the audience directly, this Trinculo was very much a music hall comedian rather than an Elizabethan court jester.

The masque was presented as if by automata by Jo Moroney, Esther and Miriam Bradbrook, Becky-Kate Smalley and Hannah Hallam. With metallic faces and costumes and moving in the style of clockwork dolls, they sang beautifully to create a strangely amusing, magical and delightful scene.

The sixteen pupils playing Ariel demonstrated considerable discipline and skill as they delivered Shakespeare's verse while executing complex choreography on their roller blades. The fun element of the work made learning Shakespeare pleasurable and the commitment of the young performers was impressive.

The storm and other sound effects, created digitally by James Thompson and Mr Illingworth, were disturbingly effective. A suite of incidental music was commissioned from Winston Barraclough to create the 'sounds and sweet airs that give delight and hurt not' which Thom Petty arranged for a small ensemble, directing the musicians from the keyboard.

The simple but effective set, designed by Mr Hidden, was filled with nineteenth century theatrical and scientific paraphernalia reflecting perfectly the themes of the production and allowing sufficient space to accommodate the intricate routines of the skaters. Many of the costumes were made by the Friends of King's Drama Committee and the production boasted an elegance and style rarely found in school productions. The audiences over the five nights were most appreciative and many favourable comments and letters were received. *The Tempest* was directed by Mr Walker.

The evenings of *Class Acts* allowed parents to see the kinds of practical work involved in curriculum drama. Several pupils making significant contributions to the evenings had never appeared on stage before and rose to the occasion splendidly. As well as much scripted work, there were pieces which the pupils had devised themselves and all the actors learned much from the experience. Particularly effective were Curtis Jordan as both the socially inept trainspotter in *Anorak of Fire* and Konstantin Trepilov in an extract from Chekov's *The Seagull*. Ziad Sawas and David Carr impressed the audience with a well drilled and slick account of the physical comedy demanded by Dario Fo's manic play *The Accidental Death of an Anarchist*. Sam Fox and Ben Crabstick ably supported by Aidan Tarran-Jones and Richard Cowgill created a witty and stylish improvisation satirising American commercialism. The programme, which changed for the second evening, demonstrated the considerable talent of the pupils and the broad scope of material tackled by our examination candidates in Drama.

Girls' Division

Earlier this year King's School pupils were involved in a production of *The Ragged Child* in the Fence Avenue Hall at the Girls' Division. The plot deals with problems encountered by the criminal working classes of London during the year of 1849 and the attempts of Lord Shaftesbury to eradicate these problems.

A wide variety of characters are in evidence within the play ranging from the poor to the rich aristocracy. Many pupils had the difficult task of playing a number of different roles. King's pupils did not find this daunting in any way. There were some notable performances from many new faces.

James Hatt played Joe, the brother who desperately seeks to protect his

younger sister from the sordid conditions of life on the streets of London. James gave a superb performance in a mature manner. Rebecca Lea, as his younger sister, charmed the audience each night with her naturalistic performance and pure singing voice.

The awesome presence of Lord Shaftesbury was played confidently by James Ritchie with fellow Lower Sixth students, Andrew Aldcroft and John Livesley, rendering extremely professional performances as the Patterer and Mr Giles respectively.

There were excellent performances from Jo Moroney, Becky-Kate Smalley, Leonie Henshall and many other young ladies from the Girls' Division, not to mention the truly amazing acting talents of Alex Forth, Alex Kent, Neil Williams to name but a few from the Boys' Division.

The play was directed by Sandy Gibson, teacher in charge of Drama at the Girls' Division, ably assisted by Jo Beesley as musical director. The music is an important part of this play and Mrs Beesley's expertise was strongly in evidence. Mr Frank Walker assisted with choreography in order to produce some very original dance routines.

Once again Dr Sue Madden made an excellent job of stage management, whilst the set design by Debbie Inman complemented the period and storyline of the production. Jo Petty and her team of ladies organised wardrobe with their usual flair and high standard.

There were numerous people involved in the production both backstage, front of house or in performance, all of whom worked incredibly hard to present a production worthy of acclaim.

Music

The King's Music Department has been raising money for charity, especially in support of the East Cheshire Hospice, for many years. Although our interest in the Hospice remained, this was the year for supporting another important local cause, that of the MAST Scanner Appeal. We began with an outstanding event in the Silk Heritage Centre at the beginning of October, with the King's Big Band under our resident trumpet teacher, professional jazz musician and wit, Ron Darlington. They gave an entire evening's concert on their own, playing to a packed and rapturous house, raising over £1000 in the process. In March, the Big Band would again entertain their fans in the first half of another major concert in aid of the MAST Scanner. On this occasion,



the performance was in the Boys' Division Hall and the packed house was treated to a second half in the style of a *Last Night of the Proms*, with the Foundation Orchestra joined by some parents and friends in performances of Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance March No 1*, otherwise known as *Land of Hope and Glory*, Parry's *Jerusalem* and *Rule Britannia*. In this last piece we were delighted to welcome back as soprano soloist a former pupil, Heather Hunter, who is now training as a professional singer at the Royal Academy of Music. This splendid evening raised over £1500 for the MAST funds. Our contributions to the local Hospice were more limited, but we did hold several midweek evening concerts, with fine performances of chamber and solo music, although audiences were disappointingly small. Another charity event took a small group of Sixth Form pupils to the Town Hall to entertain Age Concern volunteers at a special lunch.

The end of the Autumn Term began in traditional mode with two major concerts, one each in the Boys' and Girls' Divisions. Each concert featured divisional choirs, bands, etc, plus performances by various Foundation groups. Of particular note was the stunning debut of the Senior Management Electric Sweeper Ensemble, with Headmaster, Deputy Headmasters, Divisional Principals and Vice Principals playing obbligato 'Hoovers' in Malcolm Arnold's *Grand, Grand Festival Overture*, as performed by the Foundation Orchestra. It is hard to forget the moment during the first full rehearsal when a Cumberland Street cleaner entered the hall to request the return of his sweeper, being played at the time by the Headmaster. The Foundation Choir then took the end of term in a new direction, performing in a concert with the Northern Chamber Orchestra in the Heritage Centre. The major item here was a wonderful advent cantata in German by the little-known early Baroque composer Franz Tunder, with a group of exciting carols in the second half of the programme. For the first time in many years we did not visit a cathedral to sing a Carol Service. Instead, we developed our own replacement for the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, with a mixture of Christmas readings from scripture, poetry and literature, even writing our own prayers, and the carols being sung by the Foundation Choir, Girls' Choir and Boys' Treble Choir. Traditionalists were nervous at the thought of change, but all the response was overwhelmingly posi-

tive about the freshness and sense of real celebration and worship created. Even this and the usual two Carol Services on the final day of term was not the end of carol singing for some, as a group of Foundation Choir pupils of all ages gathered together on the day after term ended to sing carols for patients in Macclesfield General Hospital.

Mention has already been made of the major Foundation musical event of the Spring Term. The Girls' Division still managed to stage a superb Music and Drama Evening in the middle of March. The Summer Term managed to fit some busy music-making around all the examinations. Pupils of Girls', Boys' and Sixth Form Divisions joined together as singers and orchestra, the latter joined by some staff and parents, to perform a powerful musical show, *The Ragged Child*, over three May nights in the Girls' Division Hall. There were excellent music competitions in the Girls' and Boys' Divisions during the term, showing what a wealth of talent there is in the school.

Results in public examinations proved to be exceptional this year, with many very high grades at GCSE and a highly successful set of eight A Level students, several of whom obtained the highest grades and are now going on to further musical study at various universities. Particular mention should be made of the leader of the Foundation Orchestra and prominent bass in the Foundation Choir, Richard Coxson, who has taken up a place to read Music at Oxford, just as two of our former pupils, Sam Boyle and Rachel Gick, have obtained their Music degrees from the same university.

Four final events need a special mention: first, returning to the Big Band and Ron Darlington, whose fundraiser for the MAST Scanner was not the only outside 'gig' they performed. Their reputation in the area is very high and they have many invitations to play in various venues. On one such occasion, in Macclesfield's Sub Aqua Club, the live concert was recorded and has now been issued on CD, available from the Music Department. Second, the Foundation Choir enjoyed a superb evening of coaching from world-famous choir director, Michael Brewer. Two of our senior pupils, John Livesley and Andrew Aldcroft, are members of the National Youth Choir which is directed by Mr Brewer, so they knew what to expect. No-one was disappointed. The Choir is also in the process of being recorded professionally,

with a CD due out in December 1998. So far we have recorded the Tunder cantata and carols from Christmas 1997, plus some exciting sections of *Godspell* recorded just before the end of the Summer Term. With only the Christmas carols 1998 to go, this CD also will be available from the Music Department. Third, we ended last year's report with a reference to Thom Petty, in the Lower Sixth year in 1997/8, and his success as a composer, being chosen to take part with four other young composers from all over the country, all older than Thom, in a composing workshop sponsored by the BBC and with two well-known composers and the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. That weekend and the various workshops to follow were a great success, each composer being asked to write a piece for full orchestra based on an old Scottish chant. The whole event was televised and became the subject of a fascinating BBC2 documentary, followed by the broadcast on Radio 3 of the whole concert containing the five completed works. This was a tremendous achievement and a sign of Thom's promise as a composer, which is in addition to his talent as a saxophonist, already having passed the Advanced Certificate (a post-grade 8 qualification) with distinction, and his holding of the King's Organ Scholarship.

Finally, we said a sad but very fond farewell to four Music teachers at the end of the year: Ros Bevan and Cathy Evans who have taught cello and flute respectively for a number of years, as well as directing orchestras and bands, Anne Sutcliffe who retired as a peripatetic piano and theory teacher after almost twenty-five years at the school, and Susan Brown, who has organised the instrumental teaching for the whole Foundation for several years, teaching piano and theory and accompanying numerous pupils in their music examinations. They are typical of the high quality and commitment of our colleagues in the Music Department, who, together with the talented and highly motivated pupils throughout the school, make King's Music the prominent, highly-valued part of school life that it is. We will miss them, as we do all the musical pupils who give so much to the school and then go on to new pastures and new musical experiences.

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Junior Division Music

In September, barely four weeks into the new academic year, all the Junior children participated in our Harvest Festival celebrations. The J1s sang 'The

Farmer comes to scatter the seed' and showed us with their actions how this is done. The J2s gave a rousing interpretation of 'Stand up, clap hands, shout thank you Lord!' which made us want to do exactly that. The J3s offered a powerful and moving performance of 'The pollen of peace', reminding us of wider issues relating to poverty and hunger. Finally, the J4s sang 'God in his love'.

In November the Christmas festivities began early with the Junior 2 production of 'Cinders', a musical pantomime. The children performed an updated version of the story through song, dance and rhyme. The humorous script was delivered with such excellent timing and expression that it was difficult to believe that the children on stage were only eight and nine years of age. Each form provided a percussion accompaniment with skill and enthusiasm and their singing and dancing was a delight. Katy Hamilton was a spirited Cinders, partnered by an ebullient Heidi Hughes as Buttons. Francesca Walsh was suitably scatty as the Fairy Godmother and her troop of fairies brought the house down with 'Now I'm old and grey'. Sam Lea and Nicola Coveney were particularly unwholesome as the Ugly Sisters, much to the despair of their father played by Leo Thompson. Dominic Hall was a very royal King and Max Gokhale caused much amusement as his son, the very immodest Prince Charming.

Our end of term Carol Service was held in St Michael's Church. The J3/4 Choir began our service with 'A Christmas Welcome' and we then heard the story of the Nativity told in song. Paula Andreewitch performed 'Mary's song', telling of a young girl's wonder at Gabriel's message. The J4s sang 'Lights in the town' as the weary travellers walked to Bethlehem. The J1s sang of 'Five tired shepherds' who were awakened by a host of angels. The J2s reminded us that 'Wise Men travelled from afar' and Dominic Shaw sang 'Herod's song' telling of Herod's fear of this new born king. The J3s poignantly performed 'Born in the night, Mary's Child', a song relating Jesus' birth, death and resurrection. As the Nativity characters moved into their final tableau, the Junior Division String Ensemble played 'Away in a manger' and to close our Christmas story all the children in the Division joyfully sang 'Carol all ye people'.

The Easter Service had contributions from our J1 and J2 children. The J2s added a recorder accompaniment to our opening hymn, playing in three

part harmony! They also sang 'He is alive'. The J1s sang of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with 'We have a king who rides on a donkey'. The readers were children from J1 and J2 and we were reminded of the true meaning of our Easter celebrations in a short sketch performed by children from J4.

On the final morning of the Spring Term the J3s travelled by coach to the Leisure Centre for our final rehearsal in a series of four for the Macclesfield Music Festival. The children had been rehearsing fifteen songs during the Spring Term and were required to commit them all to memory for the performance! Our children were part of a massed choir along with children from eight other local schools.

The evening's concert was magnificent with all the children singing with real enthusiasm and concentration. The first section of the programme consisted of four contrasting songs, one sung in three part harmony. The middle section of the concert was a performance of 'In the Beginning', a series of eight songs based around African creation stories, with dancing crocodiles provided by children from King's! The third section of choir pieces was a selection from the 'Sound of Music'. Our individual item was provided by the Junior Division Wind and Brass Ensemble who delighted the audience with 'Neighbours'. Their accurate playing and professionalism was a credit to the school.

In the Summer Term the Junior 1 children presented 'No, No, Noah!' as part of their annual concert with all the children singing, dancing, acting and providing percussion accompaniments to songs. Special mention should go to Ben Arnold and Sophie Hallam, who suitably organised their family and animals alike, as Mr and Mrs Noah. The J1 children also showed their skill on the recorder, playing an 'Irish Lullaby' and 'Boogie Blues'.

The Annual Junior Division Music Festival attracted 130 entries, several children entering more than one class. The instrument categories were Wind, Brass, Percussion, Strings, Piano, Voice and Keyboard. We were again fortunate to secure the services of Andrew Green and Jo Beesley as adjudicators, and the children really appreciated their encouraging comments. The standard continues to rise and thanks must go to our dedicated peripatetic instrumental staff who work with the children throughout the year. The four music cups went to the children who achieved the highest mark in their

year, these being Lucy Hutchings (violin and voice - J1), Edward Beesley (piano and trombone - J2), Austin Sependa (cello - J3) and William Laughton (saxophone and piano - J4).

We finished the year with a new event, a Summer Concert. A selection of winners from the Music Festival performed, all of them playing with confidence and obvious enjoyment. Other items were provided by Eve Marchant who danced a solo from Stravinsky's 'Petrouchka', the Wind and Brass Ensemble and the J1/2 and J3/4 Choirs. The numbers of the Junior String Ensemble were augmented by Penny Aspinwall, Jo Beesley and Andrew Green and the group gave a musical and assured performance of 'Into the blue'.

This concert was a very happy and musically exciting occasion for both performers and audience and a wonderful way to end the school year.

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Pirates of Penzance

Music, dancing, romance..... Weeks of intense rehearsals culminated in three dazzling performances of the *Pirates of Penzance* written by Gilbert and Sullivan. All the J4 boys readily adopted the roles of those fearsome sea-faring fiends who did not know whether to fight with their swords or use their feather dusters! The young apprentice, Frederic, an enormous role played admirably by Joe Durrant, could not believe his eyes as they set upon all those beautiful maidens, played by all the J4 girls (wearing King's uniforms and ties worn in unusual positions!) but he was certain of one thing - that Ruth, his nurse, had lied to him about her beauty. The Major General drew a very large breath in order to get out of the difficult situation - and, of course, to get him through his very long verses in his amusing tongue-twisting ditty with words re-written by Susan Pleat especially appropriate for King's. Science experiments set up by Mrs Brown, Maths SATS taught by Mr Shaw, Mr Silcock being impressed by exemplary behaviour were all mentioned by Tom Devonald in his 'matters vegetable, animal and mineral' and he certainly was the 'very model of a modern Major General' in his portrayal.

Act Two hailed the arrival of the 'boys in blue' led by William Arnold who proved that a 'policeman's lot is **not** a happy one' as he strove to lead his men into battle against the Pirates, only to find that, as usual, the women triumphed in the end! Of course 'the one and only Mrs Lea' had triumphed



too in producing another fine musical and Mrs Aspinwall had obviously given 'her orders loud and clear' during rehearsal time.

PJA

Infant Music

We began the year with our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. The staff were uncertain as to how the children, all new pupils of King's, would cope with singing in front of an audience. However, they responded so enthusiastically when learning their Harvest hymn that they eventually sang three songs during the service! Year 1 and 2 children reminded us of the work that goes into making our food by acting out the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and a Harvest talk was given by the Reverend Leslie Lewis, Vicar of Rainow.

At Christmas the children presented

'The smallest angel'. This is a musical journey around the world. The Nursery sang about a Red Indian camp and we were treated to a totem pole dance. The Reception children visited Hawaii and, bedecked with flower garlands, hula skirts and sunglasses, they sang of clear blue skies and an inviting sea! The Year 1 children, trained by Mrs Eardley, presented a song and dance from China and also a flamenco showstopper - 'In sunny Spain'. Year 2 children, dressed in kilts, performed a Scottish dance and also, with much hand and knee slapping, a song from the Swiss Alps. The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children provided percussion accompaniments to several songs. This was a very happy occasion and we were well supported by Infant parents who also supplied the colourful and effective costumes and props.

The children gave a concert at the end of the Easter Term with a theme of Springtime, giving the Infants the opportunity of presenting a musical farewell to Mrs Kate Beavis, Head of Infants. The children sang 'It happens each spring' reminding us that this is the time of new growth in nature around us. All the Infants sang 'Now it's Easter time' as a round with actions - a brave but successful item! Other highlights of the concert were Year 1 children dancing and singing 'I'm singing in the rain' and the Nursery children bunny hopping in time to the music in 'See the little rabbits sleeping' with several pairs of rabbit ears slipping to become masks instead of head-dresses! The Reception children sang and acted out 'I went to the cabbages' telling of the life-cycle of a butterfly and the Year 2 children provided an expert percussion accompaniment to 'It's Easter time'.

We finished the year with 'The Musicians of Bremen' which tells how four music loving creatures encourage a gang of robbers to mend their ways. Our furry and feathered friends were Johnty Marshall (Year 2) as Donkey, Andrew Parton (Year 1) as Dog, Felicity Kimber (Reception) as Cat and Elizabeth Marshall (Nursery) as Rooster. The Infant children told the story through rhyming verse and lively songs, a favourite being the robbers' song - 'Fiddle, Diddle and Twist'. Year 1 children performed a 'Dance of the woodland creatures' to music provided by Year 2 percussion. All the children appeared to really enjoy singing and dancing and their enjoyment was shared by the appreciative audience.

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Biology Department

A Level Biology Field Trip

As the Summer Term came to a close thirty-nine students and six staff (W D Beatson, C J Buckland, S Madden, J R Pattison, N Teagle and J N Walker) from the Biology Department left school for a week long Ecology Field Course at the Field Studies Centre, Betwys-y-Coed in North Wales.

On arrival the students were divided into two groups and introduced to their tutors, Peter Kay and Martin Turner. Peter had worked with groups from King's School before and Martin had come to the Centre from Blen Cathra. The Centre at Rhyd y Creuau provided a comfortable central base from which to explore a wide range of specialised ecological sites including moorland (Llyn Bodgynedd), sand dunes (Harlech), woodland (Coed Hafod), rocky shore (Penmon Point), and a freshwater mountain stream (Rhyd y Creuau). Each day focused on a single habitat and began with introductory lectures, discussions and equipment issue before the groups moved into the field to collect relevant data. The groups then returned to the centre laboratories to sort their data, find any patterns and apply appropriate statistical tests. Tutors, students and teachers worked hard to complete a huge amount of work to meet very tight deadlines.

The final day was different and each student had to plan and carry out an original piece of research using the skills learned during the course. Initially this was a daunting task for many but with help and guidance the students warmed to the idea.

The week concluded with students giving a presentation to the whole group summarising their individual

studies. Although nerve-wracking for most, it brought out a variety of hitherto unbound talents. The week provided an excellent introduction to the ecology module (BY05) and the success was largely down to the hard work and organisation put in by Dr S Madden, the imaginative teaching of the centre staff and the excellent support provided by the accompanying teachers.

Updates Conference

The Lower Sixth biologists went to Manchester on a successful Updates Conference. This proved to be a worthwhile activity as the good modular test results confirmed.

Villiers Park

Simon Priestnall attended a one week reading project at Villiers Park to read Biological Sciences. Simon benefited greatly from the experience and it stood him in good stead for university.

CJB

Chemistry Department

Young Analyst of the Year

In April, Philip Hart, James Rider and Alex Flynn represented the school in the Young Analyst of the Year Competition. This is run by the Royal Society of Chemistry at Manchester Metropolitan University. The boys had to complete a number of analytical tasks as accurately as possible. Individual results were added together in order to determine an overall winning team. The boys came thirteenth in a field of about thirty and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to test their practical skills in new and unfamiliar situations.

Updates Conference

In November, all the Lower Sixth at-

tended a one-day conference at Salford University. They listened to a series of demonstration lectures about various aspects of A Level Chemistry and beyond. 'Making light work of Chemistry' was an interesting talk about chemical reactions which give out light. 'Fun and Games with Liquid Air' was the most popular spectacle, involving experiments with liquid nitrogen and liquid oxygen which cannot be done in school.

Villiers Park

In November, Michael Hordley attended a reading week. There were seminars, lectures and visits designed to extend and illustrate ideas learnt at A Level in the company of like-minded students from all over the country. It was an intensive and challenging week, which left Michael in a strong position for his university interviews. Michael is now studying Chemistry at Sheffield and hopes to travel abroad as part of his course.

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Geology Department

Geology Field Courses

*'Straits have I seen that cover now
What erst was solid earth; have trodden
land
Where once was sea; and gathered
inland far
Dry ocean shells'*

Ovid, *Metam. xv* 262

'Geologists are charming company - particularly for other geologists'

Topffer, *Nouvelles genevoises*, 1841

This year's fieldwork followed a now well-established and successful pattern, but still included a few new locations.

The Lower Sixth introductory trip in September visited the deltaic Millstone Grit at Tegg's Nose, the spectacular rock folding at the foot of Ecton Hill and the spoil heaps of Ladywash Mine near Eyam.

The Upper Sixth spent a day in October working on the desert deposits exposed at Alderley Edge and a day in March studying the igneous rocks of The White Peak. On both occasions a piece of coursework was started, with follow-up work back at school.

A number of students attended a Christmas Lecture for schools offering A Level Geology in the Manchester area. A geologist recently returned from Montserrat spoke about the recent headline-grabbing eruptions there, and showed some spectacular shots of the devastating 'glowing cloud' eruptions.



Despite a very enjoyable trip to Devon and Cornwall in 1997, at Easter the Lower Sixth residential turned its back on the sunny South and paid a return visit to Cumbria and the Northern Pennines. Twelve students, together with Mr Lock and Mr Hallatt, spent five days based at the excellent Shap Wells Hotel. The weather was cool, overcast but mostly dry, and the usual tried and tested locations were visited. New for this year was a memorable guided descent into Egremont Haematite Mine, at the bottom of which we were treated to what must be the most impressive in situ ore deposits to be seen in any accessible mine, and those involved will not forget the deep red colour of the pervasive mud encountered underground (and everywhere else for the rest of the trip!). Another innovation was a visit to St Bees Head. Here, a faulty guidebook led us first to a sewage outfall, but after some exploration the excellent geological exposures were located further along the coast. The students (and staff) worked very hard during the week, both in the field and during evening follow-up sessions, and two assessed pieces of coursework were effectively completed. Next year it is planned to venture north of the border and sample some of the delights of Scottish geology.

The fieldwork year was rounded off in April with the Lower Sixth attending a Geophysics study day at Ecton Hill Field Studies Centre. Lecturers from prestigious Imperial College, London were on hand to run practical sessions using sophisticated equipment not generally available in schools.

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Physics Department

Physics Olympics

In September a team of four Upper Sixth students (Vladislav Vaganov, William Gamble, Stuart Rowell and Alistair Cotton) represented King's in this annual event, in which a total of twenty-nine schools from all over the region took part. The competition was organised by the Department of Physics at Liverpool University and sponsored by a local electronics company called 'Brain Boxes'.

The competition consisted of a series of five, thirty minute activities each with a Physics slant, but which also required teamwork, lateral thinking, organisation and planning. Teams were also provided with an 'orders of magnitude' Fermi Quiz which they com-



pleted in the five minute intervals between events and during their lunch break.

At the end of the day all of the teams were brought together in the main lecture theatre and first, second and third placed teams in each event were announced and prizes awarded. The King's team was the clear winner of the 'Fermi Quiz', beating MGS into second place and we also came second in the 'Marble Slalom' event. Finally, the overall positions were announced, the King's team had been narrowly beaten into fourth place by Manchester Grammar School. The team members acquitted themselves exceedingly well and we all had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

The aim of this fun based competition was to stimulate interest in Physics and in this the organisers were clearly successful.

Engineering Education Scheme Project

In late October the school was invited to enter a team of four Lower Sixth students for the Engineering Education Scheme Project. The team would be required to work on a real industrial problem for which a company needed a solution. The students selected were Mark Goodsell, Alex Flynn, Rosanna Wilson and Jonathan Mitchell.

The scheme began in early November with an induction day at BNFL in Warrington. The students were introduced to their Engineer Tutor, Mr Ali Ali of Zeneca Pharmaceuticals, and briefed about the nature of their project. Over the next five months they were required to design and manufacture a machine for the safe disposal of fluorescent tubes.

In January the team attended a residential project development workshop at Lancaster University where they were able to build and test a prototype machine. They were also required to



give a short presentation on the progress they had made so far. During the next three months the team had to complete the project and produce a written report for submission to the assessment panel.

In late March the team visited Zeneca where they gave a presentation to an audience of senior managers. The team also had to field a number of searching

questions which they dealt with in a confident manner.

The culmination of the whole project was the Presentation and Assessment Day held at Runcorn in mid April. All of the schools in the region who had participated in the scheme attended. During the morning each team had to set up a display stand, give a presentation to the assessment panel and face a question and answer session. The King's team was successful and so in the afternoon the team was presented with their Engineering Education Scheme certificates by the guest of honour, the Duke of Westminster.

Later, the team members also received CREST Gold Awards in recognition of their project work in the field of science.



Windows on Engineering

In November three engineers visited the department to give thirty minute presentations to our Fifth Year students, both boys and girls. Dr Simon Brown, AEA Technology, spoke about the importance of risk assessment with particular reference to the Bradford FC Fire, the Piper Alpha Disaster and the King's Cross Fire. Ruth Hurst, a civil engineer with Allott and Lomax, provided us with an insight into the various methods of providing sound foundations for high structures such as roller coasters and for large buildings such as supermarkets. Finally, Michael Green, Avro International Aerospace, discussed the many problems which must be overcome in aircraft design. In



particular, he demonstrated how the build up of ice on wings can be avoided.

The enthusiasm of all three speakers for their careers in engineering was clear for all to see. Following each presentation our students asked a wide range of questions about the particular project that each speaker had been involved with and about engineering in general.

Updates Conference

This conference, which took place at Salford University in November, was attended by twenty-one Upper Sixth students. The day began with a lecture by Professor Frank Close of 'Cosmic Onion' fame, who spoke of the importance of the electron in the centenary year of its discovery. This was followed by lectures on 'Lasers and Fibre Optics' by Dr Mark Dickenson and 'The Physics of Nuclear Power' by Kevin Hesketh of BNFL.

The afternoon began with a fascinating and entertaining lecture entitled 'From Faraday to Fender' in which Dr Dominic Dickson explained and demonstrated the Physics of the electric guitar. This was followed by a session with Mr Paul Clark, a Chief Examiner with the NEAB, who provided our students with some sound advice about the A Level examination and included examples of good and poor practice.

The day concluded with a lecture by Dr Mervyn Black entitled 'Say it with Frozen Flowers' in which the effect of liquid nitrogen on the properties of various materials was demonstrated in an amusing, but informative manner.

The Taming of the Electron

In December, twenty-two Lower Sixth students attended a lecture at UMIST entitled 'The Taming of the Electron'. In the centenary year of the discovery

of the electron Professor Bruce Hamilton explained, with the aid of a variety of demonstrations, its importance in a whole range of diverse fields or, as he himself put it, from 'the cat's whisker to the World Wide Web'.

Physics Olympiad

Three of our Upper Sixth students volunteered to enter the 1998 British Physics Olympiad in February. The competition is in the form of a three hour examination and is designed to test the more talented Physicists. Alistair Cotton received a Participation Award, Stuart Rowell gained a Bronze Award and Vladislav Vaganov gained a Silver Award, only 100 of which were awarded nation-wide.

Villiers Park

The school was invited to nominate one student to attend a one week residential course in Physics at Villiers Park near Oxford, which was to take place in February. Vladislav Vaganov, our nominee, was duly accepted. The intensive course consisted of short lectures, seminars and problem-solving sessions together with a visit to Oxford University. The topics covered during the six day course included Quantum Theory, Optics and Lasers, Nuclear Physics, Wave-Particle Duality and Solid State Physics. In a lighter moment the students were presented with the 'Quantum Theory of Sock' which apparently explains why we often end up with a pair of odd socks! It was clear that Vladislav enjoyed the course immensely and I am sure it will stand him in good stead at Cambridge.

Women In Science and Engineering (WISE)

In March Lauren Ballarini, a Lower Sixth student, attended a two day course

at UMIST. The course was organised by WISE and its aim was to highlight the opportunities available to women in science and engineering. Here is Lauren's report:

On the first day we attended various lectures and we were then taken on a visit around the department of mechanical engineering. In one area we saw how a student was using lasers to 'burn' the surface of bricks which apparently formed a coating which strengthened the brick. She was experimenting with bricks made from different materials and with varying laser powers to discover which combination gave the best result. Next a research fellow, who was sponsored by a major oil company, showed us via a computer simulation how shock waves travel through different materials of various shapes. The aim of the project was to develop a cover which when wrapped around the legs of oil platforms would reduce the risk of damage to the structure in the event of an earthquake. At our next stopping point we saw a four stroke combustion engine with a transparent cylinder head. A high speed camera was used to film the injection of the fuel and its ignition. Finally we saw an experiment which showed how steel performs under tension and then we were asked to calculate the minimum diameter of a piece of steel that could support a specified weight.

On day two we began with a lecture in which we were told about the range of science and engineering degrees and the benefits of studying for such a degree. We next visited the department of physics and astronomy where we attended a lecture on the formation of stars given by a research fellow. She showed us some photographs taken through the Hubble Telescope as well as some photographs she had taken herself through the UK's telescope in Hawaii. We next performed an experiment to determine the size of a molecule by passing laser light through a specially prepared slide and then measuring the diameter of the diffraction rings produced. The course concluded with a lecture about communications through video-conferencing and e-mail and their importance for businesses in the future.

EMTEC

In July, a group of twenty-four students and two members of staff travelled by coach to visit NORWEB's unique Electricity Marketing, Test and Experience Centre (EMTEC) near Chorley. During a guided tour through research labora-

tories demonstrations were used to show how the very latest techniques and new technology can lead to increased efficiency, productivity and profitability in small businesses and industry.

Headstart

The Engineering Education Scheme's Residential Headstart programme is aimed at Lower Sixth students who are genuinely interested in finding out about careers in engineering. Applicants are able to choose from over twenty universities throughout the country, but there is a selection process and places are limited. Whilst the courses vary from university to university, they all aim to introduce students to the different branches of engineering, provide 'hands on' experience of real engineering problems, show what it is like to study for a degree in engineering at university, explain the career routes available and help students to decide which university course to apply for. This year, four of our Sixth Form students (James Rider, Richard Greenwood, Daniel Byrom and Alex Flynn) were successful with their applications.

CPH

Science Department

Zeneca Science Prize

In April, Simon Priestnall and Matthew Tinker represented the school in the annual competition held at Zeneca for A Level project work. Simon and Matthew completed a project called 'Has Osmosis had its chips?'. They developed a method for measuring the sugar content of different types of potato and formed a hypothesis relating the sugar content to the culinary uses. They tested their hypothesis thoroughly and concluded that the sugar content was related to age and not necessarily to the particular use. They were awarded second prize in the local competition and won a place in the National Finals of the 'Zeneca Life Science Award' held in Cardiff in July. They travelled to Cardiff with Dr John Pattison and presented their project alongside winners from other parts of the country. They both achieved CREST Silver awards and were highly commended by the judges. They also won £500 for the Science Department, which will be spent on data-logging equipment. A team of Upper Sixth Formers are preparing a project for this year's competition.

Jodrell Bank

In March the Fourth Year separate science groups (girls and boys) attended a Science event at Jodrell Bank. This was an exhibition staged as part of National Science Week and consisted of a series of interactive displays designed to illustrate the application of scientific ideas in industry. Students spent about two hours looking at the various exhibits and at the displays at Jodrell Bank. There was opportunity to talk to a variety of people about careers and to find out what various jobs entailed. Some of the Fourth Year are pictured here trying one of the exhibits.

Chester Zoo

All First Year pupils visited Chester Zoo in October as part of a unit in their Science course on the variety of life. Girls and boys went on successive days and completed various tasks during the visit relating to work that had been done back at school.

KS

CREST Awards

(Creativity in Engineering, Science and Technology)

Projects for this award have included work on sonar, bacteria in milk and enzymes. Bronze level awards have been gained by Sophie Murphy and Rachel Sewart, both of whom are continuing to silver level.

Smallpeice Trust Engineering Courses

Four Third Year girls were successful in gaining places on the Phase I course at Newton Abbot, which took place during the Easter holidays this year. They attended a series of talks and activities provided by representatives of national industries.

AC

Amnesty International

In October 1997 a group of seven Sixth Formers and Fifth Year girls attended the annual Amnesty International Youth Conference in London. This one day event inspired the launch of two Youth Amnesty groups, one in the Sixth Form and one at Fence Avenue. Both groups have been run largely by the pupils, with support given by staff. The aim in this first year was to raise awareness of the aims of the organisation and to respond to requests to write letters. In the coming year, it is hoped to launch a campaign in school to raise awareness of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in December 1998.

NJC

Aquarium Club

The Aquarium Club has had a very busy and successful year and has expanded its activities considerably. The pond has been re-established under the enthusiasm and guidance of Mr N Teagle. This will be used to breed a variety of cold water fish. The Aquarium Club has a tradition for breeding rare fish and this is going from strength to strength with special help from Chester Zoo. Members of the Aquarium Club and Mr C J Buckland visited Chester Zoo during the summer holiday and were given excellent guidance and support from Mr Julian Bell. The students were given a behind the scenes tour of the aquarium and an in-depth lecture on the conservation of rare fish and the cryogenic preservation of genetic material. In addition to the talk the students were provided with scientific papers covering a wide range of up-to-the-minute Aquaculture techniques and conservation measures. Julian Bell will be coming to school to complete this initiative and help extend the breeding programme at King's early in the Autumn Term. The trip provided the necessary stimulus for the current members to come in during the holiday and reorganise the school aquarium facility. Whilst at the Zoo the students were also taken on a tour of the Reptile House and Sarah Cox, one of the curators, went out of her way to provide help, encouragement and useful advice on the management of reptiles and invertebrates in captivity.

The school holiday provided the maintenance staff with the opportunity to modernise and upgrade the electrical installations in the animal house and the Aquarium Club are very appreciative

of the high level of interest and workmanship invested in this project. Their efforts have enabled the Club to branch out into a much wider range of breeding programmes which will include new fish species, reptiles and invertebrates.

In addition to projects being set up with Chester Zoo, the Club will be visiting the new Blue Planet Aquarium near Ellesmere Port and the fish suppliers in Bolton.

The Club would like to thank all those people who have helped and supported their activities over the past year.

CJB

Chemistry Club

Chemistry Club in the Boys' Division takes place in C2 on a Monday lunch-time. There is opportunity to try novel and interesting experiments or to take experiments done in class a little further.

KS

Chess Club

The Chess Club met twice weekly this year in the Autumn and Spring Terms, initially in S2 and latterly in S8. The usual round of inter-form matches took place although, disappointingly, some forms did not participate. The winners were respectively 1JRH, 2PW and 3RG.

The school again took part in the UK Chess Challenge, the third of its type. There was a high entry from the Boys' Division, but subsequently significant numbers of entrants failed to play their matches; perhaps the lure of computer games was too great?

There was, then, no winner of the Lawton Cup (senior competition) this year, but a tightly fought junior section resulted in a play off between First Years, Seb McMahon and Krister Ardern, who had both won six and lost one of their games. McMahon won, and becomes the holder of the Blake Trophy for one year. He will have the opportunity to retain this cup next year when he moves into the Second Year, a feat not achieved since John Tsalikis did it about seven years ago.

GL/NCJR

Junior Division Chess Club

During the winter months Chess Club provides a useful haven for children who wish to pit their wits against others in a battle of minds. This year a team of sixteen J2/3/4 boys (where are all the female chess players??!) took part in the first ever match of its type

against visitors from Stockport. Early victories by Richard Bell and William Laughton proved to be a false dawn as Stockport's greater experience told. Despite several brave halves, the eventual result saw Stockport as worthy winners.

GJS

Debating

The Girls' Division has enjoyed a series of lively debates this year on a range of contentious topics. The decision to create two separate debating forums, Junior Debating for First and Second Years, and Senior Debating for Third, Fourth and Fifth Years, has proved successful in encouraging debates at different levels. Passionate speeches have been given on topics such as euthanasia, whether rules damage the soul and whether beef on the bone should be banned, to name only a selection.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the final debate, held one week prior to the school examinations. Mysterious posters appeared in school: 'School examinations are a waste of time!' and 'Abolish school exams!'. The debate 'This house believes that school examinations are not beneficial to our education' was attended by staff and by girls from all years. Mrs Costello, Charlotte Taylor, Miss Chadwick and Laura Ashby spoke, chaired admirably by Jody Ball in a lively, good humoured debate. The motion was defeated!

NJC

Judo Club (Junior Division)

This popular club is organised on a Tuesday after school by the Masters Judo Club. Around fifty children attended the weekly sessions, split into two groups, leading up to termly gradings. At the end of the season the organiser, Sharon James, awarded the newly-donated Masters Judo trophies to Katie Usher and George Ford with runners-up medals to Neehil Oza and Francis Barker.

GJS

Orienteering Club

The Autumn Term provided an opportunity to recruit new blood into the orienteering squad. The most notable recruits were Robert Colville and Alastair Pattrick, who have competed at most events through the year. After a large number of smaller events the first major event of the term was the

British Schools' Score Championships, held at Haigh Hall near Wigan. There was a good deal of individual success in the junior categories. Anika Bulcock, new to J3, won the entire Junior Girls' championship. Nick Mills was second in the Second Year boys' race. There were also high positions for James Watts, Tom Bradfield, Chris Watts, Richard Bradfield, Michelle Tinker, Matthew Tinker, Gareth Steele and Alastair Patrick. The school also won a number of team prizes after this success.

The orienteering team benefited greatly from the new help given by Head of Maths, Mr Phil Colville, as well as the continued help of Dr Mike Nolan. Mr Colville helped drive to events as far afield as Hampshire and Northumberland. In the first of five National Championships series, held in late October, there was success for Nick Mills and Mike Bamber. Nick was second in the U13 boys' class. Mike was fourth in the U15 boys' race.

In mid November the annual British Schools' Individual Championships were held in Farley Mount Country Park near Winchester. A team of twenty-two headed down to Hampshire to represent the school. Once again some excellent results were recorded and the team brought back many trophies. The school is now **National Champion** in the U16 boys' category, with the team of Chris Watts, Richard Bradfield and Richard Warren winning the championship for the **fourth** year in succession. Chris Watts produced the schools' best individual position of fourth. Perhaps the most impressive team result was the championship-winning Third Year boys' team. The team consisted of James Watts, Nick Mills and Yannick Malins. Nick and Yannick are only Second Years! The Fourth Year boys (Mike Bamber, Andrew Bruce and Nick Barringer) were Runners-up in the team championship, with Mike Bamber producing the best individual performance of seventh place. Michelle Tinker heralded her return from illness by coming sixth in the Fifth Year girls' category.

Based upon the result of the British Schools' Championships, six of the schools' orienteers were selected to represent Britain as well as the school in the **1998 World Schools' Championships**. This was held in the first week of May, in the forests around Riga, Latvia. Five boys were selected in the boys' fourteen to fifteen years age group. The squad was Andrew Bruce, Nick Barringer, James Watts, Nick Mills, Yannick Malins and Mike Bamber. Mike

was unfortunately unable to attend. In addition, Chris Watts was selected as an individual to represent Britain in the U17 boys' race. The trip to Latvia was very eventful with a twenty-four hour delay on the outward journey. The courses were very difficult and the top positions were dominated by the Scandinavians and Eastern Europe Republics.

In the Spring Term Lyndall Lohman and Francesca Stamp added to the Fence Avenue contingent of orienteers. Both proved to be an instant hit. In the Greater Manchester and East Cheshire School Championships both girls won their age groups and helped the school to a maximum total score and to win the trophy for the fourth year in succession. Lyndall, with a background in fell running, produced excellent results from her first orienteering event. Another new orienteer joined the club and proved himself very able and this was Alex Clarke-Williams. James Watts continued his fast progression to one of the country's best orienteers in his age group with excellent results throughout 1998.

There was a short period off orienteering around Easter as Mr O'Donnell got married, although he still managed to take in an event on his honeymoon and come third!

All the way through the summer there were evening events after school (one per week) as well as the normal Sunday events. This gave newcomers and experienced orienteers plenty of opportunity to improve their skills and collect colour badges. As with last year, the older orienteers had a chance to compete against the teachers (Mr O'Donnell, Mr Colville and Mr Lock). The major summer event other than the World Schools' Championships was the British Championships, held in Hampshire. These two events were held over the same weekend. There were good performances from Matthew Tinker, Richard Bradfield and Michelle Tinker. The summer was rounded off by two superb performances from the Watts brothers at the Lakeland five-day international competition (held in August). Chris Watts was outright winner of the U17 boys' championship and James Watts was fifth in the U15 boys' category. Mr O'Donnell came third in his race. Finally, Matthew Tinker went on to Leeds University where he has since orienteered in their first team.

The following pupils orienteered with the school over the last year: Matthew Tinker; Chris Watts; Richard Bradfield; Nick Barringer; Richard

Warren; Michelle Tinker; Mike Bamber; Andrew Bruce; James Watts; Corinne Tinker; Nick Mills; Yannick Malins; David Edwards; Gareth Steele; Michael Difelice; James Ollier; Royce Corden; Lyndall Lohman; Francesca Stamp; Tom Bradfield; Leigh Simpson; Robert Colville; Alastair Patrick; Alex Clarke-Williams; Andrew Watts; Sam Baker; Joe Gaffney; George Clarke; Nick Hopping; Robert Barker; Euan Hendry; William Malins; Tim Reynolds; Tim Bestley; Gabriel Aspinall; Nick Tinker; Dan Tinker.

CO'D

Sailing Club

In July the perspective looked very positive. Saturday morning sailing at Redesmere had been busy and purposeful. The only downside had been the failure of the Optimist fleet to materialise for the first two Thursdays of the Junior Division programme. We got round this by inviting the Juniors to participate on Saturday mornings. This restricted opportunity but made it possible for some Junior Division sailing to take place in Toppers. The Summer Term ended with Mr Edwards and Mrs Bream taking twenty pupils from the Boys' Division to Plas Menai in the second week of the holidays. The week was a great success.

Sailing was suspended in the Autumn Term. Operations were resumed but a combination of racing events at Redesmere and the school's Open Morning meant that the first sailing opportunity was the first Saturday of the October half-term. Gale force winds and horizontal rain meant that Mr Edwards had to cancel the morning's sailing. Congratulations to the three hardy souls who turned up only to be turned away. Sixth Form sailing on Wednesday afternoons continued as usual after the third week of September.

The school participated in mid-October in Rydal's team-racing event at Manley Water Park. Three teams were selected. However, wind on the water was Force 6 and above and, despite the best efforts of Mr Peter Weekes of Rydal, it was not possible to complete the sailing programme. Three sailors deserve to be mentioned for their efforts in successfully meeting the challenge of the difficult conditions. Richard and David Isherwood were individually outstanding but their team lost despite the best efforts of Jonathan Yearsley. Jon had cycled into a gatepost that morning and his injury hampered his sailing too much for him to

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assist Richard and David. Richard Cowan (Second Year) won two races in Division Three before their racing was called off. Richard has been windsurfing and sailing with Maxout of Astbury Water Park. He certainly coped very well with the difficult conditions. Laurence Jay will be waiting for next year's event in the hope that his special 'light-air' abilities will be needed.

BE and THA were hoping for better luck with the weather for this year's end of season trip to Bowness and 'Holidays Afloat'. The group avoided the M61 this year and managed to get to the boatyard at about 6.30 pm. Three boats had been booked: two thirty-five footers and a thirty-two footer. Which of the skippers would draw the short straw? – the shorter boat with the tiller rather than wheel steering. Mr Mike Forbes drew the Gib-sea 35 with wheel steering, Mr Tim Isherwood drew the Jeanneau 35 and Mr Edwards got the Jeanneau 32 with a stick to steer her by. Please do not sympathise, this is still a definite improvement on that old windsurfer of his.

The wind on Saturday, after an excellent breakfast at 'The Oaks' Café, looked disconcertingly light. Breaking out of the shelter of 'Belle Isle' there was a fresh 3-4 Southerly on the lake to cheer the fleet. On an exhilarating and

dramatic beat up to Lakeside all three crews coped magnificently and the wind increased to 4-5. The day was completed with a downhill slalom back to Hawkshead. Best crew award was to go to Alex Clarke-Williams, Tom Whitehead (Second Years) and Alastair Bream (First Year), who, despite their tender years, gave their enthusiastic best to the man with the stick and his first mate THA. They completed more than ten gybes on the return trip with a fluency and precision that many a professional crew would have envied. The day was made complete with a swim at the Burnside and guinness and beef pie at the Ship Inn.

On Sunday the wind was lighter and the fleet enjoyed semi-competitive light-air reaching down to Ambleside for lunch. A 'person' on one of the boats suggested a race back to Hawkshead to complete the day. Lady Alice won – by quite a long way. Mr Edwards' crew with their teamwork and enthusiasm won the day. Next year's cruise has been booked by THA. From 12th to 14th November, we will have a party of a similar size and four boats. Mr Edwards will no doubt be fighting to keep both his crew and his yacht.

Next year the Headmaster has agreed that what has been the Plas Menai Trip in the second week of the holidays can take place in Joint Activities Week during the last week of the Summer

Term (4th – 9th July).

A group of twenty will go to the Scottish National School on Cumbrae Island near Largs. The cost will be £175 and we hope that the week will be as successful as Plas Menai has been. Consideration will later be given to those in the Fourth Year and above who will not be eligible for a Plas Menai course early in the holiday. This would be a small group of experienced sailors hoping to develop racing skills and sea experience.

BE

Second Year Science Club

The Second Year Science Club at Fence Avenue has had another good year of exciting activities and messy experiments. Highlights have included the launching of a model rocket and the egg-launchers (which were used with real eggs). Our forensic science teams had another murder to investigate, that of poor Mrs Buckley who kindly agreed to be the victim and who also offered some strands of hair to help with enquiries.

AC



First Year: Au Château

Château visits were not new to King's but the scale of this one - eighty-two students and seven staff - was different and it was also the first time that boys and girls were setting off on the experience together. The destination was the Château de la Baudonnière in western Normandy, just a few kilometres north of Avranches. When then, having been summoned for 6.30 am on the last Sunday of the Summer Term, we saw the coaches arrive at ten to seven, it was with relief that we had not fallen at the first hurdle and mistaken the day! However, the crossing from Portsmouth to Cherbourg passed without hitch and we arrived in the evening and sorted ourselves out into our accommodation: girls to the stables, boys to the joinery (converted, fortunately!).

If the image conjured up by the 'château' is of Versailles or some splendid palace in the Loire valley, one needs to scale down the picture more to country manor size, with once-working farm attached. The aim of the week was to promote French through a combination of activities and visits. The château management have set up areas for students to try out a variety of skills such as archery, kayaking, raft-building, assault course and climbing-wall. These were tackled on a rota in seven mixed activity-groups, each with its own French instructor and with a King's teacher as hanger-on, cheerleader, participant(!), rescuer, photographer or towel-bearer as the occasion required. In addition there were sessions of French, a session of music under the rubber-faced Christophe, and VTT, mountain-biking, partly in the grounds and partly on local lanes and tracks with the French instructor as wayfinder and the group leader as straggler-gatherer and rear-gunner.

Each activity was conducted as far as possible in French, with appropriate naming of parts and the giving of key instructions. The competitive element varied: it was nice that one group managed to get all its members to the top of the climbing wall; it was gratifying that a group achieved what its French instructor described as 'the best raft I've been associated with' and it was amusing that another group, even with the added stimulus of balloons attached to the targets on the range, persisted in firing over the top into the field beyond! Interestingly, the activity with the greatest linguistic pay-off was probably the assault course and as this was also synonymous with mudbath, maybe the phrases have a good chance

of sticking!

As eighty-two is an unwieldy number to take off the premises, trips were undertaken one coach at a time. Market visits took place on the Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The Villedieu group on Tuesday had a thoroughly wet time and questionnaires were soggy dough after two minutes but it was good that everyone could try out a little French in a real context. Both groups got to Granville on the coast, one to the town and beach, the other to the town and aquarium. Aquarium does not quite do justice to the visit, as also on view are rooms of spectacular shell structures, mineral and crystal formations and butterfly cabinets, in addition, of course, to fish tanks.

On other days the groups went to a local zoo, which is well kept and quite extensive. It offers freedom to wander within a confined environment and some groups made an especially good showing on the species and habitat questionnaire. Time seemed too short here.

Evenings were spent at a variety of activities, orienteering and treasure hunt over the whole grounds, campfire singing in a clearing in a wood or 'jeux de plein air' on the grass in front of the château. These were great fun, especially the smartie run, and one awaits with interests the results of Mr Batchelor's efforts with the camcorder!

The second half of Tuesday evening was spent suffering with England, of course, but on the Thursday evening the whole party went to Le Mont St Michel. It was rather eerie in the main street, strangely devoid of the thousands of people who throng it during the daytime. The culmination was 'Les imaginaires': basically a visit to the upper buildings of the mount in the dark, but lit to show off certain features to advantage and spiced with some pieces of modern sculpture and atmospheric music illustrating a theme which changes from year to year. The sunset over the estuary was fabulous.

It is to be hoped that the variety of the programme will have offered something for everyone and that the experience of cooperating and living together at close quarters will have been a valuable one. We should thank the organisers and their assistants at the château for their friendly welcome, their patience and good humour and most especially for the variety and presentation of their menus at table. Although some students could perhaps have been a little more adventurous at meal times, everyone's abiding

memory must be, on the night of the 'big surprise', of a whole plateful of empty escargot shells sitting in front of a quite unfazed Alastair Patrick!

We look forward to repeating this venture and hope that those staff who have been involved: Mrs Craig, Mrs Green, Ms Inman, Mrs Schreiber, Miss Taylor, Mr Batchelor, Mr Houghton and Mr Phillips have not been too scarred to re-apply!

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French Exchange

Contact was again renewed this year with La Rochelle. College Beauregard sent a mixed party over to visit King's in early March and we reciprocated in late May. Some would think we had the better end of this bargain and it looked very much that way when their very first day in Macclesfield - with a treasure hunt in town scheduled - turned out to be one of the wettest of the year. Fortunately, the French group was resilient and in any case had the weekend to recover. On the whole, partnerships prospered and during their stay our visitors and three accompanying staff were able to take in visits to Sheffield, Castleton, Chester and Granada Studios and, of course, sample the delights of a lesson or two King's-style. A disco in the Drama Hall brought all participants together and the visitors left expressing satisfaction with their time amongst us.

Just before the May half-term, Mrs Green, Mrs Schreiber and Mr Phillips set off on the return leg with an eager party from the Third and Fourth Years. The night crossing to Le Havre was the first novelty and for some cabin-life deep in the hold was all too much! But after a morning dozing on the coach and a substantial break at Le Mans, novelty number two was soon at the forefront of everyone's mind: a whole evening with a live French family! This 'choc' negotiated, we all enjoyed some fabulous weather and, owing to the presence of the Whitbread Race sailing boats in the harbour, found the town particularly colourful and animated. They left on the Friday and we witnessed their departure, accompanied by a huge flotilla of hangers-on, at a distance from the southern side of the Ile de Ré. The morning had been devoted to a most intelligently devised 'chasse au trésor' in the centre of La Rochelle, tackled with notable distinction by two or three of the more serious-minded groups and then we took the coach over the splendid bridge and spent the afternoon partly on the

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beach and partly in St Martin, the main town on the island.

During the weekend experiences varied: there is plenty to do and see in La Rochelle. Some went to the aquarium, some to the beach at Les Minimes. Some went to Rochefort and Pierre Loti's house, others went to the Ile d'Aix, where no motorised traffic is allowed, and saw the Napoleon house. Some sailed round Fort Boyard, others went boating on the Marais Poitevin. But all came together on the Monday to visit Futuroscope, a huge park of futuristic design which celebrates film in ways beyond the wildest dreams of the Lumière brothers. The following day we went to Cognac, learnt a lot about processes in the famous Hennessy 'chais' and then repaid their hospitality in the time-honoured way! A disco was held in the school and with the head in attendance the absence of darkness was compensated for by much twirling in lines and thumping on platforms. On the next morning, students visited classes and a more formal 'pot d'adieu' took place, eulogies were exchanged and photos taken. Monsieur Froment expressed hopes for the future, which we share, and we set off on our journey home, in torrential rain: some of us, who shall be nameless, having left our passports buried in inaccessible main luggage in the bowels of the coach and therefore the cause of much gnashing of teeth on arrival at Le Havre!

Be that as it may, we should like to thank all those involved with the arrangement of this exchange and, on the French side especially, Mme Govin, Mme Lotterie and Mme Bailly for their hospitality. The dates for 1999 are already fixed.

NS/CP

French Work Experience

This year's exchange was undoubtedly the most successful since the scheme began in 1994. Sixth Form students from the prestigious Lycée Jean-Baptiste de La Salle, Rouen, came to Macclesfield in October and thoroughly appreciated both the hospitality of their host families and the challenges offered in their work placements. Our thanks are owed to the following local establishments and especially the mentors, who provided such worthwhile programmes: Barclays Bank, Cheshire Constabulary, the Courier newspaper, Daniels Solicitors, Frasers Travel Shop, Halifax Building Society, Midland Bank, J S Sainsbury's, Tesco Stores, Triangle Information Technology, Wright & Morten's, and Woolworths PLC.



In late March a group of King's Sixth Formers travelled to Rouen and undertook a week of work experience. Many of the participants had taken part in the previous year's exchange, but other than Michael Mills, who again enjoyed discussing European politics and sport whilst serving the coffee to his customers, these students opted for different placements this year. Hôtel work is always popular, although the establishments varied from small, family-run businesses to large chains. Placements in stores were appreciated, especially by Colin Robinson, who made daily requests to continue in the 'pâtisserie' section. At the other end of the spectrum, John Livesley was a regular visitor to the Courts as part of his work in a legal practice. Simon Barber enjoyed visits down the Seine whilst based at the port and Mike Hordley looked the part, totally, in the recording studios at 'Radio France Normandie'.

The French partners welcomed our group warmly, and socially the students enjoyed a full range of culture - Thursday night sitting on hard chairs well after midnight watching a lengthy school production of a 17th Century 'classic', followed on the Friday evening by a meal in a café. This time, at midnight, the French and English students joined together on the karaoke machine, singing as part of their repertoire Piaf's 'Je ne regrette rien'.

I am sure the title sums up everyone's feelings this year.

GG

Geography Field Visit

Glaciation is a topic popular amongst A Level students, yet they still find it very difficult to visualise the processes involved and the scale of the landforms

that result. Only those who venture into mountainous terrain such as that of North Wales can really make the crucial link with modern ice sheets and currently glaciated areas of the world, and realise the implications for Britain's past climate.

A day visit for all Upper Sixth geographers was organised to Cwm Idwal in the Snowdonia National Park. This is a classic glacial 'cirque', cut deeply back into the mountains and overlooking the Ogwen Valley, a glacial trough, below. In this area most of the classic textbook features are easily accessible and blatantly exposed. Charles Darwin, as much a geologist as a biologist, visited Cwm Idwal in 1831 and afterwards wrote: 'On this tour I had a striking instance how easy it is to overlook phenomena, however conspicuous, before they have been observed by anyone...neither of us saw a trace of the wonderful glacial phenomena all around us; we did not notice the lateral and terminal moraines...yet these phenomena are so conspicuous that...a house burnt down by fire did not tell its story more plainly than did the valley'. Following in these distinguished footsteps, Messrs Hart, Ellis, Badger, Percival and Lock gave a guided tour of the area. As we walked around the dark waters of Llyn Idwal, students carried out a range of exercises including field sketching and geomorphological mapping, and on return to school the visit was written up as an extremely useful case study.

HEL

Courmayeur

The emphasis of this Geography field trip was to gather field data for individual Sixth Form projects. Students, therefore, had to visit specific glaciers, rivers or tourist centres in addition to

obtaining information from local people, weather centres, tourist offices and tourists. The exercise had to be completed within an extremely tight schedule. On the afternoon the party arrived in the area an initial reconnaissance discovered that the Brenva glacier had been designated a restricted area after a huge landslide and that the velocity of the river in the Val Ferret was higher than on previous trips in late May.

Fortunately the sun shone for most of the week and a large amount of information was obtained from the Office of the Association for Tourism and local tourist information offices. The Italian people were extremely helpful once they realised Mr Gee was not a member of the Italian tax police carrying out a questionnaire survey.

The party had to spend long hours in the field in order to complete surveys of four glaciers, three rivers and two tourist centres in six days. Mr Gee conveyed students to remote ski areas along mountain tracks more familiar to continental car rallies. After an exhausting day spent in a river within the Gran Paradiso National Park the party set a record for any field trip by returning to the hotel at 8.20 pm. Huge quantities of pasta were consumed at the hotel where the standard of cooking by Giorgio was recognised by the *Sunday Times* this autumn.

James Westcott returned with over sixty photographs of the area and the party are looking forward to his exhibition of the Alpine landscape at a date to be announced.

Everyone who participated in the trip gained vital experience in various methods of data collection, but, just as importantly, the necessity of good teamwork and the ability to react to sudden problems when they arose during the week. The Geography Department now has an extra dimension to A Level project topics in the future in addition to two drivers qualified for Alpine rally driving.

B/E

Ski Club

This year's ski trip took place at February half-term. An equal number of boys and girls journeyed by coach to Flaine in the French Alps. There were rumours that snow was poor this year but the Flaine 'bowl' is famous for its northern aspect and its capacity to retain its snow when other resorts are struggling.

Members of staff accompanying the group were Mrs A Cooper (party leader),



Mr B Edwards, Dr S Madden and Mr A Levin. King's School friends who also enjoyed the trip were David Cooper, Pat Hindley and John Roebuck.

Flaine has the reputation of being functionally efficient rather than Alpine and pretty. The group was housed in apartments in blocks that might not have looked out of place in a labour camp in Siberia – grey concrete dominates the landscape. Interiors, however, were welcoming and warm. Particularly pleasing was the interior of the 'Black Grouse' where the group had their evening meal. The atmosphere was friendly and relaxed and the restaurant layout private and mellow.

Skiing was extensive and varied within the bowl. In diminishing snow, groups who went beyond the bowl in search of trail skiing were often disappointed at the poor quality lower down. At the rim of the bowl there were magnificent views towards Mont Blanc.

One evening the excellent culinary provision was supplemented by a trip up the hill for a traditional fondue. Mr Levin was grateful for the plentiful supply of French wine to salve the misery of a badly infected cornea for which for much of the week he had been receiving medical treatment. In time he remembered that his antibiotics precluded the alternative salve.

Also entertaining were the group's attempts at bum-boarding. Their plastic spoon-shaped toboggans were 'sensational'. You could feel every bump and ice nodule in the piste through them.

Thank you Mrs Cooper and co. Next year the February half-term trip will be to Cours Chevel. At Easter another party will go to Lake Tahoe.

BE

Summer Ski & Activity Holiday

This year's trip took place in the half-term week at the end of May. Fifty-six mainly First and Second Year pupils from both divisions boarded a seventy-three seat 'Selwyn's' coach bound for Zell am See in Austria. This trip is fast becoming a tradition – part of the tradition is now the Stadelmühle Hotel run by Elfi and Tony Steiner. The group has stayed at the hotel for the last five years because the high standards and friendliness of the Steiners has made such a strong impression.

Members of staff accompanying the group were Mr B Edwards, Mr A Levin, Dr S Madden, Mrs S Cooper and school nurse Mrs S Bream. In addition, many friends of the school made the trip and contributed enormously to the success of the holiday. These included old girls Hannah Edwards and Kate Baskeyfield, old boy Gavin Renfrew, Mr and Mrs Graham Baskeyfield, Mr John Roebuck and Mr Gordon Bream.

The group ski for five mornings on the Kitzsteinhorn Glacier at over three thousand metres. Yes, there is plenty of snow at that height – even in June. Remember the group for many years went in the third week of July. The skiing on the glacier is particularly good for beginners but conditions on sunny days become a little heavy, hence leaving the runs at 1.00 pm and descending to the valley for alternative activities. A bonus for the skiers is the school's close relationship with the Herbert Thayer ski school, based in Kaprun. Herbert, Steffi and Carina have a special interest in the progress of their pupils because they often have them for three years. This year Herbert, who is a veteran gold medallist, spent a lot of time videoing his beginners'



group and occupied them with action shots which greatly helped their progress and entertained them at the same time.

This year the group did white-water rafting from Taxenbach, summer-to-bogganing at Piesendorf, the cycle trail along the valley from Kaprun to Taxenbach (the Tauern Trail, twelve kilometres) and swimming at the complex in Kaprun. MacDonald's in Zell, skittles and a group party occupied us in the evening. A good time was had by all.

Well, nearly all. This year there were two casualties. Henry Crompton put his finger in-between a bowling ball and the end-stop of the return. Result – lots of blood and a cracked finger. Sebastian McMahon had a bike; the brakes of which stubbornly resisted the action of the lever, resulting in Seb riding through a fence into an Austrian field. Result – a suspected broken arm. The unfortunate consequence of their injuries was that both boys were sidelined from further activities as the 'Krankenhaus' had virtually immobilised them in plaster and strapping. I have included the story of Henry and Seb because, despite all their discomfort and pain, both boys were cheerful and positive and still managed to enjoy what was left of their week.

In 1999 the trip will take place at the same time in the school year – the first week of June.

BE

Stratford-upon-Avon

In January 1998 forty-six Third Year girls arrived in Stratford for an overnight stay intended to complement their study of 'Romeo and Juliet'. Leonardo di Caprio has aided us greatly in encouraging teenage girls to appre-

ciate the play so the prospect of seeing a production of 'Romeo and Juliet' was anticipated with delight! The girls also saw a production of 'Twelfth Night', experienced a backstage tour of the RST and The Swan, spent an afternoon in a Drama Workshop with two RSC actors and enjoyed a coach tour of Stratford with entrance into Mary Arden's house. The trip was a wonderful experience for both girls and staff: we hope to run a similar trip next year.

Following the Lower Sixth summer examinations, the majority of English Literature students spent two days in Stratford, absorbing the sights and familiarising themselves with a new play. They too experienced a backstage tour and a coach tour of Stratford. The highlight of the trip was the morning spent with Robert Glenister, the actor who played Caliban in 'The Tempest' and the Duke in a play new to most pupils, 'Measure for Measure'. Animated discussion gave a unique insight into the realities of an actor's life and the challenges of performing these roles. Tom Johnson's admirable interpretation of Caliban in the school production of 'The Tempest' was compared with Mr Glenister's: similarities in interpretation and in performance standard were observed!

Trips such as these can have a lasting impact on young minds: I am sure that the girls in the Third Year who saw the passionate, thrilling production of 'Romeo and Juliet' will remember that experience long after the essay they wrote on the play has faded from memory. Thank you to Miss Griffin, Mrs Silcock, Mrs Goddard and Mr Andrew who made these trips such a success.

NJC

Theatre Visits

The English Department at Fence Avenue was pleased to arrange several visits to theatres which enhanced our teaching of texts in the classroom in 1997-98. All the First Year read 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens, and then saw a wonderful production at the Octagon Theatre, Bolton. Second Year girls studied 'The Diary of Anne Frank' and the majority of the year group then watched an adaptation of the diary on stage at Stockport Garrick Theatre. Prior to the performance, we were privileged to attend a talk given especially for us by the director, Michael Newcombe. As mentioned previously, many Third Year girls had the opportunity to see Romeo and Juliet at Stratford-upon-Avon. The Fourth and Fifth Year were very fortunate in seeing a high quality amateur production of 'Educating Rita', a set play for GCSE, at Altrincham Garrick Theatre. Subsequently, we were delighted to welcome the actor, who played Frank, into school to talk about the play to the girls. Thanks are due to all staff who have made these trips possible.

NJC

Classics Trip to Sicily

A group of thirty-one boys and girls, accompanied by Mr and Mrs Houghton, Mrs Turner and Mr Killen, spent a very pleasant week in Sicily in February half-term.

During the week the group travelled all around the island visiting the Greek temples at Syracuse, Agrigento, Selinunte and Segesta, Greek theatres at Syracuse and Segesta and the Roman villa at Piazza Armerina, containing the famous mosaic of Roman women in bikinis. In between there were visits to the Norman Cathedrals at Monreale and Cefalu and the castle at Eryx. Other highlights included a trip up Mount Etna which was erupting at the time and games of beach football at Giardini-Naxos, Palermo and Cefalu.

Tourists of the week were 'King' Carl Johnson and Craig 'Beaver' Barrow. Group entertainment award went to 'Mutanda United' led by Andrew Darch and Guy Pickup. Mr Killen successfully defended the girls from the local hot-blooded Italians and Robert Greer won the face-pulling contest. A special mention should be given to Daniel Lewis who bravely tested out the acoustics at the Greek theatre at Syracuse by reciting his part from 'The Tempest'.



The children returned home fattened up on pasta, cannoli cakes and Italian ice cream and hopefully bearing tales of Sicily which did not just involve the Mafia.

MTH

PGL France

The seven hour journey down to Dover was soon forgotten as we boarded the train for the Eurotunnel and excitement increased. After thirty minutes we were in France and after another half hour we were being shown around the Nausicaa Sea Life Centre where the touch tank proved ever popular as the rays performed for their audience. Everyone was surprised at the size of the tuna fish and glad that there was glass between us and the sharks and piranhas! We arrived at Hardelot at about 4.30 pm to glorious sunshine and temperatures of 70°! The first night's entertainment was a night hike through the local wood where we heard tales of the famous Dropbears.

On Saturday we visited a local market where plenty of sweets were purchased before we then moved on and visited a chocolate factory! The smell was fantastic! We watched how the chocolates were made - from cocoa pod to finished hand-made product. More sweets were purchased!

After a packed lunch eaten in the open sunshine we arrived at Boulogne bowling alley. We watched some very

interesting styles and techniques. There was fierce competition between Mr James and Mr Batchelor. Miss Priestley adopted her 'slowly but surely' approach and Mrs Aspinwall settled with her one strike. As the weather was so warm we went down to Hardelot beach and had an impromptu 'paddle' which very soon developed into a 'dip' which then developed into a dunking! Costume or no costume, it did not stop us! Saturday evening finished off with a disco and limbo dancing.

Sunday brought a slightly later breakfast and then on to Boulogne Old Town to practise our French and order a drink - or a crêpe depending on our tastes! In the afternoon activities on site we all joined in with archery, rifle-shooting, the assault course and initiative exercises. Sunday's evening entertainment was a campfire with numerous classic songs such as 'A Ford Escort', 'A Pick of Bamboo' and 'There was a Crazy Moose'. Monday morning brought with it packing up and then a visit to the local Boulangerie where we all had a go at making our own croissants (those of us who had not been playing early morning football that is - and who had clean hands!). We moved on to Cité d'Europe for another shopping spree (more sweets!) and of course some souvenirs and presents too, and before long we were on the shuttle ready to return to La Grande Bretagne and all our waiting families.

PJA

Visit to Chester

On a blustery November morning fifty-four J2 boys and girls departed for Chester in search of Roman evidence. We arrived at the Dewa Experience and boarded a Roman galley which was due to arrive in Dewa nearly 2000 years ago. The oarsmaster told of the gruelling voyage and his many years at sea. We then passed through the fortress gates and relived the sights, sounds and smells of daily Roman life - strolling alongside shop fronts displaying their wares, peeping in at a sleeping centurion in his barrack block, eavesdropping on the gossiping Romans as they relaxed in a Roman bath and meeting a cold and lonely sentry keeping watch from the fortress walls.

From here we returned to the present day on an extensive archaeological dig where we had a unique opportunity to discover the substantial Roman, Saxon and Medieval remains beneath Chester and we had a 'hands-on' area displaying both local and national finds.

We were given a tour around Chester by an off-duty legionary dressed in brown known as Walkus Crispus. He showed us his friend, Maximus Hilarius, and told us of a centurion called Christmus Bonus! We had a chance to become a Roman citizen for life by enrolling in the Imperial Roman Army's XX Legion as we were patrolled around Dewa by Gaius Vilerius Crispus (otherwise known as Walkus) and we heard about his life and adventures as a Roman soldier.

PJA

Junior Division Ski Holiday

Thirty-one pupils and four staff left Fence Avenue at 3.30 pm on Friday 13th (of February). The portents of the date were not good but the only problem was a slightly delayed Le Shuttle time to take us under the Channel. All was progressing well until confused directions took the party on a detour through Gap (and a rest to enable the coach's brakes to stop burning!) only to be held up for one and a half hours by a serious road accident. Our arrival was delayed by almost three hours but we were relieved to find what we had come for - SNOW! Having sorted out our apartments the first taste of the restaurant of La Lou Goustarou was not too encouraging - noodles and pork, which were not to everyone's taste. An early ski fit on Sunday morning allowed the party to take their first steps on the mountain. The two beginners' groups quickly mastered the 'Baby

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Loup' nursery area and progressed to take on increasingly difficult slopes with instructors Eric and David. The more advanced skiers had the fortune to have an excellent guide in Paul, a seventy-eight year-old who has led a fascinating life. A French Resistance fighter, he was most recently an Air France pilot! This group covered a wide variety of runs during the week, special mention being given to Chloë Reynolds, Nicola Roper and Coral Briggs who were judged by Paul to be the best skiers in the party. The superb warm, sunny weather and well-manicured pistes ensured good skiing for all groups throughout the week.

Après-ski events included a Treasure Hunt, Quiz Night, swimming (at the nearby resort of Super Devoluy) and tobogganing (on 15F lightning-fast 'shovels'). The final night's Talent Show was a showcase for the talents of each apartment and featured the National Lottery (Rooms 49/60), Spice Girls/Boys (the infamous Room 67), Advertisement for Room 67! (Room 33), Winter Holiday (Room 17 - Les Melezes) and an excellently choreographed routine interpreting Men in Black (Room 17 - Plein Soleil). The staff's interpretation of 'Tubthumping' called 'It's not fair' summed up the holiday eloquently.

One of the highlights of the holiday was when the party were invited to take part in the candle-light descent of the mountain along with the other children in the village. This formed part of La Joue du Loup's fête celebrations which brought a colourful end to our stay.

The 'clanger' of the day was awarded for such howlers as knocking a group of French infants flying, walking into the wrong room and asking for the toilet, tobogganing down a French lady photographer, bringing the chair lift to a halt by barging in the lift queue and to Chris Miller for demanding to know on arrival in Calais, 'Where's the snow then?!' (Chris lost the initial Herbert the Hippo but bought a replacement in Roberta Rabbit who survived the week!)

All too soon it was time for the twenty-one hour journey back to Macclesfield, the boredom relieved by on-board videos. We arrived at Fence Avenue two hours early and said 'good-bye' to our 'rep' Simon who had looked after us so well throughout the week. Thus ended a most enjoyable and memory-filled holiday.

GJS



Roman Britain

At Easter twenty Year 8 girls and boys, accompanied by Miss Warrington, Mrs White and Mr Houghton, visited Bath, Ashbourne Roman Palace and Bignor Roman Villa

Visit to York

A wintry, cold day put us all in the mood for an authentic day spent in the open air as Viking farmers.

We arrived at the outskirts of Jorvik mid morning after an early start from Macclesfield and we quickly divided into our five Viking families. Once dressed in our costumes we were prepared for our work on the village and we ventured outside and were taken to our 'hus' where we would be based for the day. Slaves were assigned to each family and although they could only speak Saxon they did their best to obey their masters even though some of them were far too ruthless!

During the day the villagers worked hard to make clay oil lamps, weave cloth, grind the corn, sweep the 'hus', make bread and guard the village against invaders. One family actually had to ward off a single Saxon who was spying on them! They managed to capture his weapon which was worth quite a fortune because it was made of metal.

The fields were ploughed and, as night drew in, the villagers were invited into 'my lord's' full size long-house to warm by the fire. As we had worked so hard, he also invited us into his hall for a banquet later on where table manners were forgotten and the slaves worked hard to satisfy their

masters' hunger. The entertainment was lively and comical and the villagers battled it out to see who was the strongest.

We left Jorvik at 7.15 pm and returned to the twentieth century. Fifty-seven Vikings had now returned to being fifty-seven tired children and the four slaves had returned to being normal teachers who had lodged certain names in their minds of those villagers who had been inclined to mistreat their slaves!!

PJA

Alton Towers

On 12th June sixty-two J4s accompanied by very brave members of staff and parents travelled to Alton Towers for the annual day out. The weather thankfully stayed dry and great merriment was had by all. Thrills, spills and that true 'white knuckle' experience were enjoyed. The favourite rides seemed to be Oblivion, Nemesis, Ripsaw and the Energiser. There were also the tamer 'wet' rides which, not surprisingly, soaked many of the party.

By 6.00 pm everyone had met up again from various corners of the park to discuss the day's events with the most popular question seeming to be: 'Did you go on Oblivion?' and the most frequent answer amongst those not brave enough to try (including myself) was 'No, the queue was far too long!' - maybe next year!

SCJ

PGL Holiday Boreatton Park

At 1.30 pm sharp the coach roared away from the car park only to stop

before the main gates - for the party organiser to go back for his suitcase! Thus began the fourteenth Junior PGL holiday in Boreatton Park, Shropshire. At 3.29 pm the coach turned into the drive to the accompaniment of 'Everywhere We go-o—'. The sun (unusually) shone on our arrival as we were met by groupies Gus and Donna. The party of forty-three children and three staff staggered to their 'caravans' loaded down with enormous cases, sleeping bags and pillows, and soon it was time for tea in the new super-duper dining hall before venturing out to the first evening activity - swimming in the refurbished pool.

Sleep belatedly arrived around midnight on Friday night and many of the party were rudely awakened at 6.00 am by an impromptu football match involving an empty Pringle can! A disagreement with a neighbouring group did not help matters but the morning activity soon concentrated the mind. Pony trekking proved eventful for some - birthday girl Jenny Colville was welcomed by a friendly bite from 'Thomas' who later proceeded to take an alternative route to find the horse 'toilet'! Ashley McCormick's horse Marcus left his mark on Ashley, who later forgave him and gave him a hug. Rifle-shooting proved to be fairly uneventful but quad bikes provided many thrills and spills, notably for Jenny Colville who capped her birthday treat with a spectacular demolition of the tyre wall, resulting in a trip to the Nurse!

Caravan 14 had an unexpected visitor on Saturday afternoon - Cyril the Squirrel noticed an interesting birthday present (belonging to Jake Reynolds), decided to open it a day early and consumed a Terry's chocolate orange before escaping, leaving a trail of gnawed silver paper behind him!

Sunday morning saw a mixture of open canoeing down the River Perry and archery, whilst in the afternoon Mr Atkinson's technology skills were stretched to the limit as Gus' group tried (and mainly succeeded) to build rafts that could actually float - not that it mattered because most people jumped in the lake anyway. Donna's group meanwhile were mastering the abseiling towers with Miss Davis leading the way. Threats of rain meant that the evening camp fire was held in the Hall of the Main Building. Gus' exhortations meant that the maximum decibel level reached during the 'Ham and Eggs' song resulted in several cases of 'The Boreatton Throat'! The party ended

with lashings of cake, courtesy of Jake's and Nicola's birthdays.

On Monday morning the programme was reversed from the previous afternoon with Mr Atkinson making an impressive abseiling debut and Miss Davis inspiring her groups to complete rafts which would make Thor Heyerdahl proud!

All too soon it was time to pack up and say goodbye to Boreatton Park taking home many happy memories of an action-packed weekend, not to mention a large repertoire of PGL songs. 'There was a crazy moose....'

GJS

PGL Royal Oak

The sun was shining, bags were packed, the coach was loaded and goodbyes were spoken. Another academic year was over, but the J4 activity holiday to Wales was only just beginning for a selection of boys and girls. After a long journey, we arrived at the beautiful setting of Llangorse Lake nestling in the wonderful countryside of the Brecon Beacons National Park. The campsite looked perfect in the early evening sunlight - peaceful, calm and tranquil, framed against a patchwork of lush green pastures. The scene was set for a fun-filled, action-packed adventure long weekend.

Saturday morning brought with it low cloud, hill fog and rain but luckily spirits were not dampened too much. Windsurfing and raft building carried on according to schedule despite cries of 'It's cold' and 'I don't want to get wet!'. Minds were soon diverted towards the task of squeezing bodies into wetsuits which seemed three sizes too small and the all too strong desire to sink someone else's raft. The boys launched onto their well planned craft only to find that those knots they had learnt at cubs were obviously the wrong ones! The girls triumphed as they rowed past the boys and their debris of rope, logs and water drums, on and around the island to victory.

The enormous amount of rain Britain had over June and July meant that the assault course had reached its peak with muddiness. It seemed only natural to include the inevitable PGL mudfight.

PJA

School Walk

This year the Annual Junior Division school walk changed its usual route to obtain a flatter gradient. It was, there-

fore, decided to try a circular route, incorporating the Middlewood Way and the Cheshire Ring Canal Walk.

Unfortunately the rain was unrelenting and everyone became very wet. However, spirits were maintained and everyone made it back in one piece, if a little drenched. A welcome drink and certificate awaited us in the canteen. No doubt there were a few stiff limbs the next day!

SCJ

J4 Visit to Jodrell Bank

(11th November 1997)

The visit began in the planetarium where an interactive programme allowed the visitors the opportunity to choose their own route around the Solar System. After the chance to try out the many and varied hands-on activities in the Science Gallery, the party returned to the planetarium to be given a lecture by 'Sir Isaac Newton' which included how he had come to invent his telescope and considerations of the effects of gravity. This proved to be a valuable visit to enhance the Science curriculum.

JEB

Visit to Forum Theatre

(5th December 1997)

This year's visit to the theatre at Christmas-time took in a stage version of *Babe, The Sheep Pig*, based on the story by Dick King-Smith, which took place at the Forum Theatre, Wythenshawe. The charming production appealed to all of the children and, as ever, this proved to be an immensely popular visit.

CJH

Infant Chester Zoo Trip

This was the Infant Department's first school trip and we prayed for good weather. We were lucky, the sun shone and the rain kept off and this is very important when seventy-two children and twenty-five parents are walking around the zoo!

We all had a lovely time. Each class went around the zoo at their own pace, meeting up later for the picnic.

We arrived back at school on time, tired but happy with only one slight 'hiccup', a coat was left at the zoo. Fortunately, it was sent to school a few days later. All the staff felt that the first Infant trip was a success, now we had to decide where to go next!

JTS

Outdoor Activities

Autumn Term

The principal activity within the curriculum this term was the First Year programme of visits to Buxworth. With only three forms this proved less of a logistical problem than previously and passed off without major incident.

The term also saw a rethink in the provision of outdoor activities outside the curriculum. It was decided to reduce the programme, but make each event linked in to a weekend or part weekend with at least one overnight. In addition, these trips were promoted to the Fifth Year Duke of Edinburgh groups as training opportunities, which seems to have been successful so far.

The main event for the Outdoor Activities Club was a weekend trip to Stainforth Youth Hostel in the Yorkshire Dales. A mixed group of First and Second Year pupils had a multi-activity extravaganza, with climbing on Saturday morning, a caving excursion in the afternoon and a traverse of Ingleborough on Sunday. The only other trip was a mountain biking circuit around Buxton on the day of the Christmas Fair: the day was noted for its ceaseless heavy rain.

In addition to the above, the launch of another major expedition took place in October. This is scheduled for Summer 1999. Initially a group of seventeen signed up, with deposits due shortly before Christmas. However, the group settled down to twelve including two girls.

Spring Term

In this term we ran a pair of 'half weekends' with departure on Friday evening, but with a return on Saturday night. The first of these saw a large group at Helvellyn Youth Hostel. Conditions turned clear and icy overnight and, with the high snowline, an ascent of Helvellyn by Swirral Edge and descent of Striding Edge seemed possible. In the event, the ascent proved much more taxing than the descent. The group who undertook Striding Edge then re-ascended Swirral and traversed one or two of the Dodds to the north before returning to the minibus.

Our second trip took us to Snowdonia and the excellently appointed Bryn Gwynant Youth Hostel. Again, conditions were icy rather than deep snow and the whole group, including a number of First Year pupils, climbed Snowdon from the south. At the summit we split the group and the Fifth

Year pupils went with PME for a traverse of an icy Crib Goch. Fortunately we had a rope and it was put to good use in assisting and rescuing three other groups, who had misjudged the conditions. All returned safely to the minibuses.

The Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition was exceptional in that the weather was dry and sunny, giving them a false impression of what it will be like on the real thing. It was so hot on the second day that nearly everyone was in T-shirts. Only Nick Pattison succumbed to the heat, walking off the obvious descent path in delirium!

By contrast, the Scottish trip was cold but again largely dry. A very keen bunch moved up to Glencoe Youth Hostel for five nights. The first day was spent searching out minuscule snow patches to discuss ice-axe techniques in the heavy rain. Thereafter, it was dry, but with low cloud on the summits at first with occasional snow flurries, permitting a demanding full traverse of the Grey Corries and Ben Nevis.

Summer Term

During this term we had two Outdoor Activities Club trips. The first was a rock climbing day on Windgather Rocks, with blistering heat. This was followed shortly afterwards by a weekend visit to the Langdale valley, under canvas. After a very wet ascent of Jack's Rake, the group carried out a circuit of the valley in very damp conditions. There was a brief respite from the rain on Saturday evening but it resumed again as we left on Sunday. Fortunately, prior to this we had an excellent ascent of Stickle Ghyll, several people getting wet up to the waist with ill-timed jumps.

The Third Year camps enjoyed mixed weather, with some battling it out in torrential rain whilst others have had days of bright sun. The Edale valley seems to be the best spot for this, despite featuring on 'Confessions'. I hope that we can continue this link for years to come.

The Duke of Edinburgh groups carried out their assessment expeditions. The Bronze groups were out in the Peak District on the weekend of 20th/21st June and the Silver groups headed off to the Lake District on 28th June. We were lucky that the sun did shine and the week was largely dry!

PME

Sixth Form Community Action

Throughout the year, Sixth Form students have enjoyed many opportunities to serve the community and broaden their experience.

On Wednesday afternoons, as a Recreational Activity, students took part in:

- gardening for the elderly;
- visiting/helping in the kitchen and Day Centre at the East Cheshire Hospice;
- helping the disabled in an art class at the Mayfield Centre;
- helping disabled children in swimming lessons at Park Lane School;
- helping in the classroom at local primary schools;
- entertaining the elderly (singing carols, etc);
- visiting the elderly in their own homes or Residential Homes.

In addition, specific projects were undertaken throughout the year:

October: Clean up of the Bollin.

November-January: Videoing of Macclesfield and preparation for the crib restoration.

December: Carol singing at Macclesfield Hospital, Christmas Party at Fence Avenue.

February: Selling roses for Valentine's Day (profits to charity).

May: Day trip to Blackpool with inner-city children from Salford (in association with other independent schools).

June: Bollin Valley Countryside Taster Day (craft sessions with disabled visitors).

Many students had no experience of this sort of activity and so training opportunities were also arranged. In October, four students attended a conference organised by Manchester Grammar School and learned about moving people safely, peer support, talking/relating to the elderly and communication with people with speech difficulties. This information was shared at two internal training days in November and February.

The year has been productive and whetted many appetites. Many students have discovered talents they did not know they had and learned that taking some calculated risks can lead to a tremendous sense of achievement. We hope to build on this next year.

GDT

Houses

During the academic year 1997-98 a House System was re-established in the Boys' Division for the First and Second Years. Keeping the same house



names as the Girls' and Junior Divisions, four Upper Sixth Formers were chosen as Captains:

Tatton	Nina Thomson
Adlington	Jo Hastie
Gawsworth	Michael Hordley
Capesthorpe	James Shockledge

These Captains held House Assemblies twice a term in separate venues, encouraging First and Second Year boys to participate in competitions to win points for their House. The Captains were assisted by teams of eight willing Sixth Formers who volunteered to help.

Autumn Term

Christmas Card Competition - cards were designed according to specific criteria for printing. The winners' cards were produced and packaged for sale, but, unfortunately, there was no time to sell them before the end of term!

Create-a-Corner - each House undertook to design an attractive festive decoration for the entrances to the Music Block, Sixth Form Block, Rock Block and Science Block.

Spring Term

Two competitions were linked to Charities Week:

Inter-house Computer Games - held at lunchtime for individuals and House representatives.

A Bring and Buy Sale held in the hall at lunchtime, each House manning a stall.

The third competition was a fun event - a treasure trail of cryptic clues around the school grounds leading back to the Rock Reading Room and prizes of house points and Easter eggs.

Summer Term

The cross country run for First and Second Year boys was adapted for House Competition.

A five-a-side inter-house football tournament took place in the last week of term, which Capesthorpe won.

Final scores were:

Tatton	68
Adlington	62
Capesthorpe	42
Gawsworth	36

It is hoped to build on this next year.
GDT

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

The Award Scheme continues to flourish at King's, seventy-seven young people being involved throughout the year. Each year there are always more

people wishing to enter the scheme than we can safely cater for. Logistical reasons limit our intake at Bronze level to twenty-four. This, unfortunately, results in a number of disappointed applicants.

Throughout the year eight Bronze, eight Silver and one Gold expeditions have taken place. A twelve week First Aid course and examination were successfully completed by all the Bronze entrants. This group of youngsters are now as well qualified as many members of staff which indicates the level of commitment the scheme demands of its participants. Silver candidates successfully completed a Home Accident Prevention Course. This course, developed and taught by a number of King's staff and firefighters from Macclesfield Fire Station, proved to be a great success and most enjoyable. The school is grateful for the help given to the Award Group by members of the St John Ambulance Association and the Cheshire County Fire Brigade.

Skills learnt through the Service Section of the Award have been put to good use on a number of occasions. Three of our girls reacted calmly and most correctly when they assisted a casualty they encountered in a Macclesfield park. An horrific nose-bleed, which necessitated a visit to the Casualty Department at Stepping Hill Hospital, was also handled most competently by a group of girls on their Bronze practice expedition. Not only was the casualty treated, the whole group completed their expedition only a few hours behind schedule!

There is no doubt in the minds of the seventeen members of staff who generously give up their time to the Award group as to the educational value of the scheme. The scheme gives young people the opportunity to open windows on new experiences and share these experiences with adults. An interesting remark was made this year by an ex-pupil who had returned to school to complete the paperwork necessary for his Gold Award - 'You know, Sir, for the last four years the Award Scheme staff have been some of my best friends at King's'.

At the North East Cheshire Award Presentation on 8th January 1998 at Zeneca's Social Club the following awards were made to members of the King's School Award Group.

Bronze

Rani Axon	Tom Newham
Oliver Barber	Ian Pardo
Nick Battersby	Esmé Patey-Ford
Rosanna Betton	Nicholas Pattison

Richard Bradfield	John Percival
Daniel Capper	Annie Phillips
Richard Caswell	Andrew Priestnall
Craig Cooper	Angela Quartermaine
Sian Fullaway	Robert Shea
Tom Grimes	Henry Simms
Chris Gartside	Louise Southern
Hannah Hallam	James Thompson
Alexandra Hibbert	Michelle Tinker
Jennifer Lee	Nicola Turnbull
Anna McKeating	

Silver

Chris Barringer	Philip Hart
Paul Cole	James Ritchie
Andrew Cross	John Tsalikis
Tom Grimes	Richard Walker
Andrew Ham	William Wills

Gold

Ben Brown	Chris Malkin
Edward Cos	Alex Morgan
Harith Haboubi	James Perriss
Richard Hibbert	John Phillips
Mark Jackson	David Unterhalter

JRD

Charities

A wide range of charity fund-raising events took place during the year, although Charities Week in March probably took the highest profile. In a week which saw forms competing with each other to top their rivals' events, in excess of £4,500 was raised with committees in the Girls', Boys' and Sixth Form Divisions deciding an original and innovative list of charities to support. These ranged from Windyway Kennels in Macclesfield to Sanyang Primary School in the Gambia; from Alder Hey Children's Hospital to the UNICEF Sudan Appeal.

Karan Vij in the Second Year of the Boys' Division made a remarkable single-handed contribution to Macmillan Cancer, raising £450 in a sponsored cycle ride while, outside Charities Week, a sponsored read in the Girls' Division raised in excess of £1,100 for Actionaid, this being over and above our ongoing basic commitment to Actionaid for the support and sponsorship of two young children in India.

We continued to give our regular support to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Day Appeal and to both Christian Aid at Easter and Save the Children at Christmas.

Apart from those mentioned above, the following charities were supported during the year:

Mark's Sunrise Appeal
Amnesty International
The Rainbow Family Trust
The East Cheshire Hospice

The Humane Research Trust
Intermediate Technology
Marie Curie
Shelter
Lamb's House School Fund
Park Lane Special School

PRMM

Junior Division Charities

Once more Junior Division pupils rallied to various causes in a variety of ways during the year.

For the Harvest Thanksgiving Festival a tremendous amount of food was donated to the Central Manchester Mission to aid their work in feeding unfortunate people in the Manchester area.

Junior pupils bought poppies to support the National Poppy Appeal, the children also taking part in a special assembly and silence at 11.00 on 11th November 1997.

The Junior Division (including the Infant School) took part in a non-uniform day on 21st November 1997 to raise funds for the BBC's *Children In Need Appeal*. As a result over £250 was raised and sent off to the BBC.

A *Blue Peter Bring & Buy Sale* was again arranged on 15th December 1997. As usual there was a tremendous response to the appeal for things to buy and the children bought very generously. Each class successfully ran one or more stalls containing a wide variety of games of chance or skill, things to buy (useful for late Christmas presents) and all manner of fund-raising activities, whilst Mrs Gladman's popcorn was again very popular (thank you!). A total of £450 was donated to the appeal.

There was again a good response to the appeal to donate 'as new' toys/books/games, etc, wrapped as Christmas presents and placed at the foot of the Christmas tree in the Junior Entrance Hall. These gestures enabled disadvantaged children in the local area to receive gifts anonymously from Junior Division children in order to brighten up their festive season. Mr Alec Johnston from the NSPCC was most grateful for the gifts.

Also the J2 mail service was in very big demand during the last two weeks of the Autumn Term, busy sorters and postpersons working very efficiently to keep the mail moving. A pleasing profit was also made to add to the *Blue Peter Appeal*.

Another Christmas fund-raising event saw some of the J4 children set up a charity enterprise by selling a variety of Christmas gifts and decorations. This venture raised over £80 which was

added to the *Blue Peter* appeal.

The Junior Division received a visit from Mrs Rhona Marshall, a local lady who works with a charity called Christian Relief helping children in Uganda. A number of J4 pupils were so moved by what they heard that they organised a collection of various household items which Mrs Marshall eventually took out to Uganda on her next visit.

Another non-uniform day on 13th March 1998 raised over £250 for UNICEF.

In the Summer Term Infant and Junior children took part in a fund-raising event for the NSPCC, which eventually raised the fantastic sum of £2029.69.

GJS/CSP

AJIS Quiz

(8th November 1997)

The team of Rachel Alston, David Johnson, Eleanor Cowan and William Malins acquitted themselves very well against twenty other schools. They scored well on *Who is that?* and *Where is that?* as well as *Who wrote that?*. They came fifth overall, just ten points behind eventual winners St Mary's, the best position that we have ever reached in this prestigious competition.

FAMC

Inter-Schools Quiz

(5th December 1997)

A team of eighteen J3/4 children represented the school in the first triangular Quiz contest between Cheadle Hulme, Stockport and ourselves. This event proved to be highly enjoyable, although the final result saw King's shaved into third place behind Cheadle Hulme, with Stockport (having home advantage!) being the winners. Congratulations to the 'A' team of David Johnson, Jonathan Lee and Richard Madden who came runners-up overall.

GJS

Visit by the Fire Brigade

The Macclesfield firemen visited all the J2s to talk to us about the danger of fire and fire safety. We began by watching two videos. The first really brought home to us just how quickly fires can begin and spread. There followed some advice on families having various escape plans. The second video told the children what to do if there was a chemical leak. A great question and answer period followed - where to put a smoke alarm was just one of many issues raised. Then came the really

exciting part - an experience inside the smoke tent! The children learnt about smoke rising and that the safest thing to do was to crawl low on the floor. Finally all the children were able to look over the fire engines and learn about the equipment. A very good visit indeed!

LT

Infants' Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony took place on 16th October 1997 in the school assembly hall. All the staff were present and everyone took part in the ceremony.

The special guests at the Opening Ceremony were Mr Silcock, the Mayor and Mayoress of Macclesfield, Councillor Doug and Mrs Beth Page, and the Right Reverend Archbishop of Chester, Peter Foster.

The Infants presented the story of 'Little Green Frog's Autumn Party' in the form of songs and dance with the Infant Staff reading out the story. There were hymns and prayers to begin and end the occasion and the Mayor was asked to present the Princess Diana memorial bench to the Infant School.

The children had a party lunch that day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The staff enjoyed a lovely buffet with parents and guests and we enjoyed ourselves too!

JTS

Infants' Sports Day

The staff had planned the Infant Sports Day with good weather in mind (we were feeling optimistic). Unfortunately, the weather was bad but we had contingency plans! The Sports Hall was to be our venue, but our problem was fitting all the children and parents in. Somehow we managed, with the help of the children, to move chairs and benches in and everyone found a space.

The atmosphere was electric and the children were so well behaved that all the staff felt very proud of them. The children loved racing in front of their parents and I am sure King's has some excellent athletes in the making!

At lunchtime, the children had a picnic with their parents in the classrooms. In the afternoon Friends of King's held a fair in the Sports Hall for the Infants. There were stalls, games and raffles for the children and their parents. Friends of King's made several hundred pounds but the important thing was that everybody had enjoyed their Sports and Fun Day.

JTS

1st XV

Although the results suggest that this was a sound, if uninspired, season, the residual feeling is one of disappointment. Certainly there were good things: Schofield was always positive and grew into his captaincy; Sweetzer always performed at a high standard; Clay was always positive and the four Fifth Years took to first team rugby very easily. However, there were also problems: a caucus of senior players did not impose themselves and refused to set the necessary mood or display the appropriate attitude.

The pre-season tour to Canada suggested both strengths and weaknesses. Certainly the pack were powerful, if rather static, whereas the backs were direct and physical but with limited flair and no obvious midfield play maker. As a result, a style of play developed that was geared to playing around the stand-off channel using a powerful back row close to the fringes. Unfortunately there was not the accurate kicking game to provide the important counterpart to this direct style of rugby.

The season started in its usual gentle fashion with matches against RGS Lancaster and QEGS Wakefield. Unfortunately both these games were narrowly lost and in both cases second half leads were given away. There then followed a series of relatively comfortable wins in which forward power was crucial.

There then followed a couple of games in which the season descended to one of the lowest points in recent years. Firstly, the side capitulated against a merely workmanlike Woodhouse Grove side in a game where a number of senior players resolutely refused to take responsibility for decisions or guide the younger players. Two weeks later the previously in question set piece work fell apart against a capable Wirral side and the side slithered to another sterile defeat in a match marked by a complete lack of aggression or enthusiasm.

The crisis continued at Kirkham, but paradoxically the game proved to be a turning point. Several senior players were now left out, the captain injured, the influential Selbie was badly hurt at Woodhouse Grove and leading line-out jumper, Wildey, bravely playing despite illness. Their replacements, four Fifth Years, the untried Lower Sixth Farrar and Brooks and the hard working and deserving Shockledge all battled well against a highly rated Kirkham side and the spirit carefully kindled by senior players, Schofield and Clay, began to return. From this point, the

season suddenly became a rebuilding exercise with a potentially useful side being nurtured for next season. Good victories were scored including an efficient win against Bradford Grammar School. Unfortunately the season petered out with tired defeats by Merchant Taylors' Crosby and Stockport Grammar School.

Not surprisingly, from a coaching point of view this was a difficult season, but the potential is there for seasons to come. In the forwards Lower Sixth Masheder and Brooks cemented places while Hewitt and Shockledge competed for the tight head berth. A number of players occupied the second row spots with Selbie, Wildey and Farrar all proving to be strong and abrasive forwards. The line-out work of all these forwards was frequently outstanding. The back row also saw a number of players, captain, Schofield, was an influential ever present at Number 8 and by the end of the season the usual flankers, Fifth Years Levings and the abrasive Moran. By the end of the season the forwards were predominantly Lower Sixth and this can only be good news for next season.

In the backs, Sweetzer and Horrocks continued to develop as half backs, both now must believe in their ability to control the game. Vice captain, Clay, together with Arthur and Rice, played in the centre. In all cases defence and decision making improved throughout the season and all three were capable of incisive attacking play.

At full back, Spicer was a powerful presence strong on the break and a determined tackler. If he can learn to time his runs and pick out the angles, then he will become a fine full back.

On the wings Wilson and Hallam started but, as the season progressed, Isherwood staked a claim and became the first choice on one wing - although not his favoured position, his line of runs from set plays soon saw him score several very good tries. At Kirkham it was only a cover tackle from Kirkham's England flanker that prevented Isherwood scoring a game turning try.

In conclusion, although the forwards were powerful they lacked the collective will or skill to play for a full game or to continually win fast phase possession and this generated an increasingly static style of play. In the backs a similar lack of concentration in some areas, together with the inability to consistently move the ball at pace, lead to periodic defensive lapses and the inability to capitalise on good field position - add to this a lack of experience in some areas and fragile confi-

dence, then one gets the rather unsatisfying up and down season that has just passed.

On the debit side, it is disappointing that some senior players did not come to terms with the demands that seniority brings but this is more than balanced by the emergence of two year groups who look capable of performing well at first team level within a rather more fluid game plan.

PFH/PJP

Sevens

After last year's successes, it was hoped that the improvement could be continued. This hope was to some extent fulfilled. In six tournaments the knockout rounds were reached four times, with one sixth round, one quarter-final and two semi-finals reached. Certainly the squad was capable of reaching finals but was rather let down by the lack of concentration and confidence alluded to in the main report and by some ill-luck.

The Sevens season started badly, an untried team failed to win any games at the Mount St Mary tournament. Much work was put in, but the first game at Solihull saw King's comprehensively outplayed by Warwick, an improving win came next, but with two minutes to go, King's were seventeen points down against Nottingham HS. However, as can happen with Sevens, the side suddenly clicked and three tries in the last ninety seconds saw us draw and then go through second in the group on points difference. In the quarter final a close victory was won against Bedford in which Rice excelled before a rather unlucky semi-final defeat by Loughborough. Nevertheless, a corner had been turned. At Stonyhurst, King's cruised through the group before failing to take chances against a busy Giggleswick side and disappointingly were unable to claw back a narrow lead. Similarly, the side was purring at the Cheshire Sevens but a poor victory against Hyde College shook confidence and sapped energy and we were narrowly beaten by Birkenhead in the semi-final.

From there the squad travelled to the bigger tournaments at Oxford and Rosslyn Park. At Oxford the by now settled squad featuring relative newcomers Brooks and Emslie played extremely well in the knockout stages comfortably defeating the rated Windsor Boys and Plymouth College, before narrowly losing in the quarter-finals to the physical Llanharri School. The national Sevens group was effectively a play-off between King's and Stonyhurst.

King's worked three early chances but were unable to finish. Stonyhurst then finished two quick chances and Rosslyn Park was effectively over for another year. However, in the final game of the season it was gratifying to see King's destroy Chislehurst and Sidcup with some scintillating rugby.

Throughout the Sevens season, Schofield, Clay and Sweetzer maintained a very high standard. Indeed, in all the Sevens we saw there was no better forward than Schofield. As the Sevens season progressed, other players came to the fore: Brooks proved to be a very capable Sevens hooker; Rice and Arthur were dangerous attacking players who improved their defence; Emslie may yet make a very good Sevens play maker and Spicer on the wing was always quick and powerful. It was possibly the wide forward position that created the most selection problems, with Kirby, Shockledge, Selbie, Wildey and at times Spicer all filling the role creditably. At the end of the season, despite some creditable performances and with King's always dangerous and a team that other sides hate to play against, we were not quite secure enough in defence or efficient enough in attack to go all the way in the bigger tournaments. However, despite this synopsis, with the Lower Sixth players involved this year and the Fifth Years to come through, next year could be a very useful Sevens side.

PFH/PJP

2nd XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
20	17	0	3	659	91

Canada Tour

P	W	D	L	F	A
6	5	0	1	106	52

A four Province Tour to Canada should have been excellent preparation for the demanding fixture list that followed. Five of the six games in St John's, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton and Toronto were won. Two of the matches (against Alberta and Newfoundland) were against full strength Provincial XV's preparing for the Canada Games and two others (against Regina Union and South Alberta) were against strong representative teams. So, the final balance sheet for the 2nd XV on tour gave great encouragement for the upcoming regular season. Between some tough physical encounters on the rugby pitches, the tour party of thirty-five players and four coaches travelled the Icefields Parkway - a spectacular journey from Banff and Lake Louise to Jasper through the snowclad Rockies;

experienced Roughrider Football in Saskatchewan and Blue Jay baseball in the magnificent Toronto Sky Dome; rafted the white waters of the Athabasca Glacier; tracked whales in the icy Atlantic off the Newfoundland coast; trained at altitude in the Calgary Winter Olympic Village (famed for Eddie the Eagle and the Cool Runnin' Jamaican bobsleigh team); shopped till they dropped in Edmonton at the world's largest shopping mall; reached the summit of the CN Tower atop of the world and braved the frightening power of Niagara Falls in the Maid of the Mist. Some Tour! And it should have been the catalyst for a great season.

It was a great disappointment, then, that the season kicked off in such lacklustre style at Lancaster (lost 12-16) and ended in a whimper with cancellations (against Cheadle Hulme and Wirral GS) and in humiliation at Stockport GS (lost 10-25). Between times, matters were rather better, although team spirit was rather fractious and attendance and commitment to training unpredictable. The won/lost tally looks impressive, but, in all honesty, it should have been much better.

There were highlights, of course, and many individuals emerged with great credit from the season. Nick Jones was top points scorer (126) and proved to be a very dependable captain. Flanker Chris Greenham, together with top try scorer Richard Emslie, played in all but one of the 2nd XV matches. In total forty-four players represented the team in twenty games. In eleven fixtures we recorded a 'clean sheet' yet, amazingly, failed to kick a single penalty goal until late into November.

Long-term injuries to forwards David Brocklehurst, Andrew Unterhalter and Simon Challiner, together with frequent changes to the 1st XV personnel, threatened to sap the power of the second team forwards. Steve Hewitt, Matt Anderson and Mark Dunnington were a front row never bettered in the tight; whilst any second row combination of Mike Baylay, Duncan Farrar or Phil Hart could be relied upon to secure quality line-out ball. An ever changing breakaway trio that always included Chris Greenham, often in concert with Greg Cook and Jonathan Moss crop, always caused havoc amongst opposition backs. This very mature pack, frequently containing six, or even seven, Upper Sixth players, many with considerable first team experience, had the ability to rip opposition packs apart and occasionally did.

Centres Craig Cooper and Stephen

Brown were a real handful in midfield and, together with ever present half backs Jones and Emslie, were the key strike force. Phil Tsalikis, Jonathan Wilson and 'super sub' Guy Tristram on the wings, with either Mike Rice or James Orme at full back, provided pace and power out wide.

A surprisingly mild winter - not one school rugby match was called off because of the weather before March - was the backdrop to a season of just three defeats. Victories against Queen Elizabeth's GS, Wakefield; Bradford GS and Merchant Taylors', Crosby were the highlights of the season, as were the games versus Buenos Aires tourists St Michael's School and Campion Grads, who had 'hosted' us in Regina, Saskatchewan on our Summer Tour to Canada. Sadly, a wasted opportunity at Lancaster; a narrow defeat at Wirral and a devastatingly disappointing display at Stockport left a very messy blot on the copy book and must remain as a legacy of what might have been. With just three defeats, eleven clean sheets, over one hundred tries scored and just eighty-one points conceded, would it be churlish to suggest we "could have done better"?

Players (most appearances first): C Greenham; R Emslie; N Jones (Captain); M Baylay; C Cooper; S Brown; P Tsalikis; P Hart; G Tristram; J Orme; J J Wilson; S Hewitt; J Moss crop; M Dunnington; D Farrar; M Anderton; D Brocklehurst; S Challiner; J Brooks; G Cook; M Rice; A Forshaw; J Arthur; C Levings; P Adams; J Bissett; J Shockledge; E Moran; R Lees; M Hordley; D Flegg; S Bush; M Kirby; A Unterhalter; N Hirst; M Tunwell; D Isherwood; A Higgins; J Hallam; C Watts; J Kalthoeber; E Bones; D Leech; J Sweetzer.

The following played during the Canada Tour (most appearances first): J Brooks; N Hirst; D Brocklehurst; J Moss crop; N Jones; J Horrocks; M Hordley; J Orme; P Tsalikis; R Webster; C Levings; J Bissett; J Randall; S Challiner; A Higgins; P Adams; S Bush; G Mairs; P Hart; A Forshaw; A Unterhalter; J Spicer; T Masheder; M Kirby; J Shockledge; I Selbie.

KLP/LAW

3rd XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
13	12	0	1	373	110

Although a total of thirty-six players represented the 3rd XV during the season, this year the team seemed to have a strong nucleus of both experience and talent. The large number of

Sixth Form pupils playing in the 3rd XV soon proved to build a very strong team spirit and as a result we had the most successful season ever, losing just one game.

The stage was set right from the first fixture as we outplayed a strong Lancaster GS U16 XV, resulting in our first away victory against them for many years. The only hiccup of the season came in the second game against a very powerful and well organised QEGS Wakefield U16 XV. Even though we were still trying to settle to some sort of a team, we were leading 10-6 with twenty minutes to play. Unfortunately two of our players were taken off to play for the 2nd XV and the captain, Richard Lees, was taken to hospital with a broken wrist. These changes proved too much for us to cope with and our opponents took advantage immediately and ran out comfortable victors.

During the next half a dozen games we played as a well drilled side and proved to be far too good for the opposition. This very good run of results became too much for a number of the team resulting in some over confident rugby and silly comments whilst playing. What should have been two very easy victories against Rydal and Adam's GS proved to be too close for comfort.

A much improved attitude for the last three games, in particular away at Bradford, put the team back on to their convincing winning form.

In the backs, Toby Butcher played in all the games, playing everywhere but scrum half, and Michael Hordley only missed two games. He, too, played in most positions within the back line and even had a game at number eight! Their experience and calming advice during the games helped to settle the side throughout the year. The real strength and creative flair came from three more Sixth Form pupils, Paul Adams, James Orme and Simon Bush. Their defence was very good and often turned defence into attack and they were ably supported by Chris Watts and Ashley Sharp. At half back we had two very different players, but both were very influential. Richard Lees was strong and powerful in attack and defence, playing his best game at Bradford where he set up the victory. On the other hand Eddie Bones created openings and put in little kicks to force back the opposition when playing at either scrum half or fly half.

The forwards had a settled front five, with John Bissett only missing one game at either hooker or prop. Hugo

Young and Alex Forshaw formed the rest of a very stable and good front row, often taking ball against the head. The second row pairing of Nick Hirst and Oliver Rushton proved impressive in the loose and formidable in the line-out. The experienced back row helped to link with the backs throughout the season with Jonathan Moss crop, Phil Hart and David Leech often being too much of a handful for the opposition.

All in all we had a very successful season and one which I thoroughly enjoyed, taking a side with good team spirit and a determination to win.

The following played for the 3rd XV (highest number of appearances first): T Butcher; J Bissett; E Bones; M Hordley; P Adams; S Bush; A Forshaw; N Hirst; O Rushton; H Young; C Watts; O Pickup; R Webster; A Sharp; R Lees; J Orme; T Lloyd; D Leech; P Hart; J Moss crop; D Flegg; A Oppenheim; S Challiner; J Chapman; S Fox; S Brown; C Levings; D Isherwood; P Tsalikis; M Anderton; M Baylay; S Mason; M Tunwell; J Shockledge; D Wildey; J Kalthoeber.

DTB

U16 XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
4	3	1	0	83	42

For the vast majority of the year these players were playing for either the 1st XV, 2nd XV or 3rd XV and so they were very keen to play together as a year group once again. Unfortunately, the first game against Stockport GS saw all manner of mistakes, indecision and lack of basic rugby sense. In a game where we clearly had far too much ability for the opposition we managed to give away so many penalties and make so many wrong decisions that a 25-25 draw was a good result!

Thankfully, by the time we were due to play our first game in the Liverpool St Helens Floodlight Cup we had a change of attitude and approach. We had been drawn against Stonyhurst in the quarter-final who had won the competition for the last three years. In a pulsating game of hard hitting attack and defence we gradually wore down Stonyhurst. The pace of the game was unrelenting with Euan Moran being an inspirational captain. He and Charlie Levings had a tremendous battle with their back row and Nick Hirst was 'lifted' to unbelievable heights in the lines out. James Horrocks ran the back division like a 'panzer division' ably supported by Danny Isherwood and Craig Cooper. True grit and determination won the night with tries from

James Horrocks, Euan Moran and Ashley Sharp with Eddie Bones adding the final conversion.

The semi-final pitted us against a very fancied Manchester GS. Once again it was excellent team spirit and controlled rugby that proved too much for MGS. The team saw two Fourth Year pupils, Jonathan Keep and David Poulter, in the side. This meant that the pack was very quick around the pitch and won a great deal of second phase ball, whilst the back division let nothing through.

The final was played against Cowley HS who had turned defeat into victory in the last ten minutes in their first two rounds. We knew that we had to deny Cowley the ball as they had some very talented runners. King's were ready for this final and once again Euan Moran as captain led by example. The forwards took control from an early stage and tries by Charlie Levings and Alex Forshaw, from a quick thinking penalty, soon put Cowley on the back foot. Two penalties by Eddie Bones just before half time gave us a good 16-0 lead. Our three quarters, organised by James Horrocks, managed to cancel out all of the opposition's varied attacks and soon turned the tables in the second half as Ashley Sharp ran in two further tries with Eddie Bones adding another penalty and a conversion. In the end King's ran out comfortable and deserving winners of the competition for the first time, 31-7.

The following played for the U16 XV: E Bones; C Cooper; A Forshaw; N Hirst; J Horrocks; D Isherwood; J Keep; D Leech; C Levings; T Lloyd; E Moran; A Oppenheim; O Pickup; D Poulter; O Rushton; A Sharp; P Tsalikis; C Watts; H Young.

DTB

U16 Sevens

The convincing form shown in the Floodlight Cup and the number of players that had been playing regular 1st XV or 2nd XV rugby suggested that we could have a very useful squad for Sevens.

The first tournament took us to Warwick where King's were convincing winners of the group beating King's Worcester and King Edward VI, Aston. We then played Nottingham in the quarter-final where we played some devastating Sevens. Although Nottingham were a much fancied side, our aggression in defence and quick counter-attack totally bewildered them, resulting in a 40-0 victory to King's.

The semi-final was a very hard fought game against the home side, Warwick.

In a seesaw match King's came through strongly with two tries in the last two minutes to win 26-19. In the final King's settled down quickly and did not let Solihull into the game, running out convincing winners 24-0. Although our attacking play was very good at times, it was the excellent mean and hard hitting defence that won us the tournament.

Four days later we were playing in the Cheshire Schools' Sevens at home. King's were still on a high from their success at Warwick and had a very rude awakening in their first group game against Lymm HS. The fact that King's lost Euan Moran through illness, James Horrocks through injury from Warwick and Eddie Bones with a dislocated shoulder during this game meant that we were lucky to eventually win 17-15! The strength of the squad was now being tested, but King's soon dismissed both Middlewich HS and Altrincham GS to win the group. A comfortable win against Bridgewater HS took us through to the semi-final to face Bramhall HS. Two tournaments within four days proved too much as King's took the field with only four fit players. As a result King's lost narrowly to Bramhall who went on to win the final by fifty points!

The third and last tournament was the National Schools' Sevens at Oxford, three days after the Cheshire Sevens. We managed to take a squad of ten players down to start the pool games at 8.50 am. As expected, King's really could not settle down to the Sevens play they had produced in the previous two tournaments because of all the changes. Thankfully we managed to gain an understanding with one another and were convincing winners of the group.

With a little bit of encouragement and some first aid we managed to take the field with seven players to face Dwr-y-Felin in the quarter-final. In a game of better attack than defence King's came through 28-21 winners of a very tiring game and now faced Millfield in the semi-final. For the first five minutes of the game (seven minutes each way) King's gave as good as they got and were trailing 12-14. Unfortunately Danny Isherwood then damaged his shoulder in a tremendous tackle and had to leave the field. This was a great pity as Danny had been the player of the tournament and, as a result of others carrying injury, King's were left once again with four fit players. Needless to say the floodgates opened! A very sore and battle scarred squad left the pitch to watch Millfield

go on to win the final against Nottingham 19-7 - the side King's had beaten 40-0 the previous week with a fully fit team!

The following played for the U16 Sevens: E Bones; C Cooper; A Forshaw; J Horrocks; D Isherwood; D Leech; C Levings; E Moran; O Pickup; A Sharp; P Tsalikis; C Watts.

DTB

U15 XV

	P	W	D	L	F	A
A XV	20	15	0	5	512	278
B XV	5	3	0	2	178	117

A very rewarding season with continued significant improvement reflected in improved results generally and the advancement of individual skills. A solid basis had been laid in the previous year and it was pleasing to see the squad build on this.

The season opened with victories at home over RGS Lancaster and King Edward's, Aston. The win against King Edward's was one of three successes the team had in matches they had lost for the first three years at school. Heavy defeat followed at Wakefield, a disappointing performance against a good side who went on to the final of the Daily Mail Cup. Too many of the team seemed to feel we had lost before we kicked off!

This setback was soon put behind us as we won five of the next six matches, all fairly comfortably, and suffered a narrow defeat against St Ambrose. The most notable success in this period was over Woodhouse Grove who had won this fixture easily in the past. Even the defeat was by a much narrower margin than in past years and was a game in which we had a number of chances to score. Two good teams, Wirral GS and Hymer's College Hull, then exploited the main weaknesses in the side (inconsistent determination leading to poor technique in the tackle and at the breakdown) to beat us soundly.

However, the developing maturity of the team was shown as they accepted the lessons they had been taught and worked hard to improve. They were only to lose one of their last nine matches and they gained a number of victories by a wide margin, often in an exhilarating fashion. Victory away at Bradford GS and Stockport GS, where we scored with the final move of the match, was particularly pleasing. Even in defeat by Arnold School the team played well against powerful opponents.

The team was well balanced and the

success was due to the cohesive play of all fifteen members rather than one unit, forwards or backs, being dominant. Jonathan Keep, the captain, had an outstanding season contributing greatly, from his position of Number 8, in all areas of play. He also represented Cheshire and played for the school Under 16's team in their successful cup run. He was most ably supported in the back row by David Poulter who, like Keep, is developing into a powerful forward, strong in the tackle and good at securing possession. These two had a number of partners as blindside flanker: Stephen Hart, Jonathan Mossdrop and James Childs all having their periods of success. Childs, whose play is developing well, also contested the hooker's role with Michael Blackshaw and these two were propped by the ever present Daniel Bowers, a very good ball handler and runner, and the dependable Matthew Beattie. Michael Robertson, likewise, always filled one of the positions in the second row and, as the season progressed, he gained greater confidence and became more forceful. His two tries against Newcastle were both champagne moments! Stephen Hart, after his brief sojourn in the back row, was his most regular partner but Robert Greer contested for the role with much determination and played some useful games.

Adam Halewood was a livewire at scrum half and had a good season. He has the skills but needs to develop physically. Richard Westwood was his regular partner and generally showed sound tactical appreciation. His role was contested early in the season by James Ellis who was unfortunate in suffering a bad injury. It has been a trait of this age group that they have always been good when attacking but liable to miss tackles in defence and concede unnecessary points. This improved this year throughout the team and particularly in the midfield where John Shaw was always competitive and also developed an awareness of what was needed in differing situations. The sound tackling of James Duffy gained him the other position in the centre. Andrew Collins, Ben Robinson and John Slater battled for the two wing positions and they each had their good games and never let the side down. Robert Hart produced the real cutting edge in the backs with his incursions into the line from full back. He had a very good season and also represented the county at this age group.

As in the past few seasons, one of the main disappointments has been the number of B team matches can-

celled by other schools. This was an enthusiastic squad with plenty of boys very able and keen to play. The five matches played were only half the games on the fixture list.

Successful participation in four Sevens tournaments brought the season to a close. The team played with character and skill in each competition, reaching one quarter-final, two semi-finals and the final at Warwick. The team played well-organised and disciplined Sevens and in each game they lost it was to either a stronger or quicker, or a combination of both, side.

DMH

U14 XV

	P	W	D	L	F	A
A XV	17	16	0	1	623	87
B XV	10	8	0	2	243	78

This was a highly successful and satisfying season for both A and B teams alike. The squad by and large displayed a genuine commitment and willingness to learn and fully deserved their records. It is a measure of just how enthusiastic everyone was when separate B team practices generally yielded as many as a dozen players.

At A team level, the side built on the solid foundation of the scrum. In spite of the restriction on how far you can push, the team often had opponents under pressure in this still key phase of the game. Props Boston and Handley used their physical presence to good effect, allowing first Duncalf and then newly promoted hooker Arnfield to prosper. The ever reliable Richards and the raw-boned Rodgers provided a solid thrust from lock, allowing the back row the freedom to operate. Bush showed good mobility on the open side and his line-out work at 2 was a crucial source of ball; Sear at 8 often displayed good awareness, whilst Warburton at blindside was muscular and powerful.

In the backs, the half backs, Kennedy and Gartside, both turned in more than useful individual performances on occasions, but need to develop a more fluid and decisive partnership. The main centre pairing of Davenport and Isherwood were impressively effective in defence and both created enough threat in attack for the other to prosper; as a result more than thirty tries were scored by the pair. As usual, the side tried to adopt an expansive game and consequently Cumberbirch had a fine season, becoming both leading try and points scorer. Perhaps more impressive was his willingness to win and set up loose ball when necessary: a number

of other players' tries came from such skilful work. On the other wing Hinchliffe often ran strongly and defended well; with a little more confidence in his ability he would score more tries. New arrival to the squad, Wong, was a very valuable asset and after a hesitant beginning pushed hard for a regular A team place. McVeigh initially claimed the full back spot with his usual reliability until the emergence of Barker whose greater pace and genuine elusiveness in broken play caused real problems for opponents.

The ten B team games this year proved to be a real bonus; not only did they maintain whole squad interest, but they also allowed a number to develop more fully as players: in the forwards Crabtree, Li, Davidson, Gathercole, Johnson, Wilson and Tod all came forward and behind these there is no shortage of ability, just size at present. Millward, Williams and Williamson in particular all have footballing ability and ought to come through.

Following the success of the 15s, the squad looked forward to March's Sevens tournaments. Here, once again, the side did well, progressing to the knockout stages of three competitions, the eventual outcome of a final, semi-final and quarter-final proving satisfying. What was perhaps missing was genuine pace, especially as Cumberbirch had a niggling hamstring injury which effectively ruled him out.

The side must now look forward to meet the challenges of the forthcoming season and in spite of this success there are still areas to work on. For some, greater mobility and speed will be required, for others the development of additional skills to provide attacking variety. For all, an awareness that every aspect of their game can be improved and honed to greater perfection and a realisation that games must be started positively and effective levels of performance have to be maintained consistently throughout a whole game.

The following boys represented the U14 A XV: J M Arnfield; M R Barker; A T Boston; M W Bush; T Cumberbirch; T A Davenport; R A Davidson; G W Duncalf; T N Gathercole; J M Gartside; N B Griffiths; P Handley; S M Hinchliffe; T M Isherwood; P M D Johnson; P B Kennedy; O M L Li; A P McVeigh; C L Millward; L W N Richards; C S Rodgers; I C Sear; T Warburton; T A Williamson; D Wong.

The following boys represented the U14 B XV: C Abbott; A S Armstead; J M

Arnfield; J D Crabtree; R A Davidson; G W Duncalf; T N Gathercole; N B Griffiths; P M D Johnson; E W Jones; S M Hinchliffe; C Lawrence-Waterhouse; O M L Li; A P McVeigh; C L Millward; B S Oakes; A C Quas-Cohen; A T Rees; A Tod; J J Watson; J J Williams; T A Williamson; S C Wilson; D Wong.

RGD/MGH

U13 XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
18	4	0	14	166	515

The U13s did not enjoy the most successful of seasons; if success is judged by results alone. Yet, despite a very modest win ratio, the U13 rugby team is to be congratulated on their unfailingly positive approach to the game. Never once (not even after a number of heavy defeats) did they become dispirited. They always remained committed to their rugby and to each other. Their buoyancy of character, at times, confounded both Mr Mathews and myself. If they retain the same enthusiasm and camaraderie, successful results will surely follow.

Progress is suggested by the fact that three victories came in the last seven games, and the other four games were all close fought affairs including, arguably, the team's (certainly the pack's) best performance against Bradford GS.

The team did well to turn a heavy defeat against St Ambrose last season into a 26-15 away victory this season. The other victories came against Arnold (17-12), St Edward's (15-10) and KES Lytham (17-12).

In many games the result was dictated by our lack of size in the pack: we simply could not win enough ball to release our two quick and powerful wings, Jonathan Bowyer and Morgan Cooke. Nevertheless, by the end of the season all players were showing a greater understanding of the demands of their particular position. Jonathan Kay, Marc Burbidge, Harry Orford and Edward Mack took their turns at prop - with the choice being size or mobility. George Laughton, Richard Harker and Colin Hinchliffe (who later moved into the back row) all worked hard in the unglamorous position of second row. Michael Holden and Ashley Dale both proved accomplished hookers, with Dale one of the most committed players on the team. Oliver Kenyon and Ben Bolton were both gutsy wing forwards. The most outstanding forward, indeed the most outstanding player and hence winner of The Melson Cup, was James Beaumont at number eight.

Tom Kirk and Russell Agro shared the scrum half position. Duncan Love grew in stature at fly half as the season progressed. Charlie Williamson and Chris Bull at centre worked well together both in defence and attack. Nick Kershaw proved a dependable last line of defence and was elusive with the ball in his hands. The most versatile player was Ben Harding who started off in the back row before moving into the backs where he appeared in most positions.

Adam Golebiewski, Nick Mills, Oliver Smallman, James Harker, Edward Barker and Alex Forth also played for the A team.

ALV

U12 XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
18	5	1	12	165	355

The season was a struggle for the most part, with early optimism not developing into many successful results. However, as with last year's team, the Festival provided real encouragement for the season ahead.

The side was captained with enthusiasm throughout the year by Robbie Unterhalter. The pack contained a solid looking front five including Justin Perring, Martin Keelagher and Tom Bradfield; Unterhalter himself was accompanied by Tom Bell and Alan Wood. The latter was particularly impressive in later games and should hopefully prove to be an inspirational figure in future years. William Newham, Oliver Kenyon and Max Freeman also played with commitment and learnt very quickly when up against the likes of Bradford Grammar School and King Edward's, Lytham. Unfortunately, as a collective unit, the pack lacked mobility and fitness, and were exposed on more than a few occasions. Despite sound technique and determination at the set-pieces, the forwards quite often failed to provide a solid platform for the backs. If the fitness problem can be overcome, the team should fear no opponents in the coming years.

The back division of the Under 12 team possessed a lot of ability, but were presented with precious few opportunities to run the ball. Nevertheless, Christian Walsh was a pivotal figure whose creativity in attack and committed tackling was crucial to team spirit. Outside him there was a good mix of speed and skill with James Byers, Nick Lloyd, Chris Miller and Kane Jackson. At full back Alex Davenport was a rock-like figure, saving countless tries and launching many

exciting counter-attacks. He clearly vied for the player of the season title with Christian Walsh.

The position of scrum half was something of a worry. However, Alasdair Breed grew in stature towards the end of the season and seems to have made the Number 9 jersey his own.

Clearly, next season will present many difficult challenges. However, if the pack can work a little more on their fitness and provide possession for the backs, they may well make giant strides forward. They should gain a lot of confidence from their impressive performances against Wirral Grammar School and Kirkham Grammar School in the Festival, which illustrated the value of committed tackling and controlled aggression.

PW

B team

P	W	D	L
10	2	1	7

Although this was not a particularly successful season, the boys did not lack in either skill or spirit. Unfortunately, they are at the moment quite a small side and too often opposing teams overwhelmed them with their extra physical presence. Their best performance came against Adam's Grammar School, when, for once up against boys of a similar stature, they played excellent rugby and ran in tries from all areas of the field to win 39-0. They also performed well in the return match against Stockport Grammar winning 22-0 after a 5-5 draw in the first game.

In Alex Doncom and Oliver McConnell they have elusive runners on the wing. Gareth Angus, Alasdair Breed and James Wilkinson all played well as scrum-half and James Forrester at fly-half was always positive and quick to pass the gain-line. In the forwards Robert Hart and Daniel Howe were solid as prop forwards and Ben Langstreth, James Sidebottom and Robin Johnson were willing workhorses in the back row.

By the end of the season, a number of players were challenging for places in the A team: Tom Green, Chris Miller, Ben Tutton and Alasdair Breed as backs; and Charles Richards and Max Freeman as forwards.

If the boys grow a little and keep listening to their coaches, their results will improve.

The following boys played at least two matches for the B team: C Miller; O McConnell; A Breed; T Green; B Langstreth; A Doncom; G Angus; R

Hart; C Barrow; D Howe; C Richards; R Sheppard; M Freeman; A Rhind; J Sidebottom; L Jajeh; O Cave; R Johnson; K Ardern; P Kenyon; B Tutton; J McIlvenny; J Wilkinson.

MTH

Girls' Rugby (Sevens)

Although, unfortunately, there were no girls left from those who had played in the 1997 inaugural Oxford Sevens tournament, which meant that effectively we were again beginning from scratch, a group of twelve Sixth Form girls volunteered this year. After practising assiduously, and with very commendable commitment, for the second half of the Autumn Term and the first part of the Spring Term, this year two competitions were entered - Oxford again, and the first ever national schools' sevens at Rosslyn Park.

Sadly, lack of experience relative to that of the opposition faced proved to be too great a handicap for our enthusiasm to overcome, and all six matches played were lost. However, three tries were scored this year, and only the vagaries of refereeing decisions prevented a first King's victory being recorded, in the final game at Oxford, against Epsom College. A victory is, therefore, the clear first objective for next season!

The girls who participated very much enjoyed the experience and were a credit to the school. For the record, the full squad was: Jo Hastie (Captain); Nina Thomson; Helen Ashworth; Jevreen Attah; Lauren Ballarini; Tory Harle; Louise Huggins; Alex Laycock; Jenny Leeson; Nikki Price; Jenny Riley; Natalie Solomon.

Thanks are also due to Guy Tristram in particular, whose help and commitment in coaching were much appreciated.

LAW

Junior Division Rugby

2nd March 1998 AJIS Tournament (Merchant Taylors', Crosby)

Having lost their first game to St Mary's (7-21), the team entered the Plate Competition which they eventually won thanks to a draw against St Ambrose (7-7) and wins against St Edward's (33-0) and KES Lytham (47-0).

GJS

1st XI

P	W	D	L
19	8	7	4

The 1998 season was in many ways a curious paradox as a young side surpassed expectations with eight wins, and yet at the same time confirmed the frailties that were suspected before the season began. The full spectrum of cricketing emotions were experienced from victory over a strong Birkenhead side, to glory in defeat by only ten runs against the MCC, to ignominious collapse against Denstone.

The essential strength of the side was a collective one; a 'never say die' attitude which allowed three games to be saved when all had seemed lost. Although there were some outstanding individual performances, the final outcome of every match was invariably a reflection of a wider team effort. The sense of shared responsibility is most clearly reflected in the fact that seven different batsmen scored individual fifties, and that on two occasions the number ten batsman, Ashley Sharp against Nottingham High School and Oliver Rushton against Edinburgh Academy, played match-saving and ultimately, in the latter case, match-winning innings. Ironically, however,

this apparent depth to the batting at the same time highlighted the frailty of the side, for of the seven batsmen who scored fifties only Daniel Isherwood, Jared Clay for the first half of the season and Eddie Bones, who missed the majority of the season through injury, showed the ability to perform consistently at first team level. Daniel with seven fifties in seventeen innings passed 600 runs, but only one other batsman passed 300 runs for the season. This lack of consistency from the majority of the main batsmen ensured that for every performance when the batting impressed and we looked a quality side, there was one where we 'wobbled' alarmingly or even collapsed as was the case in four of the final five matches of the season.

The fielding was again a strength of the side with several outstanding performers. The effort in the field epitomised the team spirit and lent strong support to a promising bowling attack. The pace bowling had great potential and at its best it was attacking and penetrative. Overall the four main pace bowlers collectively lacked the accuracy to sustain the pressure on strong batting sides, but as they all return next season the outlook is bright. The unquestionable bowling bonus of the

season was the meteoric rise of Matthew Jackson as a slow left arm bowler of real quality.

The season got off to an exuberant start with four wins before half-term. Decisive bowling performances against Cheadle Hulme, Bolton and Stockport Grammar School, the last seven Stockport wickets being taken in only sixteen overs, were complemented by a successful run chase against Newcastle-under-Lyme. This set the side up for tougher challenges and creditable draws were earned against Nottingham, RGS Lancaster and Manchester Grammar School despite some frail batting performances. June finished in a blaze of glory as the MCC were nearly conquered in a dramatic match and then Birkenhead were defeated by five wickets. Disappointingly, a combination of absences, injuries and a lack of stamina/experience finally took their toll and with the exception of a very satisfying 'destruction' of a strong Old Boys side the season ended in anticlimax, as two games were lost with poor performances at the festival.

Martin Tunwell, inexperienced as a captain before the season, surpassed expectations and emerged as a captain of impressive character, who always led from the front. As his team teetered



on the brink of humiliating collapse at 117-8 against Nottingham, he counter-attacked with panache scoring 55* in fifty-two balls. Similar feats were performed in subsequent matches against Manchester Grammar School and the MCC. His bowling was initially erratic after a season out with injury, but as his confidence grew as a captain so his bowling developed and hinted at the consistency needed to test good batsmen.

Vice Captain, Daniel Isherwood captained the last four matches of the season, in Martin's absence, with a tactical awareness not often seen in schoolboy cricket. As a batsman he displayed impressive consistency, as mentioned earlier, and often held a fragile batting side together. It is a testament to his potential to note that perhaps the only disappointment in his season was the failure to convert one or two of the fifties into hundreds. Both Martin and Daniel were outstanding in the field, yet again setting the standards for the side to follow.

Much of the success of the early part of the season was also down to the timely emergence, at last, of Jared Clay as a first team batsman. He scored fifties against Arnold and Stockport and only failed once before half-term. In his absence in the last third of the season Conningsby Allday took his chance as an opener, with quality innings against Birkenhead and Kearsney High School in particular. If he can overcome defensive frailties early in his innings, he will provide a compelling case for a full season in the side next year.

Sadly, Edward Bones' season was curtailed by a shoulder injury, but quality innings against Bolton and RGS Lancaster confirmed his potential to be a quality player. He will no doubt return next season eager to make up for the disappointments of this one. Richard Emslie enjoyed a wretched first half of the season, but he displayed his growing maturity as a cricketer to bounce back and suggest, in the second half of the season, that he can achieve the consistency needed at this level. Certainly his innings against Birkenhead and the MCC showed he has the ability to succeed. His wicket keeping was similarly a tale of ability against consistency. On his day he is clearly a quality keeper and drew a number of complimentary comments from opposition coaches, but there are still too many basic errors which he must work to iron out in his final season.

Richard Lees' ability as a cricketer

was not reflected in his figures for the season. As a batsman he must take much of the responsibility as he continues to lack the self-discipline and concentration to maximise his talents (talents which were only too obvious in a magnificent match winning 57* against Newcastle-under-Lyme). Sadly this innings proved to be the exception rather than the rule. As an opening bowler of genuine pace, he was initially plagued by bad luck as he bowled with control and aggression on slow pitches, later he was limited by injury. I am sure he will be determined to fulfil his full potential next year.

In the pace attack, Martin Tunwell and Richard Lees were complemented by Ashley Sharp and Oliver Rushton, both Fifth Years. Ashley is a bowler of exciting potential with the ability to swing the ball late. This was emphasised by the fact that he took over thirty wickets despite struggling for rhythm for much of the season. His destruction of Birkenhead (6-41) was the highlight of what overall was an excellent first full season in the side. As the fourth seamer, Oliver had limited opportunities early in the season, but over the whole season he emerged as the most consistent of the four. This will hopefully give him the confidence to develop a little more aggression next year and to maximise the awkward bounce he can achieve with his height.

The major worry before the season was the lack of a slow bowler and, therefore, much of the success of the season rested with the emergence of Matthew Jackson to take thirty-six wickets in his first and only season in the side. He grew in stature match by match and only twelve months after being viewed as an average 2nd XI bowler he ended his school career with an outstanding performance in the festival, where his combined figures for the three matches were thirty overs, 7-68. Matthew's development was no fluke, but the reward for a winter of hard practice in the nets, and his commitment and dedication stand as an example for others to follow.

In the middle order, Tom Smith had a disappointing season losing form and ultimately technique. He nevertheless made a huge contribution to the spirit of the side and was outstanding in the field. I am sure he will show the strength of character over the winter to regain his confidence and fight for his place in the side next season. Nick Jones also failed to fulfil the potential suggested in the winter nets and an early innings of forty against Stockport, but his nonchalant approach

and apparent lack of concern, however tight the match, were refreshing and contrasted nicely with any occasional sense of humour failures from the coach!!

Injuries and absences towards the end of the season allowed a prolonged run in the side for Tom Isherwood who was only an U14. He bowled with a control and confidence that belied his years to take fifteen wickets in only seventy-five overs, including 3-25 on his 1st XI debut against the MCC.

A final word of thanks goes to David Brocklehurst who maintained the tradition of quality 1st XI scorers, despite occasionally forgetting when the match started, or even that there was a match at all.

On 9th December, the senior cricket squad embark on a three week tour of Kenya. With ten regular players returning, allied to a number of younger players challenging for places, the outlook for next season looks bright, provided that the players maintain their enthusiasm and show the determination to learn the lessons from and improve on last season.

IAW/JDN

2nd XI

P	W	D	L	A
11	7	3	0	1

The 2nd XI yet again enjoyed a highly successful season, winning seven of the ten matches completed. The sequence of unbeaten seasons now runs to four, and for the third consecutive year the side were adjudged "cricket team of the year".

Once again, the strength of the side lay initially in the depth of experience which school cricket has developed over the formative years. This, allied to a positive commitment by the senior players, ensured a confident approach and high expectations.

These expectations were amply fulfilled in the first two games of the season against William Hulme and Cheadle Hulme which saw an unbeaten century from Robinson, hat tricks from Barber and Rushton and what is believed to be the highest winning margin ever recorded by a school team (233 runs).

Arnold put a brake on proceedings, forcing a draw and highlighting one of the few weaknesses in the side. Although able to post big scores as they did in this game (225-6 in thirty overs), they were not able to bowl competent sides out and Arnold held out for forty-five overs to reach 117-5.

Easy victories followed against Ches-

ter Clergy, Bolton, Stockport and New-castle before Lancaster again showed the problem in an exciting game where King's efforts to 'buy' wickets came close to backfiring.

The all day game against Manchester Grammar School provided an intense and fascinating encounter with the advantage swinging one way and another before the destructive batting of Robinson and Harbord gave King's the edge and victory with four overs to spare.

Mention must be made of the draw at Denstone where five players made their 2nd XI debuts. After a severe mauling by the Denstone batsman (230-8), the inexperienced King's team appeared doomed at 80-6 with fifteen overs to go. An extraordinary display of defensive batting by Richbell and firstly Yates, followed by Callaghan, saw the game saved with King's finishing on 86-7 (the final ball being dispatched by Callaghan back over the bowler's head for 6).

This was a well-integrated team that linked humour with determination and flair with technique. Of individuals, Richbell was probably the pick of the bowlers (taking 18 wickets for an average of 10.9) although the somewhat erratic Robinson could claim a marginally better average (14 at 8.5). Thompson (15 at 11.4) and Barber (9 at 17.7), together with Shephard and Callaghan, shared most of the bowling although no fewer than fifteen players took their turn with the ball at some stage.

The batting showed considerable depth with the stylish Robinson leading the way. His two undefeated centuries helped him to a total of 389 runs, averaging an impressive 77.8. Butcher (258 at 51.6), Harbord (175 at 29.2), Allday (107 at 26.7) and Swain (100 at 20) provided the bulk of the support although, as with the bowling, many others made significant contributions.

Ably led by Harbord, with a consortium of senior advisers, the team showed what an entertaining game cricket can be. It is worrying to see some schools failing to raise teams at this level for this must surely be to the ultimate detriment of their 1st XIs. With its current standing, there can be no question of threatened 2nd XI cricket at King's but vigilance is needed!

The following played for the team: M J Shephard; C T Robinson; M J Richbell; K A Swain; A J D Unterhalter; A T Flynn; D W Brocklehurst; R M Webster; S M Barber; J L Callaghan; R B Taylor; R C Thompson; O J Pickup; A R U Mir; J W Ellis; M S Yates; T J

Butcher; M J Rice; D Harbord; C E Allday; T A Lloyd; N J Jones; O C W Rushton.

PRMM

U15 XI

	P	W	D	L
A team	14	9	4	1
B team	2	1	0	1

Last season proved to be one of the most successful at this age group in recent years and given the quality of many of the players, one expected it to be so. However, as the results in the final three games on a difficult tour revealed, there is no room for complacency and there is still much to learn.

The side certainly possessed depth in its batting, enabling it to dominate the Cup games in which the school batted first and to chase most other totals with a degree of comfort. Significantly, the only games in which the batting was made to struggle were in the tour matches in Worcester and Birmingham where it had to cope with attacks which for one reason or another were more testing than anything else encountered during the year. Nevertheless, there is no doubt that Hutter, Robinson, Duffy and Hart all have genuine ability and, provided they are prepared to listen, ought to develop. Bowers, too, came through strongly and, unlike some, displayed a sound understanding of the more subtle aspects of the game, his judgement of a run being particularly impressive. Keep had a rather mixed season and suffered a little from loss of confidence, whilst Westwood proved to have a very good eye but rather lacked the application to make full use of the opportunities presented to him.

As a bowling side, the school perhaps lacked the real penetration and tight control of an outstanding team. Keep and Wheetman were arguably the most steady and consistent performers and Hart generally bowled tidily, without quite possessing the real pace to hurry batsmen. Hutter, too, produced effective spells of bowling when required, revealing another string to his bow. Childs and Redfern were the principal slow bowlers and both were capable of obtaining a degree of turn; the former, however, needs to develop the confidence to flight the ball to a greater degree, whilst the latter requires greater accuracy.

Ellis, Webster, Poulter and Ogden formed the remainder of the A team squad, but were never quite able to hold down regular places owing to a combination of a lack of availability

and the rather unfortunate circumstance of being in an exceptionally strong squad. In other year groups, such players could well expect to see themselves representing the school on a weekly basis. With patience and perseverance, most of them should come through.

The fielding of the side was undoubtedly its weakest aspect and, although improvement did occur, it was a lengthy and ponderous process. Too many at this age fail to see the relevance or importance of this key aspect of the game and it is an area where they can all work to improve. Too often concentration lapses were evident.

This year the B team took to the field twice and played with its usual aplomb. In this season, these games were particularly useful in providing opportunity for the fringe members of the A team and the squad as a whole. The value of such fixtures was clearly seen by the emergence of Bowers whose half-century in an early B team game provided the springboard for a successful introduction to A team cricket.

All in all, the results speak for themselves. The key question now is whether these players can maintain their development and form the basis of an effective 1st XI in a couple of years' time. As coaches, we recognise the talent, but from now on real application has to be grafted on to nurture that ability. On occasions, a number of the players were a little dismissive of the advice that was on offer and, if progress is to be continued, there will have to be in some cases a real recognition that improvements can be made.

The following boys have represented the A team: D W Bowers; J C Childs; J A O Duffy; J W Ellis; R J Hart; J W Hutter; J P Keep; R J Ogden; G W D Pickup; D R Poulter; J L Redfern; B M Robinson; S M Webster; R J Westwood; H M Wheetman.

The following boys have represented the B team: J F Beech; D W Bowers; S J Coulthard; E N Jones; R J McAuliffe; R J Ogden; A P Oxford; D R Poulter; J L Redfern; J W Shaw; S M Webster; A S V Williamson.

RGD/DMH

U14 XI

P	W	D	L	A
12	3	4	4	1

The season was enjoyable although it may give the impression of not having been particularly successful. The team was made up of a keen and pleasant group of boys with a varied level of

ability and experience. They are all keen to learn and with enthusiastic perseverance they will, I am sure, improve. The middle-order batting tried hard and could occupy the crease. Attempting to score runs, however, led to the loss of a wicket all too easily. This area needs much attention next season.

The bowling lacked penetration and consistency. We had a number of games in which we gave more away than a dozen wides and no-balls. The fielding was the best all round aspect of the side, many were very capable catchers and throwers.

The team was held together by two main players who alternated their captaincy. The foremost of the pair was Tom Isherwood who is an excellent all-round cricketer. He has a very good batting technique combined with great timing and power. His quick bowling is aggressive and effective although there is a slight tendency to bowl short. Tom's captaincy is as forthright as each other component of his game and he showed a pleasing ability to learn as well. The other Tom, Tom Davenport, played a major part by opening the batting dependably and hitting the bad ball very hard. He plays very straight. He under-rates his own bowling but put in some very useful performances. Both played for the 1st XI this season, which is a measure of their promise.

Ian Sear, Tom Williamson and John Arnfield all made strenuous efforts for the team with bat and ball, and there were pleasing performances also by Stephen Allday and John Petty. Karl Millward and Andrew Geake made very good progress while the bowling of Nick Rice was often on the mark. Oliver Ward's bowling remains very promising and I am sure he will succeed. Tom Cumberbirch and Andrew Quas-Cohen also contributed.

The three victories were consecutive, against Tytherington and Sandbach (both in the cup, we lost against Stockport again in the next round) and Newcastle-under-Lyme. King's suffered three consecutive defeats also, against the "Big Guns" MGS, Lytham and to a lesser extent Stockport as mentioned above. However, against Nottingham who are traditionally very strong the weather deprived us of a probable win and similar strength of character was shown against Lancaster who are rated very highly, where King's earned a creditable draw. Arnold were very nearly beaten.

All in all the team emerge with much credit. They maximised their potential as it stood at the time. It has supplied

two players to play for the first team. The team had to play as a team, and their attitude was determined and sensible. There are half a dozen other boys, who played for the B team, notably John Williams and James Ainsworth, who are enthusiastic and they will keep the A team on their toes.

A team: T Isherwood; T Davenport; T Williamson; J Arnfield; I Sear; S Allday; J Petty; A Geake; O Ward; N Rice; K Millward; T Cumberbirch.

B team: J Williams; J Ainsworth; A Quas-Cohen; T Oza; M Whatmough; S Lawton; C Skidmore; A Malik; J Hardman; C Davenport.

CJM

U13 XI

	P	W	D	L
A team	11	5	2	4
B team	3	1	0	2

The season's opening fixture against William Hulme's Grammar School was abandoned over twenty-four hours in advance due to a particularly wet April which left the Derby Fields unplayable. The team was pleased to play the following week at Arnold where they bowled the opposition out for 83 on an artificial wicket with Westwood, Mack and Williamson taking three wickets each. After two early scares, Williamson (41*) and Westwood (23) knocked off the runs to win by 7 wickets to seal a good start to the season.

A few days later, King's knocked Altrincham Grammar School out of the Hopkins Trophy with a convincing 68 run victory. King's scored 92-1, Kenyon top scoring with 38*, and then bowled Altrincham out for just 24, Lomax taking 4-7. The successful start to the season continued against Bolton, who were bowled out for 104, Birch taking 5-19, and then King's won by 6 wickets, with Kenyon (41*) and Westwood (37) scoring most of the runs.

An excited team was brought down to earth by Stockport who scored 147-9 and then restricted King's to 85-9 in their 35 overs. King's had been 39-9, but resilience by Birch and Lomax gave some respectability to proceedings. Indeed, this was the first sign that number 11 Lomax had more to offer as a batsman. A few days later, King's were knocked out of the Hopkins Trophy by St Ambrose who amassed 136-2 in their 20 overs, King's falling short with only 116-4 in reply, despite 61* from Westwood.

The next match against Newcastle saw a reversal in fortunes. After a flying start, Newcastle eventually made 151-8 declared, but King's won by 7 wick-

ets due to an explosive 60 from Westwood and a more sedate 38* from Kenyon.

After half-term, the team were taught a harsh lesson by Nottingham who treated loose bowling and sloppy fielding severely as they scored 236-2 off 35 overs, before bowling a feeble King's out for a paltry 40. This was one of the worst defeats suffered by a King's U13 team in Mr Laurence's (long?) memory.

The team looked like receiving a similar mauling the following week at Lancaster, who scored 202-7 declared. After a few overs, King's were 8-5 and the team thought the game was lost, but Kenyon batted for two hours (27*), with help for much of that time from Kirk (28*), to hold out for a hard fought draw. Although Kenyon described his innings as "the most boring of my life", the team had learnt how to hold on for draws in tough situations. They repeated this the following week in holding on for a draw against Manchester Grammar School, who scored 211-5 declared before King's held out for a tense draw on 69-8, Kenyon again playing a boring innings to save the match (32*).

King's now faced the last few games looking for victories against less strong opposition. At Lytham, KES scored 164-4 before making an interesting declaration, giving King's more overs than they had used. King's were going well at 80-1, but there followed an England style middle order collapse which led to a 35 run defeat. One possible bonus in this match was a minor injury to Kirk which stopped him keeping wicket but led to him bowling a few overs of promising spin.

The season ended on a high note with victory over Denstone College, who scored 87-5 declared. After a brisk start, Kirk, given a chance as a bowler, and Williamson bowled in tandem and stifled scoring. Kirk took 3-17 in 11 varied overs. King's took their time to win by 7 wickets, with Lomax batting through the innings for 27*.

The season should be looked back upon as being fairly successful. Although they suffered several defeats, the team won more than they lost and learned how to hold on for a draw when victory was out of sight. The whole team does need to improve its fielding and bowl with more control, particularly at the start of innings. Oliver Kenyon captained the team well and bowled with increasing pace and accuracy through the season. He scored 210 good runs at an average of 42, but found it difficult to score quickly on some occasions. Christopher Westwood

bowled well when required and scored 252 quick runs, more than anyone else. Ian Lomax, the leading wicket taker, bowled well until the last two weeks of the season, and his batting improved considerably, moving from number 11 to 1 in the batting order. Charlie Williamson bowled well, without much luck, and scored some useful runs, though he tends to get himself out. Simon Birch and Edward Mack bowled well on occasions but need more consistency. Ben Harding and Nick Kershaw batted well in some matches, but need to learn to build longer innings. Tom Kirk proved he could bat for long periods and has potential as an off spinner. Many other boys played their part in the team.

Those who played for the A team were: Kenyon (Captain); Westwood; Williamson; Lomax; Kirk; Mack; Birch; Kershaw; Harding; Ayres; Hinchliffe; Beaumont; Emm; Triggs; Barker; Burston; Harker J; Harker R; Laird; Vij.

In addition the following played for the B team: Ellis; Holden; Barber; Mills.

GL/RG

U12 XI

For the second year in succession the season was dogged by a wet English summer. Although few fixtures were actually lost, many games were rain affected and numerous practices had to be cancelled. This meant that it was very difficult for the team to build any real momentum.

One of the most positive features of this year's side was the fact that virtually every player in the squad played a vital role in at least one game. Every team has its more talented members and, in cricket, it is possible for such players to dominate, leading other players to feel that they have only a marginal input to the team's success. This was certainly not the case this year and the season's successes were a result of a genuine squad effort.

The season started with a draw at Arnold. The side's problem for much of the season was a lack of consistency with the bat. Indeed, when we were reduced to 88 all out an early defeat looked to be on the cards. However, a gritty bowling performance from the boys reduced Arnold to 66 for 9, and we were unlucky not to snatch an early victory.

Our most disappointing performance came against Bolton. Our concentration in the field was poor, catches were dropped and our bowling was erratic. This was then followed by a batting collapse and we were bowled out for 37. The boys' reaction to this

defeat was most encouraging. They became more focused in practices and their application in subsequent matches was excellent. In the following game against Helsby HS, we scored 150 in twenty overs (Richards 55 not out) and reduced the opposition to 16 all out – a crushing victory.

The team then hit a vein of consistent form in beating Newcastle and achieving a respectable draw with Stockport. However, at Nottingham we were outclassed in all departments and were beaten very comfortably. Once again, the frailty of our batting was exposed.

At MGS, the team produced a battling performance in a game that was played in constant drizzle. We scored 111 all out on a small pitch and it appeared that we would be beaten easily. However, following an excellent bowling display by Kenyon and Jackson, we were unlucky to lose by four wickets. With a little more luck we could have pulled off a memorable victory.

This year's bowling attack was one of the most consistent that I have seen at U12 level. Kenyon, Jackson, Hawes, Walsh and Green have the ability to develop into a formidable strike force. The side must, however, work on its batting. All of the opening six batsmen showed that they were capable of scoring runs, but no one did so consistently. It is vital that the side improves in this area during the winter. If they do, I am sure that, under the capable leadership of Robbie Unterhalter, the side will win many more games next season.

The following players represented the U12 A team: J Perring; C Richards; R Unterhalter (Captain); O Kenyon; T Green; J Forrester; C Walsh; A Davenport; J Petrie; A Jackson; J McIlvenny; N Lloyd; B Hawes; W Newham.

JEK

U11 XI

The U11 cricket season was a "wet affair" with cricket being played under dark, threatening skies for the majority of the time. However, in between the dashes for cover some entertaining cricket was played.

The team reached the semi-final of the AJIS Cup where we eventually lost out to Hulme Court by four wickets. The whole squad was very keen to listen and thus improve their techniques in batting, bowling and fielding. Some of the catches had to be seen to be believed at this level of the game.

Jonathan Lee led by example with the ball bowling straight and develop-

ing some late away swing. Nicholas Barker's off-spin also improved (with a certain amount of reluctance!). They were ably supported by a merry band of steady seamers, which included Matthew Horton, Matthew Walsh, Andrew Watts, Jack Pennington and the 'looping' potential of Tom Parfett-Manning.

On the batting front no one excelled in terms of 'runs on the board'. However, techniques improved all-round and came in useful on a couple of occasions to 'save' games. Special mention, I feel, must go to the resolute rearguard often exhibited by the straight bat of Nicholas Hopping.

All in all they were a team very keen on learning and I wish them every success in senior school cricket.

SCJ

Boys' Hockey

1st XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
20	6	2	12	47	81

On the evidence of the results alone the casual observer might be led to believe that the 1st XI was a poor team who suffered at the hands of superior opposition during a disappointing season. As all politicians are aware, however, there are "...lies, damn lies and statistics".

- The team was not poor. With a nucleus of only four Upper Sixth, the team was young and was playing matches against older and more experienced opponents.
- Our opponents were not superior, perhaps with the exception of the exceptional Birkenhead School team.
- The season was, however, disappointing.

In almost all matches the problem was inconsistency of individual and team performance. For substantial periods of matches the team was able to hold its own and impose its play upon the opposition. However, when performance deteriorated, play became disappointing with opponents being able to punish the team, on occasions severely.

The first term saw comfortable victories over Sandbach, Hall Cross and Bablake, and close defeats by strong Merchant Taylors', Calday Grange and Bowdon HC teams. The defeat by Bowdon HC saw an early exit from the Cheshire Cup though the team did play with good commitment, determination and skill. Bowdon went on to lose in the final to the outstanding Birkenhead School team. King's double figure defeat by Birkenhead School was a measure of the quality of the Birkenhead team, but the King's team never gave up and showed total commitment throughout the game. The most disappointing result of the first term was the 5-3 defeat by Newcastle-under-Lyme where the team threw away a 3-1 half-time advantage with a very poor second half display.

The story of the second term was one of disappointing first half displays, but performances of character in the second halves. Thus, King Edward's, Merchant Taylors' and Trent College rushed to commanding half-time leads only for the King's team to restore pride and exhibit strong character with their second half displays. The team's reaction to half-time team talks was

most pleasing! A Lower Sixth Birkenhead School team was defeated, which augurs well for next season bearing in mind the composition of the King's team, but the most satisfying performances were the defeat of the Sir John Deane's team on a day when almost everything clicked into place and the draw with the Isle of Man U21 team. In this match the true potential of the King's team was realised with character, determination and skill all first class.

Gary Mairs rescued the team from the position of having no recognised goalkeeper. Starting from scratch, he rose to the task so well that he was drafted into the North West divisional set up. He showed tremendous commitment, even when in the most difficult of positions. Next season should



see this season's learning experience form a strong foundation on which he can build. Captain, Daryush Farshchi gave his all at the centre of the defence. His tackling was the feature of his play and his enthusiasm was infectious to those around him. He led by example and no manager can ask for more. James Westcott swept with increasing confidence. He read each game very well, distributed sensibly and when possible added momentum to the midfield. For much of the season, Oliver Smith played at wide left defender and Guy Basnett at wide right defender. Oliver remained calm under pressure and used his reach to good advantage, whilst Guy used the ball wisely and looked to overlap in midfield whenever possible. Mark Yates worked hard to control the centre of midfield. A sound reader of the game, good tackler and user of the ball, when Mark played well, the team played well. At right midfield, Liam Murray exhibited skill, but on occasions did lack drive. He did respond well to this problem, however, and he finished the season strongly. Con Allday was the most versatile player in the team. The majority of his games were at left midfield, but he was equally at home in the centre of defence or sweeping. He is an excellent reader of the game and is

quick to seize the opportunity to support the front runners. At right striker, Martin Tunwell exhibited great pace and power. He found it difficult to forge a consistent link with the other forwards, but when given the ball in the circle, he finished with precision and power. James Blower worked tirelessly for others at central striker. Often isolated, he was able to use his skill to retain possession and his deceptive pace to confuse defenders. In particular, he formed an often telepathic partnership with left striker Jon Fielding. Jon's commitment on the field was faultless. He showed great pace and understanding in his attacking play and was often involved in some wonderfully free flowing movements. Consistent finishing, be it from sixteen yards or sixteen inches, made Jon the convincing leading goalscorer. His contributions thoroughly merited the award of the Jonathan Sheard Memorial Shield for the outstanding player. Martin Edwards and Alistair Robinson often started on the bench but their skill level developed as the season progressed so that each was able to contribute significantly to the team in matches. Just off the regular teamsheet, Andrew Kane and Martin McNamara were unlucky not to feature more, but it was pleasing to see their commitment when given the opportunity to play.

In summary, the season was a learning experience. It is important that players can cope with defeat as well as victory. There is never any disgrace in losing, only from failing to learn from that loss. The whole team will have benefited from the season, the Upper Sixth in guiding the younger players, but, in particular, the Lower Sixth will be able to use this season's experience as a spring board for next.

Appearances: 19 J Westcott, M Yates, J Fielding; 18 G Mairs, M Tunwell, J Blower; 17 D Farshchi, C Allday; 15 G Basnett, O Smith; 14 L Murray, M Edwards; 13 A Robinson; 8 A Kane; 5 M McNamara; 3 T Grant; 2 A Flynn; 1 L Sharman, D Harbord, J Gregory, D Kendrick, M Hobbs.

JAD

Indoor First Team

Hull was again the venue for the North of England Indoor Tournament and it was here that the team was able to put its many hours of indoor work into practice. The number of teams entering the tournament has increased over the years and the standard of play has improved. With only one player with indoor experience, the team played with control and method but was genu-

inely unlucky in its play. Finishing third in its group, the team failed to qualify for the finals, but the experience was enjoyable and, as always, stick skills improved.

Team: G Mairs; J Westcott; M Yates; C Allday; L Murray; J Blower; J Fielding.

JAD

2nd XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
9	8	1	0	30	3

With a much enlarged Sixth Form squad and more schools able to offer genuine 2nd XI matches, the fixture list was enlarged threefold over last season. 2nd XI matches have always been enjoyable affairs, the pressure of results taking a back seat to method of play and genuine sportsmanship on the field. As the season progressed, however, pressure did materialise as some players staked claims for 1st XI places and the team defended the only undefeated record in the hockey club.

1st XI opposition from Sandbach School, Wirral Grammar School and Cheadle Hulme were comfortably defeated as was the 2nd XI from Merchant Taylors' School. Newcastle-under-Lyme's 2nd XI provided a real test at home in the 1-1 draw, but were defeated convincingly in the return fixture.

David Harbord provided the stability at the back with firm tackling and good marking. Alex Flynn was a versatile defender who read the game well and moved forward to support the midfield with confidence. Captain, Luke Sharman exhibited control in midfield and generated momentum of play for the forwards to feed from. Luke also scored some impressive individual goals. The forward line of Stephen Turner, Tom Grant and Matthew Shephard were a compact unit who knitted well together and provided some goals of genuine quality. In particular, Stephen Turner's goal in the last game against Merchant Taylors' was good enough for any full 1st XI match.

The award of the Matchmaker Trophy for the team of the year was fully justified and deserved by this squad of enthusiastic and determined players.

Appearances: 9 G Mairs, T Grant, A Flynn; 8 S Turner; 7 A Robinson, O Smith, M McNamara; 6 M Shephard; 5 M Edwards, L Sharman, L Murray, M Tunwell; 4 D Harbord, A Kane, M Yates; 3 J Fielding, G Basnett, J Blower, D Farshchi, J Westcott; 2 C Allday.

JAD

U16 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
21	15	0	6	65	27

In last season's team report it was reported that the team had shown complacency over the season and that much hard work and greater determination was required for the team to be in a position to compete with the best. Unfortunately, there was not a significant improvement during the 1997/98 season with too many players unwilling to work in practice at their fitness, basic skills and team play. However, when it mattered, the team was able to rise to the occasion and show its true potential. The matches in the Cheshire Cup against Bowdon HC and Deeside Ramblers HC fully illustrated this. Skill, determination and character were in



abundance throughout the team as the team powered its way to the title, albeit in a tense penalty shoot out. In the North West Divisional final against Calday Grange Grammar School, however, early cautious play resulted in momentum being lost. A set piece goal was conceded then, in spite of several near misses, the team could not quite force the ball home. The team's second half display had been very good, but the title was lost.

In regular matches during the first term seven out of nine matches were won, though many were too close for comfort. If the team was able to score an early goal, it did settle down to play well, but there was always a hesitancy about their play if that goal did not go in. January saw three defeats at the hands of Birkenhead School, Newcastle-under-Lyme and King Edward's, the first two of these having been defeated in the first term. Following this unprecedented sequence of results a transformation took place with the solitary divisional final defeat the only black mark in a run of eight victories. The most satisfying result was the 4-3 victory at Trent College where the team came back from a losing 0-3 half-time scoreline with positive, determined play to claim the victory. That day showed that when the

team is fully committed to its cause, it can overcome all obstacles.

David Kendrick had a very good season in goal. He showed bravery and good reactions in consistent performances. The defence of Will Roberts, Richard Cowgill, Richard Tighe and Michael Rudge developed into a reasonably solid unit but could be guilty of giving the ball away. Ross Taylor, Matthew Jay, Joe Gregory and Craig Stevens were often creative in midfield but could leave their defence exposed. Joe continued to exhibit great ball skills and Matthew great heart. Ben and Matthew Westcott played in a variety of roles. Whilst being a good finisher, Ben was probably best used in a holding midfield role whereas Matthew turned in some very good wide defensive performances towards the end of the season. Often starting from the bench, Rhys Owen had the gift of being in the right place at the right time to score crucial goals. The team was enlarged with Matthew Hobbs, Jon Yearsley and Rob McAuliffe from the U15 team for cup matches and, to the credit of the regular players, they were quickly accepted and were able to add their strengths to the team.

The step from U16 to 1st XI can be large and much hard work will be required if many are to be successful in that transition. But, has it all been said before?

Appearances: 21 M Westcott; 20 M Rudge; 19 D Kendrick, J Gregory, B Westcott; 18 W Roberts, R Taylor; 17 C Stevens; 16 R Owen; 15 R Cowgill, R Tighe; 10 M Jay; 8 M Hobbs, J Yearsley; 7 W Sheard, R McAuliffe; 4 J-P Dodd; 3 B Walker; 1 J Leigh, T Byers, J Powell.

JAD

U15 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
18	7	2	9	38	65

The 1997/8 season was very encouraging with clear signs of improvement, but a disastrous February ruined the record for the season. The year began with a poor defeat at Knutsford, a team that King's should have beaten, but the match did highlight key weaknesses which were worked upon in the coming weeks. The next match showed significant improvement but proved very disappointing, ending in a 4-3 defeat against Merchant Taylors' Crosby, having led 3-2 with ten minutes remaining. It emerged later in the season that Merchant Taylors' won all their matches that season and that this was the best display anyone put up against them. The next match was a tight 3-3

draw with Birkenhead School, which was this team's best result against their old adversaries up to that point. The improvement continued with three good wins over Doncaster Hall Cross (4-1), Bablake School in a close encounter (1-0), and Newcastle (2-1). At this stage of the season things were looking very rosy, with the team playing very well and having progressed considerably.

The next two matches were setbacks, with a bad defeat at Birkenhead (6-2) and a big defeat against a good Calday Grange team (8-2). However, the progress that had been made was shown in the rematch against Knutsford who were out-played in an easy 5-1 victory. The improvement was confirmed by one of the best displays of the season as Birkenhead School were beaten for the first time (4-2). Newcastle then felt the full force of a team playing with confidence and commitment as they were beaten easily (5-0).

Unfortunately, the month of February was to provide several setbacks, beginning with a heavy defeat against Katharine Lady Berkeley (7-0), although the team never gave up against a very good side. However, after a very poor display against a weak Wirral Grammar team, when the team were lucky to escape with a 1-1 draw, the team met a rampant Merchant Taylors' who thrashed King's 10-0. In these last two matches, the hockey played was poor and against Merchant Taylors' several players gave up the fight at an early stage. It was hoped that morale and fortunes would be revived on tour to the Isle of Man, but the players lost the psychological battle before they began with the matches on grass, and consequently the two matches were lost. To round off a miserable month, the team were easily beaten by Repton (6-0), with many players giving up too soon.

At least the season ended on a high note with a good 5-3 win over Liverpool College. This match was truly "a game of two halves". In the first half the team continued its dismal form, going 2-0 down, but after half-time the players found the grit and determination that had been knocked out of them in recent matches, and turned the deficit round in a display reminiscent of the good performances earlier in the year.

Several players developed considerably this season and all the regular players are worthy of mention. John-Paul Dodd became very mobile in goal and is developing into a very good keeper. Matthew Hobbs, the team's outstanding player, and Allan Williamson were the key defenders,

with able support from Peter Alexander and Matthew Batchelor. Jonathan Yearsley, the captain, controlled midfield well with help from Tom Byers and Edward Clapham, though the latter two need to improve their distribution and support play. Michael Bamber worked very hard for the team all year either in midfield or on the wing. In attack, Jordan Leigh, in his first full season, showed good skill but needs to improve his finishing, while Robert McAuliffe was the leading scorer due to his power and speed. Nicholas Adams played on occasions and improved considerably showing a good level of skill, but needs to learn to pass the ball earlier.

Although the team suffered a very poor spell in February, great progress was made this season. However, to improve further they need more vision on the ball, they need to improve their support play off the ball, and need to learn not to give the ball away when taking free hits from defence. With hard work next year, this team has the ability to compete with most of its competitors.

Appearances (goals): 17 T Byers (1), J-P Dodd, R McAuliffe (17), A Williamson, J Yearsley (3); 16 E Clapham (1), M Hobbs (8); 15 M Bamber (2); 14 P Alexander; 12 M Batchelor, J Leigh (2); 8 N Adams; 4 R Worsley (1); 3 E Gregory, R Hodson; 2 R Dooley; 1 D Bevins, A Geake, M Goldspink, J Hardman, M Hunt, R Isherwood, P Potter, N Rice, M Rudge (1), D Sandhu, W Sheard, R Taylor.

RG

U14 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
15	5	1	9	38	47

At first glance these results do not look impressive but the U14 team improved greatly through the year and they are a major improvement on the results they achieved as an U13 team.

The first encounter was a home victory against Knutsford. A solid performance ended with a 3-2 victory with Jon Powell scoring twice, including the winning goal with the last hit of the game. With confidence high, we travelled to Merchant Taylors' and scored four in the first half. However, after half-time our game fell apart. The defence lacked discipline and the flowing, passing game of the first half was disrupted. We conceded six goals. Sandbach proved to be easier opposition and we won 6-0 with Jack Hardman scoring a hat-trick. The next encounter was against Birkenhead - who we

eventually played three times. They proved to be a very efficient and powerful side becoming North West champions later in the season. Although we battled well, we lost 0-7. We fared little better in the next match. Katherine Lady Berkeley's School are traditionally tough opponents and, despite a good first half performance, we eventually lost 1-6.

After some impressive performances in training, Paul Stewart played his first full game of hockey against Newcastle. At centre forward he scored both goals in a 2-0 win. We again lost to Birkenhead in our next match. Despite frustrating the opposition for most of the first half, thanks to some excellent goalkeeping by Matthew Goldspink, their quality showed through and they won 5-0. In our last match before Christmas, we beat Sandbach again 5-0. David Bevins and Paul Stewart both scored two goals.

Knutsford defeated us 4-0 in the first game after the break. Despite us having greater possession, we moved the ball too slowly to create many chances and we were easily caught on the break. Birkenhead completed their treble against us next. We battled well but went in at half time 0-3. However, the boys played some impressive hockey in the second half and their physical approach reduced the losing margin to 2-4. A tight 1-1 draw against Newcastle was followed by a 2-3 defeat by Merchant Taylors' where Andrew Geake scored twice. Repton proved themselves to be a very good side when they defeated us 0-6 in February. Our biggest winning margin came against Wirral. We won 10-0 with seven players getting on the score sheet, including Paul Stewart with a hat-trick. The final game of the season was away at Trent School. Despite Jack Hardman scoring twice, we lost 2-3.

This season nineteen players were used, showing we have good strength in depth. If the excellent determination and spirit in the team can be continued next season, they could be a very difficult team to beat in the future.

Appearances (goals): 15 J Hardman (10), A Geake (6), J Petty (2); 14 J Powell (3); 13 T Healey, N Rice (1), A Wilson, S Allday (2); 12 M Goldspink; 10 O Robinson; 9 P Stewart (7); 8 R Dooley (5), R Isherwood; 7 D Sandhu; 6 A Petrie; 3 R Johnson, D Bevins (2); 2 B Jones, T Woodland.

NCJR

U13 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
7	0	3	4	4	10

All U13 sides at King's inevitably face a difficult first season as they come up against sides who have been playing the game for a number of years. The main aim, therefore, is to start the catching up process as soon as possible and this year's boys certainly rose to the challenge. The team spirit and collective will to improve was most impressive and, as a result, the future looks bright for this particular age group.

In pre-season practices the squad's basic skills and tactical awareness was shown to be severely lacking. However, the learning curve for these boys was exceptionally steep and it has been most pleasing to see the rapid improvement in their play over the course of the season.

Our opening game was played against Beech Hall. As was the case throughout the season, the boys' commitment could not be questioned but we were lucky to come away with only a 2-0 defeat. The following game gave the team a necessary boost as we battled to secure a 0-0 draw with Newcastle. This game set the tone for much of the season. Our strong back four was difficult to break down but at the same time we lacked offensive bite.

Throughout the season the back four of Laird, Ward, Barker and Lomax developed into a formidable unit. They provided protection for our goalkeeper Carl Johnston who pulled off some stunning saves to keep us in games if the defence leaked. The midfield quartet of Westwood, Booth, Kirk and Oxford was always ready for the battle in the middle of the field and their defensive support play was excellent. Our front players did not always get the service that they would have liked. However, Parker, Constantine, Birch and Jones all persevered in this role.

In other games we lost narrowly to Birkenhead, KLB and again to Beech Hall. Perhaps our best performance came in our return game against Newcastle when we were unfortunate to come away with just a draw. Our approach play was incisive and we should have scored more than our only goal.

Over the closed season, it is vital that our players improve their stick skills. I feel certain that they will return next year with the same impeccable attitude. They must never forget that a team's desire to train and improve is its

main asset. If they keep this in mind, I am sure that, under the leadership of Edward Barker, the team will move onwards and upwards and secure its first of many victories!

The following players represented the school: C Johnston; D Laird; A Ward; E Barker (Captain); I Lomax; C Westwood; M Booth; T Kirk; T Oxford; S Parker; D Constantine; S Birch; S Jones; K Vij; J Marques; D Emm; I Morgan.

JEK

Girls' Hockey

The girls' hockey teams started the season with a training day on Saturday 13th September. The majority of the U13, U14, U15 and U16 teams were present and were led by Mrs Barker, Mr Walker and Miss Sellers. As last year, this proved a very useful session in that it brought the teams back together after the long summer break. Team spirit was good and the 'buzz' had returned, everyone seemed ready and keen for their first matches.

There were three separate dates for the U15 and U16 County Hockey Trials all at Sutton High School, Ellesmere Port. Amy Percival and Rachael Kirk were eventually selected for the County U15 squad and Katherine Coveney, Lyndsay Lomax and Louise Barber for the U16 squad. Katherine has since been selected for North of England coaching. Towards the end of the season Katie Riddell was 'spotted' during an U13 school match and was subsequently invited to play for the Cheshire U14 B team. All the girls have had successful associations with their respective county teams. Hopefully they will be joined by a few more of our talented players next year.

DMB

U16 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
11	8	2	1	35	7

Last year this team had moments where they had demonstrated great potential, but on an irregular basis. However, this year they gelled together and grew in strength and cohesion. Their obvious enjoyment of the game and the unity between them enabled any amount of switching of positions and the welcome incorporation of the Fourth Year players when needed.

Izzy in goal was always ready and keen to take on anyone clever enough to get the better of Emma and Rachael, our two solid backs, and has been

known to save the odd penalty stroke. As should any goalkeeper, she took full advantage of her position to study the form of the opposition during the first half and would offer useful tips during the half time talk. Kira, as captain, developed over the months a mature ability to read the game and shout some brilliantly constructive advice to her team. Charlie and Anna completed the halves line up along with Kira and worked well to cover each other, intercept and feed our forward line with some wonderful attacking moves. It was a sheer delight to watch Katherine Coveney take on player after player in every match. To see her outwit an opponent then accelerate, as only Katherine can, down the right wing, and then to send some magnificent cross balls for our forwards Katy, Sharon and Flic to hammer into the back of the net, was sheer magic.

Inspired by the unique togetherness of this group, Louise, Nicola and Lyndsay from our U15 team enjoyed the privilege of making up the numbers on several occasions.

The enthusiasm and keenness of the U16 team has made them a joy to work with. It has definitely been a special bond which has held these girls together. They have deserved success, particularly in the tournaments where they were unlucky not to win but were pushed into the runners up position on three occasions.

We look forward to the majority progressing into the Sixth Form to be reunited with the few Lower Sixth players to become the King's Girls 1st XI - a force to be reckoned with!

Team: Isobel Hewitt; Emma Stanton; Rachael Sully; Kira Williams (Captain); Charlotte Hammond; Katherine Coveney (Vice Captain); Sharon Ketley; Kathryn Blower; Felicity Jackson; Anna McKeating; Clare Butterworth ('retired' October half-term). Ably assisted by U15 Louise Barber, Nicola Edwards and Lyndsay Lomax.

DMB

U15 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
8	7	0	1	31	5

Combined U15/U16

P	W	D	L	F	A
2	2	0	0	10	0

This year, perhaps because of fewer fixtures and no tournaments to look forward to, the 'buzz' seemed to disappear from the team. This team of many strong characters and three county players oozed excitement last year but

never quite matched up to the same level this season. Their results reflect a certain amount of success, but with greater commitment from a few, some practices could have been more constructive.

The talent within the group is immense and maybe with greater maturity, the prospect of county tournaments and tours abroad for the U16 team, everyone will be pulled back on course as a unit.

It would be unfair not to mention the vast improvement of individual skills and confidence that the majority of the team has experienced over the months. They have worked stoically in all weathers to master stickwork skills and set pieces and were justly rewarded when successful in outwitting the opposition. The majority are hugely committed to the school team, they love the game and are hungry for success. Demanding they may be, but it is that spirit which makes them a challenge and a pleasure to be associated with.

Team: Lyndsay Lomax; Joanne Adams; Natalie Pagano; Jackie Barker; Louise Barber; Ruth Tunwell; Anna Steele; Rachael Kirk; Nicola Edwards; Gemma Garton; Joanna Kirby; Louisa Ham.

DMB

U14 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
15	9	3	3	22	10

A very strong squad started the season with an excellent set of results which put them in good spirits for a successful tour to Holland during October half-term. The team won, drew and lost against Dutch club opposition but in the inter-school tournament they achieved an excellent winning record, and kept a clean sheet against them, eventually running out as tournament winners. The squad saw a number of big improvements, captain Charlotte Taylor gained the most valuable player award and the most improved player award went to Jenna Orme.

With most matches washed out before Christmas the team went off the boil and, despite a number of warm-up matches including a 3-0 drubbing of arch rivals Stockport Grammar School, luck was against them in the county tournament and a number of teams with a more aggressive approach knocked them out in the first round. Overall the team played with flair and style but lacked the finishing killer instinct.

JNW

U13 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
21	11	3	7	33	23

The U13 squad began the season under the guidance of Miss Sellers (Mrs Newham). To her credit, when she departed for maternity leave, she left behind an extremely well organised and motivated team. I have to admit to looking forward to inheriting this group after a most entertaining and successful tour to Holland in October. They had demonstrated then their determination and eagerness to learn. Their strength at the moment seems to lie in the respect that they have for each other and the fun that they have. It would be unfair to highlight any one player. Their defence is strong with Katie in goal and supported by Roxi and Francesca. Midfield, with Catherine Flynn flanked by Gemma and Kate, back up the forward line who are always hungry for goals. Jenny Gladman is ALWAYS ready to pounce and grab any loose ball - often powered from the wings by the speedy Sarah and Cathy. Michelle, Vicky, Pip, Fish, Katie and Jenna complete the team which 'roll on' and 'roll off' unselfishly giving everyone a fair share of play.

Two teams were entered for the Cheshire County Minis Tournament in Altrincham in February. The B team were third in their section but the A team, despite a late arrival and the first game forfeited, won their section, won the quarter-final match, drew 0-0 in the semi-final and had to go to extra time where the result unfortunately ended in a loss of 1-2, and overall were placed in third position.

This success was followed two weeks later with a trip to the Isle of Man where the girls enjoyed a successful netball match on the Saturday with Sunday bringing King William's team onto the pitch seeking revenge. Our players soon settled into their new found agricultural hockey and pressed forward with greater confidence to worry the college defence. However, goals never materialised but nor were any more put past Katie.

Team: Cathy Higham (Captain); Katie Riddell; Kate Montgomery; Francesca Mortimer; Catherine Flynn; Gemma Lane; Sarah Spicer; Michelle Guirey; Jenny Gladman; Vicky Moran; Francesca Stamp; Pippa Lennox; Roxi Marandi; Katie Steele; Jenna Crossley.

DMB

U13/U14 Hockey Tour Noordwijk Holland

U13 XI Tournament

P	W	D	L	F	A
3	1	1	1	2	2

U13 XI Tour

P	W	D	L	F	A
5	1	2	2	3	14

Despite a late departure due to engine problems, the coach journey was fairly uneventful. Our hotel, although quite cramped in some rooms, was clean and comfortable. The meals taken in the sister hotel down the road were excellent - what a pity that we were not staying there too.

On Monday morning, training started at 9.00 am, U13s led by Simon (last year's U14 coach).

Plenty of practice - push, stop, hit, dribble, shoot with the emphasis on accuracy and control. After a thorough workout for an hour and a half the girls were ready for lunch - taken at a very leisurely pace. Quick change into match gear followed, ready for 2.45 pm departure for our first match against Amstelveen. Start 5.00 pm - twenty-five minutes each way, the game was controlled by two of their senior girls who were trainee umpires (but monitored by their coaches).

From the onset it was clear that the Amstelveen girls had more team experience and ball skills of players much older than their years. However, our confidence rose when a through pass found Jenny Gladman in a wonderful position to put us 1-0 ahead.

We by no means had it all our own way. Our players became quicker to react and re-form at free hits, particularly defensively, in an effort to keep out the Amstelveen attack from our half. Despite all efforts, only minutes from full time the opposition's pressure paid off and they equalised. The final score stood at a 1-1 draw, which was probably a justified result.

Our return to base after the U14 match allowed us only time for a quick change and then out down to the local pancake house for supper.

Tuesday morning saw Katie Riddell, Amy Thompson and Mr Walker off to a special goalkeeping session, whilst the rest of us returned to the Hisalis Lisse training ground half an hour away.

Evaluation of the previous day's match performance gave us the objectives for the day's training: positional play, movement off the ball, forward line spacing and cohesion.

Ten pin bowling was on the agenda after lunch. This put the team in the right competitive mood for our match

against Zoetermeer that evening. The temperature was close to zero and the pitch fast. Our opponents would have been a good match for our U15 XI. It was immediately obvious that this was a complete mis-match and within seconds they were controlling our half. One of their first fine shots at goal had Francesca Mortimer limping off in agony. Now down to ten 'men' our players covered and fought valiantly. After ice packs and spray, 'Chez' bravely hobbled back on to face more pounding. Half-time saw us 0-7 down but encouragement from Ritchie (our substitute coach for the evening) sent the players out undaunted.

The second half was a different game, we panicked less and played more thoughtfully. Our girls having recognised Zoetermeer tactics took a leaf from their book and gradually developed the confidence to work in twos more, pass back away from trouble and then move into space. The team visibly matured in that second half and to their credit conceded only four more goals.

It has to be said that the 'Man of the Match' had to be Katie Riddell. The specialist training that morning seemed to have given her more confidence to attack the ball. She came off her line with determination and her timing was tremendous.

Wednesday morning was the 'tour tournament'. Our first match against Mount St Joseph's School illustrated how much we had learnt from the previous day's experience. It was as if the roles had been reversed. Movement off the ball, confidence to pass back and spread the ball across the pitch was delightful to watch. A great move from Catherine Flynn gave Jenny Gladman the opportunity to score her second goal of the tour. Soon, after some wonderful forward line interplay and back up work, Vicky Moran was correctly positioned on the far post to slot in a passing shot making the final score a 2-0 win.

Immediately following this we played Owen's School which was a well fought match, the result being a 0-0 draw.

It was nearly two hours later when we then played our third and final match. So slightly off the boil by this time but well practised in penalty corners, we met Beaumont. It must be said that our girls were much younger and that Beaumont would have been better opposition for our Third Years. Our youngsters did extremely well to keep them down to only two goals. Everyone tried really hard and it was no discredit to them that the final result was a loss of 0-2.

Despite the few inevitable hitches when on tour, we were blessed with brilliant sunny weather albeit COLD. The Dutch hospitality after matches (particularly Zoetermeer) was superb. Our girls shared piping hot soup and hot dogs with their hosts. Friendships were struck up and much socialising took place.

U14 XI Tournament

P	W	D	L	F	A
3	3	0	0	3	0

U14 XI Tour

P	W	D	L	F	A
5	4	0	1	4	1

From a large squad we took twelve players to the Netherlands to hone their skills and test them out against tough opposition.

Our first coaching session (led by Chris from the Trojans Hockey Club) concentrated on building up to an attacking position by moving the ball backwards and spreading it across the field more. That afternoon the team travelled to play Amstelveen HC U14 XI on a cold evening.

A useful warming/practice session lasting forty-five minutes put us in a good spirit and against skilful opposition we made a good showing in the first thirty minutes with most of the play in their half.

After the break Amstelveen tested our defence on a number of occasions but excellent teamwork combined with successful implementation of the skills learnt that morning finally paid off with a goal for our captain, Charlotte Taylor.

The game finished 1-0 - a fitting revenge for last year's defeat.

Tuesday morning saw Amy Thompson off to specialist goalkeeping training while the rest of the team worked on positional play as well as reinforcing the previous day's training.

Team bonding in the afternoon involved crazy golf and ten pin bowling, then back to the hotel for a late pick-up to the match against Zandvoort HC.

We eventually started with a 6.40 pm push back and it soon became obvious the opposition had a number of very powerful players. The cold and the team's tiredness from so much travelling started to show when they gave away a goal late in the first half. They picked themselves up in the second half but, despite a lot of pressure, good defending stopped us from equalising. An idea of the conditions could be gauged from the ice that had formed on our kitbags whilst we were playing.

A big team talk from our captain followed this match, however an early night was ruled out as we did not get

back to the hotel until 11.00 pm.

A frosty start to Wednesday morning encouraged a thorough warm up session followed by penalty corner practice.

The morning's tournament started for us with a match against Smithdon School. The teams were evenly matched for skill but King's very quickly got into their rhythm and a beautiful goal for Jenna Orme came from one of our new penalty corner routines.

The second match we expected to be much tougher as we had seen Twyford College playing already. King's went out with an excellent attitude and a fighting team spirit brought a classic goal. Amy Percival took the ball from inside our half into the opposition's circle, then, having brought out the keeper, slipped the ball to Kim Byrom to score a superb goal.

Our third and final match was against Owens School and high confidence and team support kept the ball in their half for most of the match. Our right back Jenna scored her second goal from a penalty corner early on, but despite almost constant pressure the score remained at 1-0.

It had been recognised just how hard our U13 girls had worked. They had listened, absorbed, digested all the information and then implemented their new found skills during their matches and were duly awarded the trophy for the most improved team of the tour. Roxi Marandi was congratulated on her great defensive work and selected the most improved player of our team.

The U14 team awards: Amiera Sawas and Louise Perry were commended and Jenna Orme awarded for the most improved player. Charlotte Taylor was given a trophy for the most valuable player of the U14 team and finally the U14 team were announced the winners of the U14 age group at the tournament.

The early morning call the following day at 6.45 am was not welcome. But we did manage to start on our homeward journey by 8.30 am as planned. As before, we were accompanied by our four male hockey coaches and despite 'sporting sore heads' they kept our travellers happy (well, apart from Jimmy who was on his first tour experience and slept most of the way back!).

This being our third tour to Holland it can be stated with confidence that the whole experience certainly bonds the girls together in their teams. It gives them plenty to think and work on and return home all the more enriched from their experience.

DMB/JNW

Athletics

Senior Athletics Team

The season was not a vintage one, with only a few individual performances worthy of mention. A healthy looking fixture list was curtailed somewhat by inclement weather towards the end of the season, which deprived us once again of a trip to Sheffield.

The season opened, as it did in 1997, with a successful trip to Cannock, where King's triumphed quite comfortably over Denstone and Wrekin. The middle distance athletes performed particularly well, with Stephen Turner and William Wills catching the eye.

A week later, however, the result was reversed when a strong Denstone, with home advantage, inflicted a heavy defeat on a below strength King's side. However, Denstone showed much the greater determination and will to win and thoroughly deserved their victory, with only William Wills again shining for the visitors. Absenteeism marred the match with St Edward's Liverpool, as early season enthusiasm gave way to indifference.

The Cheshire Championships held in mid-June at a rain sodden Crewe saw Stephen Brown take a fine second place in the Javelin. William Wills, who appeared to lack race fitness, battled tenaciously for fourth place, having been detached from the leaders when they broke away down the back straight. If William can put together a winter of consistent training, he will come close to reaching his target of a sub two minute timing some time in 1999.

PW

U17 Boys

There was only one inter-school match for this age group. This was the District Championships held at Woodbank Park, where eight of the local schools competed. With a mixture of Fourth and Fifth Year pupils King's had a well balanced team. It soon became evident that we would be successful with most of our athletes qualifying for the finals. King's had some outstanding performances: Matt Jay (1st LJ and 2nd 100m); David Maurice (1st TJ and 3rd 100m H); Craig Cooper (1st 400m); Alex Oppenheim (1st 800m); Rob Hart (1st Jav); Jim Chapman (2nd LJ); Chris Lomax (2nd Dis); Rob Greer (3rd Dis); J Keep (3rd Shot); Mike Bamber (3rd 1500m); Andy Collins (3rd 200m, 2nd 4 x 100m). The overall result being first King's 85 points, second All Hallows 63 points, third Tytherington 46 points.

As a result, the following boys were

selected to represent the District Team at the County Championships at Crewe: C Cooper; A Oppenheim; D Maurice; J Chapman; C Lomax; A Collins; M Bamber; R Greer; D Barber. The outstanding performances came from Craig Cooper who was a convincing winner of the 400m, Mike Bamber with a very creditable third in the 1500m, Alex Oppenheim in a tremendously good finish to take third in the 800m, and David Maurice fourth in the Triple Jump.

Craig Cooper went on to represent the County in the Mason Trophy at Stoke.

The following represented the U17 team: M Bamber; O Barber; N Battersby; J Chapman; A Collins; C Cooper; R Greer; R Hart; M Jay; J Keep; C Lomax; D Maurice; A Oppenheim; J Shaw; C Stevens; B Walker; C Watts.

DTB

U16 Boys

The first part of the season concentrates on the Track League. Unfortunately some pupils do have clashes with other commitments, but in past years this has not been a major cause for concern. It proved to be difficult to field a full team for the first meeting at Stockport and, despite a winning performance from Mike Bamber in the 1500m, King's could only manage third place out of four. The second league meeting, held at King's, proved disastrous as we only had half a team! John Shaw won the 400m but, of course, King's finished in last place. Although we were running for pride in the final meeting at MGS, King's had to be content with third place overall.

The season was given a needful lift at the first round of the TSB Schools' Cup at Wrexham. The team was strengthened by five U15 athletes. Thankfully the team started to encourage one another and one good result followed another. The outstanding performances came from: Paul Stewart 41 points (100m and LJ); John Slater 39 points (80m H and Discus); Tim Egerton 38 points (1500m and HJ); Rob Hart 37 points (400m and Jav); Matthew Barker 31 points (100m and HJ); and Andy Collins 31 points (200m and Shot). This meant the overall result of the ten schools was: first King's 398 points; second All Hallows 376 points; third Grange 357 points.

Although King's qualified for the Regional 'A' Final, the school exams prevented the team from accepting the invitation to the next round. Unfortunately the match against St Edwards and the Helsby HS Trophy were can-

celled owing to rain.

The following represented the U16 team: M Bamber; M Barker; A Bruce; M Bush; A Collins; T Cumberbirch; T Egerton; R Greer; A Halewood; R Hart; J Keep; D Lewis; C Lomax; L Oppenheim; J Porter; J Shaw; J Slater; N Small; P Stewart; R Warren.

DTB

U14 Boys

A keen and enthusiastic squad of athletes contested all the matches vigorously and had an enjoyable season. All three fixtures in the Track League were completed. We were no match for Manchester GS, who have a very strong team in this age group, but we were able to contribute to King's finishing third overall in the League. We came second in the annual Field Events match, recording a good win in the Long Jump, and then second again in the first round of the English Schools' Cup at Wrexham, losing to a good All Hallows team on both occasions. The IAPS Championships at Bebington was to be the last match of the season. As usual, there was a strong turnout of north west independent schools at the event. Bowyer was second in the 200 metres (27.2) and Beaumont third in the High Jump (1.40). The 4 x 100 Relay team of Bowyer, Tuffin, Cordwell and Cook ran an unexpectedly fast 53.9 in the Heats and eventually finished third in the Final in a close and exciting race.

The following boys represented the school: E A Barker; J R G Beaumont; S D Birch; J Bowyer; C D Bull; M T Cook; R H S J Corden; S Cordwell; A Doncom (First Year); A J Forth; J M Gartside (Third Year); A R R Golebiewski; R W Harker; J R Kay; N G J Kershaw; T F Kirk; E J Mack; N J Mills; H Orford; S T Parker; A D Triggs; J L Tuffin; C Williamson.

MGH

U13 Boys

During a dull, wet and sun starved Summer Term the U13 Athletics team sustained encouraging enthusiasm, even when team success was hard to find. Individually there was much cause for optimism, especially in the discus, shot and javelin, where a talented squad of throwers mastered the intricate technical skills to harvest a crop of well deserved medals.

The potential of the throwers was clearly illustrated at Crewe in the Cheshire Schools' Championships and earlier at the North West Independent Schools' Championships at the Bebington Oval, film location of the classic 'Chariots of

Other Sport

Fire' movie. The Macclesfield District Championships were washed out and King's involvement at the rearranged event was prevented by the clash with the Independent Schools' event. Tom Lloyd-Jones (Third: Discus), Alan Wood (Fifth: Shot), together with Rory McDonnell and John Hill in the javelin, did, however, compete in the County Championships representing Macclesfield schools with distinction. At the Independent Schools' Championships, although Chris Miller (hurdles), Chris Walsh (100 metres), Sean Ratcliffe (200 metres), Joe Webb (400 metres) and Alex Doncom (800 metres) all made track finals, it was again the throwers - Tom Lloyd-Jones, John Hill and Alan Wood - who mounted the podium to collect medals in the discus, javelin and shot respectively.

The traditional early season Track League - now a rather tired and repetitive format desperately in need of revitalisation - was, at U13 level, dominated by Manchester GS, although King's were able to edge out Bramhall HS and Stockport GS to claim the runners up spot. Similarly, at a tense and extremely close fought Field Events Trophy, on home ground, King's U13 eventually had to settle for second place behind West Hill HS, Stalybridge, well clear of local rivals All Hallows and Fallibroome, but had the satisfaction of a part share in the overall (three age groups) trophy.

A truncated and low key Sports Day was won by IRS who had also, earlier in the term, won the weekly Athletics League.

Twenty-eight athletes, probably the most notable achievement of the season, represented the U13 Athletics team. In alphabetical order they were: G Angus; T Bradfield; A Breed; A Clarke-Williams; A Davenport; A Doncom; J Flattery; J Forrester; R Hart; J Hill; K Jackson; M Keelagher; B Langstreth; N Lloyd; T Lloyd-Jones; A Metcalfe; C Miller; R McDonnell; J McIlvenny; D Ratcliffe; C Richards; P Smith; E Thorley; R Unterhalter; C Walsh; J Webb; J Wilkinson; A Wood.

KLP

Junior Division

The season began well with several splendid individual performances at both the AJIS Boys' Championships (4th June 1998) and the AJIS Girls' Championships (9th June 1998), both taking place in poor weather conditions.

The Junior Sports Day did originally fall victim to the weather, the original date being the day after Macclesfield

was submerged under a flash flood! The event eventually took place on 25th June and, despite yet another uncertain weather forecast, the sun actually shone on the occasion, albeit for ten minutes or so. Tatton were eventually the victorious house in a competitive day's sport.

The Macclesfield Primary Schools' athletics sports was eventually held on 30th June (clashing unfortunately with the England football team's St Etienne disaster!) and King's athletes did tremendously well to win all three trophies - Boys', Girls' and Combined. Victories were gained by Sophie Painton (Girls' Long Jump), Nicholas Barker (Boys' Long Jump) and by both the Girls' and Boys' Relay teams.

The other event of the season was a "friendly" against Stockport JS which allowed children of all Junior age groups to compete. This involved a large number of children and was highly successful, despite the inevitably damp conditions.

GJS

Basketball

Senior Boys

For the first time in several seasons, and at the request of the players, a squad of volunteers, ably marshalled by Aussie import Kym Swain, contested the Macclesfield Schools' Senior Boys' Basketball League. Limited experience exposed to quality, organised opposition, and always at away venues, did eventually blunt enthusiasm and the essentially recreational and 'amateur' nature of the venture was found wanting. The ever fluctuating permutations of players did leave the team desperately short of rebounders on occasions, although Kym Swain did prove to be the most skilful and creative guard in the entire league.

Against Fallibroome and Dane Valley, the King's team were, to be honest, outclassed by talented teams, but in the remaining matches (against Henbury, All Hallows and Macclesfield College of FE) evenly contested games all ended in narrow defeats. A 50-50 season in 1998-99 is not out of the question.

Kym Swain was easily top points scorer, although American Mark Currier from outside the key and James Ritchie from under the basket were, on occasions, potent forces. Our lack of depth and experience on the bench often put pressure onto the starting five which often included Duncan Farrar, John Spicer and Martin Tunwell.

The following represented King's Senior Boys' Basketball team (in order of points scored): K Swain (Captain); M Currier; J Ritchie; D Farrar; J Spicer; M Tunwell; I Selbie; S Bush; K W Li; R Wilkinson; R Heap; R Clarke.

KLP

British Schools' Biathlon Championships

(Held at Cheslyn Hay 2nd November 1997)

This competition involves each competitor completing a fifty metre swim and an 800 metre run. Points are awarded in relation to the times achieved in each event then added together to produce an overall score.

King's entered three teams: Second Year Girls, Second Year Boys and Third/Fourth Year Girls.

In each team there was one person who, although a great runner, was not a club swimmer and therefore not so experienced in competitive swimming (it has to be said that this competition does slightly favour the swimmers). Unfortunately this affected the overall results. However, it must be recognised what a superb effort each pupil gave, particularly Lyndall Lohman (an experienced fell runner) who had little swimming experience at the time of registering for the competition but, determined to compete, she put herself through some rigorous swimming training in order to be able to do justice to the team.

Second Year girls' team: Kirsten Henry achieved a creditable fifth place swim, tenth in the run and seventh overall; Lucy Greenwood was fourteenth in the swim and together with Carrie-Anne Green the team gained seventh place. In the Third Year girls' category Lyndall was twenty-first in the run (this was obviously not long or rugged enough a course to that which she is accustomed). Together with the Fourth Year girls Jackie Barker's fifth place in the swim and Jo Pilkington's twenty-fourth place, the girls achieved thirteenth team place. Our Second Year boys, Simon Birch, Nicholas Kershaw and Edward Barker, ran superbly to come in ninth, tenth and twelfth respectively and after the running discipline the team were in second position. Despite some fine swims (Simon fourth, Edward fifth), the boys were finally placed in overall fourth position. This was a great effort from all concerned.

DMB

Cross Country

Boys' Division

The traditional curtain-raiser at Abbotsholme School, Uttoxeter took place in early November. It provided the younger runners with an opportunity to test their fitness. The tough, undulating course was negotiated well by Simon Birch, who finished a very impressive second. Unfortunately, Simon was unable to match this performance during the remainder of the year.

William Wills and Tim Egerton provided the leading achievements of the season. William once again enjoyed a consistent campaign, the highlight being his twelfth place in the Cheshire Championships. Tim had a tremendous winter, winning the county title by thirty seconds. Consequently he led the Cheshire Junior team at the National Schools' Championships held at Cheltenham in early March. After leading the race for a time, Tim slipped back to finish sixty-third. However, the experience that he gained from running in a meeting should prove invaluable for the future.

The season concluded with the Macclesfield and District League, run over three consecutive Tuesdays in March. The Minor Boys' and Junior Boys' teams both collected bronze medals. Perhaps unsurprisingly Tim Egerton completed a clean sweep, winning all three fixtures comfortably. There were some encouraging runs from First Year boys, with particularly eye-catching performances from Alex Doncom and Charles Richards. While at Junior level Andrew Geake provided solid support for Egerton.

Perhaps the only disappointing aspect of the season was the struggle for form and consistency amongst the Fourth and Fifth Year boys. Oliver Barber was the exception, running with credit throughout the year. However, a combination of injury, illness and apathy put pay to any chances of fielding a full team on a regular basis.

PW

Girls' Division

Our cross country season began with the Harris Trophy Competition at Abbotsholme School, Uttoxeter in November. The U13s battled hard to overcome the very wet, muddy conditions which made the already tough course that much more demanding. Kirsten Henry produced a fine run to finish in second position and our newly acquired First Years showed great deter-

mination and talent. Their excellent running should have put them in contention for a team placing but to their disappointment only the first place was announced and awarded.

Team: *Second Years* Kirsten Henry, Katie Riddell; *First Years* Abbie Boston, Caroline Rice, Sarah Levitt, Laura Tunwell.

The Macclesfield and District Cross Country Championships were held at Wilmslow High School on Wednesday 3rd December. Two teams were entered: the Minors (First Years) who achieved overall third place and the Juniors (Second and Third Years) who achieved overall fifth place (our Fourth Year regulars chose to put their GCSE lessons first!).

Congratulations went to Abbie Boston, Caroline Rice and Lyndall Lohman who all qualified for the area team to represent Macclesfield District at the Cheshire Championships in January.

Minors Team: Abbie Boston 9th; Caroline Rice 19th; Sarah Levitt 21st; Laura Tunwell 27th; Rebecca Halewood 32nd; Rebecca Lea 33rd; Louise Kenyon 34th; Nicola Roper 44th; Ashley McDow 80th; Chloe Birch 81st.

Junior Team: Lyndall Lohman 10th; Carrie-Anne Green 25th; Kim Byrom 27th; Tara Seed 31st; Kirsten Henry (obviously unwell) 41st; Lucy Greenwood 42nd.

As always, the Macclesfield District Cross Country League was held during March. Due to inclement weather conditions one of the four meets was cancelled and therefore the results of the other three were used to establish the overall results. Again our regular Trojans battled through the various local terrain to be rewarded with some very creditable results.

Minors: *Overall second position and awarded silver medals* Abbie Boston; Caroline Rice; Laura Tunwell; Chloe Birch; Sarah Levitt; Rebecca Halewood; Alex Crawley; Melissa Tenwolde; Louise Kenyon; Rebecca Lea.

Juniors: *Overall sixth position* Kirsten Henry; Francesca Mortimer; Lyndall Lohman; Lauren Hindle; Carrie-Anne Green; Katie Riddell.

Intermediates (Fourth Years): *Second position (they just missed out on first place by two points) and were awarded silver medals* Bryony Wills; Ruth Tunwell; Jackie Barker; Rachel Law.

All in all, our team fought against the elements to prove that we at King's are not just fair weather athletes but possess some fine grit and determination.

DMB

Junior Division

The year began with a group of well motivated children who enjoyed the training sessions around Victoria Park on a Tuesday afternoon as well as training personally on the school field on other lunch break opportunities. The team was difficult to choose for the regular Macclesfield Primary Schools' events but a strong team began to present itself as we always came away with a placing in the boys' and girls' events. This culminated in the Championship races that saw the boys' J3/4 team obtain a second. Though training was limited for the J1/2 team at this time of the year, the boys' team managed to come third overall. We are lucky to have an exceptional runner, Ian Hart, a J3 boy who is predicted to do extremely well for the team next year.

The team was also involved in the Harris Trophy Competition held at Abbotsholme School, a triangular match involving Stockport Junior School, King's and King's Chester and the AJIS Championships at Cheadle Hulme.

Many strong runners will continue to do their best for the school next year.

Pat

Football

Girls' Division

P	W	D	L	F	A
24	11	2	11	35	49

The 1997-98 season was the most crucial year in the history of the team. After three seasons of playing friendly fixtures, the team became founder members of the Cheshire Girls' County League. The standard of play was extremely high in some of our league fixtures and a young team had to fight for every point. Two players, right winger Natalie Riley and midfielder player Katherine Coveney, were selected for the first County Schools' U16 squad. Katherine represented Cheshire in a County tournament at Blackburn where she played several outstanding games as a left full back.

The season started with an away game at Adlington. King's were 2-0 down at half-time but fought back with five second half goals. Lyndsay Lomax with two goals and debut centre forward Kay Seden with a typical penalty area finish ensured a comfortable victory. Holmes Chapel at home were more difficult opponents. The away side was 2-0 ahead at half-time despite a series of great saves from emergency

goalkeeper Lauren Hindle. King's surprised the visitors' defence in the second half and on two occasions corners caused such confusion that opposition defenders put the ball in their own net. King's then scored the winner when Toni Harding beat her full back and squared a perfect ball for Natalie Riley to hammer into the roof of the net from the edge of the penalty area.

King's found the older and physically larger league teams from Knutsford and Tytherington too strong in the first two League matches. Katherine Coveney scored two outstanding goals from free kicks against Tytherington and a thirty-yard blockbuster against Dane Valley. However, a failure to clear high balls in the penalty area cost King's several goals in the Dane Valley match. At Holmes Chapel King's played extremely well in the first half and deservedly led 1-0 at half-time. Holmes Chapel made a positional change at half-time and their left winger scored a hat trick as she proved too fast for the King's defence.

At Alsager the home team opened the scoring within the first minute, but short range goals from Kay Seden and Louise Barber deservedly gave King's their first league points. King's then had a run of narrow victories before two depleted sides lost heavily at Victoria School and Sandbach.

The main strength of the side lay in midfield where captain Katherine Coveney and Lauren Hindle won many fifty-fifty tackles. New player Ruth Tunwell contributed several promising midfield performances after Christmas. In defence a great deal depended on the central partnership of Lyndsay Lomax and Margaret Spence.

In the Summer Term only a serious ankle injury to Katherine Coveney prevented the five-a-side team from reaching the Cheshire Finals. Katherine damaged her ankle at the end of the second match and King's only needed a draw in their final group game to progress to the finals. Without their County defender King's lost this game to Sandbach, the eventual champions.

The 1998-99 season will see King's playing in Europe for the first time as eleven of the King's squad are in a party of twenty-nine players in Spain over the October half-term. Organiser Jack Ellis has put together two teams from six schools in East Cheshire for the tour.

BJE

Junior Division

U11

The U11 football team had an outstanding season. A most encouraging beginning in our Invitation Six-a-side Tournament saw King's six gain revenge for last season's final defeat at the hands of Bolton by winning the 1997 final comfortably to justifiably bring the Shirespeed Shield home! Apart from a casual second half which allowed King's, Chester to rescue a two goal deficit, King's displayed outstanding levels of skill and fitness in brushing aside all other challengers.

Although no further "silverware" was captured during the season by the A team, they reached the final of the Macclesfield PS Cup competition as well as being runners-up in the local league and beaten semi-finalists in the prestigious AJIS Cup competition. The seven-a-side B team won the only other trophy of the season by coming top of the Macclesfield PS League Division 1 B table.

The U11A XI remained unbeaten in all "friendly" fixtures - indeed they did not suffer a defeat in such games as either U10s or U11s, a record of seventeen wins and two draws. They ended the season with two resounding victories on their tour to East Anglia, providing a fitting and memorable end to two years' outstanding sporting success. It is hoped that such promise will manifest itself on the rugby fields in years to come.

The team was superbly marshalled by captain Nicholas Barker, who always led by example. His tireless running, tigerish tackling and cool finishing inspired others around him. In midfield he was complemented by the silky skills of Jack Pennington who stroked the ball around the field with great vision, often to the benefit of wide players Matthew Walsh and Thomas Parfett-Manning. They in turn provided much ammunition for strikers Matthew Horton and Hari Rath who converted an encouraging percentage of their chances into goals. As always with successful teams, the strength of the team lay in defence. Goalkeeper Jordan Griffiths produced a number of breathtakingly agile saves during the season. Full backs Richard Madden and Sandy Maclaren added commitment and speed to the defence where Jonathan Lee could be relied upon to make telling challenges and play the ball out of defence accurately. Perhaps the season's most improved player was centre-back Nicholas Hopping whose displays became more intelligent and

imposing as the season wore on. The squad was completed by Francis Barker, an Under 10 who was frequently called upon to play in a variety of positions, all of which he accomplished promisingly.

An enthusiastic team of J4 boys made up this year's Under 11B 11-a-side team. They could generally be relied upon to play with commitment and no little skill whilst enjoying themselves immensely. Their performances during the season were worthy of much praise. Squad: Alexander Baker; Anthony Cornes; William Laughton; William McLeod; Daniel Brown; Chris Mills; Max Robertson; James Coates; Joe Durrant; Neall Hollis; Andrew Watts; Charlie Forgham-Bailey; David Johnson; Ben Taylor. There were also two C team games, the team this year consisting mainly of J3 boys.

GJS

U10

This year's U10s showed immense individual promise which did not always result in good team performances. There are many talented players here but they are presently reluctant to share the ball with their team-mates - something for next year's coach to work on! After a disappointing defeat at Birkenhead, the team scored a superb victory over King's, Chester. In the return match with Chester, however, a casual approach saw a 4-1 advantage tossed away, the game eventually finishing 4-4. A final defeat against Bolton School closed a rather disappointing season.

The U10 B team tried valiantly but lost all three games that they played.

There was mixed success in the only games played by the U8 and U9 teams against Cheadle Hulme.

GJS

U11 Tour to Ipswich

Fresh from success in passing the mini-bus test, Mr James quickly practised his driving skills in avoiding an Easter bunny just outside Ashbourne. Several choruses of 'Tarantara' later the party of twelve eager footballers and two not-so-eager staff arrived at 10.30 pm at St Joseph's College, Ipswich, to be met by a very tired host, Mr Davies. After a night's restless sleep in the dorms, the tour party feasted on Damian's breakfast - the staff taking full value of this splendid repast.

The first match of the tour involved a twenty minute trip to play Stowmarket Middle School U11s. In a one-sided first half King's contrived two goals, one looking suspiciously off-side scored

by Hari "off-side" Rath, the other by Matthew Horton. However, a dreamy defence allowed the home side to score just before half-time. After some good advice from Mr James, the tempo quickened in the second half and eventually Stowmarket's stern resistance, led by the bespectacled custodian, cracked and an avalanche of goals led to a final score of 8-1 to King's. An own goal by the Stowmarket centre-back completed a miserable game for him. Other scorers were Matthew "Goldilocks" Walsh, Hari Rath again, another couple for Matthew "Sniffer" Horton to complete his hat-trick before Jack "Playmaker" Pennington gained a well-deserved score having bent the Stowmarket bar with two rasping thirty yard thunderbolts.

The afternoon was spent at Portman Road to watch the Nationwide Division One match between Ipswich Town and Reading, with the score 1-0 in goals to Ipswich but 2-0 in red cards to Reading! The boys visited the match with their hosts from St Joseph's College and then spent the evening with the boys and their families.

A sound night's sleep prepared the players for the final match on Sunday morning against the hosts. King's showed no mercy as they raced into a 4-0 half-time lead. Mr James' half-time words of wisdom encouraged the team to keep up the pressure and this resulted in a resounding 10-1 win against admittedly weakened opponents. The goal tally was led by Hari Rath (3), Nick Barker (2), Jack Pennington (2), Tom Parfett-Manning, Matthew Horton and Matthew Walsh.

All too soon it was time to pack up the minibus before starting the four and a half hour journey home with time to reflect on a two year unbeaten record in eleven-a-side friendly matches, comprising seventeen wins and two draws.

Congratulations to the squad of Nicholas Barker (Captain), Jordan Griffiths, Richard Madden, Sandy Maclaren, Nicholas Hopping, Francis Barker, Jack Pennington, Matthew Walsh, Tom Parfett-Manning, Matthew Horton, Hari Rath and Charlie Forgham-Bailey. Jonathan Lee was unfortunately unable to attend because of illness.

GJS

Netball

U13 Tour to Noordwijk, Holland
Five girls participated in the netball on King's third annual half-term tour to

Holland. Although the four-wheeled coaches were delayed, the girls remained cheerful and the two-legged coaches, Andrea and Lorna, gave them some superb coaching, working overtime to make up for lost time in arrival. King's girls looked immediately impressive in the new tour kit, drawing compliments from watching staff. They all worked hard, showing improvement in skills and tactics. On the final morning all the players were put into six mixed teams for a tournament, with each King's girl in a separate team (we were guaranteed at least one medal!). The matches were so close that during our afternoon excursion to Delft - where many Guilders changed hands as the shopaholics found Dutch bargains - we still could not be sure who had won. At the final evening disco and presentation it transpired that Kate Owen's team had won gold medals and Kirsten Henry's silver. An added bonus was Vicky Bostock's trophy for most valuable player, thanks in no small way to the school ice packs and Lasonil applied liberally to her house netball injury. Kate Montgomery received a certificate for a Diploma in Netball, having been singled out by coach, Andrea, as a "thinking" player. Pippa Johnson received a certificate for Manual Dexterity, having the fastest "snatch" of the tour, and also for having worked harder than anyone else.

In addition to the netball, excursion and presentation, the girls were able to sight-see in Noordwijk, going to the beach on our first night, visiting the town and having a pancake party. The hotel food was so good, word was passed round the coaches that King's girls had the best "packups" to scavenge and the silver service evening dinners were unheard of for school parties. Although the condition of the coach's water heater meant a long, slow journey, our drivers, Nathan and Dave, ensured we kept moving. Travelling by Le Shuttle - a new experience for most of the tourists - meant a quick channel crossing and proved an entertainment. The hockey coaches travelling with us also contributed to the entertainment, ensuring we arrived home happy, tired and only an hour late!

RSH

Junior Division

U11 A team

The netball season for the U11 A team is best described as having been one of continual improvement.

It began in September 1997 with a very hefty defeat by Stockport Grammar School. However, the girls were undeterred and went from strength to strength, showing great determination and enthusiasm for the sport throughout the season. As the season continued, they won many of their local league matches and were also successful in several of the friendly AJIS fixtures in which they participated.

The season culminated in two tournaments: the first being the AJIS tournament held at Withington Girls' School; the second being the Macclesfield local league tournament which was held at St Alban's School. Both tournaments were bravely fought and both saw the team missing the semi-finals by just a hair's breadth, with outstanding performances all round.

The girls came through four rather gruelling matches in the AJIS tournament with two wins and two draws. They had to draw in their fifth and final match to go through to the semi-finals. However, in the last ten minutes of the match our GA fell and injured herself. This meant that the team was now operating with just six players. Despite this setback, the team managed to maintain their draw until the final two minutes of the game when they unfortunately conceded a goal. Nevertheless, they were justifiably buoyed by the fact that they had had such a successful and closely fought tournament.

The local league tournament told much the same story. There were no injuries this time but still lots of fierce competition and a dreaded goal being scored in the final minutes to knock the team out of the semi-finals line up.

All in all, it was a very successful season, full of good fun, determination and a great team spirit. WELL DONE! Team squad: Francesca Bernard (Captain); Sarah Hinchliffe; Holly Crossley; Sophie Panton; Lisa Walker; Katy Hindson; Lucy Horton; Tracy Keys.

U11 B team

The U11 B team also saw a season of much progression and improvement. They did not participate in the tournaments, but their matches throughout the season included many successes.

Perhaps their most memorable success was an AJIS match in which they played about halfway through the season. The team was not looking forward to this particular fixture and was not feeling confident about the outcome. Nevertheless they won the match convincingly, 6-3 being the final score.

Team squad: Chloe Mather; Hannah

Other Sport

Shaw; Hannah Dunne; Alex Wood; Anika Bulcock; Paula Andreewitch; Sam Guirey.

DW

Rope Race Championships

Saturday 25th April 1997

This was a new venture for the Girls' Division, having little connection with rock climbing activities so far. The entry of a King's girls' team for the North West Schools' Climbing Competition was instigated by several of our girls who are regular climbers with a Marple based club.

Each competitor had six climbing categories to tackle and were awarded points for the greatest degree of difficulty reached.

Eleven schools entered. Despite some amazing performances from our team, unfortunately they were not placed in any of the top three positions.

Team: Nicole Trueman; Laura McEwen; Jessica Thalrose; Hayley Briggs (Reserve) and ably led by Pippa Lennox who was awarded second place at the British Regional Youth Climbing Championships earlier on in April.

This proved to be an interesting event to the uninitiated and a superb challenge to those who took part. Hopefully it will become another activity for King's girls to experience, at least once!

DMB

Rounders

	P	W	D	L	F	A
U12	3	1	0	2	24*	28*
U13	4	3	0	1	38*	16*
U14	3	2	0	1	32*	18*
U15	3	3	0	0	30*	12

(3 matches cancelled)

As ever, the U12s turned out in their thousands - such is their eagerness, most were able to have at least one game. The other teams having discovered the specific talents of their members were able to position them well to make decisive catches and effective fielding tactics to surprise their opponents. Many a batsman was out before reaching first base because of our bowler, backstop, first base fielding. The deep fielders made some spectacular catches on the run and, of course, our batsmen enjoyed scoring lots of rounders.

A game often undermined by the uninformed, rounders appears very simple yet has many rules and can be very tactical. It requires many skills,

accuracy and quick thinking. It is no wonder that when played well our girls enjoy it so much. The season is always too short.

DMB

Swimming

The English Schools' Swimming Championships took place at a new time of year, on 6th November 1997, but at the usual Ormskirk venue. The reorganisation of the age groups meant that both our girls' and boys' teams would be swimming a year out of age for the second year in succession. However, despite that handicap, the intermediate girls' team of Claire Riseley, Emma Johnstone, Joanne Pilkington and Jackie Barker swam brilliantly to win both the 4 x 50 metres Freestyle and Medley Relays to become Divisional Champions. Winning the division is unfortunately not automatic entry to the National Championships. The top twelve fastest in the country are invited and understandably the girls were disappointed not to qualify.

The intermediate boys' team of James Hutter, James Ellis, Tim Davies and Michael Robertson put up a creditable fight, but had some very tough older teams to compete against. Similarly our junior teams, mostly a year under age, although producing commendable times, were not good enough this time to produce the top positions.

Boys' team: Simon Birch; Edward Barker; Jay Rathi; Michael Ashworth.

Girls' team: Kirsten Henry; Lucy Greenwood; Francesca Mortimer; Alex Crawley.

Considering our past successful form over the years, it was a pleasant surprise to be invited back again to the Rydal Penrhos School 'Eyam Trophy' Gala in April. As always, this was a most enjoyable and satisfying gala. Our swimmers produced some excellent performances, often against older and, in the case of the girls, predominantly male opposition. From the sixteen individual events we had seven wins and five second positions and we won all five Relay events. Rydal Penrhos fielded their strongest team yet and were our nearest rivals, but we managed to retain the trophy for the fifth consecutive year.

Team: *First Years* Nicola Roper, Ros Gathercole, Alex Crawley, Vicki Dezensyi; *Second Years* Francesca Mortimer, Kirsten Henry, Edward Barker, Simon Birch; *Third Years* Jenna Orme, Jay Rathi; *Fourth Years* Claire Riseley, Jackie Barker, James Hutter, James Ellis.

DMB

Junior Division Swimming

Francesca Bernard and Hari Rathi were elected as swimming captains for the 1997-8 season.

The AJIS swimming galas were once again the first competitions, taking place in October. The boys' competition was held at Stockport, the girls' at Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby. The standard for these competitions is always high with finalists being chosen from the four fastest times. Although we gained no first places, several children qualified for the finals.

The annual fixture against QEGS Blackburn is always an enjoyable event, taking place in a very friendly spirit with boys' U9, U10 and U11 taking part in A and B races. The result was very close with King's leading until the final relays where the double points gained by Blackburn were just enough to swing the result.

Cheadle Hulme was kind enough to invite a mixed team to swim in a new gala, which also included Stockport. This was an opportunity for our youngest children to swim competitively and they responded magnificently, losing by just one point to Cheadle Hulme.

U10 and U11 boys joined with the First and Second Years from the Boys' Division to swim in a pentangular match at Bolton. Hari Rathi once again won his butterfly race and the relay teams were also successful. The combined scores placed King's in fourth place.

The Eyam Trophy, competed for at Rydal Penrhos School in Colwyn Bay, is always a popular fixture, not least because of the sausage, chips and beans consumed by the competitors after the gala! This is the only gala where boys and girls swim in the same race against each other and proves very popular. King's finished in fifth place.

The annual Inter House Swimming Gala was held in the Summer Term with a record fifty-three events taking place in just two hours. There was some brilliant swimming with Gawsworth becoming Junior Champions and Capesthorpe Senior Champions. The individual champions were Natalie Coleman, Robert Wreglesworth, Rachael Johnson, Ben Parton, Holly Crossley, Francis Barker, Francesca Bernard and Hari Rathi.

The final gala took place after school had finished in July, thus depleting the team as some families jetted off to the sun as soon as school ended. Nevertheless, this gave other children the

chance to take on the Macclesfield Primary Schools at the Leisure Centre. They all rose to the challenge and Nick Hopping and Francesca Bernard won their individual events and the U10 boys and U10 and U11 girls won their relays which made the girls runners-up in the overall competition, whilst the boys won the overall cup, and the combined teams won the trophy once again. Five out of six trophies was a very pleasing result!

JES

Tennis

Senior Boys

The senior squad had an excellent season. They were undefeated in friendly matches against other schools and were generally too strong for the opposition. The first team won five matches and drew one and the second team won both their matches.

The cup results were not so impressive. In the first round of the Glanvill Cup (a national cup) the first team beat the Grange 4-0 but lost 1-5 at home to Calday Grange in the second round. Apart from Patrick Sztukowski who beat James Young (a higher ranked player), our players were not strong enough to match a very powerful Calday side.

In the Cheshire Cup a poor selection decision left the school without a team in the finals for the first time in eight years. Our strength was split between the first team (Lower Sixth) who were beaten 4-2 by Sir John Deane's and the second team (Fifth Year) who were beaten 5-1 by the eventual winners, Lymm High School.

In May at the Northern Schools' Championships both U19 pairs lost in the first round but Patrick Sztukowski and Martin Edwards went on to reach the plate final where they lost narrowly to Dixons High School from Yorkshire. David Leech and Oliver Jones, playing in the U16 section, had a most successful day by reaching the semi-final where they were beaten by the eventual winners Bradford GS whose players were both ranked far higher than ours.

At the end of the season, the first team took part in the Public Schools' Championships held at Eton College. In the first round, they had a w/o against Hampton School who failed to turn up. In the second round, they beat Cranleigh School 2-1 and in the third round they beat St George's School, Weybridge. In both matches, the doubles finished level at 1-1 and Patrick played and won singles matches against

strong opposition. In the quarter-final against Repton, one of the favourites, the team tried their hardest but were outplayed and lost 0-2. Patrick had an excellent competition and was selected to play for the Public Schools' team later on in the summer.

The following played in the teams: M Edwards (Captain); P Sztukowski; A Higgins; A Sumner; J Westcott; O Eden-Green; M Montaldo; D Leech; O Jones; J Horrocks; A Tarran-Jones; P Tsalikis; T Vaughan-Jones; G Pickup; D Wildey; M Hordley.

CEK

U15

The U15 team started the season with a well earned victory against MGS where the third pair, Jonathan Leigh and James Halle, beat the first pair convincingly 6-1 in a crucial match, but as a team they never managed to reach those heights again. There were too many occasions when as a team they failed to stamp their authority on the match and as a result played rather tentative tennis where they were prone to make too many simple errors. It is vital in doubles to play consistently and to think tactically, realising that at this level most points are won because mistakes are made. However, in spite of a mixed season, those who represented the school played enthusiastically and on most occasions seemed to enjoy the experience.

The following boys represented the school in U15 matches: N Parnell (Captain); T Hawkwood; R Worsley; J Leigh; J Halle; D Sztukowski; T Byers; I Spencer; M Hobbs.

RJC

U14

The U14 team had a successful season. From the beginning, commitment and enthusiasm were evident. The opening match against MGS was hard fought with two tie-breakers being played, but the team secured a sound 6-3 victory.

The third pair of Jonathan Levitt and Ben Jones had a good win over the second pair and won their tie-breaker against their equal pair in a nail-biting finish, which sealed victory.

The other friendly matches against Bolton School, Leeds GS, the Grange and Bradford GS were all won fairly convincingly because the team had strength in depth and played good tactical tennis.

In the Cheshire Cup the B team were beaten by Fallibroome in a very close match by two games, but the A team had comfortable wins against

Fallibroome, Westlands and Wilmslow High School on their way to the final against the Grange. The match was played at the start of the Autumn Term and after a very even match the final score was three all, but King's won by one game. As a team they have a good future and with constant, disciplined practice and a thoughtful approach to tactics, they should prove to be formidable opponents in the future.

The following boys represented the school in U14 matches: A McVeigh (Captain); A Burr; L Owen; J Gartside; J Levitt; B Clifford; B Jones; P Stewart.

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S Moores, School Groundsman

D Hopes, AVA Engineer

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N Teagle, BSc, Biology Technician

Mrs C Miller, Technician

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Mrs C Hadden, General Science Technician

P Dobson, ATI, ARTCS, Physics Technician

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Mrs A Woods, BSc Hons, Technician, Girls' Division

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Miss J Corke, Catering Officer, Fence Avenue

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S Carter, BA, Press Officer

A Level Results 1998

OCEAC, NEAB and AEB Examinations

Key: A&D: Art & Design; B: Biology; BStd: Business Studies; C: Chemistry; Comp: Computing; D&T: Design & Technology; Ec: Economics; E: English Literature; ELang: English Language; F: French; FM: Further Mathematics; GStd: General Studies; G: Geography; Geol: Geology; Ger: German; H: History; IT: Information Technology; L: Latin; LStd: Law Studies; M: Mathematics; Mu: Music; Phil: Philosophy; P: Physics; RStd: Religious Studies; TStd: Theatre Studies.

(AS): Advanced Supplementary Subject.

Arthur J D A	BStd, GStd, M, P
Bagshaw D W R	GStd, Geol, P, IT (AS), Phil (AS)
Barber S M	E, F, GStd, M, LStd (AS)
Barrow F A M	E, F, GStd, Mu
Baylay M J	E, GStd, Ger, H
Beech D J	C, GStd, H, M
Bhatia K L	BStd, GStd, M, P
Bhatty N	B, C, M
Blower J R	GStd, G, H, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Bradbrook N J	B, C, GStd, M
Bramwell C R	Comp, GStd, Ger
Brewin T J	Comp, GStd, G, H
Broadbent N J	B, Comp, D&T, GStd
Brooke J L	A&D, GStd, Mu, ELang (AS), LStd (AS)
Brown S I	B, BStd, GStd, G, Ec (AS)
Burns S	B, BStd, GStd, G
Butcher T J	C, GStd, M, P, LStd (AS)
Caulfield B J	B, C, GStd, G, Phil (AS)
Chaudhary M A	BStd, E, GStd, G
Childs D P F	Comp, E, GStd, H
Chung K	B, C, FM, M
Clay J S	BStd, E, GStd, H
Cole P A	B, C, GStd, M
Cotton A C	F, GStd, L, M, P
Coxson R J	E, GStd, H, Mu
Davies L C	F, H, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Davies H L K	E, GStd, Ger, RStd
Densem I G	BStd, E, GStd, H
Dunnington M	BStd, GStd, G, H
Eckhard E N	Comp, Ec, GStd
Farshchi Heidari D	B, C, GStd, M
Fielding J K F	BStd, GStd, G, H
Flegg A D	C, GStd, G, Geol
Ford M J	E, GStd, L, M, P
Foster G J	E, GStd, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Gamble W L	C, FM, GStd, M, P
Gawne T R	GStd, M, P, IT (AS), Phil (AS)
Glynn E F	BStd, GStd, M, P
Gradwell A J	GStd, ELang (AS)
Greenham C R	Comp, D&T, GStd, Ger
Griffiths L J	E, GStd, H, RStd
Hagan S A	F, GStd, Ger, M, LStd (AS)

Hallam J K	B, BStd, GStd, Mu
Halman T J	H
Harbord D	Ec, E, GStd, IT (AS), Phil (AS)
Hastie J S	A&D, E, GStd, G
Hawley A K E	BStd, E, F, GStd
Hewitt D	E, GStd
Hewitt S M	BStd, D&T, GStd, H
Hidden C J	GStd, H, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Holiday D N	B, C, GStd, H
Hopkinson E	E, GStd, M, Mu
Hordley M R W	C, F, GStd, M
Hughes A-M	C, GStd, M, Mu
Hyatt K L	C, Geol
Jaberi N	B, C, GStd, M
Jackson M R	BStd, GStd, G, Ger
Jones G E	Ec, F, GStd, L, M
Jones N J	B, BStd, GStd, G
Jordan C H	E, GStd, RStd, TStd, Phil (AS)
Kendon J P	B, C, GStd, Geol, M (AS)
Kirby M H	BStd, C, GStd, M
Knight M A R	C, GStd, M, P
Lake N G E	GStd, G, H, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Lane R A	A&D, E
Laurence J J	Comp, FM, GStd, M, P
Lee D S	C, GStd, M, P
Llewellyn S M	BStd, F, G
Mahmood L	B, C, M
Mansfield A P	E, GStd, H, IT (AS), Phil (AS)
McCoy L A	B, GStd, Geol
Mills M B M	Ec, F, GStd, Ger, LStd (AS)
Mossdrop J J	C, GStd, M, P, LStd (AS)
Münzing M	BStd, C, GStd, Ger
Murray A B F	A&D, E, GStd, H, Phil (AS)
Murray L D	BStd, GStd, H, M
Norbury A J	B, C, GStd, M
Oakes W M R	BStd, GStd
Oilberg B	BStd, GStd, G, M
Painton D	C, FM, GStd, M, P
Partington A G	Comp, Ec, GStd, M, Phil (AS)
Pellatt R E	E, G, Ger
Pogson J M T	C, GStd, M, P
Priestnall S L	B, C, GStd, P, M (AS)
Quigley P J	B, GStd
Rahman M M	B, C, M
Rashid M	B, C, GStd, M
Rendle G T	F, Ger, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Rice M J	BStd, GStd, G, Ger
Robertson J D	BStd, GStd, G, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Robinson C T	F, G, H
Rowell S A	F, FM, GStd, M, P
Royle T N	B, BStd, GStd, G
Rudge C J	BStd
Sandhu J	BStd, G

Appendix 2 Examination Results

Schofield J	C, FM, GStd, M, P
Scott P A	F, GStd, Ger, ELang (AS), Phil (AS)
Seidl Y J	F
Sharman L K	BStd, GStd, C (AS)
Shephard M J	BStd, G, H
Shockledge J M	BStd, GStd, G, H
Slack S J	E, GStd, Mu, RStd
Stanton N J	BStd, GStd, G, Ger
Thompson S P	GStd, G
Thomson N J	A&D, GStd, G, ELang (AS)
Thornber T M	B, C, GStd, M
Tinker M R	B, C, GStd, P
Tristram G R G	BStd, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Turnbull N J	E, F, GStd, Mu
Turner C C	BStd, GStd, G
Tute M J	A&D, GStd, G, Geol
Vaganov V	C, FM, GStd, M, P
Varney H M	Ec, F, GStd, Ger, Phil (AS)
Walker R J	B, C, GStd, M
Whitehurst M T	E, GStd, H, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Wiatr A G	B, C, GStd, M
Willey D W	GStd, G, Ger, H
Williams C	B, C, GStd, M
Williams M G	B, C, F, GStd
Wilson J B H	Ec, GStd, G
Wilson J J	BStd, GStd, Ger, Ec (AS)
Wish D M J	BStd, GStd, G, Ec (AS)
Young S R M	GStd, H, TStd, IT (AS), Phil (AS)

Lower Sixth

Dafforn R J	Ger (AS)
Goodsell M D	Ger (AS)

STEP Papers

Vaganov V	Maths Paper 2 Grade 1/Maths Paper 3 Grade 1
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GCSE Results 1998

MEG, NEAB and SEG Examinations

Key: A&D: Art & Design; B: Biology; C: Chemistry; CDT: CDT Design & Communication; CDT(T): CDT Design & Technology; CDT(RM): CDT Resistant Materials; D: Drama; E: English; EL: English Literature; F: French; G: Geography; Ger: German; H: History; L: Latin; M: Mathematics; Mu: Music; P: Physics; RE: Religious Education; Sc: Science Dual Award.

The following candidates gained grades A-C:

5PJP

Aitkin J M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H
Battersby N J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Brady S C	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, A&D
Caswell R I	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, Mu
Coates J T M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(T)
Coxson E C	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, Mu

Dale P W	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, CDT(T)
Farr A P	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(T)
Frederick M P	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, CDT
Gartside C P	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Grimes A W	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT
Hawley T W S	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Howard J A	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, CDT
Percival J W	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, RE, CDT(T)
Taylor A M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
Thompson J M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Thompson R C	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Triggs J I	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
White M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, CDT

5KLP

Blundell B J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Broomhead J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
Butler T S	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, CDT
Capper D M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, RE
Carr D A	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, D
Cowgill R A	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Gray N P	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
Gregory J L	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H
Holden C D	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT
Lane J M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
Mosedale K W	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
Newham T	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(T)
Stevens C	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Topalian D H	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Tredwen D P	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
Tsalikis P D	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, RE, D
Walker A W J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Ward T M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, Mu
Whitworth A G	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Williams G E	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, H

5DJJ

Anderson R W	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, A&D
Beales G J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, RE
Bowyer E	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(T)
Brunt J M S	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Dawson A S	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Horrocks J R J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
Isherwood D	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, CDT
Jay M J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
Kendrick D J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Livesey J F J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, D
Millican T P	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
Orford C J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
Pardo I J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, CDT(T)
Raja Ratnam J W	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(T)
Robertson J W	E, EL, M, B, C, P, H
Rosamond B J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT

Sheard W D B E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, A&D

5DTB

Bell W R J E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
 Brown J N E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, CDT(T)
 Cameron N A E, EL, M, B, C, F, G, RE
 Chapman J M H E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
 Harrison S K L E, EL, M, B, C, P, H, G
 Higham R J E, EL, B, P, F, Ger, G
 Jasimuddin T E, EL, B, C, F, H, G
 Laxmi D R R E, EL, B, C, H, G
 Lloyd C J C E, EL, M, B, F, H, A&D
 Mee G J E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H
 Rudge M E EL, M, B, P, Ger, D
 Russell A J E, EL, M, C, Ger, H, G
 Sharp A B E, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, RE
 Walker B A E, EL, M, B, F, G, CDT(T)

5JRP

Botham D L E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, RE, Mu
 Bradfield R F R E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
 Crabstick B J E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, D
 Fox T S W E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, D
 Howell J R E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, RE
 Isherwood D P E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
 Leech D E E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, RE, D
 Lloyd T A E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, G
 Montgomery R E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
 Moran E T G E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, RE
 Reynolds P J E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, Mu
 Roberts W R E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, Mu
 Rushton O C W E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
 Simms H P E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, CDT
 Taylor R B E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
 Tighe R J E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, D
 Watts C D E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, CDT
 White A P J E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, A&D

5PFH

Barber O R E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, CDT
 Bexon A J S E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, Mu
 Brown S R C E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, D
 Ferguson T J E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, CDT
 Goodwin A S E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, RE
 Greaves M M E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, D
 Jones O R E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, Mu
 Levings C E E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G
 Oppenheim A D E, EL, M, Sc, H, RE, A&D
 Pickup O J E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, A&D
 Sawas Z E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, D
 Stanley S P E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G
 Tarran-Jones A M E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, D
 Wall C E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G

Westcott B D E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, RE
 Westcott M R E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, RE
 Worthington R S E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, RE, A&D
 Young H D M E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, Mu

5DMH

Bristow J L E, EL, M, Sc, F, H
 Burr O J E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, RE, A&D
 Currie D J E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, D
 Davies R E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, RE
 Despontin J E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, D
 Forshaw M A E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, RE
 Geake R H E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, D
 Hagan R H E, EL, M, Sc, F, G, D, CDT
 Hall M D E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, D, Mu
 Hopley C N E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, A&D
 Lloyd M T C E, EL, M, Sc, H, G, D
 Parkinson N D E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, D
 Rathi A A J E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, A&D
 Vaughan Jones T A E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, RE, A&D

5PME

Bones E V E, EL, M, Sc, H, G, D
 Cooper C M E, M, Sc, H, G, A&D
 Costello M R M E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, RE, D
 Hirst N J E, EL, M, Sc, F, G, A&D, D
 Jafari S S E, EL, M, Sc, H
 Maurice D B E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, D, Mu
 Moore M S E, EL, M, Sc, G, A&D
 Nicholls E W E, EL, M, Sc, F, H
 Owen R G E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
 Pattison N H E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G

5VCo

Betton R K E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, A&D
 Coveney K J E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
 Ford H E E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H
 Hall C A E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(RM)
 Hibbert A L E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, A&D
 Kail A L E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H
 Ketley S J E E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, A&D, CDT(RM)
 McKeating A E E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, Mu
 Mitchell L E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, A&D
 Myhill M F E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
 Quartermaine A E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, RE
 Shaw H J E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, A&D
 Simpson L I E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H
 Southern L L E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H, G
 Spence M A E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, CDT(RM)
 Williams J A P E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, CDT(RM)
 Williams K J E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, A&D

Appendix 2 Examination Results

5SM

Blower K R	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, Mu
Charles C M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G
Hartley N E	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, Mu
Heaton C M C	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, Mu
Henshall V C	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, G
McKenzie G P	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, A&D
McLeod J F	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, Mu
Rigby C V	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, Mu
Skidmore H	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, A&D
Tattam L K	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
Tattersall C R	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, A&D
Thomas A L	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, A&D
Tinker M L	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, Mu
Warburton C	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, A&D
Williams J L	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, RE

5LB

Beveridge A K	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
Bhatia T L	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, A&D
Bullivent G V	E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, RE, A&D
Butterworth C E	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, RE
Fullaway S E	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, D, Mu
Hallam H R	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, D, Mu
Harber A C R	E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, A&D, Mu
Hewitt I F	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, D
Jackson E L	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, G, CDT(RM)
Jackson F R	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, A&D
Kazmierski V F	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, A&D
Lyons N C	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
Moroney N J	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, D
Patey-Ford E A E	E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, A&D, D
Phillips A-M	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, G, D
Southall J L	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, CDT(RM)
Sully R Z	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, D

5CH

Constantine M A	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, A&D
Foster C R	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
Francis R K	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, Mu
Jones C E	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, D
Kennerley G L	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, D, Mu
Nichols F C	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, RE, A&D
Osborne K L	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, CDT(RM)
Pashley L	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G
Roebuck L J	E, EL, M, Sc, F, G, D
Rolh C A	E, EL, F, Ger, G, D
Scott H J	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
Scott S R	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, D
Sewart E	E, EL, Sc, F, H, A&D
Stanton E L	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, Mu
Syddall W L	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, CDT(RM)
Williams M L	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, RE

5GG

Ball L E	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, A&D
Bull E C	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, D
Farrimond K V	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, A&D, Mu
Hammond C A	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, A&D
Mair J K	E, EL, M, Sc, F, G, A&D, Mu
Newsome K L	E, EL, M, Sc, F, D
Owens V L	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, D
Pritchard N M	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, A&D
Quinn L J	E, EL, D
Swindlehurst E L	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, D
Verna N K	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, A&D
West D G P	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, A&D
Whitrow F M	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, A&D

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Appendix 4 Higher Education

Pupils admitted to Higher Education 1998

<i>Name</i>	<i>Destination</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Arthur J D A	Edinburgh University	Civil Engineering
Bagshaw D W R	Bangor University	Geological Oceanography
Barber S M	Oxford Brookes University	Law
Barrow A M F	Nottingham University	Sociology
Baylay M	Reapplying	
Beech D J	Sheffield University (99)	Law
Bhatia L K	Reapplying	
Bhatty N	Reapplying	
Blower J R	Loughborough University	Geography
Bradbrook N J	Reapplying	
Bramwell C R	Portsmouth University	Computer Science
Brewin T J	Leeds University	Information Systems
Broadbent N J	Durham University	Computer Science
Brooke J L	Reapplying	
Brown S I	Bath University	Business Administration
Burns S	Leeds Metropolitan University	Geography & Sociology
Butcher T	Leeds University	Mechanical Engineering
Caulfield B J	King's College London (99)	Geography
Chaudhary A	Bath University	Business Administration
Childs D P F	Deferred (99)	
Chung K	Nottingham University	Pharmacy
Clay J S	Deferred (99)	
Cole P A	Aberystwyth University	Equine Science
Cotton A C	UMIST	Mechanical Engineering
Coxson R J	Oxford, New College	Music
Davies H L K	St Andrews University	English
Davies L C	Hull University	History
Densem I G	King's London	Nursing Studies
Dunnington M	Leeds Metropolitan University	Human Geography
Eckhard E N	Sheffield Hallam University	Accounting
Farshchi-Heidari D	Oxford, Brasenose College	Chemistry
Fielding J K F	BUWE	Business Studies
Flegg A D	Birmingham University	Geology
Ford M J	Oxford, Worcester College	Classics and English
Foster G J	Bangor University	English
Gamble W L	Cambridge, Churchill College	Natural Sciences/Chem Eng
Gawne T R	Derby University	Music Tech/Audio Systems Des
Glynn E F	Lancaster University	Computer Systems Engineering
Gradwell A J	Employment	
Greenham C R	Loughborough University	Product Design Engineering
Griffiths L J	Nottingham University (99)	American Studies
Hagan S A	Hull University	International Accounting
Hallam J K	Reapplying	
Halman T J	Derby University	Business Studies (HND)
Harbord D	Southampton University	English and Philosophy
Hastie J S	Stockport College	Art Foundation
Hawley A K E	St Andrews University	English and Psychology
Hewitt D	Mid-Cheshire College	Business Studies (HND)
Hewitt S M	Sheffield Hallam University	Design and Technology
Hidden C H	Deferred (99)	
Holiday D N	Deferred (99)	
Hopkinson E A	Huddersfield University	Music
Hordley M R W	Sheffield University	Chemistry
Hughes A-M	Portsmouth University	Maths with Astronomy
Hyatt K L	Aberdeen University	Geology
Jaberi N	Dundee University	Biochemistry
Jackson M R	Staffordshire University	Business Studies
Jones G E	Reapplying	
Jones N J	Leeds Metropolitan University	Landscape Architecture
Jordan C H	Reapplying	

Kendon J P	Durham University (99)	Biology
Kirby M H	UMIST	International Business Studies Mgt with American Studies
Knight M A R	City University	Aeronautical Engineering
Lake N G E	Sheffield Hallam University	Urban & Regional Geography
Lane R A	Stockport College	Art Foundation
Laurence J J	York University	Computer Systems & Software Engineering
Lee D S	Reapplying	
Llewellyn S M	Sheffield Hallam University	Int Business Studies with French
Mahmood L	UMIST	Chemical Engineering
Mansfield A P	Reapplying	
McCoy L A	East London University (99)	Animal Biology
Mills M B	St Andrews University	Modern Languages
Mossdrop J J	Leeds University	Computer Science & Management Studies
Münzing M	UMIST	Industrial Chemistry
Murray A B	Manchester Metropolitan University	Art Foundation
Murray L D	Cardiff University	Business Administration
Norbury A J	Leeds University	Dentistry
Oakes W M R	Sheffield Hallam University	Info Eng & Tech Management
Oilberg B	Sheffield Hallam University	Business Systems Modelling
Painton D	Nottingham University	Chemistry
Partington A G	Durham University	Business Finance
Pellatt R E	Newcastle University	Rural Environment Management
Pogson J M	Lancaster University	Mech Eng with Management
Priestnall S L	Bristol University	Veterinary Science
Quigley P J	Aberystwyth University (99)	Biology
Rahman M M	UMIST	Computer Science
Rashid M	UMIST	Optometry
Rendle G T	Employment	
Rice M J	Warwick University	Management Science
Robertson J D	Sheffield Hallam University	Business Studies
Robinson C T	Swansea University	Geography
Rowell S A	Bath University	Automotive Eng with French
Royle T N	Salford University	Env & Resource Science
Rudge C J	Salford University	Business Studies Management (HND)
Sandhu J	Birmingham University	Business Administration
Schofield J	Bristol University	Chemistry
Scott P A	Deferred (99)	
Seidl Y	Overseas	
Sharman L K	Sheffield Hallam University	Business & Technology
Shephard M J	De Montfort University	Business Administration
Shokledge J M	Sheffield Hallam University	Geography
Slack S J	King's College	Religious Studies
Stanton N J	Sheffield Hallam University	Urban Studies
Thomson N J	Stockport College	Art Foundation
Thompson S P	BUWE (99)	Geography & Env Management
Thornber T M	Reapplying	
Tinker M R	Leeds University	Medicine
Tristram G R G	Reapplying	
Turnbull N J	BUWE	Law with French
Turner C C	Employment	
Tute M J	Stockport College	Art Foundation
Vaganov V	Cambridge, Robinson College	Natural Sciences
Varney H M	Bristol University	German & Italian
Walker R J	Birmingham University	Biochemistry
Whitehurst M T	Bangor University	English
Wiatr A G	Birmingham University	Biochemistry
Willey D W	Durham University	Geography
Williams C L	Reapplying	
Williams M G	Staffordshire University	Psychology & French
Wilson J B H	Hull University (99)	Geography & Economics
Wilson J J	Leeds Metropolitan University	Business Info Management
Wish D M J	Reapplying	
Young S R M	BUWE	Science, Society & Media

Appendix 5 Awards & Prizes

King's School Awards

T U Brocklehurst Awards	R J Coxson M H Kirby S J Slack
W D Brocklehurst Awards	M J Ford S A Rowell
F D Brocklehurst Awards	M R Tinker V Vaganov
William Barnett Award	M B M Mills
Pearson Award	H M Varney
Goodlad Dobson Award	M R W Hordley

Special Prizes

Headmaster's Prize	M H Kirby
Former Pupils' Association Awards	D Farshchi-Heidari S L Priestnall

Development Trust Scholarships

Major Scholarships

	<i>Project Title</i>
K E W Bagshaw	A comparative study of the work of Magdalene Odundo and Mo Jupp
J L Callaghan	Killing, a caring thing to do?
R J Dafforn	The taming of the tigers; a study of the Asian Economic Crisis
A T Flynn	The Hubble Space Telescope. What secrets has it revealed?
M D Goodsell	The physics of tennis
S A Mason	The origins of terrorism in Northern Ireland
D C McAulay	The ultimate stripped-down parasites
J Mitchell	Will it ever be possible to see an electron?
T C J Petty	Music and the medic
N A Ward	An essay on evil
M J Westcott	"Reflections on the revolution in France" - the Englishman's ally?
R R Wilkinson	The virus that cures: bacteriophage, the next step from antibiotics
E W Wills	"Care in the community"

Scholarships

A R Aldcroft	The mathematical musician, the musical mathematician: a magical mixture or merely a myth?
O Ashcroft	The millennium bug; mountain or mole hill?
C Barringer	Investigations into aspirin
S Bush	Genetic engineering - a discussion of the techniques, implications and applications
J A Clarke	The physics of lasers, and their applications in modern warfare
E Dobson	Changing perspectives: the renaissance world discovered through four plays
R J Emslie	Topic on "learning"
S H Haboubi	"In the midnight sky"
C R Hirst	The integration of microsystems into the nervous system of the human body
A I O Kane	Marx's economic development of history
P E McGaul	The geography behind surfing
J Rider	Optical isomerism
J P Ritchie	The ethics of genetic medicine
M E Senn	The economic effects of the reunification of Germany

A J D Unterhalter	Urban expansion meets the rural rearguard action; what does our countryside mean to us?
S F Woodcock	"The eagle has landed". An account of the rocky road to the moon

Commended

R L A Axon	Pop and kinetic movements of the 1960's
L Ballarini	The physics of earthquakes
N Bromley	Thalidomide
M Edwards	Technology in tennis: have the changes and developments in equipment benefited the game of tennis over the last 100 years?
A A Ham	The human genome project; the methods used, and how it may help us
I J Selbie	Best days of our lives?
M R Tunwell	Humans and intensive sport: injury risks and how to help prevent them

School Prizes (all age groups)

Maimi Wright (Computing)	N J Broadbent
Selwyn Russell Jones Sports	J S Clay

Upper School Prizes

Art (Selwyn Russell Jones)	N J Thomson
Biology	S L Priestnall
Business Studies	M H Kirby
CDT (Technology)	N J Broadbent
Chemistry	W L Gamble
Classics (Wilmot)	M J Ford
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	N A Ward
Economics (Canon F W Paul)	G E Jones
English	M J Ford
French (William Broster)	S M Barber
General Studies (T B Cartwright)	D J S Swain
Geography	D W Wildey
Geology	D W R Bagshaw
German (J O Nicholson)	M B M Mills
History (C A Bradley)	R J Coxson
Mathematics: Mechanics	M J Ford
Mathematics: Statistics	M R W Hordley
Mathematics Double	V Vaganov
Music	R J Coxson
Philosophy	J M Q Brooks
Physics	S A Rowell
Physics Olympiad Prize	S A Rowell
	V Vaganov
Senior Choral	A R Aldcroft
	J Livesley
Senior Orchestral	T C J Petty
Theatre Arts	C H Jordan

Middle School Prizes (Boys' Division)

Principal's Prize	N J Battersby
Biology	J I Triggs
CDT (Design & Communication)	O R Barber
CDT (Technology)	J W Percival
Chemistry	J M Aitken
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	D E Leech
Dual Science	C D Watts

Appendix 5 Awards & Prizes

English	T A Lloyd
French	G E Williams
Geography	T A Lloyd
German	R Montgomery
History	T J Ferguson
Latin	B J Crabstick
Mathematics	J I Triggs
Music	D L Botham
Physics	C P Gartside

Middle School Prizes (Girls' Division)

Macclesfield High School 'Best All-Rounder' Cup	A E McKeating
Art & Design	V F Kazmierski
Biology	K J Coveney
CDT (Resistant Materials)	S J E Ketley
Chemistry	S J E Ketley
Divinity (Thornecroft)	C E Butterworth
Dual Award Science	A C R Harber
English	C E Butterworth
French	A-M Phillips
Geography	K J Williams
German	N C Lyons
History	A L Kail
Latin	A L Kail
Mathematics	L L Southern
Middle School Reading	L L Southern
Music	S E Fullaway
Physics	R K Betton
Theatre Arts	E A E Patey-Ford
	A-M Phillips

Lower School Prizes (Boys' Division)

Junior Choral	E C Coxson
Junior Orchestral	R I Caswell

Lower School Prizes (Girls' Division)

Junior Choral	N R Pepper
Junior Orchestral	S E Varney

Form Prizes (Boys' Division)

4TJA	C O Gregory
4RGD	N Humphrey
4PI	M J Batchelor
4PRMM	M T Robertson
4JDN	D W Bowers
4NCJR	E N Jones
Special English Prize	D C Lewis
3JAD	T M Isherwood
3RG	R J Cartmel
3ALv	J M Gartside
3SHS	B J Clifford
3MH	M E Goldspink
Divinity (Thornecroft)	L F Owen
2MJN	L D G Simpson
2COD	Y D A Malins
2GT	G B Steele

2PW	E A Barker
Divinity (Thornecroft)	Y D A Malins
1BE	D M Illingworth
1RS	M D Beardmore
1JRH	N J Lloyd
Divinity (Thornecroft)	D M Illingworth

Form Prizes (Girls' Division)

4JB/DG	J L Adams
4NJD	K F Gray
4DJK	L C Barber
4EPO	K J Garner
3SG	K A C Seden
3CEK	H S Roberts
3CHB	A L Thompson
Divinity (Thornecroft)	L M Ashby
2JNW	C E Tinker
2KG	E L Fitzgerald
2MP-F	R H Childs
Divinity (Thornecroft)	H G Partington
1RSH	L A Davenport
1TGN	N Hasbullah
1AMS	S Brooks
Divinity (Thornecroft)	R C Percival

Fourth Year Research Projects (Boys' Division)

Major Awards

	<i>Project Title</i>
N Humphrey	Social aspects of 19th Century Macclesfield
D C Lewis	"This Wooden O": theatrical references in Shakespeare
N J Parnell	Modern day carp fishing: an art or a science?
A S V Williamson	The greatest

Awards

D A J Baskeyfield	Cichlids of Lake Malawi
E K Clapham	Should cannabis be decriminalised in Britain?
E N Jones	Some technology and problems of a modern world
A W Rider	Should there be a ban on fox hunting?
A A Robson	Water skiing

Highly commended

R J McAuliffe	Abortion: the views and the facts
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Fourth Year Research Projects (Girls' Division)

Major Awards

	<i>Project Title</i>
J L Adams	Genetic engineering: dream or nightmare?
K L Baker	New discoveries at Jupiter
A D Howarth	Roots of evil - evil is more than skin deep but does it originate from the womb or from the heart of society?
J A Kirby	999 - fire service please
R L Law	The four disciplines of mountain biking

Appendix 5 Awards & Prizes

R L Morris	From Mercury to the bottom of the sea
M F Swift	In different eras, what reasons have been given for the persecution of the Jews, by different cultures?

Awards

K D Ashworth	Titanic - the tip of the ice-berg
A M Betton	Is betting a mug's game?
A T Betts	Paranormal, unexplained phenomena & mysteries
D M Broadbent	Area 51: a desert secret
A C Bullivent	The sinking of the Titanic
G R Etchells	Criminal women
R D Hughes	Religions of the book
F H Jafar-Pisheh	Heart failure
L L Lomax	Irish Republican Terrorism: to what extent do the roots of the 'Troubles' in Northern Ireland lie back in the 16th Century?
A K Mason	Surfing An-net - a young girl's introduction to the internet
G C McAllister	Run rabbit, run rabbit, run run run, here comes the farmer with his gun gun gun
C E Riseley	The development from a non swimmer to an Olympian
K L Ritchie	Hanovarians: masterpieces of breeding
S E Varney	The eyes have it! Or do they?

Highly commended

F Bhatti	To what extent would the re-introduction of the death penalty contribute to the reduction of serious crime?
J E Mayo	From rituals to scientific poets in Ancient Egypt
N R Pepper	Evolution of the universe: big bang to big crunch
E A Thorp	Do black holes really exist?

Retiring Prizes

D J J	C M Cooper
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Other Prizes

Robert Batchelor Prizes	R W Unterhalter
	S F Potter
	S L Painton

Junior Division Prizes

Subject Prizes (J4 only)

English: Essay	D R Johnson
English: Poetry	E J H Cowan
English: Story	T A Keys
Mathematics	R Alston
Science	B A Schimmel
Geography	A E Cornes
History	N L W Hopping
French	H V L Shaw
Art	T N Brown
Music	W J Laughton
Technology	J D S Rogers
Information Technology	W T Arnold

Religious Education
Physical Education
Swimming
Games: Boys
Games: Girls

K E Ayres
S L Painton
H R J Rath
N J W Barker
F Bernard

Form Prizes

First Form Prize

J4K	R Alston
J4S	D R Johnson
J4M	H V L Shaw
J3K	K E B Doncom
J3S	D T Kennerley
J3M	N E P Petty
J2K	P A Rooney
J2S	J P Killeen
J2M	A L Cotterill
J1K	N L Keys
J1S	E K Middleton

Second Form Prize

J3K	M S Dunne
J3S	G H A Sepend
J3M	T M B Porter
J2K	M D Jackson
J2S	H V Hughes
J2M	B W Parton
J1K	F E M Walsh
J1S	R K Walker
	S R Wetton

Endeavour Prize

J4K	L A Horton
J4S	E J H Cowan
J4M	J M Gokhale
J3K	A Howick
J3S	R J Stanford
J3M	G A McCormack
J2K	E J Knight
J2S	A Gales
J2M	C Robinson
J1K	N Coleman
J1S	C J Kennerley

Ridings Best All-Rounder Prize

RA Madden

Junior Mathematics Challenge

The following Junior Division children gained awards in the national Junior Mathematics Challenge (which is aimed at First and Second Year Senior pupils) - David Johnson and Ben Taylor (Gold Award), Rachel Alston (Silver Award) and Katie Ayres (Bronze Award). These were all superb achievements.

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Junior Division Scholarships

Rachel Alston and David Johnson were both awarded scholarships into the Senior School having both performed outstandingly well in the 11+ Entrance Examinations.

GJS

Autumn Term 1997

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form and Boys' Division

Name	Form	Instrument	Grade
Edward Coxson	5PJP	Piano	6 Pass
Mark Greaves	5PFH	Piano	6 Pass
Leigh Simpson	2MJN	Piano	4 Pass
Yannick Malins	2COD	Piano	3 Merit
Damien Ming	2GT	Piano	5 Pass
Tim Egerton	3RG	Trombone	5 Pass
Robert Hart	1BE	Trombone	3 Pass
Edward Gladman	4PI	A Saxophone	4 Pass
Ben Clifford	3SHS	Trumpet	7 Merit
William Newham	1RS	Cornet	4 Pass
Jay Watson	3MH	Trumpet	4 Pass
David Scott	L6	Cornet	5 Pass
David Beech	U6	Percussion	8 Merit
Jonathan Aitken	5PJP	Clarinet	5 Pass
Matthew Goldspink	3MH	Cello	2 Pass
Tim Egerton	3RG	P Musicianship	5 Pass
Andrew Aldcroft	L6	Piano	5 Pass
Charles Davenport	3RG	A Saxophone	3 Pass
David Illingworth	1BE	Guitar	3 Merit
Tim Green	3MH	Oboe	4 Merit
Ben Jones	3ALv	Guitar	2 Pass

Girls' Division

Diana West	5GG	Clarinet	3 Pass
Anna Betts	4JB	Clarinet	5 Pass
Victoria Weaver	3CEK	Clarinet	4 Pass
Abigail Boston	1TGN	Clarinet	2 Pass
Kate Baker	4JB	A Saxophone	5 Pass
Catherine Higham	2JNW	Flute	1 Pass
Vicky Moran	2KG	Flute	2 Pass
Francesca Stamp	2JNW	Oboe	2 Pass
Lyndsay Lomax	4JB	Trombone	4 Pass
Becci Morris	4JB	Clarinet	4 Pass
Katie Steele	2KG	Clarinet	4 Pass
Charlotte Edmunds	1AMS	Clarinet	1 Pass
Joanna Mair	5GG	Clarinet	5 Pass
Anna Betts	4JB	Piano	3 Pass

Junior Division

Claire Betts	1AMS	Cello	2 Pass
Eleanor Cowan	J4S	Piano	1 Pass
Holly Crossley	J3M	Saxophone	1 Merit

William Malins	J4S	Guitar	1 Merit
Helen Wood	J4K	Flute	3 Merit
Tom Bamford	J2M	Trumpet	1 Pass
Chris Mills	J4S	Trumpet	3 Pass

Spring Term 1998

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form and Boys' Division

Name	Form	Instrument	Grade
David Botham	5JRP	Flute	7 Pass
John Livesley	L6RK	Piano	7 Pass
Jonathan Mitchell	L6CPH	Piano	7 Pass
Liz Hopkinson	U6THA	Cornet	7 Pass
Richard Coxson	U6FW	Violin	8 Merit
Richard Cowan	2MN	Piano	3 Pass
James Beaumont	2PW	Clarinet	2 Merit
Jonathan Aitken	5PJP	Piano	2 Pass
Sean Owens	2COD	Guitar	2 Pass
Daniel Laird	2GT	Guitar	3 Merit
William Roberts	5JRP	Percussion	6 Distinction

Girls' Division

Jessica Seddon	1RSH	Flute	5 Distinction
Rebekah Hughes	4EPO	Flute	5 Pass
Stephanie Page	3CEK	Cello	2 Merit
Lucy Powell	1RSH	Clarinet	1 Merit
Naomi Mortimer	1RSH	Flute	4 Pass
Sarah Varney	4DJK	Piano	7 Pass
Fiona Howe	2KG	Flute	3 Pass
Dwynwen Burston	4EPO	Flute	4 Pass
Sara Christmas	2KG	Flute	3 Merit
Rachel Stubbs	2KG	Flute	2 Pass

Junior Division

Jennifer Colville	J3S	Flute	2 Merit
James Burgess	J4M	Guitar	1 Pass
Hannah Shaw	J4M	Flute	1 Distinction
Rebecca Stanford	J3S	Flute	2 Merit

Summer Term 1998

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form and Boys' Division

Name	Form	Instrument	Grade
Robert Hart	1BE	Piano	3 Pass
Andrew Aldcroft	L6	Singing	6 Merit

Appendix 6 Music Examinations

Anthony Murphy	3SHS	Trumpet	5 Pass
Richard Caswell	5PJP	Euphonium	8 Pass
Stephen Webb	2PW	Saxophone	1 Pass
Toby Ward	5KLP	Bassoon	5 Pass
Morgan Cooke	2COD	Saxophone	1 Pass
Myles Booth	2COD	Saxophone	1 Pass
Steve Slack	U6	Saxophone	5 Merit
Jonathan Gartside	3ALv	Clarinet	4 Pass
Tom Healey	3MH	Clarinet	3 Pass
Andrew Rees	3RG	Oboe	5 Pass

Girls' Division

Alice Betton	4JB	Clarinet	4 Pass
Laura Tunwell	1RSH	Clarinet	3 Pass
Nicola Roper	1RSH	Trombone	1 Merit
Eleanor Betton	2JNW	Trombone	1 Pass
Eleanor Bishop	2KG	Flute	3 Pass
Lauren Hindle	3CEK	Flute	4 Pass
Corinne Tinker	2JNW	Flute	5 Pass
Ann Livesley	1TGN	Piano	3 Pass
Alison Harber	5LB	Flute	7 Pass
Jenna Crossley	2KG	Flute	3 Pass
Jennifer Jones	1TGN	Piano	1 Merit
Rebecca Lea	1RSH	Singing	4 Distinction
Nicola Roper	1RSH	Singing	4 Pass
Katie Garner	4EPO	Singing	3 Merit
Sally Hobson	1AMS	Saxophone	1 Pass
Sarah Spicer	2KG	T Saxophone	5 Merit
Philippa Lennox	2JNW	Saxophone	4 Pass
Victoria Williams	3SG	Saxophone	3 Pass
Jennifer Jones	1TGN	Clarinet	3 Pass
Philippa Harrison	2JNW	Saxophone	1 Pass
Roslyn Gathercole	1AMS	Saxophone	1 Merit
Natalie Pepper	4JB	Violin	5 Pass

Junior Division

Nicholas Petty	J3M	Cornet	3 Pass
Jennifer Bradbury	J3M	Flute	1 Pass
Michelle Greaves	J3K	Flute	1 Pass
Anika Bulcock	J3S	Violin	1 Merit
Samantha Hopper	J3K	Flute	1 Pass
Matthew Richards	J4M	Clarinet	1 Distinction
William Laughton	J4K	Saxophone	3 Pass
David Kennerley	J3S	Clarinet	3 Pass
Kay Doncom	J3K	Saxophone	1 Pass
Francesca Walsh	J2M	Clarinet	1 Merit

Rugby Results

2nd XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Lancaster RGS	Lost	12	16
King Edward VI GS, Aston	Won	48	0
QEGS Wakefield	Won	22	0
Manchester GS	Won	44	7
Woodhouse Grove School	Won	47	0
St Ambrose College	Won	38	0
Newcastle-under-Lyme School	Won	60	5
Wirral GS	Lost	7	14
Kirkham GS	Won	29	0
Birkenhead School	Won	24	0
Arnold School	Won	17	3
Rydal School	Won	32	0
Adams GS	Won	19	14
King Edward VII School, Lytham	Won	34	0
Bradford GS	Won	33	5
St Edward's College, Liverpool	Won	78	0
Merchant Taylors', Crosby	Won	40	0
Stockport GS	Lost	10	25
St Michael's, Buenos Aires	Won	25	0
Cheadle Hulme 1st XV	Cancelled		
Wirral GS	Cancelled		
Campion Grads, Canada	Won	32	10

2nd XV Canada Tour

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Newfoundland U17 XV	Won	5	0
Vandals RFC, Newfoundland	Won	36	0
Regina, Saskatchewan	Won	22	19
South Alberta, Calgary	Won	20	5
Alberta, Edmonton	Lost	10	20
Exeter HS, Toronto	Won	13	8

3rd XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Lancaster RGS	Won	17	7
King Edward VI GS Aston	Cancelled		
QEGS Wakefield	Lost	10	34
Manchester GS	Won	34	7
Woodhouse Grove School	Won	32	0
Newcastle HS	Won	70	0
Wirral GS	Won	31	7
Kirkham GS	Won	24	12
Birkenhead School	Won	31	0
Arnold School	Cancelled		
Rydal School	Won	20	19
Adam's GS	Won	24	0
Bradford GS	Won	22	14
Merchant Taylors'	Won	22	10
St Michael's School, Buenos Aires	Won	36	0

U16 XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Stockport GS	Drawn	25	25
Stonyhurst*	Won	17	7
Manchester GS**	Won	10	3
Cowley HS***	Won	31	7

* Quarter-final Floodlight Cup

** Semi-final Floodlight Cup

*** Final Floodlight Cup

U15 A XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
RGS Lancaster	Won	29	17
King Edward's, Aston	Won	39	20
QEGS Wakefield	Lost	5	44
Manchester GS	Won	39	17
Sandbach*	Won	43	14
Woodhouse Grove	Won	26	10
St Ambrose	Lost	0	5
William Hulme GS*	Won	24	5
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Won	36	5
Wirral GS	Lost	0	31
Hymer's College*	Lost	5	39
Kirkham	Won	53	0
Birkenhead	Won	12	5
Arnold	Lost	17	29
Adams GS	Won	22	10
KES Lytham	Won	47	0
Bradford GS	Won	24	7
St Edwards	Won	39	5
Merchant Taylors'	Won	37	5
Stockport GS	Won	15	10

* Daily Mail Cup (National U15 Competition)

U15 B XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
King Edward's, Aston	Won	58	0
St Ambrose	Lost	12	61
Wirral GS	Lost	5	37
Arnold	Won	20	19
Adams GS	Won	83	0

Sevens Competitions

Solihull

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Loughborough	Won	32	10
Old Swinford Hospital	Lost	5	12
Aylesbury	Won	31	12
KE Camp Hill (Quarter-final)	Won	19	5
Bablake (Semi-final)	Lost	12	17

Warwick

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Princethorpe	Lost	14	21
King's Worcester	Won	15	14
Warwick	Won	18	15
Bablake	Won	19	5
KE Aston (Semi-final)	Won	17	5
Princethorpe (Final)	Lost	5	19

Myles Marshall

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Lady Manners	Won	19	10
Stonyhurst	Won	27	7
London Oratory	Won	38	0
Hymer's College (Quarter-final)	Lost	7	29

Cheshire

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Caldy	Won	27	14
Tarporley	Won	22	0
Rydal	Lost	12	19
Bridgewater HS (Quarter-final)	Won	34	5
Wirral GS (Semi-final)	Lost	5	24

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U14 A XV

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Lancaster RGS	Won	24	10
KES Aston	Won	35	0
QEGS Wakefield	Lost	12	15
Manchester GS	Won	43	10
Woodhouse Grove	Won	36	5
St Ambrose	Won	49	0
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Won	29	7
Wirral GS	Won	31	0
Kirkham GS	Won	34	14
Birkenhead	Won	33	5
Arnold	Won	45	19
Adams GS	Won	46	0
KES Lytham	Won	51	0
Bradford GS	Won	55	0
St Edwards Liverpool	Won	50	0
Merchant Taylors'	Won	21	0
Stockport GS	Won	29	12

U14 B XV

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Lancaster RGS	Lost	0	10
KES Aston	Won	10	5
Manchester GS	Won	29	5
St Ambrose	Won	24	0
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Won	48	0
Wirral GS	Won	17	12
Arnold	Lost	12	14
KES Lytham	Won	36	22
Bradford GS	Won	36	5
Merchant Taylors'	Won	31	5
Cheadle Hulme A XV	Cancelled		

Hockey Results

1st XI

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Knutsford HS	Drawn	4	4
Sandbach School	Won	4	1
Merchant Taylors' School	Lost	1	3
Hall Cross School	Won	3	2
Caldy Grange GS	Lost	1	3
Bablake School	Won	3	0
Birkenhead School	Lost	1	11
Warwick School	Lost	0	1
Newcastle-under-Lyme School	Lost	3	5
Kobblers	Lost	2	3
Liverpool College	Won	8	2
King Edward's School	Lost	1	7
Newcastle-under-Lyme School	Lost	2	5
King William's College	Lost	0	5
Isle of Man U21	Drawn	2	2
Merchant Taylors' School	Lost	1	11
Sir John Deane's College	Won	6	3
Birkenhead School	Won	2	1
Trent College	Lost	2	9

Hockey Association National Youth Cup

Cheshire County Finals

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Bowdon HC (Quarter-final)	Lost	1	3

1st XI Goalscorers

23 J Fielding; 12 M Tunwell; 9 J Blower; 2 C Allday; 1 G Basnett

Representative Honours: Cheshire U17 M Yates, J Gregory

School Colours

D Farshchi, J Fielding, J Blower, L Murray

School Honours

KSM Team of the Year (Matchmaker Cup): 2nd XI

Jonathan Sheard Memorial Shield for Outstanding Player: J Fielding

Kemp Cup: J Blower

Indoor Team: Hockey Association National Youth Cup (Indoor)

North Finals

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Hall Cross School	Drawn	1	1
Knutsford HS	Lost	2	3
York HC	Won	3	0
Rotherham HC	Lost	1	3
Stockport HC	Lost	1	4

Indoor Goalscorers

3 C Allday; 2 J Blower; 1 J Fielding, L Murray, M Yates

2nd XI

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Merchant Taylors' School	Won	3	0
Sandbach School (1st XI)	Won	2	1
Newcastle-under-Lyme School	Drawn	1	1
Cheadle Hulme (1st XI)	Won	5	0
Wirral GS (1st XI)	Won	3	1
Wirral GS (1st XI)	Won	1	0
Newcastle-under-Lyme School	Won	2	0
Cheadle Hulme (1st XI)	Won	10	0
Merchant Taylors' School	Won	3	0

2nd XI Goalscorers

7 J Fielding; 6 T Grant; 4 L Sharman; 3 M Shephard, M Tunwell; 2 S Turner, L Murray, M Edwards; 1 M Yates

U16 XI

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Hall Cross School	Lost	1	2
Merchant Taylors' School	Won	8	0
Birkenhead School	Won	3	2
Knutsford HS	Won	3	2
Newcastle-under-Lyme School	Won	3	2
Birkenhead School	Lost	2	3
Weaverham HS	Won	4	1
Caldy Grange GS	Won	4	0
Birkenhead School	Lost	1	2
Newcastle-under-Lyme School	Lost	2	3
King Edward's School	Lost	2	3
Merchant Taylor's School	Won	1	0
Knutsford HS	Won	3	2
Wirral GS	Won	8	0
Liverpool College	Won	5	0
Trent College	Won	4	3

Hockey Association National Youth Cup

Cheshire County Finals

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Sandbach School (Quarter-final)	Won	6	0

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Bowdon HC (Semi-final)	Won	2	1
Deeside Ramblers HC (Final)	Won	4	2
<i>King's U16 XI Cheshire County Champions</i>			

North West Divisional Finals

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
King William's College (Semi-final) ..	Won	3	0
Calay Grange GS (Final)	Lost	0	1

U16 XI Goalscorers

16 J Gregory, R Owen; 7 B Westcott; 6 M Westcott, R Taylor; 5 C Stevens; 3 B Walker; 2 W Sheard, R McAuliffe; 1 J Leigh

Indoor Team: Hockey Association National Youth Cup (Indoor)

North Finals

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Yarm School	Drawn	1	1
Hull HC	Lost	0	2
Birkenhead School	Drawn	1	1

Indoor Goalscorers

2 J Gregory

U15 XI

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Knutsford HS	Lost	0	2
Merchant Taylors' School	Lost	3	4
Birkenhead School	Drawn	3	3
Doncaster Hall Cross	Won	4	1
Bablake School	Won	1	0
Newcastle-under-Lyme School	Won	2	1
Birkenhead School	Lost	2	6
Calday Grange	Lost	2	8
Knutsford HS	Won	5	1
Birkenhead School	Won	4	2
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Won	5	0
Katharine Lady Berkeley's School ...	Lost	0	7
Wirral Grammar School	Drawn	1	1
Merchant Taylors' School	Lost	0	10
King William's College, Isle of Man	Lost	0	6
Fencibles U17, Isle of Man	Lost	1	6
Repton School	Lost	0	6
Liverpool College	Won	5	3

U15 XI Goalscorers

17 R McAuliffe; 8 M Hobbs; 3 Yearsley; 2 M Bamber, J Leigh; 1 R Worsley, E Clapham, T Byers, M Rudge

U16 XI Girls

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Tytherington	Won	2	1
Mount Carmel	Won	5	0
Cransley	Won	5	0
St Edward's	Lost	0	1
Poynton	Won	1	0
Knutsford	Drawn	1	1
Poynton Indoor	Won	3	1
St Michael's, Buenos Aires	Won	3	2
NULS	Drawn	2	2
Mount St Mary's	Won	3	0
Marple Hall	Won	7	0

U16 Regional Cheshire Indoor Tournament

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Upton Hall	Won	2	1
EPCHS	Drawn	1	1

Hartford	Lost	0	1
<i>KSM-Runners Up</i>			

U16 British Aerospace Regional Round

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Birkenhead	Drawn	0	0
Bridgewater	Drawn	0	0
Hartford	Won	1	0

KSM-Runners Up

U16 Cheshire Tournament Round One

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Culcheth	Won	1	0
Tytherington	Drawn	1	1
Fairfield	Lost	0	2
Upton	Won	2	0
Grange	Drawn	0	0

KSM-Runners Up again!

U15 XI Girls

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Mount Carmel	Won	3	0
Tytherington	Won	5	0
St Edward's Liverpool	Won	2	0
Poynton	Won	1	0
Denstone College	Lost	1	2
Stockport Grammar	Won	5	0
Lady Manners	Won	4	1
NULS	Won	10	2

Combined U15/U16 XI Girls

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Mount St Mary Spinkhill	Won	3	0
Marple Hall	Won	7	0

AE Womens' U15 Cup

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Archbishop Blanch	Lost	0	3

U13 XI Girls

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Tytherington	Won	1	0
Mount Carmel	Won	3	0
Cransley	Won	4	0
St Edward's	Lost	0	2
Poynton	Won	1	0
Marple Hall	Lost	1	2
William Hulme	Lost	0	1
NULS A team	Won	1	0
NULS B team	Lost	1	2
Cheadle Hulme	Won	2	1
Stockport	Won	10	0
Mount Carmel	Drawn	0	0
Lady Manners	Won	2	0
NULS	Won	1	0
All Hallows	Won	3	0
King William	Lost	0	1

Holland Tour (Girls)

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Amstelveen	Drawn	1	1
Zoetermeer	Lost	0	11
Mount St Joseph	Won	2	0
Owens	Drawn	0	0
Beaumont	Lost	0	2

Appendix 7 Sports Results

Cheshire Minis Tournament (Girls)

A team

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Alderley Edge	Won	2	0
Manchester High	Won	1	0
Loreto	Won	5	0
Mini Panthers (Quarter-final)	Won	2	1
Altrincham (Semi-final)	Lost	1	2

Overall third place

B team

Opponent	Result	For	Against
St Bedes	Won	2	0
Mini Panthers	Lost	0	3
Altrincham A	Lost	0	3
William Hulme	Lost	0	1

Final result third in section

Cricket Results

1st XI

Opponent

King's Chester	Drawn (match abandoned) King's Chester 151-7
Cheadle Hulme	Won by 9 wickets Cheadle Hulme 56 ao (M Jackson 4-5, A Sharp 3-11) King's 59-1 (J Clay 35)
Arnold School	Drawn King's 213-4 dec (J Clay 79, D Isherwood 44) Arnold 166-6 (A Sharp 3-49)
Bolton School	Won by 8 wickets Bolton 102 ao (R Lees 3-16, O Rushton 3-19) King's 106-2 (E Bones 51*)
Stockport GS	Won by 72 runs King's 178 ao (J Clay 53, N Jones 40, T Smith 35) Stockport 106 ao (A Sharp 4-22, M Tunwell 3-25)
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Won by 3 wickets Newcastle 202-5 dec King's 205-7 (R Lees 57*, D Isherwood 54)
Nottingham HS	Drawn King's 196-9 dec (M Tunwell 55*, J Clay 32) Nottingham 181-6
Lancaster RGS	Drawn Lancaster 202-7 dec (R Lees 3-73) King's 174-5 (E Bones 53*, J Clay 46, D Isherwood 45)
Manchester GS	Drawn King's 199-8 dec (D Isherwood 51, M Tunwell 35, E Bones 30) MGS 157-7 (M Jackson 3-65)

MCC

Lost by 10 runs
MCC 195-5 dec
(T Isherwood 3-24)
King's 185 ao
(D Isherwood 56, M Tunwell 44, R Emslie 39)

Birkenhead

Won by 5 wickets
Birkenhead 166 ao
(A Sharp 6-41)
King's 167-5
(D Isherwood 63, R Emslie 40, C Allday 34)

KES Lytham

Drawn
Lytham 173-9 dec
(M Jackson 3-47)
King's 148-7
(R Lees 54*)

Hulme Grammar School

Won by 9 wickets
Hulme 110 ao
(M Jackson 4-35, T Isherwood 3-19)
King's 112-1
(R Emslie 53*, D Isherwood 50*)

Denstone College

Lost by 109 runs
Denstone 180-9 dec
(M Jackson 3-31, M Tunwell 3-41)

Old Boys

King's 71 ao
Won by 142 runs
King's 230-5 dec
(D Isherwood 62, C Allday 55, T Smith 41*)
Old Boys 88 ao
(A Sharp 5-29, M Jackson 3-29)

Kearsney College

Drawn
Kearsney 227-5 dec
King's 217-7
(D Isherwood 82, C Allday 69)

Ipswich

Lost by 68 runs
Ipswich 173-9
(O Rushton 3-41)
King's 105 ao

Edinburgh Academy

Won by 26 runs
King's 140 ao
(O Rushton 29*)
Edinburgh 114 ao

Brighton College

Lost by 81 runs
Brighton 206-9
(M Jackson 4-18)
King's 125 ao
(R Lees 47, D Isherwood 37)

Batting Averages

	I	NO	Runs	HS	Av
D Isherwood	17	2	610	82	40.66
E Bones	7	2	195	53*	39.00
R Lees	15	4	300	57*	27.27
J Clay	13	-	300	79	23.10
M Tunwell	9	1	172	55*	21.50
R Emslie	18	3	320	53*	21.33
C Allday	9	-	189	69	21.00
N Jones	11	2	157	40	17.44
T Smith	15	2	192	41*	14.77

Also batted (I, Runs, Av): A Sharp (11, 66, 11); O Rushton (8, 61, 15.25); T Isherwood (7, 32, 5.33); M Jackson (7, 16, 4); K Swain (1, 0, -); R Hart (1, 10, 10); B Robinson (1, 0, 0).

Bowling Averages

	O	M	R	W	Av
A Sharp	124.3	12	459	31	14.81
M Jackson	211.4	45	568	36	15.77
T Isherwood	75.5	12	253	15	16.86
M Tunwell	130	16	468	23	20.34
O Rushton	128.1	29	419	19	22.05
R Lees	169	34	506	16	31.62

Also bowled: D Isherwood (8, 1, 17, 1); C Allday (7, 0, 43, 1); T Smith (11, 1, 26, 0); E Bones (1, 0, 4, 0).

2nd XI

Opponent

William Hulme GS	Won by 114 runs King's 193-9 (O Rushton 66, D Harbord 42) WHGS 79 (O Rushton 3-9)
Cheadle Hulme	Won by 233 runs King's 265-4 (C Robinson 103*, D Harbord 45, K Swain 43, T Butcher 43) Cheadle Hulme 32 (M Richbell 4-6, S Barber 4-3)
Arnold	Drawn King's 225-6 (C Robinson 90, T Butcher 44, N Jones 31) Arnold 117-5 (C Robinson 3-11)
Chester Clergy	Won by 61 runs King's 190-6 (T Butcher 68, K Swain 31, N Jones 30) Chester Clergy 129 (A Unterhalter 3-19)
Bolton School	Won by 6 wickets Bolton 111 (R Thompson 5-20) King's 116-4 (C Robinson 49, M Rice 31)
Stockport School	Won by 4 wickets Stockport 125 (R Thompson 3-45) King's 127-6 (T Butcher 47)
Newcastle	Won by 10 wickets Newcastle 63 (M Richbell 3-9, R Thompson 3-9) King's 64-0 (C Allday 40*)
Nottingham HS	Abandoned Nottingham 115 (C Robinson 5-9, M Richbell 3-25) King's dnb
Lancaster RGS	Drawn King's 193-7 (R Taylor 46*, C Allday 43) Lancaster 163-5
Manchester GS	Won by 5 wickets MGS 211 (M Richbell 3-45) King's 214-5 (C Robinson 100*, D Harbord 63)

Denstone

Drawn

Denstone 230-8
(M Shephard 4-55)
King's 86-7
(A Mir 31)

U15 XI

Opponent

Arnold School	Drawn King's 170 (R Hart 61) Arnold 77-7
Bolton	Won by 7 wickets Bolton 154-4 dec King's 156-3 (J Hutter 61*, J Keep 44)
Stockport GS	Won by 40 runs (35 overs per innings) King's 176-6 (J Hutter 114*) Stockport 136 (R Hart 3-14)
St Ambrose (Cheshire Cup)	Won by 65 runs King's 193-3 (J Hutter 107*) St Ambrose 128 (J Keep 3-23)
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Won by 9 wickets Newcastle 66 (H Wheetman 4-15, J Keep 3-7) King's 70-0 (J Duffy 32)
Nottingham HS	Drawn King's 164-7 dec (R Hart 53, B Robinson 34) Nottingham 111-7
Malbank HS (Cheshire Cup)	Won by 8 wickets Malbank 82-8 (24 overs) (J Keep 3-16) King's 88-2 (J Hutter 46*, R Hart 32)
RGS Lancaster	Won by 8 wickets Lancaster 75 (R Hart 4-9) King's 77-2 (B Robinson 37*)
Manchester GS	Drawn MGS 144-7 dec (J Keep 3-26) King's 107-6
Birkenhead	Won by 7 wickets Birkenhead 123 (H Wheetman 5-20) King's 125-3 (R Hart 43, J Hutter 39)
KES Lytham	Won by 8 wickets Lytham 132 (J Redfern 4-18, H Wheetman 4-46) King's 134-2 (J Duffy 68*, R Westwood 38)
King's Worcester	Won by 2 wickets Worcester 128 (H Wheetman 3-4) King's 131-8 (R Hart 33)
RGS Worcester	Lost by 9 wickets (40 overs per innings) King's 128-9

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	(J Russell 36)
	RGS 129-1
King Edwards, Edgbaston	Drawn
	King Edwards 150-7 dec
	(H Wheelman 3-46)
	King's 114-8
	(R Hart 31)

**Not out*

U14 XI

Opponent

Arnold	Drawn
	Arnold 40-8
	King's 138-9
Bolton	Lost
	Bolton 123-10
	King's 80-8
Stockport	Drawn
	Stockport 164-7
	King's 117-8
Tytherington	Won
	Tytherington 80-8
	King's 83-2
Newcastle	Won
	Newcastle 46-10
	King's 159-7
Sandbach	Won
	Sandbach 72-8
	King's 73-2
Nottingham	Abandoned
	Nottingham 14-3
	King's 77-8
Lancaster	Drawn
	Lancaster 171-6
	King's 111-7
MGS	Lost
	MGS 59-5
	King's 57-9
Stockport	Lost
	Stockport 66-4
	King's 64-8
Lytham	Lost
	Lytham 78-2
	King's 76-9
Denstone	Drawn
	Denstone 118-9
	King's 88-8

Senior Boys' Basketball

Opponent	Result	For	Against
All Hallows HS	Lost	43	61
Fallibroome HS	Lost	35	109
Macclesfield College of FE	Lost	49	60
Henbury HS	Lost	39	48
Dane Valley HS	Lost	62	122

Football

Girls' Division

Cheshire County U18 League (East Cheshire Section)

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Knutsford HS	Lost	0	4
Tytherington HS	Lost	3	9
Dane Valley	Lost	3	6
Holmes Chapel	Lost	2	5
Alsager	Won	2	1
Coppenhall	Won	1	0
Shavington	Won	1	0
Victoria School	Lost	1	5
Sandbach	Lost	8	1
King's v Fallibroome – King's awarded three points since Fallibroome failed to play the fixture			

Friendly fixtures

Eleven-a-side

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Holmes Chapel	Won	3	2
Adlington	Won	5	2
Rainow	Drawn	1	1
Altrincham	Drawn	2	2
King's Junior Division	Won	2	1
Spanish Tour XI v Macc Town	Won	4	1
Spanish Tour XI v Weaverham	Won	4	2

Five-a-side (Indoor)

Opponent	Result
Knutsford HS	Won
Broken Cross	Lost
Whirley School	Lost
Adlington School	Lost
Beech Hall School	Lost

Cheshire School Indoor U16 Five-a-side Tournament

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Verdin School	Won	1	0
Rudheath School	Won	1	0
Sandbach School	Lost	0	4

Tennis

Senior Boys 1st Team

Opponent	Result	For	Against
MGS (home)	Won	8	4
Ellesmere College (home)	Won	7	2
Leeds GS (home)	Drew	3	3
Bolton School (home)	Won	10	1
Bradford Grammar (home)	Won	7	3
Stonyhurst College (away)	Won	7	2
Glanvill Cup (away)	Won	4	0
Glanvill Cup (home)	Lost	1	5
Cheshire Cup 1st (home)	Lost	2	4
Cheshire Cup 2nd (home)	Lost	1	5

Senior Boys 2nd Team

Opponent	Result	For	Against
MGS (home)	Won	7	5
Bolton School (home)	Won	8	1

U15

Opponent	Result	For	Against
MGS	Won	5	4
Bolton School	Won	5	4
Leeds GS	Lost	4	5
Bradford GS	Lost	1	8
Marple Hall	Won	5	4

Cheshire Cup

A team

Poynton School Lost 1 4

B team

Dane Valley Lost 3 3

24 games to 26 games

Public Schools' Championships at Eton College

1st pair: N Parnell and T Hawkwood lost to Radley College 2-6, 3-6 in the first round, but beat Reigate GS 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 in the Plate and lost to Wellingborough 4-6, 6-3, 4-6.

2nd pair: J Leigh and G Pickup beat Winchester College 6-1, 6-0 and Dulwich College 7-6, 6-2, but lost to St George's 3-6, 1-6.

U14

Opponent Result

MGS Won 6 3

Bolton School Won 3 1

Leeds GS Won 9 0

The Grange Won 3 1

Bradford GS Won 8 2

Cheshire Cup

B team lost to Fallibroome A team

It was 3-3 in matches but Fallibroome won by two games (25-27)

Team: J Levitt; B Clifford; B Jones; P Stewart.

A team

Opponent Result

Fallibroome Won 5 1

Westlands Won 4 2

Wilmslow HS Won 4 0

In the final against The Grange the score in matches was 3-3 but King's won 26 games to 25 games winning by one game.

Team: A McVeigh; A Burr; L Owen; J Gartside.

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