

Headmaster's Report

The academic year 1996-7 spanned the change of government. The Labour party has not been slow to stress that education is at the top of its agenda and has published targets against which its performance can be judged. It is refreshing to see education assuming its rightful place as a top priority, and much of what has been done, by both parties, is admirable. A good education is a right for everyone; it is reasonable that schools should be accountable.

Standards, however, should be distinguished from results. Results can be manipulated: standards cannot. The annual outcry when examination results show yet another improvement is both unfair and reasonable. It is unfair on the pupils, who can only do their best in the system that exists and who deserve commendation if their efforts lead to success. But it is reasonable to distinguish good results from standards and to ask if our children are receiving an ever-improving education. One element in determining how well educated our students are is their level of responsibility for their own learning. Are they equipped for independent study and for whole-life learning? That is a much more difficult question to answer, but because it is difficult it should not be thought that it is not valid.

Recently, at King's, we have taken a number of initiatives to encourage this responsibility for one's own learning. We have been helped by the growth of projects and course-work in public examinations. The open-ended nature of these tasks enables pupils to reach their own levels and sometimes these go far beyond the 'closed' results which can be expected from timed examinations. We have taken this idea further.

For some years now we have offered the opportunity to our Lower Sixth pupils to carry out a project of their own choosing and to present it for consideration for an award. The topic may or may not be related to their A Level studies but the choice is theirs, as is the decision to enter or not. This year the response of the students was as encouraging as ever and we were able to make twenty-two awards, which are detailed in Appendix 5.

This year, thanks to the Friends of King's, we were able to extend this opportunity to the Fourth Year pupils to see if they could undertake their own research and put it together to a specific deadline, with no outside help. The results were very pleasing. Some of the projects submitted could have been taken for the work of A Level students, and we were able to make no

fewer than forty-seven awards. More importantly, significant numbers of pupils have learnt a little more about the process of independent study and personal initiative.

In our General Science programme for the first two years we are using the 'Thinking Science' scheme, pioneered by King's College, London. The aim is to encourage pupils to become aware of the processes of learning, and to think about those processes and discuss them. It is early days but the signs are that the programme benefits not merely the pupils but the teachers, leading them to expect more independence from their other classes.

Let us now look at our record in public examinations. This, too, gave us great cause for satisfaction. The Fifth Year of the Girls' Division was our second year of a single class entry in 1993; twenty-two girls took nine subjects and all of them achieved the basic five passes at A-C - emulating the performance of their predecessors. Three girls achieved at least eight A grades, and the average number of passes per pupil was 8.22.

In the Boys' Division all 125 pupils achieved at least five passes at A-C, the first time this has ever been achieved in the school. The percentage pass rate was 96, the average number of passes per candidate 8.7. These are also the best results on record. In addition, there were thirty boys who passed at least eight subjects at grade A.

At A Level all but one of the 109 pupils qualified for Higher Education with a pass rate of 93.9%. The proportion of A/B grades was 47.4%, and the 'points per pupils' score was 22.4. Most significantly the 'value added' score from the pupils' GCSE performance was the best ever.

These results reflect great credit on the teachers and pupils concerned, on the quality of the teaching and of the pastoral care, since a number of pupils would admit they needed a good deal of support on the way to achieving these results.

The Girls' Division reaches its 'steady state' at the start of the academic year 1997, that is, there are now five full year groups in the school. At the end of the academic year we said good-bye to the Principal, Dr Brenda Despontin, who had arrived in 1992 to set the new Division up. Tribute is paid to her elsewhere in this Report. It is sufficient to say here that the outstanding success of this initiative owes much to her appointment. The Girls' Division is a thriving, happy place.

In the summer the Junior Division

had its turn to be inspected. The report praises its standards (two of the core subjects are rated 'very good', the third 'excellent'), the professionalism of the staff, the appearance of the rooms, the pupils' courtesy, pride in their school and general happiness, the range of activities, and the parents' satisfaction. The recommendations for action concern solely administration, organisation and investment. It is an excellent report, and a great credit to the staff.

During the course of this academic year, too, the Governors took forward their plans to open an Infants' section (3-7) beside the Junior Division. Such was the demand that we have filled all four year groups from the start, and the Infants' section has opened with 72 pupils across all four years. Since this was achieved without any buildings or staff to show prospective parents, this must have been due, in large measure, to the reputation of the Junior Division - a further tribute to them.

This year saw another innovation - the introduction of Fifth Year prefects in the Boys' Division. In the Girls' Division it was an obvious expectation that the Fifth Year, being the most senior group on the site, would take some responsibility. It worked so well, however, that the novel idea was tried of having Fifth Year boys working as prefects alongside the Upper Sixth prefects. Any doubts as to the effectiveness of such a system were quickly dispelled as the Fifth Year boys rose splendidly to the challenge and showed a maturity and reliability which surpassed expectations. Yet again, the message is sent out: where much is expected of pupils, much is achieved. Time and again they show that challenges merely bring more out of them of their latent qualities.

New technologies with ever greater access to the latest information and with ever wider possibilities of communication throughout the world place ever more responsibility on the individual pupil for his/her own learning, and thus provide ever increasing scope to scale new heights. This is the way forward: responsibility, independence and challenge.

The role of the teacher may change in the future but it will never disappear. A good staff is crucial to good education as it evolves. At King's we are singularly fortunate with the dedication of all our staff, teaching and non-teaching alike. The pages that follow pay tribute to them.

A G Silcock
November 1997

Hail...

Welcome to those members of staff who joined King's in September 1996. The following have kindly provided brief histories:

Margaret Gartside



(Chemistry)

Margaret was born in West Yorkshire, where she attended the first of many schools that have featured in her life. As the daughter of a railway industrial relations officer, family moves were almost inevitable, and her schooling continued on Teesside and later in Surrey.

Following a degree in Chemistry at Birmingham, she worked for two years in Research and Development with the pharmaceutical company, Pfizer, at Sandwich in Kent. By this time, however, the call of the educational world beckoned, and she completed a PGCE at the Centre for Science Education, now part of King's College, London.

Margaret's first teaching job was at Brighton and Hove High School, followed by a two year spell establishing a Chemistry Department at a newly-formed girls' comprehensive school, also in Brighton.

Any attempt to have a structured career then collapsed. Having got married and moved to Cheshire (for the first time), an enjoyable but all too brief spell teaching at a Sixth Form College in Northwich ended with a company move for husband, David, to Bristol. This provided the opportunity to teach in two more schools before starting a family. Shortly before the birth of Christopher, the company decided that the Gartside's' life was too humdrum,

and a move to Scotland was pre-scribed.

There then followed eight hectic years which saw the arrival of younger son, Jonathan; a range of posts with the National Childbirth Trust; helping with Guides, Beavers and Cubs; sitting on the Children's Panel; as well as resuming a teaching career - including a memorable spell at a Cumbernauld comprehensive famous as the setting for *Gregory's Girl*. Needless to say, this was all too good to last, and a further move with ICI was declared - this time to Gloucestershire. Three years added two more schools and another subject - Maths - to the cv.

Another move - back to Scotland for three years - renewed old friendships, and added Special Needs teaching experience to the list. However, old habits die hard, and the company (by this time Zeneca) thought that it was time for the family to revisit Cheshire. After several months re-establishing normal family life in yet another house, Margaret took up her present post at King's in September 1996.

When not packing or unpacking tea-chests, Margaret enjoys walking, badminton, theatre, singing, reading and cooking. She has developed a hatred of estate agent's blurb, and cannot imagine why anyone would move house merely for a change of scene.

Jill Illingworth

(School Office Manager)

Jill joined King's from Hulme Hall School, a small independent school in Cheadle Hulme. During her eighteen years there, she covered most aspects of work in a school office and was, at various times, Headmaster's Secretary, Assistant Director and latterly, Marketing Coordinator.

During her own school days, she attended Cheadle Girls' Grammar School which, after several changes of title, has now become Ridge Danyers College. Her stint as Deputy Head Girl may account for her interest in school administration!

As a practising Christian, Jill is a regular attender at St Andrew's C of E where she teaches children between the ages of three and five on a Sunday morning. Also at the church, she has been involved in numerous dramatic plays, musicals and concerts, dealing mainly with front of house and production management. She is married with two children, both of whom now attend King's.



Michael Nolan

(Physics)

Mike was born in Cumbria but lived in Chester for the first sixteen years of his life. He attended St Anselm's College, Birkenhead, and St Leonard's Comprehensive, Durham City, following a family move. At university he studied Physics at Newcastle receiving a BSc in 1988 and subsequently studied Medical Physics and Computing at Aberdeen for his MSc in 1989. From there he moved to Suffolk and worked for two years at British Telecommunications Research Laboratories in Ipswich as a software engineer working on digital exchange management systems. In 1991 he went to visit a friend who had just started a PhD at Cambridge. He liked the idea so much he applied himself and for four years worked as a post graduate research student in the Department of Medicinal Chemistry, part of the School of Clinical Medicine. His field was medical imaging and he developed techniques for visualising the internal workings of human articular joints using a technique called magnetic resonance imaging. During this time he met his wife, Julia (a doctor), and they got married in 1993. In 1995 he decided that he needed a change of career and applied for teacher training at Sheffield completing his PGCE in the summer of 1996.

During his time at Cambridge he was captain of the (varsity match winning) cross-country running team and got two 'Blues', in athletics and cross-country. He also cycled across the Himalayan Mountains one summer. Since moving to Sheffield he has taken up fell running and mountain marathons, competing in the last three years of the Karrimor International Mountain Marathon. He also came 487th in the Lon-

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don Marathon last year. Despite his extra-curricular involvement at King's, he is possibly the world's worst orienteer, having never beaten Mr O'Donnell.

In August 1997 Mike and Julia's son, Daniel, was born in Sheffield. They now live in Prestbury.

By the time this is published he will have submitted his PhD!

Alison Schreiber

(French)

Alison was born and brought up in Nottingham and studied Modern Languages at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, spending a year during the course as a teaching 'assistante' in Lyon. She began her teaching career at Christ's Hospital, Horsham, where she taught French for five years and worked as House Tutor and later Housemistress of a new Girls' Boarding House. Seeking a change from boarding school life, she joined British Airways and spent two very enjoyable years flying the world as long-haul cabin crew, before returning to teach French and Spanish at Woldingham School in Surrey. She moved north when she married and taught French and Spanish at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in Blackburn for two years before coming to King's.

Neil Walker

(Biology)

Neil was born in Aberdeen and, despite being brought up in Scarborough, still has strong ties to Scotland. He attended St Andrews University studying Pure Science - a mixed discipline including Anatomy, Physiology and Psychology, and it was here that he first started Scottish dancing seriously. Outdoor activity courses occupied most of the summers there and were most useful after University when Neil spent some time in the Depot and Training Regiment of the Royal Corps of Transport based mainly in Aldershot and on Dartmoor.

After this, Neil took a post teaching English in Hong Kong for a year before travelling back overland to take up a place on a PGCE course at Goldsmith's College, University of London. It was here that he took up hockey again and has continued his involvement in the sport through to King's.

Neil's first teaching post was at Stewards School in Essex where he taught Biology and General Science for two years. He moved up to Cheshire in 1993 when he married and took a post in Ryles Park School. Here he taught mixed ability Groups Science as well as

working with the large special needs unit on site. Whilst at Ryles Park, Neil became involved with the Cheshire Able Pupils group and also started to study for an MA at Manchester Metropolitan University.

Since joining King's, Neil has celebrated the birth of his daughter, Emma. He is still involved in Scottish dancing, representing Cheshire at a number of events, as well as becoming involved with school hockey at the Girls' Division, and he is looking forward to an enjoyably busy time at school and at home.



Lynne Warrington

(Girls' Classics & Head of Year 2)

Lynne was born three miles outside Chester where she spent the first eighteen years of her life on her parents' dairy farm. Her bucolic beginnings soon engendered in her a special interest in Virgil's Eclogues and Georgias. She attended Queen's School, Chester, where she gained A Levels in Latin, Greek and English Literature. Lynne read Classics at Nottingham University where she very much enjoyed the campus life, becoming Vice President of the Gilbert & Sullivan Society and a volunteer for the student telephone helpline 'Nightline'.

She studied for a PGCE at Cambridge University where she worked with the authors of 'The Cambridge Latin Course'.

Lynne has travelled extensively during and after her university years: Australia, USA, Canada, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Botswana. The biggest highlight of this travelling was climbing

Ayer's Rock. Lynne still enjoys travelling, but concentrates now on Europe, especially Italy.

Her first teaching job was at St Mary's Hall, Brighton, moving on to Nonsuch High School for Girls in Cheam, Surrey. Here she was teacher in charge of Latin and Head of Year 8. Lynne very much enjoyed living in London, particularly because of the cultural opportunities that this gave her.

Lynne moved to King's Macclesfield in 1996 because she wanted to be part of a bigger Classics Department and she had known about King's School's excellent reputation since her own school days. She also wanted to be nearer to her family.

Lynne's hobbies include graphology, Liverpool Football Club and test match cricket.

A warm welcome, too, to:

John Pattison Biology
Claire Priestley Junior Division
Gill Westall Junior Division Secretary

... and Farewell

and our best wishes for the future to:

Brenda Despontin

Brenda Despontin was appointed Principal of the Girls' Division in 1992 - a year before the Division opened. She came with the job of setting up the Division from scratch and since, at the time, there were virtually no members of staff and only an undecorated, neglected building, the task of establishing a full first year may have seemed rather daunting. But Brenda was not daunted - either by that or by any of the other later challenges she had to face.

When she left in 1997 the Girls' Division was full, with five year groups of healthy numbers and a vibrant, enthusiastic staff. There was a secure, happy environment in which the pupils thrived, involving themselves whole-heartedly in the life of the school, and a positive, friendly atmosphere of respect and tolerance which was unfailingly commented on by all who visited the school.

How was all this achieved? From the outset Brenda captivated all who met her with her cheerful enthusiasm, her friendly manner and her lively interest in them. Parents took to her, staff wanted to work for her, pupils strove to please her. Above all, she was a master of planning, combining the vision for the sort of school she wished to create with the meticulous attention

to detail which ensured that things went according to plan. Brenda took the staff with her and engendered a pride in the school, a concern for standards and an enthusiasm to tackle challenges which made the place hum, and all this was achieved in a cheerful atmosphere of humour and fun.

Brenda had a warmth of character which was reflected in a concern for every member of the Division. She had time for anyone's worries and, though never flinching from tackling real problems head-on, was able to instil a self-belief and confidence in those who needed support. Nor was she one to stand on her dignity and let others tackle the chores: where there were mundane, unrewarding tasks to be done, she led by example and tackled them herself.

The Girls' Division benefited from a host of new ideas and initiatives under Brenda's leadership, but so did the local community, as she set up support groups for other women in senior management positions or involved herself in the HMC Inspection system, and always with an undaunted confidence that things would go well (and they did, but in large measure because of many hours of meticulous preparation).

Someone of Brenda's quality was sure to become a Head sooner rather than later, and Haberdasher's, Monmouth will assuredly bless the day that their Governors appointed her. Under her they are sure to flourish. We wish her well, conscious that we owe her an enormous debt. The King's School Girls' Division will always be a part of her and she can surely look back on a task outstandingly well done, and her achievements will always be a part of the fabric of the King's School.

Graham Wilson

A graduate in Law from Durham University, Graham Wilson arrived at King's in 1965 to teach English, eventually succeeding David Burt as Head of Department in 1977.

During his thirty-two years at the school, as well as running a very successful academic department, "GP", as he was universally known, has contributed to many and varied aspects of school life, including producing and directing school plays, coaching rugby at junior age group and senior levels, and assisting various expeditions to the high ground of the country. Other less known contributions have been: representing the staff team at soccer as a bustling left wing, appearing as a burly blind side flanker in the halcyon

days of such staff/pupil rugby matches and acting as medical supervisor on a major overseas tour.

His expertise and knowledge, whether in the classroom or outside, have benefited many, enabling some to become Oxford Literature Dons, West End actors, London advertising agency directors or senior players at premier Rugby Union clubs, both at home and abroad.

As an independent spirit, and enthusiastic and committed professional, GP's influence on pupils will be missed. We wish him well in retirement where he hopes to engage in further intellectual study, continue to take an active role in the unearthing and development of rugby talent in English schools, and enjoy the benefits offered by the hills and (v)ales of the land.

Ian Warburton

Ian Warburton joined the King's School as Head of Mathematics in 1974. His retirement in 1997, therefore, following twenty-three years of service, was a classic case of retiring whilst in one's prime!

In such a span, a teacher would probably prepare in excess of 25,000 lessons, teach over 3,000 different students, and mark over 75,000 pieces of homework. The certainty in Ian's case is that he actually would have prepared those lessons and marked all the homework, for his thoroughness and commitment were second to none. His students benefited immensely, gaining first class results at O and GCSE level, going on in good numbers to A Level with equally impressive grades, and not insignificant numbers moving on to Mathematics or related courses at university.

As Head of Department, Ian's organisation was legendary. He was totally fair in his allocation of good and not so good sets; he was always available to offer advice and guidance, and he built up a tremendous sense of teamwork within the department. That there were astonishingly few personnel changes during his twenty-three years bears testament to this; he gave everyone opportunities and there is no doubt that the success of the department in terms of its results was a direct consequence of this policy.

Ian made many other contributions to the school. As a Sixth Form tutor and senior advisor, he helped several generations of students make the transition to A Level and guided them in their university applications. His extra-curricular activities were sustained even at a time when increasing demands made

on Heads of Department caused some of them to reduce their commitment. He organised and coached tennis and badminton teams, having also been involved with orienteering in his early years at the school.

There is no doubt that Ian's retirement marks the end of an era, and, indeed, the Common Room has lost a gentleman and friend. We wish Ian and his wife, Sylvia, a long and happy retirement.

Vivien Cripps

Vivien was the Headmaster's secretary from 1991-1997. During that time she established herself as a friendly and supportive colleague, well liked and respected by all who worked in the school.

She was, in the first place, excellent at her job - extremely efficient, hard-working and quick on the uptake. She had a friendly, welcoming manner, both on the telephone and face-to-face, and parents, pupils, visitors and members of staff were always treated with extreme courtesy and helpfulness. That, however, is only one side of the job: the other is ensuring that telephone calls are directed to the right place and that when the Headmaster is busy he is not disturbed. One is reminded in Vivien's case of the definition of a diplomat: the sort of person who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the journey! For all that, colleagues knew that they would receive a warm, friendly greeting and enjoy a pleasant chat if kept waiting for a few minutes by the Headmaster.

Vivien was, in addition, an expert in the English language. Whether making sense of letters dictated apparently in a trance, editing rambling articles to fluent, succinct works of art or herself writing copy for the school, everything was done to the highest standard without apparent effort: truly the art that conceals itself!

Vivien was also involved in the school in areas that went well beyond the demands of her job. As a parent she was extremely supportive of school drama and of the Friends of King's drama committee. Her commitment to the preparation of the Former Pupils' Gazette over the years was appropriately recognised on her retirement as well.

Her greatest contribution, however, was as a colleague who had time for everyone and an interest in everything (except, perhaps, school sport!). Her cheerful manner and delightful sense of fun will be sorely missed, as well as

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her friendliness and charm.

Her love of the English language has taken her into publishing and her first venture is a history of the King's School. This means that, for some time at least, she will be in touch with the school and on regular visits. I am sure she knows she will always be welcome in a school to which she has given so much.

Philippe Bret

Philippe joined the King's School in the early eighties and for many years commuted daily from Littleborough. This in itself is a remarkable feat, although it did not endear British Rail to him, and it is his enormous energy and cheerful personality which immediately come to mind when his name is mentioned. He was always willing to work long hours without losing his anxiousness to be of service, whether in the preparation of materials for the French department or in assisting to run internal examinations or as organizer and animateur on the numerous trips he took to Camurac in the Pyrenees.

For Philippe it was a matter of France first and France always. He speaks English very fluently but nevertheless preferred to use French as much as possible both with students and staff alike, to the bemusement of some of the latter. He filled his teaching area with bleu, blanc et rouge and was never at a loss for a bag of postcards or magazines. His home ground is a stone's throw from Cognac and Bordeaux football team enjoyed his moral support. A youth sprinter at national level, he was a familiar figure with a tape measure on sports days at King's

Philippe is patient with machines and good with his hands, as a visitor to his house can see. He also enjoys the garden and is both knowledgeable and expert in the kitchen. These latter skills were once on display in General Studies and had things worked out differently he could have seen himself as a chef in some notable gastronomic establishment. As it is, he took an interest in examining for a while and since last Christmas has re-entered the world of business he forsook when he left Michelin in Stoke to take up his post in Macclesfield. He is, as ever, unpredictable, but recent generations of King's students and numerous staff will recall with gratitude and affection the bonhomie and zest for living which are his trademark. He deserves our thanks for his many years of varied

service to the school and we wish him, and Christine, well in whatever future ventures may await them.

Jan Hubbard

Jan Hubbard was at the King's School for only three years between 1994 and 1997, but in that short time made a strong impact on the Modern Languages Department. Although she had had wide and varied experience as a successful and gifted Head of German elsewhere, she had no difficulty in slotting into our team in which she much enjoyed working.

She was well respected by colleagues and pupils alike, was confident with any responsibility delegated to her and was able and ready to take on a very heavy workload. She was always smartly turned out, always remained cheerful and friendly, and her thoughtful, patient, inventive and creative approach provided motivation and presented appropriate challenges in all her classes. Above all, her planning, commitment to pupils and time management stood out. Her views always had considerable effect on shaping our programmes of study.

We greatly appreciate Jan's contribution to the German Department and were very sorry to lose such a talented and committed colleague. She has tremendous ability, vast experience and shows a very positive and energetic attitude to anything she takes on. She has displayed immense courage, supported by her husband, Mel, in being such a stimulating teacher whilst caring for her young family which presents her with special problems.

We wish Jan and her family every possible happiness and success in the future.

Sue Matthews

Sue Matthews joined the King's School in September 1995 to teach Geography in both the Boys' and Girls' Divisions on a part-time basis.

Sue is a very good and dedicated teacher who worked hard to establish Geography in the new Girls' Division. She was well liked by both staff and pupils who enjoyed her lively good humour. She made a full contribution to extra-curricular activities, being involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and helping to organise their expeditions.

Sue also accompanied 3CHB on their camping expedition to Edale for the King's Award earlier this year. While the class ate canned hot dogs heated on a Trangia, the staff feasted on Tuna Surprise, cooked and served by

Mrs Matthews, in the comparative luxury of the camping barn!

Sue left the King's School in July 1997 to take a position as a part-time Geographer at Cheadle Hulme School. We wish her well in her new post.

Avril Waters

Avril Waters joined the staff of the Girls' Division in September 1995 after a varied career which included a spell in an international school in Kenya and, immediately prior to King's, at Wolverhampton Grammar School. She arrived at a critical moment in the development of the History Department at Fence Avenue, with increasing numbers opting for the subject at GCSE, and much curriculum development under way lower down the school. Avril contributed to the consolidation of the subject and to the first successes in external examinations. Her knowledge, professional expertise and enthusiasm combined with a willingness to share her skills to the benefit of her pupils and the department as a whole. She taught an A Level group with similar aplomb, with all candidates gaining their best possible grade.

The girls in her form will remember her firm but fair manner and her skill at resolving disputes. Good humour marked all her dealings with pupils.

She also took on responsibility for Careers Education in the Girls' Division, developing and improving access to information and the methods of guidance. She organised two highly successful 'Take Your Daughters to Work' days, the last one largely from home when on maternity leave.

Avril's many friends in the Common Room wish her well during her 'retirement', though few of us believe that she will be away from teaching for long.

Vivienne Sassoon

Viv joined King's at the beginning of term in January. She took over a full timetable, which contained two examination forms, and immediately set about getting to know her students. She took her job most seriously but managed always to retain her infectious vivaciousness and good humour. She knew what she wanted students to achieve and they responded, some even reappearing at lunchtimes for fine-tuning! They certainly repaid her well in August when the results came through.

Aside from teaching, Viv took a keen interest in her pastoral role, achieving a good rapport with older and younger students alike, and showing

friendly concern to individual tutees, without, however, always buying their excuses. In the French Department her enthusiasm and energy were much appreciated, as was her all-round contribution to the work in hand. At present, Viv is teaching in North Manchester in a different kind of school with a wide spread of ability. Her resourcefulness will no doubt serve her very well there. Though she spent only a short time with us, her impact was positive and beneficial. We are grateful for her efforts on behalf of King's and we wish her every success and happiness in her future career.

Penny Royle

Penny joined the Religious Studies Department for the Summer Term as cover for Jill Eccles. In her short time at King's, she impressed everyone by her full commitment to the school, including taking over an Upper Sixth A Level group for their final weeks of revision, a GCSE group and a tutor group. In a very short time she demonstrated a wide range of skills as a teacher, and a concern for and commitment to her pupils. We wish her every success in the future.

Tyss Bevan

Tyss Bevan began teaching in the Senior School where he taught, in particular, Geography, History and Games. His coaching skills in Rugby were well renowned as his Welsh passion for the game was passed on with enthusiasm to his pupils. He moved to the Junior School over 20 years ago and transferred his coaching skills and tactical acumen to the round ball game, producing many skilful and successful Junior football teams. In the summer he put many a budding athlete on the road to success, too. His love of teaching History, in particular, led to children enjoying their trips back into times gone by, his vast subject knowledge and inimitable story-telling skills brought history alive in the imagination of his students. He also taught Geography, Technology, P. E. and Games. His sense of humour is legendary and his experience was invaluable in dealing with the varying problems that a Junior 4 Form teacher encounters, always fairly and firmly. Unfortunately, ill health during the early part of the year forced him to take early retirement after almost 30 years' service to King's. The school has lost another 'character', but we wish him and his wife many years of happy retirement.

Sue Green

Sue Green was Form Teacher of J2M during her first year, moving on to become Form Teacher of J1S for the next three years. She also taught her specialist subject, Geography, to older children as well as co-ordinating that subject throughout the Junior Division. More recently she established the rôle of Learning Support Co-ordinator which has involved liaising with Mrs Buckland, who supports children with extra learning needs. There is no doubt that her commitment, enthusiasm and teaching skills have made vital contributions to the initial settling in periods of many children entering King's at our earliest years, thus providing foundations for future success. Sue moves on to become Area Manager for the Covenanters, a Christian youth organisation, where her undoubted 'people skills' will help her to make a great success, I am sure.

Hazel Wheeler

During Hazel Wheeler's four years at King's she has taken charge of J4 and J3 classes, as well as being Form Teacher of J2S during this school year. Initially concentrating on her main subjects of Science and Physical Education, she has been curriculum co-ordinator for Science and Information Technology, as well as being responsible for the school's charitable efforts. She has made a particularly strong contribution to sport, coaching girls in Netball and Rounders to many notable successes, as well as encouraging both boys and girls to play hockey. Her commitment to sporting excellence alongside a sense of fair play has given many children a sound sporting base. She left to move to the South of England where she took up a new teaching post in September. We wish her and her fiancé every success in the future.

Art & Design

Annual Art Exhibition

The Annual Art Exhibition that has run for twenty-one years did not take place in 1996. It is hoped that a year's rest will revitalise the exhibition which it is hoped to arrange along slightly different lines in 1997.

Pottery Workshops

The Autumn Term began with pottery workshops run by two artist/potters who were invited into school. Annie Tortora, an artist well known in the North West, instructed the Fourth Year GCSE girls in how to build a variety of ceramic forms based on seed cases. Robbie Manning, an up and coming Liverpoolian artist/potter, showed the girls how to decorate and smoke-fire pots. The work produced was exciting and will form part of the GCSE coursework for the pupils.

Yorkshire Sculpture Park

The Fifth Year GCSE field trip was spent at Yorkshire Sculpture Park where pupils were able to see first-hand a variety of styles of sculpture. This was a useful adjunct to their coursework in which they are expected to demonstrate an appreciation of artists/designers/craftworkers.

ISADA/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 artist, Jenny Saville currently exhibiting in the controversial 'Young Contemporaries' exhibition at the Royal Academy, has been a source of great inspiration to many students and so it was with pleasure that Miss Inman was able to meet her in person at the Spring Independent Schools' Art & Design Association Conference at Sidcot School. Equipped with many questions on behalf of the students, Miss Inman heard Jenny talk about her very personal themes and influences which were reported back to the Sixth Formers, some of whom went on to use her influence in their own work. 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 & Design Field Trip to Tremadog in North Wales was the highlight of the Summer Term.

There were only seven students participating this year but they attacked the venture with enthusiasm, vigour, initiative and commitment. We departed early on a Friday morning heading via the Craft Centre at Ruthin over the Welsh Mountains to Porthmadog and then Tremadog. 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 for Living Art & Science (where we stayed) provided a rich resource. It is set in a hilly woodland with cascading waterfalls. We also spent time studying the rock formations on the beach at Borth-y-Gest, and the amazingly spectacular scenery around the slate quarries at Blaenau Ffestiniog. A measure of the enjoyment and commitment of the students is shown by the incident when they had disappeared 'to work' and had not reappeared by ten o'clock at night. Cynical teachers begin to get suspicious in circumstances like this, but we were relieved and pleased to find all the students sitting in the dark at the foot of a waterfall, lit only by torches and candles, frantically drawing the reflections of the moving water. This augurs well for the future!

The meals at the centre were simple, healthy and wholesome and largely made from home grown produce. After dinner, organ music was provided by Jo Hastie who clearly had the knack of pedalling and playing well suited. 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 last week of the Summer Term we held an Open Evening at which all the A Level candidates displayed their work. This was well received, especially by the course leader of the Stockport College Art Foundation Course, who asked if we had any more students to send to him. The work this year was of such a high calibre that we intend to include it as part of the Annual Art Exhibition to be held in the Cumberland Street Hall in the latter part of the Autumn Term 1997.

GCSE Exhibition

At the end of the Summer Term, the families of the Fifth Year girls on the

GCSE course were invited to attend the preview of their daughters' GCSE exhibition. In the attractive setting of F15, put to its ideal use as a gallery space, the girls were able to show off their expertise in Painting, Textiles, Ceramics and Printmaking. Rani Axon's quirky illuminated plastic bottles generated interest and discussion, and had works been available for sale some of the girls would have been well in profit!

The Clothes Show

In December 1996 the Art Department made its first visit to 'The Clothes Show' at the NEC Birmingham. Miss Inman and Mrs Booker accompanied a dozen GCSE and A Level students to this 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 twenty colleges in the country and see famous works by top designers on the catwalk. Memorable moments included designer Ben de Lisi's show and one of our party being 'talent-scouted' by a model agency!

Many students followed up the visit with inspired pieces of costume work which were in evidence at the GCSE and A Level exhibitions. All in all the day looks to become a popular fixture in the Art Department's calendar.

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.

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. 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.

In the final week of the academic year there was a craft day at the Fence Avenue site. First Year pupils were introduced to the art of raku when they were able to glaze and fire their own pots in the school's raku kilns. The Second Years built paper kilns and it was intended that they should fire pots in these in the afternoon. Unfortunately, conflicting demands meant that the activity had to be postponed. It is now scheduled for the early part of the Autumn Term 1997.

Mr Seddon was able to take part in the Summer ISADA Conference which

included in its programme the plans for the new format A and AS Level exams. The information gleaned here is already being implemented in order to provide a smooth transition when the new exams become compulsory. A bonus was a lecture and workshop provided by the painter, Anthony Frost, whose techniques were instantly plagiarised and brought back for use at school.

Pupils in the Girls' Division produced our most flamboyant and adventurous set to date for the production of *The Beeple*. Taking its inspiration from Clarice Cliff, the hall and stage were transformed into a technicolour dreamscape of bizarre flowers with a twelve foot rocket as the centrepiece. Considering that most of the painters were First to Third Years, it represents a phenomenal achievement.

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

PS/DI

Drama

Sixth Form & Boys' Division

The proposed production of *The Tempest* unfortunately had to be postponed because of Mr Walker's illness, but the year was not without some fine dramatic performances. In *Class Acts*, a programme of scenes, improvisations and extracts, many pupils were given an opportunity to demonstrate their performance skills. The choice of material was imaginative and covered a wide range of European literature including Ionesco, Sartre, Ayckbourn, Fo and Gogol. There was also much original material, and work, normally never seen beyond the classroom, was able to reach a wider audience.

Daniel Dale, Tom Johnson and James Ritchie devised a presentation on the theme of unacceptable behaviour. They responded well to the challenges presented by the individual items and were impressive in their ability to adapt instantly to the changes of mood and character imposed by the texts. One

minute we were immersed in the grim intensity of stories of mass execution of Untermensch and the next we were laughing at the absurdity of Monty Python humour. The programme was well balanced and confidently presented.

David Carr and Ziad Sawas were particularly effective as Vladimir and Estragon in the opening sequence of *Waiting for Godot*. The despair, frustration and humour of Beckett's play were caught in a concise and well rehearsed exploration of the piece.

The Sixth Form presented a memorable portrayal of childhood in a piece devised by Andrew Whatmough and Andrew Emslie with assistance from all the group members. Written and acted in the third person, the characters were demonstrated rather than acted, a technique which created a sense of comic detachment and was well received by an enthusiastic audience.

James Denton created a disturbing portrait of Sam Byck from Stephen Sondheim's *Assassins*. Using the full range of his vocal tone, he was able to lurch through the terrifying mood swings of Byck's troubled mind. The tension and violence of character made the extract exhausting to perform and alarming to watch but created a lasting impression on the audience.

Julie Browne and Andrew Emslie drew out the comic potential of their well contrasted characters in Ayckbourn's *Man of the Moment*. Julie created a patronising, smug and worldly wise television presenter interviewing Andrew Emslie's timid, unassuming and bewildered Douglas. The detailed use of gesture, facial expression and inflection made the piece totally convincing and held the audience's attention throughout.

Class Acts presented a different programme each evening and involved far too many scenes to be able to mention every one in the limited space of this report. Suffice it to say that the outstanding results in the summer examinations confirmed the high standard of all the performances presented.

The Tempest is now to be presented in February 1998 but the *Class Acts* format, which it is hoped will become a regular feature of the dramatic calendar, will be repeated in March.

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Girls' Division

Drama in the Girls' Division has gone from strength to strength during the previous school year.

Drama Club opened its doors to the male members of the school with great



Paper Kilns built by the Second Year Girls

success. David Gleaves and Jo Adams gave us a very entertaining duologue by Victoria Wood as part of the Programme of Music and Drama held in the Fence Avenue Hall in February.

Alderley Edge Festival was a popular venue with members of Drama Club, all of whom found this a most gratifying and worthwhile experience.

Examination practical work which was performed by both Fourth and Fifth Year girls was enjoyed by all who attended *Class Acts* during the month of March.

Finally, the Girls' Division production, *The Beeple*, gave a wonderful opportunity for many of our younger girls to make their presence felt on stage and indeed backstage. For some, it was their first time in a major role and I feel sure it will not be their last. The Fourth Year girls also provided magnificent support both on and off stage. They were very professional and gave great encouragement to younger members of the cast. Staff and parents were also part of the team, without whom a production would not have been possible. In short, this rounded off a highly satisfying year.

SG

Music

Autumn Term

This year's musical activities began very early, as last year, with the most advanced string players of the Foundation, joined by parents, friends and former pupils, in the Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal Weekend and Concert. The orchestra met on Friday evening to sight-read Mozart's *Eine kleine Nachtmusik* and Benjamin Britten's (not so!) *Simple Symphony*. The performers once again astonished the audience with music-making of verve and command. This concentrated approach to learning may some day be seen as having value in areas other than extra-curricular.

The middle of November saw the third visit to King's of the internationally renowned organist, Professor Ian Tracey of Liverpool Cathedral. The packed audience expected the usual mixture of scintillating playing and light-hearted introductions and they were not disappointed! The end of the Autumn Term was especially hectic, with two Christmas Concerts full of fun and musical excellence from Bands, Choirs, Orchestras, groups, etc, closely followed for the Foundation Choir by the two Services of Nine Lessons and Carols, first at Chester Cathedral and

then at St Michael's Parish Church, with an important concert on the Saturday in between, singing carols with the Northern Chamber Orchestra in their Christmas Concert at the Macclesfield Leisure Centre. Matters were not helped when Mr Green was taken ill and missed his first school concerts for twenty-one years, being able only to provide the organ accompaniment in Chester Cathedral and St Michael's. Mrs Beesley and Mrs Brown stepped in superbly to conduct extra items and the pupils rose to the occasion to ensure the shows went on with the usual high standards intact.

Spring Term

The musical highlight of the Spring Term was the *Last Night of the Proms*, a concert in which the Foundation Orchestra and Foundation Big Band were joined by the St George's Singers, Poynton, together with over a thousand flag-waving, cheering audience in Macclesfield Leisure Centre, including MPs and Mayors from many boroughs, to raise money for four of the Mayor's charities. The Big Band, under the inspired direction of Ron Darlington, took the stage for the whole of the first half of the concert. After the visiting choir had performed, the second half became the traditional conclusion to the *Last Night*, with Pomp and Circumstance, British Sea Songs, Rule Britannia and Jerusalem. The Foundation Orchestra was enlarged for the occasion by parents, friends, former pupils and guest leader, Martin Milner, ex-leader of the Halle Orchestra. The orchestra played superbly, with many fine solo performances from pupils, and the evening was a great success financially for the Mayor's charities.

Whilst the Spring Term's instrumental activities were directed towards the Mayor's concert, the Foundation Choir enjoyed preparing items to a high standard to perform in the National Festival of Music for Youth. King's musicians have gained increasing experience in local music festivals in recent years and our Girls' and Boys' Barbershop groups came away with first and second places respectively in the Alderley Edge Music Festival.

Summer Term

Instrumental and vocal groups, assisted by solo musicians played to delighted audiences in an Evening of Music and Drama in the Girls' Division and a Boys' Division Concert, both in the early weeks of the Summer Term. Many of the Girls' Division performers had been winners in a very exciting

House Music Competition, the final being superbly adjudicated by Mrs Lea, who runs the ever-growing musical activities in the Junior Division.

We must not forget the continuing series of recitals of solo and chamber music given each term in aid of the East Cheshire Hospice. These attract disappointingly small audiences, but the entertainment provided by performers of all ages is heart-warming and very encouraging. The final Hospice Concert of the year, on the final Wednesday of the Summer Term, took the form of an exciting final of the Boys' Division Inter-Form Music Competition for the first three years, and the Senior Competition for Fourth Year and upwards.

To return to the first concert of the year, one exciting result of the Chamber Orchestra Concert arose because of an extra item which was programmed between the two orchestral works. This was the performance of a Trio for Saxophone, Cello and Piano, performed by the composer, Fifth Year pupil Thom Petty, with Mrs Beesley and Mr Green. This piece was entered in a national composing competition and was one of ten pieces by composers of similar age around the country to reach the final. The competition culminated in a Finalists' Concert in the Queen Elizabeth Concert Hall in Wakefield on a Saturday evening in November. Thom and his two fellow performers performed the trio again to a very excited audience. After long deliberation the jury awarded Thom second place, the decision between the first two places being a very close one. Perhaps even more exciting, however, was the result of the presence in the audience at the first performance at King's of the conductor of the Performing Arts Orchestra, himself a parent of a King's pupil, who was so impressed with the composition that he decided immediately to commission Thom to write an overture for the Performing Arts Orchestra to include in the Summer 1997 series of Last Night of the Proms concerts, to be given at various stately home venues around the country, including Capethorne Hall. Together with the award of a Sixth Form Music Scholarship and the King's School Organ Scholarship, this first professional commission seems to herald great things for Thom in the future. As the year ended, further composing competition success has enabled Thom to travel to Scotland for a week's composing workshop with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and its conductor, together with well-known composer, James MacMillan.

AKG

Junior Division Music

In September the Junior Division celebrated Harvest with a musical festival. The J1 children, performing bravely for the first time before the rest of the school, sang 'Someone's brought a loaf of bread'. The J2 children provided a recorder accompaniment to a harvest hymn and the J3 and J4 children and the J1/2 Choir sang seasonal songs of thanksgiving with enthusiasm. The J3/4 Choir provided a very beautiful and moving interpretation of the hymn 'Now the green blade riseth'.

The Wassail Evening took place in December. As over half the children in the Junior Division were taking part, this was a sell-out concert! Solos were provided by the children of all ages and abilities within the school, performing items with a Christmassy feel. The J3/4 Choir sang music by Richard Rodney Bennett and the J1/2 Choir reminded us of the meaning of the 'Christmas Alphabet'. The orchestra, augmented by musical members of the Junior Division staff, played a medley of well known Christmas Carols and the J4S Band sang, played and danced 'Jingle Bell Rock'. The finale of the evening was a rendition of 'I'm walking in the air' by the combined choirs. This concert really put us in a joyful mood for the Christmas season.

The Carol Service involved every child in the Junior Division. The children told the Nativity story through the medium of song, spoken word, mime and dance. Each year group sang a song about one aspect of the Christmas story. The J3s sang 'Donkey riding' as Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem, followed by the J2s singing 'Knock Knock', despairing that there was no room in the inn. All the children performed 'We've had a message' expressing the excitement of the shepherds and the J4s sang 'Follow the star' remembering the journey of the Kings. The J1s sang the traditional 'Rocking Carol', then all the children joined together to conclude with 'He is the light of the world'.

In February, the J3 children visited Broadcasting House in Manchester to experience a rehearsal given by the BBC Philharmonic. The orchestra was rehearsing suites 1 and 2 from 'Romeo and Juliet' by Prokofiev. As the J3 children study the Tudors in History, and Shakespeare's play in Drama lessons, this was a truly cross-curricular visit. The children enjoyed seeing the wide variety of musical instruments and hearing such a large body of live musicians. Listening to 'The death of Tybalt' performed with such energy

was a memorable experience. The children also enjoyed meeting with the conductor, Yan Pascal Tortelier, and other members of the orchestra after the rehearsal. They answered questions about life as a musician and gave the children an insight into professional music making.

In March, the J3 children took part in the Macclesfield Music Festival at the Leisure Centre. Along with seven other local schools, the children performed a selection of folk songs from the British Isles, a cantata with an environmental theme entitled 'Big Momma' and four popular Disney songs. The school orchestra provided the King's individual item with a toe-tapping rendition of 'Congratulations'.

The Easter Service was led by the J1 and J2 children who presented 'Resurrection Rock' by Sheila Wilson. The children sang, danced and acted out the Easter story with obvious enjoyment. Solos were performed by Ben Illingworth as Jesus, Heidi Hughes as Mary, mother of Jesus, Nick Petty as Peter and Sarah Hinchliffe as Pilate.

The J1 Concert was given in May. The children presented individual solo items, recorder pieces and percussion accompaniments. It was encouraging to see how many children who had begun an instrument only six months before were willing and able to share their musical skills with their friends and parents.

The second half of the concert was a performance of 'The Selfish Giant'. This musical adaptation of Oscar Wilde's story was written for the J1 children by Alison Lea. Ben Parton gave a lively performance as the giant singing of his wish to keep his garden to himself. Dominic Hall, Helen Mills, Sam Lea and Jonathan Powell were Jack Frost, Snow, North Wind and Hail, eager visitors to the garden. Anoshe Waheed was the small boy and Heidi Hughes the tree. All the J1 children told the story through song and narration.

The J2 Concert had a Viking theme. The first half comprised individual solos and pieces that displayed the recorder skills of the J2 children and in the second half they presented 'In Viking Times' by Jan Holdstock. Through a series of seven songs they gave an insight into the lives and beliefs of the Viking people. Each class performed a percussion accompaniment to a song and also a dance. The 'Valhalla Tango', performed in true 'Come dancing' style with added atmospheric percussion, brought the house down!

The Junior Division Summer Music

Festival was a happy and busy event consisting of 130 entries! Within year groups, the children competed for first, second and third prize in the categories of strings, wind, brass, voice and percussion. There were also upper and lower junior ensemble classes. The festival was adjudicated by Mr Andrew Green and Mrs Jo Beesley and the children were encouraged by their praise and positive comments.

The year ended with a Summer Concert featuring the orchestra, recorder group and choirs and also several winners from the Music Festival. The standard of the individual items was very high and it was a very difficult decision when deciding how to award the music cups. In the event, the J1 cup was won by Heidi Hughes (voice and recorder), the J2 cup by Austin Sependa (cello), the J3 cup by Christopher Mills (trumpet) and the J4 cup by Rebecca Lea (piano, voice and French horn).

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Oliver

The backdrop was meticulously painted by Mr Atkinson, with help from Miss Priestley, the scaffolding was assembled and in place, the musicians had warmed up and the scene was all set for Victorian England for what seemed like hundreds of orphans and street urchins ready to 'Pick a Pocket or two'. All those weeks and weekends of rehearsals had paid off. Each child gave one hundred per cent effort and the standard of performance was excellent. Nancy, played by Nicola Roper, looked and sounded stunning in her tattered red dress. Dodger, played by Sam Waite, proceeded to lead Oliver, played by Matthew Scott, away from the straight and narrow, whilst Fagin, played beautifully by Rebecca Lea, taught the urchins more tricks of the trade. Bill Sykes, played by Alan Wood, threatened the cast and directors alike with his surly expression. 'You can go but be back soon' resounded along the corridors and the audience were invited to 'Consider themselves at home'. After three excellent performances on consecutive nights, the cast and staff were all exhausted but very proud to have been associated with such a show. It was only the following day, when sleep was greatly needed, that the words of 'Who will buy this wonderful morning?' seemed to be buried well beneath the pillows as the sheer tiredness set in. The memories were there to treasure as Oliver had treasured his memories of his own mother.

PJA

Biology Department

Field Course to Betws-y-Coed

As the school summer holidays came to an end, thirty one Lower Sixth Form students and five members of the Biology staff (S Madden, J N Walker, J R Pattison, C J Buckland and N Teagle) departed for the Field Studies Centre at Betws y Coed for an intensive week of ecological study.

The purpose of the visit was to investigate the ecology of as many different, specialised environments as possible, many of which are not easily accessible from school. Trips were made to the rocky coasts of Anglesey, the sand dunes of Harlech, the moorlands around Betws y Coed, the woodlands surrounding the centre, where mosses and lichens abound, as well as studies of freshwater invertebrates and pollution in local river systems.

Students spent a great deal of time in the early part of the week learning a variety of new skills which were put to very good use in individual project work at the latter end of the week. The nature of the work was new and required long hours of application both in the field and in the laboratory, as the data collected was analysed and statistically validated at the end of each day. Although the working day was very long, often twelve hours of contact time, and there was little time for relaxation, everyone worked cheerfully to complete the set work and there was a sense of achievement at the end of the week.

The accommodation and food were good and a cake was provided to wish Nat Bradbrook a Happy Birthday. The teaching provided by the two lecturers, Pete and Phil, was first-class. A huge amount of interesting written material was circulated, which, together with the practical work and lectures, gave each student a thorough introduction to ecological methodology. This will provide an excellent foundation for the ecology examination module in February.

The weather was mixed, with some lovely sunny days and some fairly wet days with the associated mists and cool breezes. Spirits remained cheerful throughout.

Initially some students had thought the course to be expensive, but had little idea of just how much work would be done in the week. It was therefore satisfying when several students stated at the end of the week that it had been good value for money and that they had learnt a lot of things that they could not have learnt easily from school.

CJB

Chemistry Department

Zeneca Science Prize

A team of four from the Upper Sixth (Michael Sellars, Peter Hopkins, Richard Hibbert and James Farrer) devised and carried out an extended project which was then entered for the Zeneca Science Prize. They investigated the effect of heavy metal ions on the action of an enzyme (catalyse). They chose to investigate the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide, which is catalysed by the enzyme. They devised a method for monitoring the reaction, using data logging equipment attached to a PC, and investigated the effect of Lead, Barium and Strontium ions on the reaction.

They took their project to a presentation afternoon at Zeneca, along with a number of other groups from other local Secondary Schools. They did not win, but were commended by the judges for their efforts.

University Lectures and Visits

In November, forty-two Lower Sixth Chemists visited Salford University for a day of demonstration lectures. The highlight was Dr John Salthouse and his demonstrations on the theme of explosions. There were a number of very loud bangs and people suffering from asthma were advised not to sit too near the front, on account of the fumes he produced! By the end, those sitting at the back could not see through the fog that had accumulated in the room. There were also interesting talks on Chemical Reactions and light, and the Chemistry of Food. The event is repeated each year and this year's Lower Sixth will be going in December 1997.

During January and February, the Upper Sixth Chemists attended a Revision Day at Manchester University on two of the A Level modules, and spectroscopy sessions at the University of Keele or the University of Manchester. We have an infra-red spectrometer at school, but were given opportunity to see Mass Spectrometers and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometers in action in the University laboratories.

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Geology Department

Field Trip to Cornwall

Having been based at Shap, Cumbria, for several years, this spring the Lower Sixth residential course travelled south to Cornwall for a week of non-stop Geology. We shared a comfortable hotel in Bude with a group of Cambridge

Geology undergraduates and were very fortunate to experience a week of gloriously warm and sunny weather. Most of the locations involved visiting spectacular coastal cliffs and coves, although we also had half a day on Bodmin Moor.

The programme for the week involved the usual mix of hard work and good fun. The ten students each completed two major assessed coursework investigations and visited many other sites of geological importance, ranging from the impressive fold structures of the north coast to the exotic rocks of the Lizard Peninsula. Long days in the field were followed by the essential evening follow-up work. Social highlights of the week included a group cream tea and a quick dip in the emerald waters of the Atlantic.

Applied Geology Techniques

This course took place on 27th April 1997 at the Ecton Hill Field Studies Centre and was run by staff from Imperial College, London. Lower Sixth geologists attended and got 'hands on' experience of sophisticated equipment not available in school. In the morning a seismic refraction survey detected a subsurface change in rock type and a ground resistivity survey was used to find the depth to the water table. In the afternoon there was a visit into Ecton Hill copper mine and a discussion of factors controlling tunnel and foundation stability. Various software packages were used to process the data and there was a follow up exercise back at school. The course supported the syllabus and gave students an insight into the work of the professional geologist.

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Physics Department

Physics Olympics

In October a team of four Upper Sixth students (Matthew Freear, Richard Hibbert, Alex Morgan and Michael Abbotts) represented King's in the Liverpool Physics Olympics. It is an annual event and this year a total of thirty schools from all over the region took part. The competition was organised by the Department of Physics at Liverpool University and sponsored by several scientific and technological companies. It consisted of a series of five, thirty five 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 completed in gaps between events and

during their lunch break. The aim of this fun-based competition was to stimulate interest in Physics and in this the organisers were clearly successful. Although we did not win, the team acquitted themselves well and had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Physics Updates Conference

In December a group of fifteen Upper Sixth Form students and one member of staff attended the Physics Updates conference at the University of Salford. It provided an interesting, stimulating and enjoyable day by bringing the excitement of Physics to students through a number of demonstrations. These were given by distinguished and established speakers from around the country who through lively talks illustrated the social and economic importance of Physics. There was also a session given by a Chief Examiner on questions directly related to the A Level examination with examples of good and poor practice.

Faraday Lecture

In February a party of 105 Fourth Year girls and boys attended this year's IEE Faraday lecture which was presented by the University of Sheffield and held at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester. The lecture lasted for one hour and was entitled 'But what is the use of it Mr Faraday?' - a question which was apparently put to Faraday regarding his discoveries in electromagnetism. The lecture showed how many everyday items such as personal stereos and credit cards have their roots in the discovery of electromagnetism. Students also learned through a com-

bination of audio-visual displays and demonstrations the importance of electromagnetism in modern healthcare, industry, commerce, shopping and leisure.

SET 97

The SET 97 event in March was organised by the South & East Cheshire TEC as part of the National Science, Engineering and Technology Week. Over the two days ninety seven Fourth Year girls and boys attended the event which was held at the Jodrell Bank Science Centre. The exhibition focused on how companies use science, technology and IT in the work place and to demonstrate the point, there were many hands-on interactive displays manned by young employees. In addition, the celebrated Johnny Ball of TV Science fame provided us with a most informative and amusing lecture entitled 'Fantastic Science'.

EMTEC

In June a group of twenty Sixth Form 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 laboratories 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.

Jodrell Bank

Also in June, a party of fourteen Fourth Year students and two members of staff visited the Jodrell Bank Science

Centre. An exciting range of displays and interactive exhibits encouraged our students to adopt a hands-on approach to science. The 'Gravity Hole', which helped to explain the link between gravitational force and planetary motion, and the large rotating model of the Earth, which demonstrated how the seasons are explained, were just two of the many interesting and informative exhibits. The visit also included a thirty five minute session in the planetarium where a show entitled 'More than meets the eye' demonstrated what can be viewed in the sky at night by the naked eye and through a telescope.

Villiers Park

In May the school was invited to nominate one student to attend a one week residential course entitled 'An introduction to Engineering' at Villiers Park, near Oxford. Michael Ford, our nominee, was duly accepted. The intensive course included seminars, design challenges and visits to Oxford University and local industry. This is his report.

CPH

Villiers Park is a small campus in the rural village of Middleton Stoney, a few miles north of Oxford. They offer reading parties for small numbers of students from around the UK; in May 1997 I attended a course in Engineering. Having at first not known what to expect, myself and the other fifteen Lower Sixth students soon adapted to the structured programme which introduced us to the broad subject of engineering, the processes it involves and the possible career options it offers after Higher Education. I learned how my own work at A Level related to the wider use of engineering and with visits to the Peugeot Motor Company and Golden River Limited (who manufacture traffic handling systems) I saw first hand how engineering techniques contribute to industrial procedures.

Our tutors throughout the week were two young post-graduates from Oxford University and with them we explored topics ranging from Thermodynamics to Orthopaedic Engineering. I also received my introduction to CAD - Computer Aided Design. In visiting the university itself I was able to obtain an insight into university life and it was enlightening to see how the various university engineering disciplines interacted to make sure a design became a successful reality.

The tasks which we were asked to



Physics Olympics

complete were of a completely different nature to the work I was used to at school and were more like engineering 'games'. They encouraged us to think laterally and use our basic principles learnt at school to solve problems (such as building a bridge from paper and staples to span a three metre gap between two table tops, without itself dropping below table level).

The main challenge of the week was to guide an egg, intact, through a five metre long obstacle course of barriers and swinging pendulums and deliver it into a bucket of water at the end. We had to use only devices designed and built ourselves in a workshop during the week. Although it was a difficult challenge in the time available, the individual personalities of the team members made it a constructive and enjoyable task.

The atmosphere throughout the course was informal and the emphasis was not on being lectured, but taking an equal participation in discussion and brainstorming techniques. Stressed during the week were the skills which were necessary to become an engineer and I felt that by the end of my time at Villiers Park I could communicate my

ideas better to my colleagues and work more efficiently in a team situation. I was sad to leave Villiers Park because I had enjoyed myself very much and made many new friends with whom I still keep in touch. I learned new skills and increased my understanding in the extensive topic of engineering and all that it affects and entails.

MF (Lower Sixth)

Crest Awards

(Creativity in Engineering, Science and Technology)

Each year several girls pursue their own science investigations, chosen, planned and executed in their lunch-times and after school. They then submit a report for a national award. Last year Amy Mason and Kate Baker achieved Bronze level. Michelle Grattan and Lauren Ballarini scored a first for the school by being awarded our first Silver certificates. Michelle's project on 'The effect of Gentamycin on E-coli' was completed at Zeneca with the assistance of her industrial contact. She was invited to display the results at the prestigious Crest Awards National Celebration held at Manchester University on 24th July 1997.

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Michelle Grattan at the Crest Awards National Celebration

Chess Club

There was a pleasing upturn in chess club fortunes this year, with a resurgence of interest amongst younger pupils especially. This has more than compensated for the significant numbers of chess players who, having completed their A Level studies, have left in recent years.

A new venue, S8, was used on Wednesday and Thursday lunch-times throughout the Autumn and Spring Terms. The autumn programme included inter-form competitions in years 1 to 4 and it was especially pleasing to be able to involve larger teams in the First Year than has been the norm.

In the Spring Term we entered the 'second UK Chess Challenge'. Initially 40 boys took part in the seven round Swiss Competition which gives 3 points for a win, 2 for a draw and 1 for a loss. Although some fell by the wayside early, many persisted to win badges, chess mascots, and other small prizes. Stephen Ward (U6ICW) was undefeated and deemed the senior winner, progressing to the area final held in Chadderton. Andrew Quas-Cohen (2MH) and Adam Harper (1PW) accumulated 19 points each and the former used his slightly greater experience to win a play-off to decide the junior winner.

Meanwhile, Messrs Laurence and Riley claimed to have survived many challenges over the board!

GL/NCJR

Junior Division Chess Club

During the winter months a number of keen chess players honed their techniques by challenging friends during their lunch breaks. Many were also keen participants of the Chess activity during JRA.

GJS

Orienteering Club

The orienteering season commenced before the Autumn Term started with a large championship on the doorstep at Macclesfield Forest. Chris Watts and Michelle Tinker both performed extremely well and started what was to be an excellent term for both of them. Chris came first and Michelle was fourth. Matthew Tinker also performed well to come fifth. Chris and Michelle were selected to run for their countries (England and Wales respectively) in the Junior Home International. Michelle excelled and came third. The Autumn Term was marked with the huge interest shown by the new First Year pupils.

Fifteen tried the sport in the first term alone. In the first major event that the new orienteers contested there were superb results. Nick Mills came second in National Score Championships with Edward Barker and David Edwards achieving equal fourth place. This was the start of some outstanding results achieved by Nick Mills. He was soon invited to join the North West squad on the merit of his performances.

In September, ten of the school orienteers represented Manchester in a through the night relay held in Sutton Park, Birmingham. The more experienced orienteers from the school helped the new starters gain experience in the events taking place each weekend in preparation for the British School Championships which was to take place in late November. In early November the school team made its way down to the New Forest for the Southern Championships. This proved to be very successful with Chris Watts winning the Championship, Michelle Tinker coming third in the Girls race and excellent results from Richard Bradfield and Nick Mills. In an event near Rochdale there were also fine results from Matthew Tinker, Leigh Simpson and Andrew Bruce.

One of the highlights of the year was the superb results achieved by all the orienteers at the prestigious British School Championships. It was a long way up to Pitlochry in mid Scotland, but the journey was made worthwhile by the silverware brought home. King's came third nationally as a result of the excellent individual results achieved. Performance of the event came from Chris Watts who won by some distance. Nick Tinker was also first in the Primary School Boys. Michelle Tinker came fourth, Richard Bradfield fifth and Michael Bamber seventh. The results of the First Year boys were unbelievable, with Morgan Cooke coming eighth and Nick Mills coming tenth. Also in the top ten was Nick Barringer who came ninth. In the year categories, King's were champions in the Primary Boys, Champion in the Fourth Year Boys and runners up in both the First Year Boys and Second Year Boys.

Just a week after the British Schools Championships, Chris Watts became the Northern Champion with another breathtaking performance. James Watts came second in the Under 12 boys and Michelle Tinker came second in the Under 15 girls. Leigh Simpson came sixth (Under 11 boys) and Yannick Malins sixth in the Under 12 boys. The term was rounded off with the Greater Manchester and East Cheshire School

Championships. King's won every category entered and won the team prize by a considerable distance. The champions from the school were as follows: Nick Tinker (Primary Boys), Nick Mills (Under 12 boys), James Watts (Under 13 boys), Richard Warren (Under 14 boys), Richard Bradfield (Under 15 boys), Matthew Tinker (Sixth Form boys), Michelle Tinker (Under 15 girls).

The New Year started well for two new orienteers, namely Andrew Watts who won the Under 11 boys course and Daniel Laird who came first in his debut event running with George Laughton. A large number of the school's orienteers helped Manchester and District win through into the semi-finals of the orienteering equivalent of the FA cup. The first National Championships of the year were held on the Gower Peninsula (South Wales). The area was dune land and very difficult. Nick Mills achieved third place nationally in the Under 13 boys race. There were also good results from Matthew and Michelle Tinker. The Greater Manchester and East Cheshire School Championships were held in Heaton Park, North Manchester. Nick Mills recorded a superb time to win the Under 13 boys by a massive margin. Chris Watts won the Under 16 boys race and James Watts the Under 14 boys race. There were runners up places for Richard Bradfield, Matthew Tinker, Richard Warren, and Daniel Tinker. King's were joint winners of the Secondary Schools section with Bolton School for Girls.

The orienteering team competed in a number of lower key events as special training for the Jan Kjellstrom International Trophy. This is the premier event in the Orienteering calendar. It is held each Easter and this year Penhale Sands, Newquay was the venue. The area is highly technical: sand dunes set in the Perran Sands Holiday camp. The best performance from King's came from Nick Barringer who was 13th in the Under 14 boys race. In the National Relay Championships the school achieved a great deal of success in the team categories. The team of Tom Bradfield, Nick Tinker and Dan Tinker won the Under 12 boys' team championship. There were bronze medals for the Under 16 boys' team (C Watts, R Bradfield and R Warren) and the Under 14 boys' team of Mike Bamber, Nick Barringer and Andrew Bruce.

The Summer Term started in spectacular fashion with five of the school's orienteers representing the school and Britain in the World Schools' Championships. This was held in the first week of May, in the forests around Cunio,

Italy. The five boys (Chris Watts, Richard Bradfield, Richard Warren, Mike Bamber and Andrew Bruce) were running in the 14-15 year old boys' race and they came fourth nation out of the thirteen taking part - a very worthy performance. They certainly had a marvellous experience.

All the way through the summer there were evening events after school (one per week), as well as the normal Sunday events. This gave the new First Years plenty of opportunity to improve their skills, and collect colour badges. The older, and now more experienced, orienteers had the challenge of running against the teachers (ie Mr Lock, Mr Nolan and Mr O'Donnell). The teachers always won, of course. The new First Years improved fast, especially Leigh Simpson (still only 11), Nick Mills, Yannick Malins and Daniel Laird.

Mid-May, saw the British Championships, held in Clumber Park and the British Relay Championships held in Chatsworth House Estate. In the individual championships there were superb runs from Nick Mills who came fifth (in Britain) in the Under 12 boys and Michael Bamber, who also came fifth, in the Under 14 boys. Yannick Malins produced an excellent run to come twelfth in the Under 12 race. Chris Watts was eleventh in the Under 16 boys race, running one year young. Daniel Laird also performed very well.

The school comfortably retained the Greater Manchester and East Cheshire Schools' Trophy for Secondary Schools. At the Scottish Championships held in late May there were also some fine results. Chris Watts came third in the Under 16 boys. Matthew Tinker was fourth in the Under 18 boys. The team of Andrew Bruce, James Watts and Nick Barringer won the Scottish Relay Championships by one second! At the end of term, seven members of the school club were selected by the North West to run in the inter-regionals. They helped the North West to come second overall, losing by just one second out of several hours.

Over the summer Mr O'Donnell took a party of thirteen young orienteers to Aberfeldy to run in the Scottish 6-Day International Championships. Mr Clive Potter helped on the trip. The best performances came from Richard Bradfield, Michael Bamber and Matthew Tinker.

The following pupils have achieved the following orienteering standards in the last year:

Matthew Tinker: Blue, Brown & Gold badges

Richard Bradfield: Blue & Gold

Chris Watts: Blue & Championship

Michelle Tinker: Green & Championship

Richard Warren: Blue & Gold

Michael Bamber: Green & Gold

Andrew Bruce: Green & Gold

Nick Barringer: Green & Gold

Tim Davies: Yellow

James Watts: Green & Gold

Corinne Tinker: Orange & Silver

Thomas Bradfield: Orange & Gold

Nick Mills: Orange, Light Green & Green, Gold

Daniel Laird: Yellow, Orange & Silver

Yannick Malins: Yellow, Orange & Silver

Edward Barker: Silver

Dan Tinker: Light Green, Green & Gold

Nick Tinker: Light Green, Green & Gold

David Edwards: Yellow, Orange & Silver

Gareth Steele: Yellow & Silver

Edward Mack: Bronze

Harry Orford: Silver

Leigh Simpson: Yellow, Orange, Light Green & Gold

James Ollier: Bronze

George Laughton: Silver

Tom Wetton: Yellow

Royce Corden: Yellow

Morgan Cooke: Silver

Andrew Watts: Silver

Jonathan Kay: Yellow

Michael DiFelice, Dean Constantine, Chris Bull, Marc Burbidge also orienteered.

CO'D

Sailing Club

Sailing takes place on Saturday mornings between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm. The club is recreational in that sailors from all parts of the Foundation come to learn to sail under supervision but also to enjoy themselves. The venue is Redesmere Sailing Club, situated just off the A34 and part of the Capesthorne estate. It is a natural mere, well protected, sheltered and a very popular beauty spot shared with walkers, fishermen and birdwatchers. Ornithologists at King's could well combine two activities in one.

King's sail under the burgee of Redesmere Sailing Club, commodore Tim Baker. All of the club's facilities are used by the school - clubhouse and changing room, OD's hut and rescue boats. The school are particularly thankful to the enthusiastic fostering of the club by Tim Baker, the commodore. A large measure of the club's current success is due to the liaison with Tim

and his opening up of facilities and opportunities within the club. The six Optimists were well used last year by novice First Year sailors. This year Mr Edwards and Mrs Bream (Fence Avenue nurse) have run a session on Thursday evenings for J3 and J4 pupils from the Junior School. There are six of these boats, including the one owned by King's. We began with a group of twelve, sailing two up. However, the competition to sail by yourself has become so keen that we now have to rig Toppers so that the Optimists can be sailed single-handedly. Now, of course, the competition is to get into a Topper. Next year it is hoped that a group of Junior School sailors will join the club in the annual jamboree at Plas Menai on the straights.

Parental support for the sailing club also goes from strength to strength. Barbeques, discos and Saturday morning galleys have all helped swell the coffers of the club and helped with acquisitions and maintenance. We are hoping to have another Enterprise in King's colours next year. Mr Edwards says that at his age he needs to be able to stretch out his legs. The galley is a favourite: Mrs Walker and her team supply hot drinks, chocolate and, at the end of the morning, hot-dogs!

Nine Toppers, six Optimists and a menagerie fleet make quite a picture when the wind gets up. On one Saturday this year the school had twenty-four boats on the water. Short-course racing is a major feature of Saturday sailing for the Topper fleet. The Optimist fleet starts off the year playing 'follow my leader' but by July they too are well able to follow a course and enjoy success or failure while racing. There are a determined few who will not participate in this regimental activity and who insist on sailing simply to enjoy themselves. They will probably end up in the cruising fraternity.

Eight Toppers from King's participated in the Topper Open at Redesmere. Richard Isherwood came fourth this year and was first King's boat home. Richard and David Isherwood provided one of the most entertaining spectacles at the North West Junior Traveller's Trophy Event. They sailed their amazingly fast RS200, complete with asymmetric spinnaker, in all three races. On a small lake in very mixed company they did very well and were third overall. Anthony Walker has been racing at Rudyard this season and has recently completed three weekends training with the North West Topper group. Anthony has been invited on to the squad for next year.

This year's team racing event at Llyn Aled was a great success. We entered three teams. We were second in the first division, second in the second division but we were first in the third division. Next year we are really going to make a major effort to have home matches against our major competitors: St Davids, Ruthin, Ellesmere and Rydal. Andrew Goodwin captained the school team.

This year several of our recreational sailors found their sailing of great use to them in earning points towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards - Jonathan Percival and Andrew Cross.

The spirit that the club engenders is demonstrated in Tim Brewin's return to the club in his Upper Sixth year - 'to give something back'.

The season's final event will take place on Windermere. The club are taking four 35 foot yachts afloat on the lake to have a taste of the pleasure of big boat cruising. Mr Andrew has organised this event. After the weekend a closed season maintenance programme will get under way so that the 1998 season can commence in March and hopefully King's sailors can enjoy a season as varied and successful as 1997.

BE

Science Club

The Science Club flourished again for girls from Second and Third Year. Some of the experiments were both smelly and messy, but the highlight of the year was the murder investigation in which the girls used forensic evidence to eliminate (or incriminate) suspects. Dr Despontin kindly agreed to be the victim again this year!

The Science Club at Cumberland Street takes place on Tuesday lunch-times in the Chemistry Department. It is open to Third Years. We are doing experiments on a variety of topics, the highlight being 'making (and tasting!) honeycomb'. Each week, experiments are provided, but anyone is welcome to devise their own - provided it is safe! It is hoped that we will attend one of the Salter's 'festivals of Chemistry' later in the year, and present a set of experiments on a theme of our choosing.

AC/KS



King's Orienteers who represented **Britain** in the **World School Championships**

Classics trip to Italy

The Italy trip of the autumn half-term of 1996 was a tremendous success. Mr Houghton, Mrs Turner and parents, Anne and Siobhan, took a party of boys and girls to see the sights and experience the culture. First stop on touchdown was Rome where with our guide Pino, we visited St Peter's square and basilica, the Pantheon, the Vatican museum, the Colosseum, the catacombs of St Stephen and the Roman Forum.

We then moved on to the coastal resort of Sorrento for a slightly more relaxing second half to the week. Here we visited the ancient town of Pompeii, including a visit to the house of Caecilius, the leading character in the first year Latin course book. Our trip to the summit of Mount Vesuvius seemed about to be spoiled by the zero visibility, but those who did persevere to the top were rewarded with clear skies and stunning views. Finally, we visited the beautiful island of Capri (where we even managed a few minutes on the beach). When the end came, no one wanted to go home and a good time was had by all.

BC (5JRP)

PGL France

A mixture of children from J3 and J4 along with Miss Wheeler, Miss Chisholm, Mr James and Mr Batchelor left for the PGL centre, Hardelot Plage near Boulogne on Thursday 24th Oc-

tober and returned safe and sound on Tuesday 29th October after an action-packed five days.

After a quick twenty minute journey through the Eurotunnel, we were only one hour away from our first stop, Nausicaa, a sea world centre. Here the children saw a variety of unusual sea creatures, touched live ray fish and came a little too close to sharks for their liking. Then on to the centre where we received a warm welcome and settled into our rooms before dinner and evening entertainments.

The remaining days comprised a variety of day trips, such as a visit to a boulangerie where each child made their own croissant, ten-pin bowling, a sweet making factory, Aqualud (a large water park), a French market, and Agincourt to join in the battle's anniversary celebrations. In addition to these day trips, the children also tried their hand at several on-site activities, such as archery, rifle shooting, initiative tests and the assault course.

Our stay in France was finished off with a sampling of frogs' legs and snails, which were not to everyone's taste! We then danced it all off with a disco, held jointly with another school from Preston, where a few young hearts were broken.

Everybody clearly enjoyed the trip and returned to school pleasantly exhausted. Luckily, we had half of the half-term holiday left to recover, especially the staff!

HIW

Eureka!

Three forms from J3 departed at 9.35 am, arriving at Halifax at 11.15 am approximately. Lunch was eaten in and around a marquee in the museum grounds. The pupils were divided into seven groups. At 12.00 pm three groups went to the Things Gallery for half an hour and four groups went to the Factory and Garage for half an hour - one group of six worked on the production line. At 12.30 pm the groups changed round. From 1.00 - 2.00 pm pupils visited other areas in their groups, eg Shop, Bank, Communicate, My Body. At 2.05 pm we returned to the bus arriving at Fence Avenue at 3.35 pm approximately.

Pupils obviously found the museum stimulating and fun. It was noticeable that where pupils spent time reading about an activity and following it through correctly, they found it more rewarding. Where possible, adults' input was very helpful in encouraging pupils to think about the activities and exhibits. The 'Body' area was perhaps the most structured, followed by Things, Communicate, the Factory, the Garage, Shops and Bank.

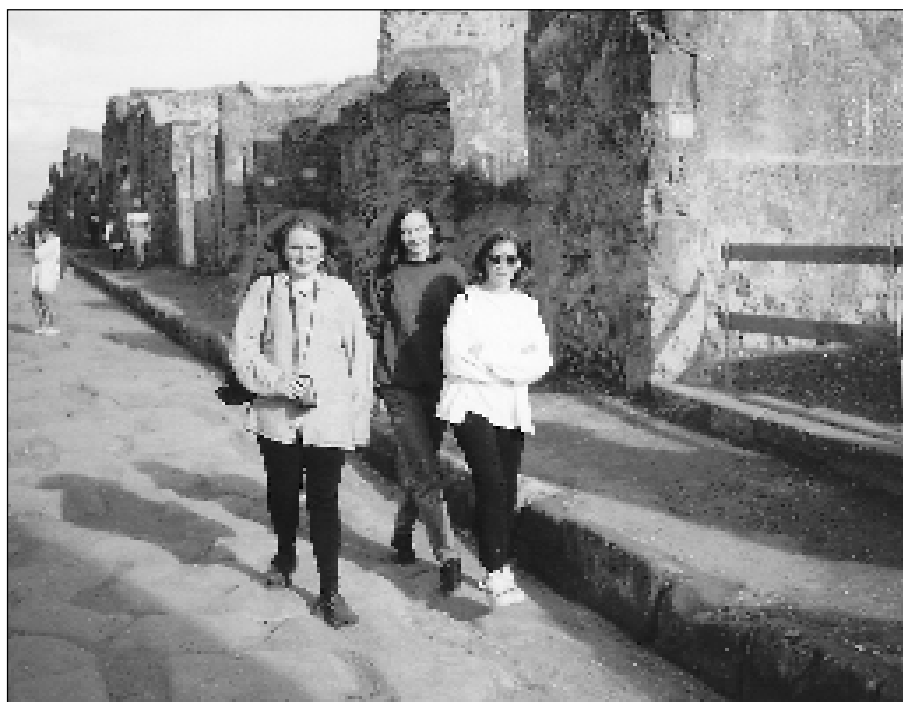
JC

Jodrell Bank

On Monday 18th November, seventy-one J4 children accompanied by three staff and three helpers departed at 9.30 am for Jodrell Bank. On arrival, we were taken to the planetarium to participate in a show about 'The Solar System'. By pressing control panels, the children could decide which planet to visit and which particular feature of the planet they wished to look at. This was an impressive show which reinforced facts that the children already knew and introduced some interesting new knowledge.

After this show, the children, in groups, then had an opportunity to start working their way around the many exhibitions while completing their worksheets. During lunchtime the children had a chance to go outside and watch the satellite dish rotate and were also able to visit the shop. After lunch, the children returned to the planetarium for a talk by 'Sir Isaac Newton'. This was an amusing but factual talk on the principles of light, eg refraction by glass and water, the spectrum of colours and on the theory of gravity. Many children were quick to answer correctly 'Sir Isaac's' questions.

Following this talk, the groups of children then completed their



Visit to Pompeii

worksheets on the solar system, the Earth and light. The children found the 'hands-on' exhibition fascinating.

We departed from Jodrell Bank at 2.45 pm returning to school at 3.15 pm. The children had an informative and enjoyable day.

JEB

Junior Skiing: Folgaria, Italy

During the February half-term holiday a party of forty-four pupils, six of whom were from the Junior Division (and twelve from last year's J4) enjoyed a week's skiing in the Italian resort of Folgaria. Even though the resort was situated at 1250 metres there was very little snow to be found. However, the resort has a snow guarantee and, therefore, the pistes were snow-covered, thanks to artificial snow machines which led to good quality skiing. The unseasonably warm weather led to slushy runs later on in the day but it did not prevent a great deal of progress being made during the week.

GJS

Visit to York

On a blustery but bright day in February, forty-five J2 boys and girls, accompanied by Mrs Aspinwall, Miss Wheeler and Mr James, travelled to York to take a journey back in time to the Viking age. On arriving at Houlgate Village the children donned their costumes for the day, complete with belts and headscarves and they soon assumed the Viking manners of shouting at their slaves, banging on the table when requiring more food and, of course, belching to show their appreciation at meal times! The village duties included making pottery, keeping house and collecting firewood, pulling the plough through some extremely hard clay soil, grinding corn with the quern stone and keeping guard over the village. One set of guards actually had to fight off a lurking Saxon invader. As the daylight disappeared we were invited into the Jarl's longhouse to hear Viking Sagas around his fire and because we, as villagers, had worked so hard, we were guests at an evening banquet where the entertainment included stories, jokes and competitions to see how long the strongest of us could hold the Jarl's sword for.

After a late night spent at the centre belonging to 'The Mount' School for Girls in York, our second day began by a visit to the 'Arc' centre where the children actually handled the past by sifting and sorting trays of soil to see

what evidence they could find and then they learnt how to classify each item. The day was completed after a ride on the time train at the Jorvik Centre and then 45 J2s were delivered safely back to the twentieth century.

PJA

Skiing

This year there were two ski trips, one during February half-term to Folgaria in Italy and the second during the Easter holidays to Quebec in Canada.

The trip to Italy was a joint trip with the Junior School, and forty four pupils and four staff flew from Manchester Airport bound for Milan at the start of the holiday. We stayed in a very friendly, family-run hotel in the small village of Costa, a short walk from the nursery slopes. The week passed swiftly, with the beginners progressing quickly onto more challenging slopes and the party enjoying most unseasonably warm weather which unfortunately meant that the outdoor ice rink resembled a swimming pool, so frustrating one of our planned evening activities.

Easter Friday saw our party of forty two adults and pupils from the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Years departing rather early for Heathrow Airport and our lunchtime flight to Toronto. Arriving in Toronto, we were transported to Niagara Falls for our first night which included a visit to the floodlit falls and a meal in a restaurant overlooking the falls. The following day we were able to see the falls in daylight before travelling back to Toronto for our flight to Montreal and the final leg of our journey to Quebec. Our hotel was in the centre of Quebec and each morning our coach and guide, Yves, arrived to transport us to the snow. We skied for three days at Stoneham and three days at Monte St Anne, one resort to the north of Quebec and the other to the east of Quebec overlooking the St Laurence Seaway. The skiing was excellent and the weather bright but cold. In the evenings our activities ranged from a visit to an Icepark, where the staff had to be persuaded to leave the ice shutters at the end of the evening so that the park could close, to a moonlit historical walk through Old Quebec, to a visit to an ice hockey game, to a visit to one of the large shopping malls. On the final day, as our departure was not scheduled until early afternoon, we again went into the old town to see a film about the history of Quebec called the Quebec Experience and then did some last minute shopping before driving to the airport

in Montreal for our return flight. It certainly was an action-packed week and thanks must go to all the adults on the trip.

AMC

Memmingen

On 15th March an army of Germans invaded Manchester. After a long journey that had begun at the crack of dawn they had nearly reached their destination, humble Macclesfield.

During their two week stay they managed to dye their hair blue, visit Alton Towers and Granada Studios, annoy some teachers and be subjected to the finer points of British culture. They finally left on 29th March, tired out and longing for some traditional food, normal surroundings and some sane people.

Our return did not begin well - waking up at 4 o'clock in the morning was not appreciated by all. Accompanied by the purple-haired SHS and normal-looking Mrs Marcall we set about wreaking our revenge upon Germany. After a long journey we were greeted at Memmingen Station by partners and their families. We travelled home with them and attempted to take in our new surroundings.

We were then treated to two exhilarating days at school; those who believed we were on holiday had to reconsider our thoughts.

Over the remains of the two weeks we managed to visit Munich, Ulm, Augsburg and the local air base. On one of our spare days we were treated to a mentally testing German treasure hunt, a trip to a local village to go bowling and a strenuous walk in the physically testing Alps.

We returned to civilisation on Sunday having been subjected to a barrage of German culture. Luckily we managed to survive it and come home with an assortment of souvenirs, a suitcase full of dirty washing and a mind full of assorted German vocabulary.

CPG/RM (4th Yr)

Visit to Old Trafford

Two coaches carried seventy parents and children from King's to Old Trafford to watch an entertaining, but goalless, Under 15 International Football Match between England and France. There may not have been Beckhams or Cantonas on view but the skill level was of a high calibre - watch out for Joe Cole (no relation to Andy!) in the

School Trips

future.

GJS

Travelling Back in Time

On 9th April, twenty girls and boys departed from the Rock Block in search of Roman ruins. After speeding down the M5 towards Bristol, we arrived at Chedworth Roman Villa. It is thought that this villa was the centre of a large trading town but became lost hundreds of years ago, only for it to be rediscovered by the Victorians. The mosaics on show were enthralling, not only because of the detail in the designs but also because they had survived thousands of years.

After a quick bite to eat, we travelled to our next destination - Caerleon, home of Roman barracks, museum and amphitheatre. The amphitheatre is very special as it is the only fully excavated one in Britain today.

We arrived at Slimbridge Youth Hostel in time for the evening meal, after which we entertained ourselves. Some people went on a night walk, while others stayed at the hostel, but by far the most entertaining event of the night was watching Manchester United being crushed at the hands of the German giants Borussia Dortmund.

After a restless night, we awoke to yet more sunshine and soon after breakfast we departed to see the holy spa in

Bath. The Baths were again in remarkably good condition considering their age. We had an opportunity to drink water from the spa which, according to most, was horrible. After lunch in a park in Cirencester we visited the Roman Museum, where we could even make our own mosaics. Among the items to view were tombstones and other artefacts such as a Roman garden and Roman board games.

Another trip on the M5, but this time northbound, was in order, after which we finally arrived at Cumberland Street where we came back to civilisation as we know it today.

LLL (3APW)

Study Week in France

For the fourth year running, forty of the First Year girls and four staff took 'French leave' during the third week of the Summer Term to put into practice what had been learnt in the classroom, staying at the Château de la Vicomté, Plédéliac, Brittany. All thoroughly enjoyed and learnt from the many different experiences of the week. The weather was not as good as that of previous years - although we did not have snow as in Cheshire! - but that only curtailed the lake and beach activities. We still managed to complete a very full programme, with visits to the mediaeval town of Dinan, the walled

and cobbled St Malo, the historic Château de la Hunaudaye where actors portrayed everyday life in feudal France, the market and stud farm at Lamballe, and the beginning of the century farm. The trip to the bowling alley which replaced the water activities proved to be popular and afforded many opportunities for language practice, and our lunch-time sortie to the local crêperie was as successful as ever with the majority ordering and tasting crêpes for the first time. Everyone was impressed with the new Aquarium on the outskirts of St Malo. It was beautifully designed and the girls were able to read, learn, touch and fill their sketch books with the wonderful shapes and colours of marine life. For those for whom Geography is a passion, we managed to include a visit to the Barrage de la Rance to see the dam built over the estuary using tidal power to generate electricity. The evening programme of lessons, diaries, activities within the Château grounds, and in-house entertainment kept everyone busily, happily and usefully occupied, and we finished as usual with a farewell disco in the bar in the village.

Sadly, as 'our' château can only accommodate forty-five people, and as we want to offer the same experience to the First Year boys, this was our last visit to Plédéliac for the time being. It suited us admirably - with exciting



Summer skiing at Zell am See

things to do and see within easy reach, varied activities within the extensive grounds of the château and its surroundings, total control of our group and the programme, and living within the confines of a very small village. I should like to take this opportunity to thank Greg, Dorothy and Kevin who run the château for their warm hospitality and support in everything that we did, and also to thank Mesdames Cooper, Silcock, Inman and Griffin, without whom these trips would not have been possible, and who gave so generously of their time and energy.

MAC

Zell am See Summer Ski Trip

This year Mr Edwards faced problems in organising the trip. For six years this trip has gone to Zell am See in Austria and skied on the famous Kitzsteinhorn glacier at ten and a half thousand feet. Regular as clockwork in the third week of July the group would set off in a Bostock's Goldliner. This year's problem was that holiday dates at the local school where Mrs Edwards works would have meant leaving in August. Mr Edwards felt that this was leaving things just a little too late.

The solution was to bring the trip forward to May half-term. Many benefits were anticipated as far as the skiing was concerned, but there were doubts as to how far we would be able to still do the varied activities the group expected in the afternoons. Would it be too cold for white water rafting - would the Rodelbahn (summer tobogganning) be open? Anyway, we had to go. We did lose our programme of activities on the Lake, but still enjoyed an excellent afternoon on the river and an exciting afternoon tobogganning, especially since the usual July crowds were not in attendance.

Ordinarily, it takes a good hour to get to the glacier top in order to ski. This year a fast four man chair was in operation and we reached the Alpen centre in only twenty minutes and were able to ski a variety of runs from there. The amount of snow was prodigious. There was snow all the way up from about six thousand feet. Especially amazing was that the outfall of the glacier between the Alpen centre and the little funicular at the top, familiar to us as a grey lunar landscape of boulders, scree, striated rocks and cold grey melt streams was a gently undulating network of carefully pisted ski-runs.

The skiing was excellent, and lasted in good condition until late in the

afternoon. Thursday was notable when Mr Edwards' group found a perfectly pisted run to the right of the glacier at 9.30 am. It was very cold, cloud was blowing across the piste and the piste had a layer of ice across the surface. We are talking ski motorway here. The wind was gusting down the slope towards the Alpen centre. All coped well until two individuals sat down for a rest whilst the group were gathering. The lesson has to be to keep the weight on your edges. Why? Well, when you take the weight off your edges you simply get blown down the hill and there is no stopping you. They left a trail of poles, gloves and skis all the way down. It took Mr Edwards two trips to collect all the paraphernalia. Next year we will be more careful about the direction of the wind.

It was great to meet all our old friends again: Elfi and Tony Steiner at the Stadelmühle Hotel; Mick and Mick, our Bostock's drivers; and Steffi, Herbert and Carina from the ski-school. This year Herbert himself did the presentation of the awards at the end of a very good week's skiing. Herbert is a former Olympic Champion who has considerable presence and sparkle, and communicates well with young people. He is, after all, in his seventies.

White water rafting went very well at Taxenbach. Trevor Hamer and his wife are English and make us very welcome. Bouncing down a river of glacial meltwater, reversing and pirouetting, bouncing off rocks and, at times, paddling for dear life does not sound much fun. It was!

Next year we have booked for May again.

BE

Styal Mill

On Wednesday 4th June all the J4 children visited Styal Mill as part of the history course.

They were divided into four groups (approximately eighteen in each) and, with a guide, were directed around the mill with detailed explanations of the weaving process and a general idea of what life was like for the mill worker 100 years ago. They were lucky with the weather and managed to enjoy lunch on the Mill Meadow.

After lunch, the children visited Styal Village, the village built by Samuel Greg for his workers. This included many historic features which were discussed at length.

The behaviour of the children was very good and this contributed greatly to a pleasant day of learning had by all.

Visit to the Town Hall

Following the Mayor's visit, thirty children from the Junior Division were selected to attend a visit to Macclesfield Town Hall. The children were firstly shown into the Mayor's Parlour where the Mayor and Mayoress greeted them. They listened intently to a talk describing the history of the mayoralty in Macclesfield and were able to handle ancient treasures of the office, such as the 16th century mace. There then followed a visit to the Council Chambers where the process of local government was described. Many thought-provoking questions were put by the children - perhaps the impending General Election had sharpened their interest! Many links with King's were mentioned during the morning, not least the fact that the Mayor is an old boy and that the Lion Rampant appears on both the Macclesfield coat-of-arms and the King's School badge!

GJS

Town Walk

Towards the end of the Summer Term, both J1 classes explored the streets of Macclesfield with the help of a few parents, plus Miss Chisholm and Miss Green. Their work involved interviewing unsuspecting members of the public about their shopping habits, in order to ascertain the reasons why people travel to Macclesfield. It was a very productive afternoon during which the pupils amassed a significant amount of information for their Geography projects.

FAMC

Alton Towers

Much to the envy of the rest of the school, the J4s set off on the 18th June for a well deserved, post exam day of fun! Maps of the theme park had been distributed beforehand by Mr Shaw and so everyone had already decided which rides they wanted to go on and more importantly, which rides they wanted to go on *first*!

At the end of the day it was clear that any rides involving loops, drops, water (or preferably all three!) were the general favourites. Everyone returned wet, full of sweets and extremely tired after an exhausting but great day at Alton Towers.

School Walk

It had to happen! The record of never raining on School Walk day was there to be broken... Ten years on and (apart from an insignificant few drops six years ago) it was always a beautiful summer's day. However, the weather forecast for 19th June 1997 said RAIN! Contingency plans were set up but, amazingly, the day dawned rainless! The troops, including many brave parents who agreed (were coerced?) to accompany the whole Junior Division on an 8/9 mile walk, gathered in the Middle Playground - in the dry! They even managed to have a morning snack in Tegg's Nose Car Park, following the excruciating plod up Saddler's Way, without getting wet. But, predictably, it happened - for most on the top of White Nancy. The trees became useful shelters as the wet stuff started. And then it stopped again. Could we really get away with it? No! The long trek through Kerridge and back to school along the canal tried out the effectiveness of everyone's waterproofs - enough rain to make up for the last ten years, certainly! The bedraggled troops trudged, sloshed, squished and splashed into the canteen for refreshments. Surely next year will be back to 'normal' - we hope!

GJS

Pakistan Expedition

(July-August 1997)

Pakistan is an ideal destination for a school trekking expedition. It provides all the challenges and excitement of travelling in a developing world country, yet expedition logistics are rarely complex, and it is culturally stimulating whilst still being relatively safe. A cluster of some of the world's highest mountains adds an additional, and the decisive, attraction.

Our four week trip involved twelve Sixth Formers and two members of staff and had two aims. The first was to complete an arduous high altitude trek through some of the most spectacular scenery on Earth. The second was to provide the opportunity for the students to take on leadership responsibilities and so develop confidence and self reliance and gain 'people management' experience. We were fortunate in being able fully to achieve both aims.

This expedition represented King's second Himalayan venture, since in 1995 a similar sized group visited Chitral and the Hindu Kush mountains near the Pakistan/Afghanistan border (An-

nual Report 1995-96). For this expedition we moved east to the higher and still more dramatic Karakoram mountains, and were based for some of the time in Gilgit, a town with strong 'Great Game' connections.

Transport around the country, and into the trekking areas was organised by the students and involved the ubiquitous but indispensable Toyota minibuses and jeeps. These vehicles seem to keep goods and people on the move in so many Third World countries. The toughest road journey, undertaken twice, involved sixteen cramped hours between the capital, Islamabad, and Gilgit in the 'Northern Areas'.

The trek lasted seventeen days and involved a journey around the famous mountain, 8025 metres high Nanga Parbat. For most of the time our numbers were swelled by a local guide, assistant guide, cook, assistant cook and a small army of as many as twenty eight porters. Again, the students were encouraged to take over the portering and provisioning arrangements, with staff only stepping in if things seemed to be going adrift (particularly when food rations were felt to be inadequate!).

The two mountain-related highlights of our journey were an attempted ascent of the 5584 metres high Rupal Peak and a crossing of the 5350 metres remote Mazeno Pass. The route up Rupal Peak proved to be too heavily crevassed and too time consuming, and prudence dictated a retreat. The Mazeno Pass crossing also involved steep ice and technical mountaineering, with the use of ice axes, crampons, ropes and helmets, but was successfully completed by the team. With the thin air at these altitudes, the onset of Acute Mountain Sickness is still a very real risk, so we made sure to ascend only a few hundred metres each day, allowing time for thorough acclimatisation.

The R&R phase saw us travel north to the Hunza Valley, negotiating an impressively active and fast flowing landslide that had eroded a deep gully through the Karakoram Highway. We visited Karimabad, a historic site famous for its hill-top forts, and a jeep excursion to the bleak pass at the Chinese border was also taken by some.

The expedition team proved to be strong and compatible, and this enabled us to complete a very full and active itinerary, largely untroubled by medical problems. A return visit is planned for Summer 1999.

Participants: M Abbotts, D Beech, R

Bell, S Brown, D Buttery, B Caulfield; M Freear, H Haboubi, A Hammond, M Ford, R Sanderson, M Tute.

Leaders: P M Edgerton, H E Lock.

HEL

PGL Boreatton Park

During the first weekend of the summer holidays, forty three J3/J4 children set off for Boreatton Park, the largest PGL centre in the UK, accompanied by Mr James, Miss Priestley and Mr Batchelor. The long weekend was a great success as we basked in glorious sunshine.

The children experienced a number of adventure activities; namely Archery, Orienteering, Fencing, Kayaking and Canadian Canoeing. They all learned a lot and had great fun at the same time. Evening activities included an assault course and parachute games. Our 'groupies' were always good fun, keeping the children singing the whole weekend long with such classics as 'Everywhere we go...' and 'Diet Pepsi came to town!'

Everyone returned exhausted with only a little voice left to recount their adventures to awaiting parents. Let's hope the weather holds for us again next year!

SCJ

Outdoor Activities

September was an excellent month for weather and we had one of the best Sixth Form activities groups ever. They were game to try everything and were extremely cheerful in adversity. David Beech provided numerous 'picnics' and the Bagshaw twins provided the laughs. With this group one felt able to try lots of interesting adventures perhaps not done before, such as the memorably cold day in November when we abseiled from the old railway bridge in Cheedale. When it came to caving after half term, they were always ready to get wet and struggle into suits a little too small for them. They were still as enthusiastic as ever at the last trip, a walk through Lud's Church and along the Roaches Ridge.

The First Year Buxworth trips were very successful although they just missed out on the best period of weather. As usual, The Old Station at Buxworth played host and the range of activities undertaken in the evenings led by the staff was very diverse. Everyone enjoys these trips - the staff clamour to return and reminisce ceaselessly when the subject is raised!

The Venturers had a mixed season. The switch to Sunday may have lost a few and as a result we were under-subscribed on one or two occasions. Nevertheless, the weekend trips are still popular and we had an interesting time in Beddgelert. The first day allowed us to make a windy but dry ascent of Chasm Route on Glyder Fawr, a must for anyone as the last pitch sees one burrowing into the heart of the mountain itself. Then as soon as we were back in our tents, the maelstrom began; over five inches of rain fell in fifteen hours that night and the wind was very strong. The staff survived and came out dry (just) but others were less fortunate - James Thompson and Nick Battersby retreated to the toilet block at 4.00 am as their tent was flattened! A lazy breakfast in a café preceded our return.

In October we had a very successful day rock climbing on Stanage edge and then after half term we took a mountain-biking trip. The forecast was for snow in the afternoon so we planned a short journey in the Macclesfield Forest area. The descent of Cumberland Brook under half a metre of snow was memorable, as was the wade through chest high drifts round the North side of the forest. Then the blizzard began in earnest - it took us fifteen minutes and much pushing to get one of the minibuses out of the car park. Our

return two weeks later was a lovely contrast with hard frost and blue skies. This time we ran an excellent mountain orienteering competition, with pupils from First Year to Sixth Form.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award groups began their preparation for expeditions with Bronze and Silver alternating their training sessions between Cumberland Street and Fence Avenue. Some quite ambitious routes were planned by the Silver groups, for both their Peak District practices and Lake District assessments, so it was interesting to see how they got on in the summer.

Regular meetings also took place with the twelve Sixth Formers going to Pakistan in July 1997 to sort out ideas on equipment, itinerary, etc. Those who undertook the Three Peaks Challenge just prior to term had a great experience, testing certainly but with some memorable moments. They were further tested by their training course which took place in the Yorkshire Dales shortly before the end of the Autumn Term, where they tried to put into practice some of the skills they were to use on the real thing.

The Autumn Term should not pass without a mention of the excellent work done by JRD in completely reorganising our extensive equipment stores. Without his care and attention, many items would have continued to deteriorate and would not have been repaired or cleaned. This is in addition to the many hours put in outside his official time in the school. May he remain as enthusiastic as this for a long time to come.

The Spring Term continued with a number of events on the outdoor front. The preparations for the Pakistan expedition continued, with some training and the acquisition of visas, inoculations, etc. The Venturers Society ticked along with a successful 17 mile walk around the Alport Valley and Win Hill along with a circuit of the Edale Skyline at the end of the term.

On the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, the end of March saw two groups of boys and a group of girls from the Fifth Year complete their practice expeditions for the Silver award. The conditions started cold and showery and got steadily worse. In the end all groups had a considerable soaking, but the girls proved themselves to be the most resilient, showing good humour right to the end.

In the final few days of March and into the Easter holiday, a group of Sixth Formers plus PME and HEL went to the Cairngorms. The first day was spent in

one of the Northern Corries, learning the skills of winter mountaineering prior to a mass ascent of an easy gully. The following few days were spent on expedition across the Cairngorm plateau, with accommodation in snow holes. The weather was kind and mainly dry, although the wind made its usual appearance on the final day, blowing over one of the party resulting in minor injury. Foul weather on the final day led to an early return home.

In the Summer Term the Third Year camping trips were once again successful. It has now become the norm to use the campsite at Upper Booth where Mrs Hodgson is very tolerant of our sometimes large groups. For a summer so affected by bad weather all the trips were lucky to escape the rain.

In addition, the Second Year had a full day of mixed activities out of school on the last Friday in June. Twelve staff were involved in offering anything from climbing, caving, orienteering, sailing and walking in four different locations. The weather stayed dry, if windy, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Sadly, there was only one Venturers trip in the summer - a weekend visit to the Lake District. It was, nevertheless, very successful. On the first day the whole party walked up to the eastern side of Blencathra from where a reduced party scaled Sharp Edge in fairly damp conditions followed by a traverse of the summit and a sunlit descent to Threlkeld. In the afternoon, we moved to Grange and scrambled up a ghyll behind the campsite and then traversed High Spy, descending into the valley by way of the miners track to Rosthwaite and following the river to the campsite. The following day the weather deteriorated badly and an early return was made.

Bad weather seemed to dog all the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions throughout the year and the summer was no exception; the Bronze assessed expedition took place with four groups all getting wet in one part or the other of the Peak District and the Silver/Gold groups were lulled by beautiful weather on the day of their arrival in the Lake District into thinking all would be well. After a mixed but largely dry first day, the rain was persistent thereafter, possibly being the worst continuous spell ever encountered on this annual trip. Nevertheless, they all accomplished their objectives. The only drawback was the intransigence and lack of support shown by the Gold assessor, who refused for some extraordinary reason to sign the record books of the stu-

dents. This is now under appeal with the Lakes panel, as it appeared that his behaviour during the week was inconsistent with his final position. The grounds for his refusal were felt to be bogus and foolish. We await the outcome.

Finally, at the start of the holidays twelve pupils from the Sixth Form prepared to leave for an expedition to Pakistan. The successful nature of this trip is covered elsewhere in some detail. I am pleased to be able to say that the future of outdoor activities at the school looks good with a considerable number of pupils deriving a great deal of satisfaction and enjoyment from their involvement at whatever level. It is with some pride that I can say that we are able to offer much more than most other schools and in most cases to a considerably higher level. Long may this continue to be the case.

PME

Work Experience Rouen

Had you visited Rouen in France over February half-term, you might well have been surprised to book into your hotel and find a King's student at Reception. Leaving your hotel and going for a coffee, again a Sixth Former would have served you. Buying French pâté at Monoprix, it would have been a King's student asking 'C'est tout?'

A quick browse round Marks & Spencer and there was Nicola in uniform. Switch on local radio and Matthew was giving an interview. Those looking for bargains who visited the Auction Rooms would have found Lindsey displaying the items for sale. Less obvious to the tourist, but working equally hard, other A Level students were with a solicitor, a vet, an architect, an accountant and at the port.

The third annual exchange between King's and the Lycée Jean-Baptiste de la Salle, Rouen took place during February half-term. Our students stayed with Sixth Formers from this top Independent School, but from Monday to Friday worked a full week in local companies.

They can write an assignment on their experiences as part of their A Level coursework, but more importantly they actually use their French socially with French teenagers and their families AND in the real 'World of Work'.

Although the group of fourteen worked very hard, they were also very lucky in terms of hospitality and accommodation. A number of the French

families lived in what can only be described as 'mini-châteaux' with huge grounds. However, despite venison and seafood specialities served by the families, those in the group working in the town-centre could still be found at lunchtime enjoying a 'McDo'. Mrs Green, who accompanied the group and embarrassed them by taking videos of them at work, could be seen enjoying the French haute cuisine with the families but gave the burgers a miss.

During the Easter holidays, the French group came over and worked locally in similar establishments, but also at a riding stables and with the police.

Was it a success? Here are some comments made by the participants:

'I noticed how important family life was in France, in comparison with England.'

'You can put your skills into practice and see the benefits that learning a foreign language can give.'

'I came away from the trip with a new outlook on France, without the old ideas I had before.'

'The Exchange gave me a fascinating insight into French culture.'

'My work experience helped me to compare the different ways in which the French and English work.'



Work experience in Rouen

'It gives you the chance to perfect your skills not only in the basic language but in other ways such as trend, accent and slang so you could theoretically speak like a true French person.'

Stages en formation Rouen

Si vous vous étiez trouvé à Rouen en France durant les vacances de février, vous auriez bien été surpris d'être accueilli par un élève de King's School lors de la réservation de votre chambre. De votre hôtel au café, encore une fois, un élève de Première de King's vous aurait servi. Un petit achat de pâté français à Monoprix et encore une fois, c'est un élève de King's qui vous aurait demandé 'C'est tout?'

Un petit saut chez Marks & Spencer et vous auriez rencontré Nicola en uniforme. Auriez-vous mis votre radio, vous auriez entendu une entrevue avec Matthew. Et pour ceux, en quête de bonnes affaires, une petite visite de la Salle des Ventes vous aurait mis en contact avec Lindsey présentant une multitude d'objets.

Tout ceci semblait peut-être évident aux yeux des touristes. Cependant les autres élèves de français de Niveau Avancé, qui, eux étaient loin des yeux observateurs, travaillaient tout aussi dur chez un notaire, un vétérinaire, un architecte, un comptable ou au port de Rouen.

Ce troisième échange annuel entre King's et Jean-Baptiste de la Salle à Rouen a eu lieu durant les vacances de février 1997. Nos élèves sont restés chez des élèves de Première de cette école privée de haut niveau, mais du lundi au vendredi ils travaillaient à plein temps dans des entreprises locales.

Ils pourront ainsi écrire un compte-rendu de leur stage qui comptera dans leur note de fin d'études. Plus important encore, c'est qu'ils auront pu non seulement utiliser leur français en compagnie, avec des gens de leur âge et en famille mais surtout dans le vrai 'Monde du Travail'.

Bien que ce groupe de quatorze élèves ait travaillé très dur, ils ont été très chanceux du point de vue hospitalité et logement. Un certain nombre de familles françaises habitaient dans ce qu'on pourrait appeler des 'mini-châteaux' avec d'immenses parcs. Cependant, à part le chevreuil et les spécialités de la mer servies dans les familles, ceux qui travaillaient en ville trouvaient tout de même le temps de se retrouver au McDo pour le déjeuner!! Mme Green, l'accompagnatrice du groupe, les troublait souvent lorsqu'elle les photographiait ou les filmait au

travail. Pour sa part, on la voyait certainement apprécier la haute cuisine française et surtout éviter les hamburgers alléchants du McDo.

Durant les vacances de Pâques le groupe de jeunes étudiants français a envahi de la même façon les entreprises locales de notre région, ainsi qu'un club équestre et le commissariat de police.

Succès, oui ou non? Voici une sélection des commentaires des participants:

'J'ai remarqué combien la vie de famille, contrairement aux moeurs anglaises, était importante en France.'

'Vous pouvez pratiquer ce que vous avez appris et vous apercevoir des avantages offerts par l'apprentissage d'une langue étrangère.'

'Je suis revenu avec de nouvelles perspectives sur le pays ainsi que sur les Français et j'ai pu abandonner certaines vieilles idées que j'avais en tête depuis déjà quelque temps.'

'L'échange m'a donné un aperçu fascinant de la culture française.'

'Mon stage en industrie m'a permis de comparer la façon de travailler des Français et des Anglais.'

'Ça vous donne l'occasion de perfectionner votre aptitude non seulement au niveau de la langue mais aussi du point de vue mode, accent et argot, de façon à pouvoir parler comme les Français eux-mêmes.'

GG

Mock Election 1997

Former Prime Minister John Major's announcement that May 1st was to be General Election Day was the signal for the organisation of a mock election in the Girls' Division. Six candidates, all from the Fourth Year, quickly came forward - Clare Butterworth (Conservative), Anna McKeating (Liberal Democrat), Fiona Nichols (Monster Raving Loony), Esmé Patey-Ford (Labour), Lucinda Quinn (Green) and Laura Simpson (Socialist Labour). Knowing that the Easter holidays would interrupt the run-up to the election, they first concentrated on researching the policies of their parties and appointing their campaign teams. During the holiday several candidates enlisted the support of 'real' politicians; indeed, Clare Butterworth met the then Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind, and Anna McKeating made fruitful contacts with her local Liberal Democrats.

Electioneering began in earnest on the first day of the Summer Term. Outstanding 'party political broadcasts' were made in assemblies and soon the

entire school was awash with election posters and leaflets, whilst teams of canvassers in party colours wasted no opportunity to get their message across to the electorate.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, the painstaking business of organising electoral registers, polling cards, ballot papers and polling booths (complete with stubby pencils) went on. In order to participate in the BBC Newsround poll the King's election took place on Wednesday 23rd April. Turnout at the polls was incredibly high at 95.9%. The polling officers handled the crowds most efficiently and there were only short queues at the busiest times.

In the event, the Maths Department's opinion polls were not that far out! After a careful recount, the result was announced in assembly, though in alphabetic order:

Liberal Democrat	99 votes
Conservative	98 votes
Green	34 votes
Monster Raving Loony	26 votes
Labour	22 votes
Socialist Labour	4 votes

Congratulations are due to *all* the candidates for their campaigns and for their help in explaining part of the democratic process to the school. I would also like to thank Miss Warrington, Mrs Craig, Mrs Olsen, Mrs Parry, Simon Leah, John Gibbons and the girls who ran the polling booths on the day. Sadly, Anna McKeating will not be able to take up her seat at Westminster just yet, but I look forward to the day when the first of our former pupils really does become a Member of Parliament.

VBW

Charities

A host of fund-raising activities, supporting a diverse range of charities, took place through the four divisions of the Foundation. We gave our regular support to the Poppy Appeal, Save the Children and Christian Aid at various times during the year and the school continued to support five young children in India through Actionaid. However, the main focus of attentions was Charities Week, held at the end of March. It is hard to be precise, since not all events fed into the central fund, but the activities of the week raised approximately £4,500. Various events, planned largely by the Charities Committee, took place and a fancy dress day was declared on the final day of the week, coinciding with National

Red Nose Day. This proved not only to be a successful fund-raiser, but also a day of great humour and inventiveness. Some remarkable outfits appeared and, despite inevitable high spirits, there was an underlying awareness that the purpose of the day, indeed the week, was to consider and help those in need. As a result of the many activities of the week, contributions were sent to Comic Relief, the David Lewis Centre, Intermediate Technology and the Rossendale Trust amongst others.

PRMM

Junior Division Charities

There was a wide variety of events during the year designed to help less fortunate people in many areas of the world.

A large bounty of harvest gifts were brought in by the Junior children for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service. The gifts of fresh, tinned and packet foods were taken by the Manchester Methodist Central Mission for distribution to needy people in the central areas of Manchester.

During Open Morning, J4M's Victorian Tea Room, where the children prepared tea and cakes to serve to customers in traditional fashion, raised over £100 for the Windyway Animal Sanctuary.

The penultimate day of the Christmas Term saw the Hall being filled with all manner of things to sell - books, toys, games, cakes, sweets, white elephants, lost property, etc, etc -and many ingenious games, all with the purpose of raising as much money as possible to support the Blue Peter Bring & Buy Sale for Leprosy. A great time was had by all and at the end the grand total of £408.27 was raised.

The usual Christmas tradition was continued of children bringing in a gift to pass on to the local branch of the NSPCC who could then distribute them over the Christmas period to local children who live in difficult circumstances. Mr Johnston from the NSPCC was most grateful for the presents.

A retiring collection in aid of the Save the Children Fund was taken at the end of the Christmas Service. A total of £203.90 was raised for that worthy cause.

There were two non-uniform days during the Spring Term. The first, for the UNICEF Non-Uniform Day, raised over £200. Also, on Comic Relief Day children were asked to make a voluntary contribution in return for wearing casual dress. The funds raised, around £180, were added to the school's ongoing collection to aid children in Uganda.

A collection was taken for this appeal every Friday assembly when children are asked to donate what they had to aid the work of Maria Maw, a local lady who is helping to educate children in Uganda. By the end of the year the total raised for this charity amounted to over £400.

GJS

Service in the Community Award 1997

The South and East Cheshire TEC made six of these awards to Fourth Year pupils from Cheshire schools who had made an outstanding contribution to service in their local community. Joanne Southall was nominated for this award on the basis of her hard work for King's as our charities representative. She received her award at a special evening presentation at Jodrell Bank on 20th March.

AC

AJIS Quiz

On 18th January 1997, five members of the Junior Division travelled to the King's School, Chester to take part in the annual AJIS Quiz. The team performed admirably, finishing in ninth place out of a total of twenty-one teams. Congratulations to the following team members: Debajeet Choudhuri, Eleanor Cowan, David Johnson, David Illingworth and William Newham

FAMC

Visit by the Mayor

November 29th 1996 was a very special day in our calendar as Councillor and Mrs Harrison, Mayor and Mayoress of Macclesfield, honoured the school with a visit. The Mayor was an old boy of the school as well as being a Governor and has always taken a keen interest in the work of the school. The Mayor and Mayoress visited the J1 and J2 children in their classrooms before speaking to the assembled J3 and J4 children, giving them a fascinating insight into their roles. There are now several children with aspirations to be Mayor or Mayoress in the future!

GJS

Passion for Sport

BBC Radio 'Five Live' launched a new youth sports competition last year, the aim being to establish a national focus for the recognition of young people's sporting commitment and achievement.

The national contest attracted thousands of entries, five of which were from our year three girls.

All five thrive on sport in its many guises and play for teams at school, club and county level. Their interests range from hockey, netball, lacrosse, swimming, athletics, tennis and many others.

Entrants had to complete a four page entry form producing a detailed account of their involvement in sport. The lucky four, Lyndsay Lomax, Gina McAllister, Kate Ritchie and Jackie Barker who won through to the second round (the last 500), then had to compile a diary over four months outlining all their sports activities.

Unfortunately, none made it through to the last ten, but those who completed the second round requisites were awarded a 'Five Live Goodie Pack' which included a small 'Five Live' Walkman. They were also invited to attend a ceremony in September at Broadcasting House in London where the winner, finalists and runners-up were presented with their awards and certificates and then taken on a tour of the radio studios.

Jackie's comment, 'Sport is my life', reflects the other girls' outlooks. They work hard, but play hard too. They learned from an early age what commitment means and reflect the King's ethos of 'you get out what you put in', and do they deserve success? I should say so!

DMB



The five 'Passion for Sport' entrants.

1st XV

To say that the coaching staff viewed this season with trepidation does not do justice to the extent of the unknown factors that faced the first team in this season. Only four of the previous year's successful team remained and the bulk of the side looked set to be made up of the previous year's U16 XV, whose overall approach had left something to be desired. The fact that this season ultimately became a great success is testimony to how rapidly this team matured.

As usual, the season began in a difficult fashion. King's were comfortably defeated by the physically imposing Lancaster side and then went down to a poor King Edward's, Aston, side in one of the worst performances produced by a King's senior side in recent years. However, some hard words and even harder training sessions led to a much improved performance away at the powerful QEGS, Wakefield, in which King's came close to defeating one of the North's strongest school sides.

These first three games led to the development of somewhat different tactics in some phases of the game than are usually employed by King's. Firstly, it was decided that the kicking game should be employed mainly through stand-off and captain Jenkins, which would allow us to pressurise and "defend in the opposition half"; and, secondly, the development of a driving maul for breaks which enabled us to buy more time for back movements, as well as being a totally unexpected offensive play. These two changes, together with improved defensive organisation and more determined tackling, possibly turned the season.

MGS and Newcastle-under-Lyme were both shut out by a dominant forward performance and intelligent kicking by Sweetzer and Jenkins. St Ambrose were ultimately outgunned and the rated Wirral outfit contained and ultimately defeated up front in a game notable for a try scored by powerful prop Hewitt after a 40 metre driving maul. Not surprisingly, after this point confidence soared and the performance became even more dominating. Even long-term injuries to Shockledge and second row Hudson, who had scored two tries against MGS, did not disrupt progress as Randall and Wildey came into the side and cemented their places. In the 50-10 defeat of Birkenhead, both these players had fine games as Wildey dominated the front of the line and Randall scored twice from the driving maul.

As the season progressed, further good wins were recorded over KES, Lytham, Arnold and St Edward's, Liverpool. In all

these games, success was built on the line-out domination of Payne and Wildey, together with pressure decision-making from the half-backs.

However, it was the latter part of the season that provided the highlights. Bradford were defeated in Bradford in a tough, physical encounter, the highlight of which was a 70 metre try from centre Clay after good link work from Sweetzer and Selbie. However, possibly the most exciting game for the neutral observer was the defeat of the highly rated Merchant Taylors' in the last game of the season. Again, the driving maul was a decisive factor as our forwards took control for a 20-minute spell in the second half. However, a very tense final ten minutes was eased by an excellent try by winger Nicholson, after good hands by Keep and Clay and by an outstanding last-ditch tackle close to our try line by Sweetzer on Merchant Taylors' influential open-side flanker.

All in all, this proved a very different season to the previous one but was in its way just as successful and certainly as satisfying. Although a more limited style was employed, many good performances were produced and the side were particularly good at exploiting weaknesses and then converting these weaknesses into some large scores.

However, whatever game plan is emphasised, it is difficult to win without a forward platform and this year the pack often dominated and in some cases totally extinguished opposition forwards. In the forwards, Distefano at hooker had an excellent season. He struck well (often under pressure in the opening games) and his high percentage throwing-in was one of the building blocks upon which the season was built. As the season progressed, his game improved and his work around the fringe both in defence and attack became very good indeed. On the tight head, Hewitt had a very good season. Strong and abrasive he was at the heart of the forward effort. Although his best position may turn out to be hooker, I feel that Hewitt has the potential to become the best forward ever produced by the school, providing that he can develop a more positive attitude to training. The loose head proved to be a problem position. Anderton, Shockledge and Randall all played, and played well, but it is a pressure position and injury prevented these players really coming to terms with the position, although Randall, not so long ago a winger, showed remarkable progress. Similarly, Anderton, a Fifth Year, did well and if he can ally a little more mobility and awareness to his great strength, looks a good prospect.

In the second row, Hudson, Wildey

and Schofield all had superb seasons. Both Hudson and Wildey dominated the front of the line and produced powerful performances in the loose. Schofield, once match fitness was reached, produced power rugby of the highest order. He coped well with the unfamiliar role of "supporting" at five in the line-out and his performances around the pitch were at times outstanding.

In the back row, Fifth Year Selbie made great steps forward on the open side. He will go on to be an excellent forward. On the blind side, Buckley was a revelation. Coming into the season as a man without a position, he cemented the blind side berth. His powerful driving runs troubled all opposition sides and his defence improved through the season. At number 8 and pack leader, Payne had an excellent season. He jumped at number five in the line-out and was an almost guaranteed source of ball. His link work in open play was astute and his decision making and control at the back of the scrum took considerable pressure off the inexperienced Sweetzer at scrum half.

After the first three games, in which the resilient Keep and Rice played scrum half and fly half respectively, Sweetzer and Jenkins became the established half-backs. Sweetzer, a Fifth year, had a very good season. His all-round game is sound and with a little more experience he will become a high-quality player. Jenkins captained the side from stand-off and looked a consummate footballer. Calm and organised in his play, he simply controlled games, despite being asked to play a rather more restricted game than he would have preferred. Much of the credit for the way his side developed must go to Jenkins.

Both centres Keep and Clay had good seasons. Both are aggressive defensive players, with the strength to take on the opposition. Clay, particularly, has the pace to trouble defences, but needs to "read" the situation rather than simply select one of the options available.

On the wings, both Nicholson and Campbell had good seasons, running hard and defending well. Both scored good tries, with Nicholson in particular capable of breaking tackles and scoring where there seemed to be no defensive weakness. Campbell was very much an "old head". Strong and determined, he understood the options and was used in several moves which tied up opposition defences allowing the ball to be released to the opposite wing.

At full-back, Hadfield, selected from relative obscurity, had a fine season. A natural footballer, he was brave and elusive, and developed into a fine defensive full-back.

Seven aside rugby continues to provoke intense news in rugby circles. At its best it is probably the ultimate test of rugby ability and character, at its worst it is an unsatisfactory lottery played in appalling conditions where the luck does not have chance to even out - both these extremes were seen this year. However, in the long run the skills learned in Sevens do seem to stand players in good stead in subsequent seasons.

After last year's weather influence and subsequently disappointing Sevens season, the decision was made to develop both fitness and a deeper pool of talent in order to cover the subsequent and seemingly inevitable injuries. As a result, this squad, as well as possessing the 'raw materials', were probably one of the fittest produced in recent years, and if Sevens acumen could be built into a squad possessing pace, size and power, then success was possible.

In the first tournament, at a very wet and windy Mount St Mary's King's won the group but went out in the knockout stage to the large John Cleveland College side. Astonishingly, Denstone, who were beaten by King's by a fifty point margin to finish second in the group, went through on the other side of the draw to reach the finals! - such is Sevens.

A week later at Solihull, King's battled through the groups taking the scalps of Old Swinford Hospital School, and most pleasingly Warwick before going on to defeat Bedford School in the quarter final. Sadly, King's ran out of gas in the semi-final and were well beaten by a very impressive Loughborough Grammar School outfit.

At Stonyhurst a series of tough group games on the outlying pitches produced some poor Sevens. On these 'muddy postage stamp' pitches good Sevens was impossible and King's grafted to win the group by beating Preston College and St Edward's in, inevitably, a fairly tough battle. Birkenhead School were encountered in the quarter finals and this proved to be a game King's could have lost before the recently introduced pace of Spicer and the guile of captain, Jenkins, sealed a narrow victory. Surprisingly, the semi-final was the easiest game. Sedbergh's England captain was forced out after two minutes by a leg injury received after an outstanding cover tackle by Keep prevented a certain try. Jenkins went on to run the show and King's strolled home. For the final, a long hike revealed that King's were to play Stonyhurst on the vast acreage of their manicured first team pitch - some change after the previous mud baths! For this game, King's fielded possibly their biggest set of Sevens forwards, Payne, Hud-

son and Schofield all standing over 6'3". This proved to be an outstanding game of Sevens, finishing 33-31 to King's with Clay scoring the final try and Jenkins converting on the final whistle. This game showed some outstanding defence with King's just containing Stonyhurst England 18 Group full back. Also in this game Jenkins showed himself to be at least the equal of any of the 18 group players on show. The trophy was duly presented by Gareth Edwards.

Having experienced the highs, King's experienced the lows. At Rosslyn Park one group game was lost to the freakish St Joseph's Ipswich team and this was enough to knock us out, although good wins were recorded in the remaining group games.

At Oxford we again had St Joseph's in our group and knew we had to defeat them in a tough group that also included Millfield and Rosslyn Park Winners, John Fisher School! In that first game King's played outstandingly well and were a little unlucky to lose 22-14. After that the writing was on the wall and the season finished with two disappointing defeats.

All in all, this season vindicated the decision to prepare over a longer period of time. Fitness was excellent, organisation good and the players responded. The main forwards were Schofield who played all games, Payne and Hudson, with Buckley hooking. These were well supported by Kirby, Shockledge and Wildey. In the backs Sweetzer and the durable Keep played at scrum half and the outstanding Jenkins played all games at stand-off. Clay was virtually ever present at centre and allied tenacious defence with pace. The wing position was occupied at various times by Nicholson, Hill and Spicer, all to good effect.

Ultimately, the key to Sevens is defence and this year's defence was always very good and frequently outstanding. It is to be hoped that we can continue to build on this success. In many ways this was a very satisfying season in which a tactical change was understood and employed by the players and was successful. The season was effectively summed up by the coach of Birkenhead School after fifty points had been scored against his side: 'That was,' he said, 'a most un-King's-like performance.' We shall take it as a compliment.

PFH/PJP

2nd XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
18	13	0	5	464	221

After a disappointing start, the 1996-97 2nd XV battled back to record a creditable 13-5 season that encompassed, be-

tween October and March, an eleven match undefeated run. Continuity is always a problem for 2nd XV's and in 1996-97 a record fifty one players were selected. Forty three players - very nearly three complete teams - represented King's 2nd XV in the opening eleven games of the Autumn Term. It was especially creditable, therefore, that Matthew Kirby, an inspirational and demanding captain, mobilised the ever changing squad so effectively. It was a notable achievement that such a disappointing September was retrieved in such spectacular fashion.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the away victory over Bradford Grammar School. However, when three of the opening four fixtures were lost, such lofty achievements seemed unlikely. A single and fortuitous victory at King Edward VI Grammar School, Aston, was sandwiched between the debacle against Mackay College, Chile; a flattering defeat by Lancaster RGS and a squandered victory at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wakefield. The omens were not auspicious, but a narrow and physical away victory at Manchester Grammar School heralded the long winning streak. Although the season closed with a narrow defeat against Cheadle Hulme 1st XV, it was a positive and high note to bring down the curtain, to hail the forthcoming Canada Tour and to look optimistically forward to the 1997-98 season. With few Upper Sixth leavers on the 2nd XV, the future can be contemplated with confidence.

Leading try and points scorer, and also the top goal kicker, was pacey wingman, Chris Hill, a talented ball player who always posed a threat in attacking positions. Only Jimmy Arthur played in all matches, variously at centre, fly half and even scrum half. Second rower, Mike Baylay, and regular scrum half, Nick Jones, played in all but one game, whilst Joe Hallam, a bludgeoning centre or wing, missed just two fixtures. Chris Williams, at prop, and Rob Cummings, at centre, completed three excellent seasons on the 2nd XV and, with Chris Hill, will be missed in 1997-98. John Spicer (full back), Tom Masheder (prop or, occasionally, lock) and Andrew Unterhalter (blindside flanker) were impressive Fifth Year debutantes on the 2nd XV and appear to have a bright future.

A mean front five and a dynamic back row were the keystones for the team's success. Any 2nd XV able to perm a three man front row from Joe Randall, Tom Masheder, Mark Dunnington and 'veteran' Chris Williams, is going to be a handful! With Mike Baylay making significant progress at lock, paired with colt

Adam Higgins providing a platform for a tear away back row chosen from Greg Cook, Chris Greenham, Andrew Unterhalter and skipper, Matthew Kirby, the forwards were frequently fearsome.

Nick Jones was the ever present scrum half twinned at half back with either Mike Rice or Jimmy Arthur. Stalwart centre, Rob Cummings, was coupled with either of the afore-mentioned fly halves in midfield or with Joe Hallam. Chris Hill, on the wing, and John Spicer, an explosive full back with great promise, were the prime strikers.

Surprisingly, none of the 'big' games scheduled for the Spring were affected this year by the weather - a record in itself - and the season ended on a high note promising much for the future - a prognosis that seemed highly unlikely in September and all concerned should take great encouragement and credit for the metamorphosis. The 2nd XV season is frequently a dress rehearsal for the 1st XV and hopes for 1997-98 must, therefore, be high.

The following played for the 1996-97 2nd XV (most appearances first):

J Arthur; M Baylay; N Jones; J Hallam; M Dunnington; C Williams*; C Hill*; M Kirby (Captain); C Greenham; J Spicer; T Masheder; M Rice; G Cook; G Tristram; A Unterhalter; M Hordley; J Randall; R Cummings*; J J Wilson; P Adams; A Higgins; D Wildey; C Rowe*; J Phillips*; D Brocklehurst; J Moss crop; J Bissett; P Hart; J Shockledge; D Smart; J Brooks; D Farrar; M Drabble; C Buckley; S Hewitt; M Distefano; J Kalthoeber; T Butcher; S Challiner; G Mairs; J Campbell; R Emslie; M Anderton; J Clay; B Maher; D Flegg; R Flinn; R Lees; S Brown; J Keep; and N Hudson.

(*Club Colours were awarded to those indicated for their contribution to 2nd XV Rugby)

IAW/KLP

3rd XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	5	1	4	257	221

The team suffered, as it does each year, from the knock-on effect of injuries and unavailability of the players in the three senior sides. It proved impossible to select the same back line or pack in consecutive games throughout the season. As a result, the team always took a while to settle down, but unfortunately on occasions this was too late. However, there was a small nucleus of players who played throughout the season: T Butcher and R Lees were there to organise the backs, with the former captaining the side; D Farrar, J Brooks, J Bissett and M Anderton were the stalwarts of the pack.

This was a typical 3rd team, showing ability to go forward and attack with success when given time and finding team defence very difficult to maintain. After two very hard games against good quality U16 sides early in the season, we managed to make some steady progress. The bonuses from the season were the outstanding improvements shown by Duncan Farrar and Richard Lees. Duncan began to dominate lines-out and was a great influence in the loose play. Whereas Richard began to influence the games from scrum half with intelligent kicking and individual breaks, backed up with some sound defence around the scrum.

Generally the forwards did not win enough quality possession and the backs needed a little too much time to execute the moves with great effect.

The following played for the 3rd XV (highest number of appearances first): T Butcher (Captain); D Farrar; R Lees; J Brooks; J Bissett; M Anderton; P Hart; G Mairs; S Challiner; S Brown; M Hordley; D Brocklehurst; A Higgins; J Wilson; P Adams; J Orme; J Phillips; J Robertson; D Flegg; R Flinn; B Maher; J Kalthoeber; R Emslie; J Moss crop; R Webster; T Smith; M Drabble; A Norbury; T Eastham; A Unterhalter; C Williams; C Greenham; J Spicer; G Tristram; A Hepplestone; M Baylay; D Childs; C Robinson.

DTB

U16 XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
4	3	0	1	101	71

This age group is split up within the three senior sides for the majority of the season, but a couple of friendly matches were arranged, along with the annual Liverpool St Helens Floodlit Cup. In the first game against Bishop Heber HS it was obvious that we had the ability to win the game comfortably. Although the forwards were really too good and too strong for the opposition, we did not play well as a team and gave away far too many penalties which really kept the visitors in the game. On the occasions when good, quick ball was given to the backs and when they did not try fancy moves, we were able to score at will, five of the six tries coming from the backs.

The second game against a very strong Stockport U16 needed the team to play well together. The game was filled with mistakes that were punished by both sides. In a nail-biting finish our forwards eventually proved too strong as I Selbie scored a try in the last minute of the game to clinch victory 29-27.

We were quite optimistic about our chances of success in the Liverpool St

Helens Floodlit Cup. This was re-enforced with an outstanding all round game against a much fancied Ormskirk GS side. Two U15 players had been brought into the team, J Horrocks and E Moran, and they proved to be outstanding in defence along with the rest of the team. The forwards dominated play and gave the backs enough ball to create a number of scoring chances which they took with style. Unfortunately, this success was short lived, as in the quarter final they were completely outplayed by Merchant Taylor's.

The following played for the U16 XV (highest number of appearances first): M Anderton; J Brooks; R Lees; T Masheder; I Selbie; J Spicer; J Sweetzer; A Unterhalter; P Adams; J Bissett; D Brocklehurst; S Challiner; P Hart; A Higgins; D Farrar; G Mairs; T Smith; J Horrocks; E Moran; J Barber; R Heap; D Isherwood; P Tsalikis; R Webster.

DTB

U16 Sevens

The Sevens season offered us three tournaments in which to show our ability and flair.

The first competition was held at Merchant Taylor's where the squad played some outstanding Sevens in their group. Forwards linked with backs; the angle of running and pace on the ball was excellent. The defence was tremendous, resulting in a playing record of P 4, W 4, F 144, A 5. Unfortunately, we had picked up two or three injuries, so the side was disrupted for the semi-final against Hymers College. Although we worked hard, a couple of vital decisions went against us and we lost 22-14.

The second competition took us to Warwick where we had hoped to continue in the same vein as the previous week. Unfortunately, we did not play as we could and only just managed to get through the group. The semi-final was against the host school where we were really out-played in all areas. The last competition was the prestigious Oxford Sevens. Unfortunately, our form went from bad to worse, resulting in a playing record of P 4, W 1, D 1, L 2, F 74, A 100.

The following played for the U16 Sevens team:

P Adams; J Brooks; R Emslie; P Hart; A Higgins; R Lees; I Selbie; J Spicer; J Sweetzer; A Unterhalter.

DTB

U15 XV

	P	W	D	L	C
A XV	19	15	1	3	3
B XV	5	3	0	2	-

A very enjoyable and successful season with a squad of enthusiastic young men.

They played what is becoming the typical King's style, with driving forwards producing good quality rucked ball which is then moved wide into hopefully less congested spaces. As the season progressed they became increasingly adept at maintaining their possession when tackled and often scored after a third or fourth phase of attack.

The season started with defeat at Lancaster but, with Moran and Isherwood both being injured within the first five minutes, the team made a commendable effort, giving early indications of the strength of character in the team. Easy victories followed against King Edward's, Aston, and Leftwich High School before we lost to a good Queen Elizabeth's, Wakefield, side. The Yorkshire school dominated the possession and generally controlled the match. The victory the next week over a large and powerful Manchester GS was the first of a number against sides the teams had lost to the previous season and showed the progress the boys had made in the ensuing twelve months. This win started a run of seven games without defeat which was brought to an end by the draw with Calday Grange in the Cheshire Under 15s Cup. This eliminated us from the competition as we were the home side. Our final defeat of the season followed four days later against Wirral GS, a match we led 15-7 well into the second half but finished weakly in a game we could easily have won.

The final seven games of the season were all victories and at times a very high standard of rugby was produced. Wins at Arnold and Birkenhead brought the Christmas Term to a close and after the holiday the team returned to a very good performance at Lytham. The confidence within the team was high at this stage and they produced a memorable display to easily defeat a useful Bradford GS. It was a game where everything worked and backs and forwards linked to produce a resounding victory. With success away at St Edward's and Merchant Taylors, and then at home over Stockport GS, the quality of play was generally continued.

Euan Moran led the team with great commitment and enthusiasm. His all-round ability was shown by starting the season playing at prop, then moving into the centre before completing the year in probably his best position as flanker. Charlie Levings was also ever-present as the number 8 and is developing into a fine forward. Quiet and smiling off the field, he changed (for the better!) once he stepped onto the field. Oliver Pickup, good ball skills, and James Robertson, powerful running, usually contested the other place in the back row. Both could

improve their tackling. In different combinations, at varying times during the season, Oliver Rushton, Sam Fox and Nick Hirst occupied the second row. Hirst was robust and mobile, although lacking a little weight; he also played successfully in the back row towards the end of the season. Fox was majestic in the lineout and started the season in fine form until hit by illness; Rushton is large, with good ball-handling ability, and improved throughout the season. A summer working on a farm or building site would be of great benefit to both of them! The forwards were a fairly settled unit throughout the season and this was reflected in the front row selection of David Leech, Hugo Young and Alex Forshaw. Leech and Forshaw provided a solid platform whilst Young always hooked more than his share of the ball in the scrums and threw in well at the lineout. Forshaw was the most improved player at the end of the season, whilst Leech provided some notable moments with his excellent tackling.

The backs proved to be a most effective unit in both attack and defence. Dan Isherwood was an excellent full back, showing the full range of skills for the position. Philip Tsalikis was ever present on one wing, playing with great enthusiasm and no little skill. Ashley Sharp and Christian Baker competed for the other flank, a battle that was usually won by Sharp because of his commitment and determination. Craig Cooper is developing into a fine centre, particularly strong in defence. Chris Watts was his usual partner, although he also showed skill playing on the wing and at full back. James Horrocks had an excellent season at fly half; he directed play intelligently and with variety. Edward Bones played the majority of the matches at scrum half and made significant improvement as the season progressed. He needed to, as Jim Chapman also played a number of games and is a most useful player. Most of these boys have the ability to play 1st XV rugby and if they continue to play and train with the determination they gave this year, they will develop into players of note.

Two disappointments during the season were the lack of B team matches, often because other schools could not raise teams, and our lack of success in the Sevens competitions. A weakened B team travelled to Lancaster and lost heavily after being further depleted by injuries on the A side. However, the following week the team gained consolation by easily defeating KES Aston. The only other game played during the Christmas Term was against Wirral GS, who defeated us in an action-packed game. In

the Spring Term the team defeated Marple Hall and Cheadle Hulme, playing an exciting and effective brand of rugby. The level of enthusiasm shown by many of the B team players was in many ways more commendable than the A team in view of the lack of matches they had.

Squad: Dan Isherwood, A Sharp, P Tsalikis, C Baker, C Watts, C Cooper, J Horrocks, E Bones, J Chapman, E Moran, H Young, D Leech, A Forshaw, O Rushton, S Fox, N Hirst, J Robertson, O Pickup, C Levings, T Lloyd, T Nicholas, A Tarran-Jones, J Howells, J Gartside, O Jones, C Orford, R Caswell, S Haddrell, David Isherwood, A Oppenheim, J Lane, D Tredwen, A Rath, R Boxall.

DMH

U14 XV

	P	W	D	L	F	A
A XV	18	11	0	7	604	355
B XV	9	4	0	5	244	242

Although this was a mixed year in terms of results, by the season's end the side was managing to produce positive performances which indicated that at last the squad was beginning to respond to what was being said. It had certainly taken some time!

This year group is unlucky in the sense that a number of the opposition's best school teams happen to be their opponents: Aston, Woodhouse Grove, Wirral and Arnold will provide a stern test in years to come but, with real commitment, the deficit can be overcome. If nothing else, the squad should have realised that there is no substitute for developing basic skills and fitness if team performance is to improve, and it is perhaps a measure of the group's eventual willingness to take this on board that the topsy-turvy first two thirds of the season was replaced by five comfortable victories in the final six games. It is also significant that, during this sequence, the side's defence was much more solid than hitherto; first-time tackling is an area they must continue to work on, nevertheless, for the side at present is too heavily reliant on the efforts of a number of key players.

Keep was a huge influence in the forwards and without him the pack lacked power and dynamism, although the introduction of the newly acquired Poulter was a big asset in helping him share the workload. Of the remaining members of the pack, everyone had his moments, notably Steve Hart whose technique developed immensely and Wheetman who always beavered away busily; however, in general the forwards suffer from a lack of real physical presence, making it difficult to compete on equal terms. Indeed,

in the season to follow, positional changes may have to be considered by some. By March, though, our set piece play in scrum and lineout was reasonably secure, and body position and ball retention in the loose was much better.

Behind the scrum, the side showed its more potent arm. Rob Hart was a real threat from full back, Slater an elusive finisher on the wing and Shaw an extremely hard working and competitive centre. These three provided much of the cutting edge behind the scrum but, as with the forwards, there is still much scope for different permutations. It is an indication of still how much work is to be done when the coaches at the end of the year are still not sure what the most effective combination is. Westwood, another new arrival to the school, was a useful addition to the squad and Childs's Sevens performances augured well.

Indeed, it was in the abbreviated version of the game at the end of the season that the players produced their best efforts: semi-final appearances at Solihull and Wirral and retention of the trophy at Warwick revealed just how much attacking skill and footballing ability a number of players possess. The Sevens squad worked hard for their success and should be able to use this year's experience as the basis for greater things.

The B XV played a fair proportion of games this year, providing another seventeen/eighteen boys rugby on a reasonably regular basis. A number of players began to emerge and ought to be pushing hard for a regular place in the senior side, notably Lomax in the forwards and Parnell and Leigh in the backs.

The following represented the A team: M D Beattie, M A Blackshaw, D W Bowers, J C Childs, C M Clark, A J Collins, J A O Duffy, J W Ellis, D J Gleaves, R P B Greer, A C Halewood, J A Halle, R J Hart, S D Hart, T G Hawkwood, E N Jones, J P Keep, J M Leigh, J C Lomax, C D T Mossdrop, N J Parnell, G W D Pickup, D R Poulter, J L Redfern, M T Robertson, B M Robinson, J P Russell, J W Shaw, J A Slater, S M Webster, R J Westwood, H M Wheetman.

The following represented the B team: M D Beattie, M A Blackshaw, D W Bowers, R J Campanoli, J C Childs, C M Clark, A R Darch, J A O Duffy, J W Ellis, D J Gleaves, R P B Greer, J A Halle, J A H Hewitt, S D Hart, T G Hawkwood, J W Hutter, E N Jones, J M Leigh, D C Lewis, J C Lomax, C D T Mossdrop, N J Parnell, G W D Pickup, J A Porter, D R Poulter, J L Redfern, M T Robertson, B M Robinson, J P Russell, J A Slater, N P Small, D M Sztukowski, S M Webster, S D Wells, R J Westwood, H M Wheetman.

RGD/MGH

U13 XV

P	W	D	L
16	11	1	4

It was a very impressive season. The objective of all games is, of course, to win, and the team enjoyed great success. However, cliché or not, the spirit in which the game is played is also important. This team is to be congratulated on the spirit of their approach to rugby and to each other.

The team contained a wealth of talent, and many teams were simply outclassed: six of the victories were by more than forty points. The team's opening victory at Lancaster (47-0) established the pattern. Another notable away win came at Bradford (22-15) in a different type of encounter: in a hard-fought match, the team proved itself determined enough to come from behind. KES Lytham, Manchester Grammar School, Stockport Grammar School and Arnold were also beaten away from home.

Real depth of character was also apparent in defeat - and it took an exceptional side to beat us. The team never believed it was beaten until the whistle.

The pack was powerful. Tom Warburton, at blind-side wing-forward, was quite awesome on the charge and scored many tries. Adam Boston, at prop, was also a significant try-scorer, unstoppable close to the line. Geoffrey Duncalf, playing in the crucial position of hooker, could be depended on to win ball at scrums. Oscar Li usually made up the third front-row forward and his ball presentation at rucks was always exemplary. Leo Richards did sterling work in the tight: he was the outstanding mauler. Martin Bush was the find of the season. He was quick to the breakdown, effective in broken play and became the principal line-out jumper. Chris Rogers, likewise, was one of the most effective forwards in broken play where he could use his speed. Gary Maguire was a first-rate open-side flanker. He secured and won ball, and was strong in defence. Ian Sear captained the side from Number 8. Ian led by example. His decision-making and his reading of the game always impressed. John Arnfield, John Beveridge and Patrick Johnson were quality alternative forwards.

In the backs, Jon Gartside looked accomplished and decisive at fly-half. Tom Davenport's direct, aggressive running unsettled defences and set up good second phase possession, and he, along with Patrick Kennedy or Matthew Barker, ensured that the mid-field was secure. Patrick Kennedy's ball skills saw him move to scrum-half late in the season.

Matthew Barker was an elusive runner and linked well with the team's try machine, the flying winger, Tom Cumberbirch. Sam 'Smoky' Bacon had a good season on the other wing. The pocket battleship, Ali McVeigh, was safe under the high ball and gutsy in the tackle at full-back. Paul Stewart and Simon Hinchcliffe were pacey alternative backs.

However, the outstanding player, and, hence, winner of The Melson Cup, was the scrum-half, Tom Isherwood. In attack and in defence he excelled. He was the catalyst for the team's success.

The team deserved a trophy, and it is fair to say that on three occasions (the Warwick Sevens, the Solihull Sevens and in King's own Junior Festival) they were denied victory by a very good Loughborough side.

ALV

B team

P	W	D	L	F	A
11	6	0	5	265	154

This set of boys provided a very enjoyable season for the coach, always playing with great spirit and no little success.

In the forwards, Oscar Li's direct, no nonsense approach and Chris Rogers' speed around the field soon led to selection for the A team. When the going got tough, Tom Gathercole and Robert Davidson could always be found at the heart of the action, with solid support from Jay Rathi, Chris Abbott and John Beveridge. Three boys, Patrick Johnson, Thomas Woodland and Andrew Quas-Cohen, all played as hooker, Patrick and Thomas also appearing for the A team. John Arnfield, playing at prop, used his strength and speed to score many fine tries.

The team was captained at scrum-half by Nick Griffiths, who played with great skill and always displayed a great sense of humour in times of adversity. He was usually partnered very competently at fly-half by Andrew Geake. The rest of the backs were not big but very fast. Scintillating tries were scored by Carl Millward, Alex Armstead, Tom Williamson and Simon Hinchcliffe, particularly in very entertaining victories at Stockport and Bradford. In the centre Evan Jones usually played alongside Jay Watson who made some memorable try-saving tackles. John Williams at full back handled the high ball with great courage and made many piercing runs.

The lads were never hammered, and with everybody available they are a match for any B team. Many U13 B players later play for the 1st XV. It is important that the boys remember this and realise that their efforts are much

appreciated by the school.

Nick Rice, Jonathan Powell, Colin Lawrence-Waterhouse and Simon Rees also played in some matches.

MTH

U12 XV

	P	W	D	L	F	A
A team	14	1	2	11	93	309
B team	10	5	0	5	208	185

A glance at the results for the U12s this year will show what a difficult and disappointing season this was. A closer examination, however, will show clearly that this is not a team without ability and certainly not without determination and tenacity. With few of the squad having played rugby before, it was always going to be difficult when faced with more experienced opponents and early results showed a series of quite heavy defeats as the novices learned the realities of the contact game. However, one thing this young squad did not lack was enthusiasm and they worked immensely hard at improving their skills, especially in defence. Although victory eluded them until the end of the season, the scale of defeat gradually decreased and finally, two thirds of the way through the season, they were playing teams on an equal footing and enjoying genuinely competitive matches where they could realistically expect to win. The penultimate game of the season provided the long awaited victory, although it has to be said the elation was dampened somewhat the following week by a comprehensive defeat by Manchester GS - the winners of our own Festival and undoubtedly the best side we met throughout the season. Nevertheless, the Festival actually gave a further glimpse of the team's capabilities as they won four out of their five games, finishing third overall.

Given the inexperience of the players, a great deal of experimentation in selection was inevitable and even by the end of the season it was still not clear who the best fifteen players were, although some had staked a strong claim to be first choice. Nonetheless, it is a sign of the evenness of the players that no fewer than thirty members of the squad played for the A team, with twenty playing five times or more.

The B team had a useful season, not surprisingly, since they practised and proved themselves against the A team and indeed many of them interchanged as the season progressed.

All in all, the prospects are not nearly as depressing as the raw statistics suggest. There is still a long way to go and a great deal of work to do, but there is no shortage of determination and enthusi-

asm in the squad and there is no doubt that the team will improve and can look forward to increasing success as they move up the school and gain in experience.

The following represented the school (highest number of appearances first):

A J Dale (captain), J R G Beaumont, G M Laughton, C D Bull, C N Williamson, S English, J R Kay, T F Kirk, C J Hinchliffe, N G J Kershaw, D J Love, O D Kenyon, E A Barker, A R R Golobiewski, R W Harker, B J Harding, P R Burston, A D Triggs, B P Bolton, M J Holden, N J Mills, O C Smallman, M S Burbidge, M T Cook, A F Forth, S M E Cordwell, C P Barber, R H S J Corden, R Agro, S D Birch, J J Pedley, M J Di-Felice, J S Harker, C S Westwood, S H E Rigby, R J Weaver, A Kent, N S Williams.

PRMM/PW

Girls' Rugby

A historic venture this year was the introduction of rugby for Sixth-Form girls into the school's programme of extra-curricular activities. An enthusiastic, if inexperienced, group of girls practised assiduously through the dark nights from November onwards, building to participation in the first ever girls' schools sevens tournament at Oxford in March. Inevitably, some failed to last the course, but seven duly represented the school at Oxford. Two games were played, and lost, against far more experienced (and physically more 'powerful') sides - but we did score a try, and our efforts were much appreciated by both the organisers and the referee. Thanks are due to the sterling efforts of M Distefano and T Hadfield, two male 1st XV players, whose coaching and support was invaluable.

For the record, the sevens team consisted of J Beswick, R Harle, A Harlow, A Kinsey, A Skinner, L Slater, S-J Slater (A Harlow was the try-scorer!).

LAW

1st XI

P	W	D	L	Cancelled
20	9	9	2	2

It would have been very easy for the 1997 season to be remembered solely for the rain, instead it will last long in the memory because of a 1st XI of great character and maturity. For a side who played cricket as it should be played, with total commitment and determination but always allied to a sense of fun, good humour and enjoyment, there can be no higher compliment.

The team was very literally a blend of youth and experience, with six Upper Sixth players backed by a group of promising Fifth and Fourth Years. It is perhaps unusual for such a mixture to develop such a sense of team spirit, but this team had it in abundance.

Their vitality and enthusiasm was particularly evident in the field. Too many boys dislike fielding, this year's team relished it to the point of requesting extra fielding practices. In the first half of the season when the batting was struggling some outstanding performances first held the season together, and then revitalised it with an astonishing victory against Nottingham High School. The confidence gained from this eventually infused the batting also, the season ending with some excellent all round performances.

The strength in the field meant that in the first eight games of the season no side scored above 130 against us. The first three matches against Chester, William Hulme and Cheadle Hulme were won easily and a fourth consecutive victory seemed assured as we reduced Arnold to 54-9 only for their last pair to survive 22 overs! In the context of our early season performances Arnold's escape was unbelievable but also perhaps part of what makes cricket such a great game.

A succession of draws then began to highlight the frailties of our batting when it appeared that our bowlers had established winning positions. Mounting concern appeared to be justified when we crumbled to 117 all out against the mighty Nottingham High School who then proceeded to cruise to 55-0. Many sides would have capitulated by now but instead, even when catches were dropped, the side believed in themselves and thirteen remarkable overs later Nottingham were 77 all out.

From this point on the side never looked back and although frailties inevitably re-emerged at times, especially in the defeat by Ipswich, the side ensured that the cricket fortnight and festival provided a fitting climax to the season. Kelvinside Academy were outplayed, the batting flourished and we scored 150 in

the last 20 overs to beat Lytham, then failing by two runs to repeat the same feat against the Old Boys. Another 'Houdini' act was performed against Brighton Grammar School Australia as we recovered from 3-3 to win eventually by three runs. Finally at the festival we finished appropriately with two complete performances against Edinburgh and Brighton College. A total of 231 was posted both days when the fielding sides were demoralised by brilliant running between the wickets and then disciplined bowling performances ensured the opposition were never in the game. Brighton in particular were bowled out for 73 in just 31 overs.

Tim Jenkins was an outstanding 1st XI captain, modest and unassuming in his manner, but authoritative and decisive when necessary. He willingly sought advice and opinion from other players and hence made the most of the cricketing acumen within the team. His own game blossomed as the season developed. He batted well from the start without getting the scores he deserved, but as the season reached its grand finale his own performance mirrored that of the side. A match winning 97 against Lytham, when he selflessly holed out on the boundary in the pursuit of victory, was followed up with consecutive fifties in the final two games against Edinburgh and Brighton. Having the 'cheek' to take 4-10 against Edinburgh was perhaps taking things a little too far!

So much of the success of the team was down to Tim and his right-hand men, Chris Buckley and Simon Jones. They worked together as a team and set a wonderful example for the rest of the team to follow. It is a compliment to Chris to admit that his aggregate of 473 runs was disappointing, but he was perhaps the major victim of the wet season. However, his 153 not out against Kelvinside, the second highest individual score in 1st XI history, confirmed his destructive abilities. He was a magnificent fielder and had the ability to lift the whole team in the field. Simon Jones' contribution to this season is incalculable, as fines master, team comedian and motivator in the field, he, more than anyone, created the team spirit. He also found time to take 42 wickets with his slow left arm bowling. He proved himself too good for a number of sides and his ability to tie up one end gave his captain so much control in the field. He richly deserved the senior cricketer of the year award.

Guy Emmett has 'chuntered' his way through three years of 1st team cricket absorbing the banter of his team with remarkable good humour. His quality as

a bowler is long established and although his deserved success was late arriving this year, his destruction of Brighton College (5-18) in his final match was a fitting climax to an outstanding three years. Perhaps more importantly this season he had a chance to show his ability with the bat and it is no coincidence that his promotion to open the batting coincided with the improvement in the side's batting. Lawrence Barnes initially struggled opening the batting, but at number five he came of age as a 1st XI player in consecutive innings against Lytham and Brighton Grammar School. First he smashed a crucial 55 in quick time and then the next day batted in complete contrast with 'Boycottian' application to rescue a dire position. His close catching was again outstanding. Matthew Smethurst's destruction of Arnold (6-27) boded well for the season, sadly he lost confidence but remained an integral part of the side, not least with his crucial last wicket stand against Nottingham with Simon Jones.

This core of Upper Sixth players were the key to the season's success, but the younger players, inspired by their example, were certainly not left in the shade. Richard Lees' bowling was the revelation of the season, notably his hostile destruction of Nottingham (5-27). He faded a little as he tired towards the end of the season, but he has the potential to play a major role with both bat and ball over the next two years. Similarly, Richard Emslie's wicket keeping surpassed expectations in the early games and though he initially struggled to come to terms with the longer games, he can be more than satisfied with his first season. He was inevitably frustrated by a lack of opportunities with the bat but his innings against Stockport and the Old Boys highlighted his ability to play a major role in the next two years. A ferocious 77 in only 54 balls against the Old Boys highlighted the potential of Tom 'Banjo' Smith, too often though he played to the crowd and slogged. If he can maintain the concentration and shot selection he displayed in the Old Boys' innings, the cars around the front field will be in danger next season. Two fifties in his first four innings highlighted the rich potential of Daniel Isherwood. From there his season plunged into a nightmare as he received every unplayable delivery going. That he emerged from this trough to score most runs at the festival, including an aggressive 79 in 90 balls against Edinburgh, bears testimony to his strength of character. He will emerge an even stronger player next year after the highs and lows of this. He is to be congratulated on his selection for the HMC U15 trials.

In the middle order, Jared Clay was given an early opportunity but sadly he failed to find form and the destructive stroke play of which he is so capable. As a result, both Michael Rice and David Harbord had a number of games and impressed by their confidence to play their natural games and go for their shots. The emergence of Ashley Sharp as a bowler of 1st XI quality was a bonus at the end of the season. He was our best bowler at the festival where he troubled all batsmen with his ability to swing the ball late.

A final word of thanks must go firstly to James Farrar who was an immaculate scorer and so enthusiastic that he saw helping with the covers as an integral part of his job whatever the weather, a fitting example of the spirit of the side and of the season. Secondly, to Martin Tunwell who also scored on a number of occasions. He missed the season through injury and the positive way in which he handled this massive disappointment is an example to all.

JDN

2nd XI

P	W	D	L
9	9	0	0

With style and panache, the 2nd XI achieved the dual distinction of winning all their games and, for the second successive year, taking the coveted 'Team of the Year' award. June 1994 was the last time the 2nd XI experienced defeat and an expectation of success, borne of a depth of talent and experience, laid the foundation for this exceptional season.

The scene was set with a huge early season total of 200-5 in 35 overs against Chester and a comfortable 75 run victory. With a winning formula established, the team batted first in the next three games and, with the exception of Ormskirk who fought to the very end, recorded easy victories. As the season progressed, we found that we could win just as comfortably batting second, chasing targets severely restricted by tight bowling. Every side we played against was bowled out, testimony to the accuracy and guile of the five principal bowlers. With 29 wickets at an average of 7.8, the miserly Shephard proved the pick of the bowlers and when paired with Jackson (7 at 10.1), these spin twins were capable of thwarting the aggressive intentions of any opposition batsmen. Drabble (18 at 8.5), Hudson (10 at 12.8) and the persistent Barber (8 at 18) were all bowlers who, in times of less bountiful riches, would have been pressing for 1st XI places.

The bowling was complemented by a

very positive attitude in the field. The team supported each other and developed a genuine spirit which lasted throughout the season; there was real disappointment as some of the later games fell victim to inclement weather in late June and July.

If the bowling was strong in the team, so too was the batting and in this sense, the team showed a balance which meant that rarely was a single individual required to carry responsibilities for the team's performance. Of the regular batsmen, Robinson had a highly successful season, averaging 57 from 6 innings. Allday (46 from 6), Rice (26 from 6) and Harbord (21 from 8) were the other regular high scorers, but the side batted a long way down and Jones, Butcher, Lloyd and Shephard also made significant contributions.

It was disappointing, because of the weather, not to play Manchester, Ellesmere and other regular opponents, but with the scalps of Stockport, Newcastle, Lancaster and, particularly, Nottingham, this season must be seen as something of a high point; certainly, it will be hard to follow! However, this is a young side and although some will be called to higher things next year, another batch of enthusiasts is moving up from the U15s and who is to say that the 2nd XI of 1998 will not emulate their immediate predecessors?

The following played for the 2nd XI: S M Barber, M J Shephard, D Harbord, T J Butcher, M Drabble, N J Jones, M J Rice, C T Robinson, C E Allday, N J Hudson, M R Jackson, S P Thompson, J S Clay, C J C Lloyd, J J Wilson, R R O Lees, S M Hewitt, M B M Mills.

PRMM/PJP

U15 XI

P	W	D	L
14	4	7	3

Until the final games of the season on the Suffolk tour, the drawn match was certainly the speciality of the side, although to be fair the team invariably attempted to play positive cricket. Good totals were posted in the first two matches against Chester and Arnold, but the challenge offered was rejected; the Bolton fixture was eventually thundered off when the side was set to win and in the game against Stockport, we frustratingly fell four runs short owing to inexperience after a fine cavalier innings by Pickup had provided an opportunity for victory. The final Saturday game prior to half term at Newcastle fizzled out with a tame draw and so by the end of May, the side's only victory had come in the cup match against Cheadle Hulme.

The pattern repeated itself until the very end of the season: the side dogged out a valuable draw against the strong Nottingham High School by virtue of a persevering Despontin innings and had Lancaster nine wickets down at the close. Two more cup matches resulted in comfortable victories against Alsager and Weaverham, but three of the final four games were lost (Lytham, Ipswich and Framlingham) when the batting looked brittle. These defeats were offset by a comprehensive ten wicket victory over St Josephs, Ipswich, in the first tour game.

The results achieved would seem to reflect the strengths and weaknesses of the side. The side's batting lacked consistency at times although there are certainly talented players who ought to come through. The team missed the influence of Isherwood, rightly promoted to 1st XI duties, but the likes of Bones, Rushton and Sharp are all capable of making telling contributions even though each of them suffered lapses of concentration or confidence during the season which cost them dear. Taylor, Howell and, in a different way, Despontin all made good progress too. Lane and, to a lesser degree, Pickup and Thompson had much less opportunity to develop big innings.

Whilst the batting may have been a touch indifferent on occasions, especially on tour where the side failed to do itself justice at Ipswich or Framlingham, the bowling lacked the real control and penetration to put the opposition under pressure. Even the more successful bowlers, Sharp, Rushton and an improving Lloyd, found that consistently accurate length and line was a little elusive. Jay picked up useful wickets on occasions, notably Nottingham and Lancaster, and Thompson looked promising as an off spinner; he certainly obtained turn and possessed a good loop when bowling well. Pickup, in spite of being used frequently, had one of those seasons where wickets were difficult to come by, perhaps suffering a little on account of a period's experimentation as a slow bowler. Everyone, however, would do well to take note of and learn from the recent Australian test attack at its best in the latest Ashes series.

Perhaps one of the main areas of concern, however, was the side's fielding. Too often catches were spilled and whilst no player ever drops them on purpose, this basic skill requires more attention. Bowlers depend on their fielders to help tighten the noose and they were often not given the support they needed.

All in all, though, the season was a

jolly one. All players responded positively to advice (most of the time!) and in spite of the odd DMH and RGD eruption, the side remained upbeat. The only real disappointments of the year were our ejection once again from the Dews Cup at the semi-final stage owing to the game being scheduled after term finished, and the complete lack of B team fixtures in spite of valiant efforts to play some. Next year, in both cases, events should turn out otherwise with luck.

The following boys represented the A team: E V Bones (capt); J Despontin; N P Gray; J L Gregory; J R Howell; M J Jay; J M Lane; T A Lloyd; K W Mosedale; O J Pickup; M E Rudge; O C W Rushton; R B Taylor; R C Thompson; A B Sharp.

DMH/RGD

U14 XI

P	W	D	L
13	10	2	1

This year's under 14 side contained a great deal of talent and lived up to its promise in every aspect but one. Unfortunately the one loss occurred in the all important cup match against a Stockport side which had already been shown inferior earlier in the season. It was extremely disappointing as the team had the potential to succeed well into the national knockout stage. It is to be hoped that a great deal can be learnt from the experience, although the boys seemed hardly aware of their teacher's frustration. In their defence it can be pointed out that any 20 over game is a lottery, determined by events taking up just a few overs and involving only a small part of the team. Expertise in tactics has not yet been gained and many of the requirements are counter to the coaching principles which apply during the rest of the season. Sensible, well-paced batting with a straight bat are not the order of the day. Neither is attacking bowling and fielding. In conclusion, when a side can win 90% of its games when given 35 overs in which to operate and its only defeat occurs in a 20 over thrash, there is much consolation and even justifiable contempt for the cup competition.

The season opened towards the back-end of a very dry spell and so the wickets were unusually firm at this time. In the first game Macclesfield had what was going to become a rare opportunity to bat first, against King's Chester. The opposition were quite strong and 133 all out was a fair score (Hutter 31 top scored). In reply Chester were dismissed for 91 with Pickup bowling in a very promising fashion for his 4 wickets.

The first cup game was against All Hallows. By now the weather had taken

a turn for the worse and the rain and wind had arrived. Thankfully it took only 13 overs for King's to reach the target of 68 set by the opposition. Russell and Keep both got runs and wickets.

The third game was the delayed Hopkins Trophy Final which should have taken place the previous season. Wilmslow High were only able to manage a score of 64 for 5 in their 20 overs, and again Keep bowled well (8 bowlers were used). Hutter and Hart then had little trouble in reaching 67 for 0 in just 9 overs. Thus a cup trophy was won this season, albeit an under 13 one.

Arnold School also presented very little resistance as they were bowled out for 69. Wheetman and Ellis took 3 wickets each. Westwood was promoted to opener and justified the decision at once. King's lost 5 wickets on their way to winning and there were signs that carelessness was creeping in as they were not being stretched sufficiently by the competition.

The fifth game was the second round of the cup. Helsby scored 80 for 8 due to some poor bowling. Pickup was the exception with a fine performance of 3 for 3. Hart, Duffy and Keep then scored briskly to achieve the target in 11 overs.

On an artificial wicket at Stockport, King's were bowled out for 125 (Robinson 37). However, Stockport made no effort to reach the total and finished 85 for 6 (Hart 3 wickets).

The following Saturday Newcastle only managed 56 all out. It took Hart only 10 overs virtually single-handedly to win the game for King's for the loss of one wicket.

Nottingham normally present a very strong challenge and so it was extremely pleasing to declare with the score 177 for 0 against them in 35 overs. Hart made a beautiful century containing many powerful and technically correct shots. He was well supported by Hutter who made 63 not out. Nottingham, as expected, were capable of getting very close but a couple of fortunate wickets helped King's to dismiss them for 134 (Russell 5 wickets, Keep 4 wickets).

Lancaster were not as competitive as usual and their total of 52 all out was easily beaten (Westwood 24 not out. Keep, Hart, Robinson 3 wickets each).

The tenth game was the cup match against Stockport, our only loss of the season. King's total of 79 for 4 in 20 overs was unlikely to be sufficient, and so it proved, despite an encouraging start by our bowlers. Some lusty blows to the vacant boundary areas saw King's hopes evaporate.

Half-centuries by Hutter and Westwood and a cameo from Duffy (28

not out) helped King's to a total of 182 for 4 against St Ambrose. Wheetman got 3 wickets as a 90 run win was accomplished.

The only other draw was made at Lytham. King's declared on 187 for 4 from 38 overs. On a flat wicket just 3 of Lytham's wickets could be prized out as they reached 123 at the close.

In what would prove to be the last game due to bad weather, the season finished on a farcical note against Ellesmere College who had their only genuine players missing. King's declared on 253 for 1 with batsmen retiring after scoring 50. Ellesmere were 36 all out.

My philosophy is to keep as many players involved in as prominent a role as possible. This can be observed from the fact that throughout the season the only person who did not bowl was the wicket-keeper and the batting contributions were limited only by the low scores set by the opposing teams. This season the whole team were capable with both bat and ball.

A short summary of the players follows:

Robert Hart is the foremost player, a very talented batsman with a sound array of shots. His bowling can be fast and accurate although his action still requires attention.

Richard Westwood is a very promising natural talent with the bat. He needs to relearn totally his back foot play but his front foot shots and general bat movement are a joy to watch.

Jonathan Keep had problems of consistency with his bowling but could be dangerous on his day. His batting is a threat to every opposition but even this is exceeded by his superb fielding skills. He took over the mantle as captain towards the end of the season and certainly leads by example.

James Hutter is a competent opening batsman with a good repertoire of strokes at his disposal as well as a good opener's temperament.

John Russell is a very promising all-rounder and stronger opposition would have given him more opportunity. The same can be said of Ben Robinson, Richard Ellis and Guy Pickup who are all very capable with bat and ball and had a good season, although limited by the low targets provided by the other teams. Guy captained the side well but decided he did not enjoy it and so relinquished the position towards the end of the season.

Harry Wheetman bowled well and James Childs and David Poulter also made valuable contributions.

In conclusion, I must congratulate the boys on the enthusiastic and well-man-

nered way in which they conducted themselves and wish them continued success and enjoyment in future years.

The B team this year was as well supported and represented as any from previous years. They were extremely enthusiastic and always gave their best.

CJM

U13 XI

	P	W	D	L	Cancelled
A Team	10	6	2	2	5
B Team	2	1	0	1	3

As under 12s in 1996 the group had rather mixed results with few victories and it was thought they would start the new campaign with little confidence. It was also doubted that the new format for home matches (75 overs, with the side batting first not allowed to bat beyond over 40) would help. A reasonable bowling team, their main strategy last summer was to bowl first and at worst contain the opposition so that they would bat a long time leaving insufficient time to exploit a reputedly frail King's batting line up. However, reputations are made to be broken.....

April 19 saw the season start at the Derby Fields with King's Chester the visitors. After 8 overs the scoreboard showed 14 for 3, all 3 having made ducks. With Davenport in supporting role, Isherwood launched a violent onslaught on the bowling, hammering 79. Later on Petty contributed 14 and Davenport fell for 48, but 3 more ducks led to a final total of 159 all out in 36 overs. In reply, Chester had no answer to Isherwood 8-3-4-3 and Ward 6-0-14-4, and were dismissed for 78.

The following week's game against William Hulme Grammar School succumbed to the weather and Arnold were the next visitors in early May. The Arnold batting was totally destroyed in double quick time by Isherwood 4 for 8, Arnfield 3 for 5, and Ward 2 for 3. Davenport and Quas-Cohen knocked off the 32 required for victory in 28 balls and the match was completed well before tea.

The first away game of the season was at Bolton. The wet conditions limited the game to 30 overs each; Bolton batting first only managed 73 for 8 (Davenport 4 for 29, Isherwood 6-3-4-3) and King's coasted to a 4 wicket win with Isherwood 36 not out.

Stockport Grammar School visited the Derby Fields in mid-May and became the first team to put up a good performance against us. In their 40 overs they recorded 147 for 7 and after a slow start to our innings seemed safe. Enter Isherwood. A swashbuckling 74 took us into a very challenging position, but

unfortunately he lost his wicket at a crucial time. Despite Wilson and Sear's efforts, we had to settle for a draw on 145 for 5, just 2 short of the Stockport total.

A fixture mix-up saw our final game before Spring Bank Holiday against Newcastle U12 team. A huge unbeaten stand of 154 between Davenport (81 not out) and Isherwood (84 not out) took us to 201 for 2 declared in 32 overs. Newcastle resisted well for some time but eventually closed for 42, Arnfield 3 for 10 and Ward 3 for 5 being the main wicket takers.

Our first round Hopkins Trophy match had been conceded by our opponents and in the second round, Great Sankey High School were our opponents. In 20 overs we rattled up 151 for 2 (Isherwood 66, Davenport 66 not out), and then dismissed the visitors for just 66, Ward taking 5 for 20.

Nottingham High School U13 team was known to be very strong indeed and in early June they inflicted our first defeat on us. Good accurate bowling in windy conditions caused us problems throughout and we managed only 74, losing by 8 wickets.

Much more disappointing was the loss to Weaverham in Round 3 of the Hopkins Trophy. Put in to bat, we started slowly and missed too many singles. Later acceleration resulted in 99 for 2 in 20 overs, Arnfield 28 and Sear 26 not out being top scorers. In the Weaverham reply, our ground fielding was dreadful and 3 crucial catches were dropped. When the last ball arrived the scores were tied, but the Weaverham number 5 connected well and hit a boundary.

The B Team finally managed a fixture on June 11, a tense affair against Ryleys B. Ryleys managed 75 all out in 19.4 overs, we reached 77 for 7 in 19.3 to win by 3 wickets.

The Lancaster match in mid-June was in some ways similar to the earlier Stockport game. The visitors, thanks mainly to a talented opener, batted through their 40 overs to reach 123 for 9. Williamson recorded a hat-trick in his 4 for 26 and Isherwood took 3 for 19. Davenport made 52 in our reply, but a disastrous final 2 overs saw an almost certain victory denied us and we only drew at 121 for 8.

Rain decimated the rest of the season allowing only simultaneous games against King Edward's School, Lytham. In the A game, Lytham did well to recover from 11 for 5 to reach 79 (Isherwood 5 for 20) but Arnfield 27 not out and Isherwood 39 not out saw us safely home to an 8 wicket victory.

In the B game, Lytham declared on 144 for 9 despite McVeigh's 3 for 21 and

that proved beyond our capabilities, 85 being our final total.

The captain, Tom Isherwood, had a magnificent all round season. With the bat he scored 437 runs at an average of 87.40, and with the ball his 23 wickets cost only 5.48 each. Tom Davenport supported well with the bat scoring 285 at 47.50; others showed promise but got relatively few opportunities. Tom Williamson, despite injuries at both ends of the season, John Arnfield, Nick Rice and Ian Sear all supported well with their seam up bowling. Oliver Ward's leg spin and googlies was wonderful variety and earned him 18 wickets at 8.33 each.

Great progress has been made with both bat and ball by this team this year and now fielding needs attention. With the exception of Tom Cumberbirch, the fielders look too static and unathletic and the catching is rather erratic. With improvement in these areas, this age group can face the future with confidence.

Congratulations to Tom Isherwood on his selection for the Cheshire U13 team

The following represented the school: T Isherwood (capt), T Davenport (vice capt), P Kennedy (wk), A Quas-Cohen, J Petty, I Sear, J Arnfield, O Ward, A Wilson, N Rice, T Cumberbirch, A Armstead, N Griffiths.

In addition, the following played B Team cricket: A Geake, C Millward, A Malik, A McVeigh, J Ainsworth, J Hardman, C Skidmore, C Davenport, T Oza, R Isherwood, M Whatmough.

GL/RG

U12 XI

P	W	D	T	L
9	4	1	1	3

My lasting memory of the 1997 season will be of the rain: the cricketer's number one enemy haunted the U12 side throughout the season. Overall, four matches were lost, along with numerous practices and house fixtures. This meant that it was difficult for the team to generate any momentum, or for individual players to work on weaknesses that were exposed in games.

The season started with a thrilling match at Arnold that ended in a tie. Arnold batted first and were 149 all out. In reply King's reached 149 for 9, but were unable to scramble home in the final over. At least this game dispelled the myth to these young players that cricket is a sedate game with little excitement!

The team then started an impressive run with two victories against Stockport and All Hallows and an encouraging draw against Newcastle. Perhaps the

Cricket

side's best performance of the year came against a strong team from Nottingham High School, which ironically ended in defeat. Without exception, every member of the team played to his potential. The bowling was tight, the fielding sharp and the batting was aggressive, yet controlled.

The team's form then dipped. We lost to Stockport in the Cheshire Cup and were completely outplayed by Lancaster. It was clear that many players were losing confidence in their own ability, and their performances deteriorated. It was, therefore, most pleasing to see the side finish the season with two splendid victories against St Ambrose and Lytham.

There is little doubt that many players in this year's U12 side will go on to represent the school at the highest level. The Captain, Oliver Kenyon, had a magnificent season, averaging over 40 with the bat. The seam bowling attack of Williamson, Bull and Birch produced some impressive displays, but all will need to work on the consistency of their line and length. Perhaps the most reliable bowler this season was the off spinner, Ian Lomax. It is rare to see such a young player spin the ball so much and, at the same time, show tremendous control.

Each member of this year's squad made a valuable contribution to the success of the team and they should take great pride in representing the school. I hope the boys continue to enjoy their cricket as much as they did this year when they progress up the school.

The following players represented the school during the 1997 season: C Ayres; S Birch; C Bull; W Ellis; D Emm; B Harding; J Harker; C Hinchcliffe; O Kenyon; N Kershaw; T Kirk; D Laird; I Lomax; E Mack; A Triggs; C Westwood; C Williamson.

JEK

Boys' Hockey

1st XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
25	11	3	11	74	59

The change in the rules to no offside was a change the Hockey Rules Board hoped would increase the number of goals scored in matches and increase the appeal of hockey to spectators. Hockey at King's has never been dull and spectators have always been entertained, the emphasis being that to win matches teams have to score more goals than opponents, rather than concede fewer. It was always felt that many goals would be scored, and an average of 3 per game were scored. What was in doubt was how many would be conceded, bearing in mind that only one player from the previous season's defence remained. A variety of systems were tried in an attempt to maximise the team's abilities, but it was a return to the favoured fluid 1-3-3-3 which saw the team at its best.

In the first term as many games were won as lost, the defeats being against the traditionally strong opponents of Merchant Taylors', Calday Grange, Birkenhead School and Warwick School. Except for the Merchant's game, these matches could have been won if play during the games had been consistently good. This was the story of the season, however, patches of excellent play spoiled by periods of poor.

After the Christmas break, the team progressed to the Cheshire Cup Final where it met Birkenhead School, divisional champions from the previous season. Luck was not on our side, opportunities to score were squandered, the game was lost, but Birkenhead were made to think. Indifferent, downhearted play followed. A fresh start was called for and new targets were set starting with the match against the rugged Rossall School on 1st March. The remaining nine matches of the season saw a new King's team, with a fresh approach and a new belief.

Rossall and King William's College were hammered. In the return fixtures against Merchant Taylors' and Birkenhead School, both were victorious but only by the odd goal, and both could consider themselves fortunate. And so to the Taunton Tournament. No manager could ask for more. Tactics, teamwork and attitude were just right. On the Friday afternoon Calday Grange were outplayed, but were awarded a dubious equaliser with the last hit of the match. Taunton School were victims on the Saturday morning. This was followed by the match against the crack Royal Belfast

Academical Institution who had previously looked invincible. A monumental effort saw the King's team drag themselves back into the game after conceding two early goals. The afternoon fixture was the match of the tournament. Those who played in it, or witnessed it, will never forget it. Tactics, teamwork and top quality goals saw Warwick School defeated 5-0. With one match remaining King's sat proudly at the top of the table. The Sunday morning saw a tired King's team take the field against Elizabeth College. Again an early goal was conceded but try as they may, an equaliser would not go into the net and this defeat for King's secured the title for Elizabeth. However, the King's team could rightly hold their heads up high and look back on performances in the tournament which were of great credit. They went out at the top, or nearly at it!

Christian Billington was a dedicated and determined captain who rose to the challenge and gave some excellent displays in goal throughout the season. James Robinson was the senior defender. Apart from a lapse in self-belief midway through the season, he was outstanding at sweeper. Daryush Farshchi, as tight central marker, frustrated many opponents' central strikers. He had a specific job to do and he did it in the most professional way possible. Alex Morgan at wide left defender had the difficult task of blocking opponents' right strikers. He lifted his game superbly and ended the season with some first class performances. Liam Murray was able to play in a variety of positions and did so to good effect. The midfield was a fluid one with solid performances from James Blower on the left. Ben Ballon on the right continued to show excellent touch and linked superbly with those around him. Laurence Barnes, undeniably, was the outstanding outfield player. Superb in defence, lethal in attack and determination personified in midfield. Simon Hobbs was asked to play in various roles, but it was at Taunton in the midfield where he finally proved his worth. Guy Emmett worked tirelessly up front. His stick skills were excellent all season and his movement first class. He was also part of the goal of the season with his assist to Laurence Barnes against Warwick School at Taunton. Jon Fielding completed the usual starting line up at left striker. He made telling runs all season, none better than when he scored his superb hat-trick against Hall Cross School. Andrew Emslie, Luke Sharman, David Harbord and Matthew Shephard completed the Sixth Form component of the 1st XI and all filled in with competent performances when asked to do so.

This season, for the first time, saw the "bleeding" of some younger talent in competitions and tournaments. These players certainly rose to the challenge and gave full warning to others that there is plenty of depth of talent at King's. Mark Yates, Martin Tunwell, Joe Gregory and James Westcott earned the full respect of the rest of the team in giving first class performances at the highest level. The future is bright. The future is royal blue and white with red trim.

Appearances: 25 C Billington, L Barnes, J Blower, J Fielding; 24 J Robinson, S Hobbs; 23 G Emmett; 20 D Farshchi; 19 L Murray; 18 A Morgan; 16 B Ballon; 11 M Yates; 9 J Gregory; 7 L Sharman, M Tunwell; 5 A Emslie; 4 M Shephard; 2 J Westcott; 1 D Harbord.

JAD

Indoor First Team

It was always going to be an extremely difficult task to live up to the record breaking standard of last season's indoor team. There was, however, a core of experienced indoor players and it was a confident squad who undertook the long journey to Hull for the North of England Indoor Tournament.

The competition was as tight as last season's with little to choose between the teams. Some superb individual play by Laurence Barnes, Simon Hobbs and Ben Ballon kept the team in contention almost to the very end, but tiredness and bad fortune in the timing of matches resulted in games being lost by the odd goal at the death.

Playing indoor certainly sharpens stick skills, and those who played were able to transfer these skills to the outdoor matches.

Team: C Billington, L Barnes, S Hobbs, B Ballon, J Robinson, G Emmett, J Fielding.

JAD

2nd XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
3	3	0	0	13	3

The small number of Sixth Formers playing hockey meant that few true 2nd XI matches could be played. Those which were played did, however, provide the opportunity for non-first choice 1st XI squad players to exhibit their talents in a more relaxed situation. In extremely friendly matches, Wirral Grammar School, Cheadle Hulme and Sir John Deane's Sixth Form College were all defeated to leave the 2nd XI as the only hockey team with a 100% record. There were no fewer than seven different goal scorers in these three matches indicating the attacking nature of the team and the unselfishness

of the players. Matthew Shephard top scored with 3 goals.

JAD

U16 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
20	12	1	7	70	42

An enthusiastic and determined squad of players turned up for pre-season training and this commitment resulted in an excellent first term during which seven matches were won out of the nine played. The only hiccup was away at Birkenhead School where the team was unusually out-worked and lacking in invention.

Following the Christmas break and the earlier comfortable cup victory over Weaverham High School, Stockport YHC provided a stern semi-final test but after a lacklustre first half, four second half goals secured a place in the final against Bowdon HC, a team which had been together for five years and had reached the National Mini-Finals as Under 11's. They were a good team, but early defensive errors resulted in a complete lack of confidence throughout the King's team which simply did not compete or do themselves any justice on the day. Of the next five matches, four were lost as the team continued to suffer a crisis of conscience. A good team does not become a bad team overnight, however, and it was against Repton, after an unusually long team talk, that at last the team regained its self-belief. The game was lost 2-0, but Repton U16's are very strong and had defeated the King's team by 10-0 and 8-0 in their two previous meetings. Indeed, but for a brilliant display by the Repton goalkeeper, this game could have been won. Three victories then followed before a final match defeat at Trent College ended the season. It should be noted, however, that for this fixture four of the main players were away on 1st XI duty at the Taunton Tournament.

In goal, Chris Renshaw developed greater confidence as the season progressed resulting in some very good displays. The back four of Martin McNamara, James Westcott, Andrew Kane and Oliver Smith were a compact unit who had good individual skills and worked well for one another both on and off the ball. There are still periods when they panic under pressure and this is an area they must redress next season. In mid-field Guy Basnett, Mark Yates and Con Allday work tirelessly as link men. They have a sound understanding of the game and in particular their positional play is excellent resulting in them being able to feed good ball from the defence to the forwards. Captain Mark Yates' control of matches was outstanding and

worthy of special praise. The front three of Tim Crawford, Tom Grant and Martin Tunwell have great pace, stick work and a good understanding of positional play. Mention must be made of Martin Tunwell's finishing which at times was lethal. This coupled with his determination and drive resulted in his automatic progress to the 1st XI towards the end of the season together with Mark Yates. For much of the season Alistair Robinson and Martin Edwards started as substitutes but through their commitment and improvement they forced their way to the starting line up, as did the determined Alex Flynn. A team is only as good as its whole squad and there was no shortage of talent on the U16 bench.

This talented squad will bring a renewed enthusiasm and commitment to the 1st XI over the next two seasons and their continued development is eagerly awaited.

Appearances: 19 M Tunwell, M McNamara, M Edwards, T Crawford; 18 C Renshaw, J Westcott, O Smith, G Basnett, T Grant; 17 A Kane, M Yates; 16 C Allday, A Robinson; 8 A Flynn; 3 J Gregory, B Westcott, M Jay; 2 R Taylor; 1 D Kendrick, R Cowgill, W Roberts, C Stevens, M Westcott, J-P Dodd.

JAD

U15 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
14	9	2	3	59	22

Although the overall results for the season appear very good, they represent a slightly disappointing season in some respects. The previous year had been highly successful with the team representing the North West at the National Finals. This season too many players rested on their laurels and consequently there were several disappointing performances.

The season started well with comprehensive victories at Doncaster Hall Cross (5-1) and at home against Merchant Taylor's, Crosby (5-0), although in both games the team played scrappily until the first goal was scored. There followed a very exciting, fluctuating match at Birkenhead School which was eventually drawn 4-4. After this came two more comprehensive victories over Knutsford High (8-1) and Bablake School, Coventry (5-0). However, despite these good results there had been signs of weaknesses, principally in very poor starts to matches and the failure to turn midfield dominance into goal scoring opportunities. These problems were highlighted by a very disappointing performance against Newcastle, who should have been beaten easily, yet beat us 3-2. There were

no more games before Christmas to restore pride due to the poor weather.

The team returned to winning ways in the New Year securing a tight 1-0 victory against Birkenhead School and then avenging the defeat at Newcastle by crushing them 8-0 in the return fixture, including 5 goals by Joe Gregory. However, complacency set in, and in the next match against Knutsford, who had been beaten 8-1 earlier in the year, King's were very fortunate to escape with a 2-2 draw, with an equaliser with the last hit of the match. The next match was one of the two real tests for the team, against the formidable Repton. Although the team lost 3-1, in the second half the team produced its best display of the year, matching Repton and showing real fight and determination. After a comfortable win at Rossall (4-0) came a one-sided match against Liverpool College which King's won 9-0, including a hat-trick by Ross Taylor, with the performances in these games being far better than many earlier in the year. However, in the last game of the year, against a very strong Trent College side, too many players' heads dropped after going 2-0 down early on, eventually losing by the same margin as the year before, 7-1. The defence was left to fight alone as most other players failed to show the determination for the battle. This was a very disappointing way to end the year, but should serve as a lesson to many players that much hard work is required next season if this King's team are to compete with the best.

The team has a nucleus of very talented players, although it does lack strength in depth and there are areas of weakness as a consequence. Matthew Jay showed many other players up with his competitive spirit, and the team depended very heavily on goals from Joe Gregory. Williams Roberts and Richard Cowgill developed well during the season and became a very effective partnership in central defence. However, this talented bunch of players will have to show more determination and train harder if they are to get back to the National Finals as U16's next season.

Appearances: 14 Jay, Taylor; 13 Tighe, Stevens, Westcott B, Westcott M; 12 Roberts, Gregory; 10 Owen; 8 Kendrick, Cowgill, Burr; 7 Rudge; 6 Sheard; 5 Stanley; 4 Battersby; 3 Thompson; 2 Walker; 1 Worthington.

RWG

U14 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
17	6	1	10	41	47

After a very successful season with the U14 last year, I was optimistic about this season's chances. The squad was large and skilful, and the signs were good. The first match was against Merchant Taylor's School. A problem that affected us all year was that we were slow starters. Within ten minutes we were two goals down and eventually lost 5-2. After a confidence boosting win against Sandbach, we then met Birkenhead. Another disastrous start left us 2-0 down at the end of the first half. The boys played with much more determination in the second half to pull it back to 2-2, but we eventually lost to a breakaway goal with minutes remaining.

The next two matches were comfortable wins, 3-1 against Knutsford where we came back from a goal behind and a facile 8-0 against Newcastle with Edward Gregory scoring a hat-trick and four goals by Tom Byers.

The early season form had been good and despite the team's limitations, I had expected a better finish to the season. The next four games proved very disappointing. We lost them all to Calday Grange, Deeside Ramblers, Merchant Taylor's and Birkenhead, conceding twenty-four goals and scoring just three. The skill level was as high as our opponents' but the work rate in midfield was poor and there was a lack of vision when playing out of defence. Also, our bad starts had not improved despite introducing a lengthened pre-match warm-up routine.

A new formation was used in our next few games, Newcastle again, Hazel Grove and Katharine Lady Berkerley's School, with mixed results, winning two and losing one. Then came our heaviest defeat of the season to a traditionally strong Repton side. Despite a respectable 2-1 deficit at half-time, their strength and fitness was dominant in the second half and we eventually lost 8-1.

An ultimately disappointing season was illustrated by a late season defeat by Knutsford - a side who we had beaten comfortably in October and a tired looking 3-0 defeat by Trent College. The players remained cheerful to the end, however, and will approach next season with confidence, as in the last match we managed to show the work rate and flair missing for much of the season by dispatching King William's College 9-0 with Robert McAuliffe scoring a hat-trick.

Appearances (goals): 17 E Gregory (10), T Byers (6), M Hobbs (5); 16 R

McAuliffe (13), J Yearsley (3), J-P Dodd, A Williamson; 15 R Hodson (1), M Batchelor; 14 E Clapham (1); 13 R Worsley (2), M Bamber; 4 R Ogden; 3 J Beech; 2 I Spencer, N Adams, P Alexander.

NCJR

U13 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
9	1	0	8	5	35

On first glance the U13 hockey season looks far from impressive. However, as every sports fan knows, there are lies, lies and statistics. Given that many of the players in the side had not touched a hockey stick at the start of the season and that many of our opponents had been playing a number of years, we were always going to be facing an uphill task.

Probably the best way to gauge our performances is to look at the improvement in the side over the course of the season. This can be assessed by looking at the fixtures against Beech Hall and Newcastle, both of whom we played at the start and at the end of the season. Our first game against Beech Hall resulted in a 6-0 defeat. We were outplayed in every department with our considerable tactical naivety being exposed. In the return fixture three months later, we were unlucky not to come away with a draw and lost 2-1. Most encouragingly the skills deficit relative to our opponents had closed, and we were tactically far more aware.

The highlight of the season was our second game against Newcastle with our 3-0 victory in stark contrast to our previous 5-0 defeat. We played as an organised unit. The fluidity and cohesion of our play at last gave our loyal band of supporters something to cheer about.

One feature of the side this year was the outstanding team spirit. The boys took pleasure in training during games lessons, and even enjoyed the extra fitness sessions on a Thursday night! Probably the most consistent player over the course of the season was our goalkeeper, Matthew Goldspink. His reflexes had been honed playing street hockey and his performances, particularly early in the season, were outstanding. I just hope he has less work to do as the side moves up the school.

The team is now in a strong position to move forward next year. One key reason for this is the excellent technical foundation they have been given by Steve Moores. His help and enthusiasm have given the side a base on which I now hope they go on and build upon.

The following players represented the school in the 1996/97 season: O Robinson (Captain); J Hardman; T Healey; P Taylor;

A Wilson; D Bevins; J Powell; R Dooley; J Petty; A Geake; N Rice; R Isherwood; D Sandhu; B Robinson.

JEK

Girls' Hockey

The season began on the first Saturday back in September when virtually all our Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Year team players attended a training session given by Caroline Parks, the Cheshire County Development Officer, and three of her associates.

Each team went through a series of tasks intended to sharpen up skills and develop greater timing and awareness. By the end of the morning everyone was looking committed, determined and hankering for more. In fact, another Saturday two weeks later was booked for a follow-up session.

The aim of these get-togethers was to bring the teams back as working units after the long summer break. By the performances over the subsequent months, it appears as if they will become a regular start to the season.

DMB

Tour to Noordwijk, Holland

This was our second tour to Holland with a larger than ever group of Second, Third and Fourth Year players. Our young coaches, Simon and Mike, took the teams through their paces on the Monday and Tuesday morning coaching sessions and gave tactical aid when necessary during our afternoon matches against local teams. Wednesday morning was the Big Tournament with all of the touring teams competing.

Unfortunately, the majority were in the older bracket, but to our credit everyone put their new found skills into practice and put on a jolly good effort. We may not have departed victors, but most certainly brought back happy memories of not just some excellent hockey, but also tasty pancakes, fun ten-pin bowling, a breath-taking 3D cinema experience, and the inevitable bargain hunting for souvenirs and gifts in the Hague. The presentation evening and disco, as always, proved to be one highlight not to be missed. Another successful venture in the name of hockey and a great start for the new season.

Combined U15 squad: U15; Katherine Coveney, Kira Williams, Charlotte Hammond, Ruth Francis, Emma Stanton, Kathryn Blower, Felicity Jackson, Isobel Hewitt, U14; Louise Barber, Jackie Barker, Nicola Edwards, Joanne Kirby, Rachael Kirk, Ruth Tunwell.

Combined U14 squad: U14; Natalie Pagano, Amy Mason, Lyndsey Allman,

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U13; Charlotte Taylor, Hanna Gledhill, Helen Whitworth, Sarah Mitchell, Amy Percival, Jenna Orme, Kim Byrom, Amy Thompson, Lauren Hindle.

Staff: RSH, LB, DMB, accompanied by Mrs S Kirk.

DMB

Senior XI

Sixth Form girls' hockey seems to be playing a waiting game at present - waiting for the 'committed' to come through. That is not to say that we have not had a smattering of keen and enthusiastic players, we have, but unfortunately they do not make up a full team, enough to make an impression on the strong, well established hockey schools in the area. As the numbers of girls in the Sixth Form increases, so hopefully will the necessity for a team selection procedure. Our Sixth Formers have been happy to play hockey in Sixth Form activity periods but were rather disillusioned when faced with 11-a-side opposition. However, the Cheadle 7's Tournament seemed just right for us and had we been able to field a full complement we could have seen just rewards, for we were not completely out of our depth but, without a goalkeeper (although our centre forward did pad up after the first match) and with an injury taking out a defensive player, we had to retire gracefully from the tournament after only four matches.

Despite disappointing results so far, the interest is positive and senior girls' hockey is 'simmering' at present!

DMB

U16 XI

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

Despite this being such a small year group with all of their associated school commitments, we were at least able to field an U16 hockey team for a handful of games and the Area U16 Tournament. For the latter, when we were ably assisted by some of our younger players, our performance was very commendable considering that we were facing strong fully U16 opposition from some of the strongest hockey schools around.

We look forward to the progression of the committed hard core of players to the Sixth Form next year and particularly when our present U15 follow them through the year after to strengthen and build our senior reputation.

Squad: Rani Axon, Katie Bagshaw, Lucinda Clarke, Zara Cox, Michelle Grattan, Tori Hade, Joanne Jamieson, Nicola Price, Natalie Soloman, Vicky Spencer, Rosanna Wilson. Supported by: U15 Kathryn Blower, Isobel Hewitt, Kira Williams; U14 Joanne Adams, Louise Barber, Jackie Barker, Nicola Edwards, Rachael Kirk, Amy Mason, Anna Steele.

DMB

U15 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
15	5	2	8	18	34

There were moments during the season when the future of this team looked exciting. Several players were selected for County Trials but unfortunately their talents did not shine forth on that particular day. Despite the disappointments, the team had some great displays of team

work with matches which were a delight to watch. One in particular was our win in the second round match of the National U15 Cup Tournament against Marple Hall School. However, there were many unfortunate times when we were just plain unlucky and the ball never managed to find the net.

Getting the whole squad together on a regular basis was difficult and may well justify why the team just never seemed to 'gel' consistently. Hopefully, with a greater team effort, next season could see positive results to reflect the potential which this side so obviously has.

Squad: Kathryn Blower, Clare Butterworth, Clare Charles, Katherine Coveney (capt), Ruth Francis, Charlotte Hammond, Isobel Hewitt, Felicity Jackson, Sharon Ketley, Anna McKeating, Angela Quartermaine, Emma Stanton, Rachael Sully, Kira Williams. Supported by: U14's Louise Barber, Nicola Edwards, Gemma Garton, Louisa Ham, Rachael Kirk, Natalie Pagano, Ruth Tunwell.

DMB

U14 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
13	9	2	2	37	14

The number of appearances shows the level of commitment given by the main contingent of the team (some are slightly down because of their commitment to other teams, be it county netball call-ups, county cross country or school representation at English Schools' Swimming Individual and Team Championships - this surely must illustrate the talents of our girls and the dedication to which they commit their time to school sport). On the whole the improvement and success of the girls U14 XI this year is well deserved. Their dedication to fitness sessions, practices and matches has been second to none. They well deserve their success, but also recognise that with a positive mental attitude and continued hard work their future could still hold a great deal in store for them.

It was obvious from the beginning in 1994 when these girls first came together that we had the makings of a potentially exciting combination. However, success has taken time to develop. Belief in themselves has had to be worked at. They have trained hard in all weathers and not always willingly! They have been encouraged to experience tours to the Isle of Man, Holland, county development coaching sessions and to become involved in local club hockey and generally been saturated with as much hockey as possible.

In practice and matches our expectations are high in appearance, presenta-



'U14 girls' hockey squad'

tion, preparation and behaviour and through this self-discipline we aim for our standard of hockey to naturally follow suit.

The U14 matches this season have on the whole seen some very convincing wins, but, having said that, the two defeats, though disappointing, were probably as a result of discipline problems within the ranks. Realisation of this in retrospect has been a valuable learning process that everyone needs to pull together in the same direction.

The hard work was seen to pay off when we achieved first place at the Area Tournament played at Knutsford. This win took the team through to the County Finals at Upton, Chester. A great experience to behold the best in the county - how would we fare? Undaunted, we entered into the tournament with the confidence that if we watched our opponents with a critical eye, learned from them, adapted and played our best hockey, we stood a chance. Our first match, a no score draw, was extremely tough against Birkenhead, but a great start - we knew how hard we had to pull together. After another no score draw came two fine wins, leaving the final tournament result hinging on our last match against Leftwich. We could so easily have won if only one of our many shots at goal had not been prevented from reaching its destination by their superb goalkeeper. It was not to be (this time) - as so often happens, play switched ends for a moment and Leftwich scored in the last remaining seconds. This put King's overall in third place, but what a splendid display they had put on. KSM is now well and truly on the county map. Thanks must go to our regular umpire, Mrs Kirk, for all her help and to the parents for their support in ensuring the attendance of our players.

Over the season we can look back with pride and see a positive development. It is through this super team effort that certain players have been highlighted and have had the honour of selection for the U14 County Squad.

Lyndsay Lomax (goalkeeper), Rachael Kirk and Louise Barber have all represented Cheshire in the U14 County team. Nicola Edwards, our excellent captain, was invited along for their last match which unfortunately was cancelled due to bad weather.

Everyone has worked well and supported each other. They have been a credit to the school. Obviously, the test will come next season - can the team establish the same rapport again and continue to build on its success? Let's hope so!

Appearances: 14 Lyndsay Lomax, Rachael Kirk, Louise Barber; 13 Ruth Tunwell; 12 Jackie Barker, Gemma Garton, Anna Steele, Nicola Edwards (capt), Bryony Wills, Joanna Kirby; 11 Joanne Adams, Natalie Pagano; 7 Kate Ritchie; 5 Amy Mason; 3 Louisa Ham; 2 Lyndsey Allman.

DMB

U12 hockey

Seven-a-side

	P	W	D	L	F	A
A team	5	2	1	2	9	5
B team	4	1	2	1	3	4

Eleven-a-side

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

The season fell into two parts, with the Autumn Term games being all seven-a-side matches. There was encouragement and much competition for places in the early games, which we won against Cransley and All Hallows, and a taste of tougher opposition when we played St Edwards.

The eleven-a-side results hide the fact that we dominated four of the games, although only gaining three nil all draws and a 1-0 victory. Only against Stockport were we outplayed in the mud.

It is difficult to pick out individuals but R Marandi's careful defensive work, C Flynn's ability to hit the ball hard, C Higham's skill on the ball and J Gladman's appetite for scoring goals could be key pointers for the future. The trip to Holland in the Autumn Term 1997 should be a useful learning process for this new team.

The following girls played regularly for the school: P Lennox, R Marandi, K Montgomery, G Lane, C Flynn, M Guirey, S Spicer, F Mortimer, J Gladman, C Higham, F Stamp, K Riddell, J Cliff, V Moran.

TGN

Athletics

Senior Boys

The senior fixture list, like other age groups', was curtailed by poor weather in the latter part of the season. Consequently, only two fixtures took place, both in late April.

The opening fixture against Wrekin, Bedstone and Denstone was very encouraging. King's defeated the home team, Wrekin, by six points. This was our debut in this long-standing match, and hopefully we will continue to be invited in the future. King's boasted five winners: William Gamble (100 metres hurdles); Greg Cook (400 metres); Damian Brooks (800 metres); and Nick Rendell (1500 metres). The 4 x 100 metres relay team was also successful.

The final fixture was against Lancaster, St Edward's and Birkenhead. However, King's were let down by a shortage of available athletes and finished a disappointing fourth with only James Keep (Javelin) and Damian Brooks (800 metres) winning their events.

The best performance of the season came from James Keep who finished third in the Independent Schools' Championships in Hendon. In addition, James also won the Javelin event in the prestigious Inter-Counties meeting at Stoke. These were clearly the highlights of what was generally a disappointing season.

PW

U17 Boys

The postponement of the District Championships to a date when we could not compete meant that we were down to two matches.

The first match took us up to Lancaster. Here we competed against three other schools, once we had been rescued from the motorway!

The team performed well, with winning performances from: J Spicer (200 metres); I Selbie (HJ); and N Ward, M McNamara, C Baker, J Spicer (4 x 100 metres). There were many other gutsy performances as a result of some eager support from the watching athletes. The final result being: 1st Lancaster 138 points; 2nd King's 121 points; 3rd St Edward's 108 points; 4th Birkenhead 97 points.

The second match was a fixture against St Edward's College at home. As there were only two schools competing, we had to find three athletes per event instead of the usual two. As a result, a number of U16 boys were used which proved very successful. Unfortunately, the weather was very unkind to us, as the heavens opened mid-way through the match. This resulted in cancelling a

number of events due to safety, but we did manage to finish the match, although a little wet to say the least. There were winning performances from: J Spicer (200 metres); G Mairs (TJ); N Ward (100 metres); N Battersby (1500 metres); N Ward, M McNamara, C Baker, J Spicer (4 x 100 metres); C Cooper, J Robertson, A Kane, I Selbie (4 x 400 metres). The final match result was: 1st King's 80 points; 2nd St Edwards 60 points.

Four boys were selected to represent the District Team at the County Championships in Crewe. James Orme and Nick Battersby competed in the 1500 metres; Gary Mairs in the Triple Jump; and John Spicer in the 200 metres and the 4 x 100 metres. As a result of John winning the 200 metres, he represented the County in the Mason Trophy, an eight county meeting.

The following represented the U17 team: P Adams; M Anderton; C Baker; G Basnett; J Brooks; S Bush; J Chapman; C Cooper; A Kane; G Mairs; D Maurice; M McNamara; A Oppenheim; J Orme; J Robertson; I Selbie; J Spicer; S Turner; N Ward.

DTB

U16 Boys

The season began with the traditional Track League meetings. This year group had a few very good athletes along with a number of steady performers, thus giving us the potential of reasonable success. The one key element missing, though, was commitment. There was no team spirit and no real desire to compete.

As a result of pupils being absent on the day, injured, unavailable, or just not realising they had a fixture, we went to the first Track League at Stockport with only five athletes instead of the normal ten or twelve! Those who did compete performed extremely well with Nick Battersby winning the 1500 metres and Craig Cooper winning the 400 metres. We were only able to field one relay team, choosing to run the 4 x 400 metres, with the team of C Cooper, N Battersby, C Baker and J Robertson winning comfortably. As a result, the team finished third overall which was outstanding with only half a team. The second Track League was held at King's and so we were able to field a full team, although not the strongest as once again four athletes were unavailable. Needless to say, we were more successful this time finishing second with winning performances from: Nick Battersby (1500 metres); Craig Cooper (400 metres); and Christian Baker (200 metres). Unfortunately, the third Track League was postponed and then cancelled due to the weather.

The weather took its toll throughout the season as we lost three other track and field meetings. The only one to go ahead was an early season meeting with All Hallows and Audenshaw. Once again, it was a real struggle to get athletes to compete. It was difficult to generate any team spirit as pupils were more interested in leaving after their event than staying to support. We had two winners in the match: Craig Cooper (400 metres); and Christian Baker (Javelin). The final match score was: 1st Audenshaw 121 points; 2nd All Hallows 90 points; 3rd King's 83 points.

The final match was the first round of the English Schools Cup where traditionally we have been very successful scoring around 400 points each time. This typified the attitude of the year group. As a result of pupils being absent or forgetting kit, we left without a full team. Injuries during the meeting and not scoring points in events meant that we finished seventh out of nine schools, scoring 280 points.

Very few athletes actually did themselves proud, but Craig Cooper performed consistently well and improved throughout the season, running some very impressive 400 metres.

DTB

U15 Boys

The season began with a solid, if unremarkable, performance in the Track League fixtures. These were again held over consecutive Thursdays in early May. King's placed third behind Bramhall and Manchester Grammar School, and the cancelling of the final fixture owing to rain did not help our cause.

Further bad weather resulted in a postponement of the District Championships at Woodbank Park. Unfortunately, the new date clashed with the first round of the English Schools' Cup meaning that many of the team missed vital early season competition.

One of the few fixtures to survive the weather was the Field Events meeting held at King's on May 21st. King's did well to take second place to a very impressive West Hill team.

The two outstanding athletes in the Under 15 team were Robert Hart and Michael Bamber. The former won the County Championship Javelin event with a throw of 43.16 metres while Bamber recorded a very pleasing personal best of 4.33 in the 1500 metres.

The climax of the season saw Bamber and Hart represent King's in the Independent Schools' Championships at Hendon on 27th June. Bamber ran bravely to gain a silver medal in atrocious conditions while Hart struggled somewhat, yet

Other Sport

still achieved a creditable fifth place in weather wholly unsuited to javelin throwing.

John Shaw, Robert Greer, Andrew Collins and Chris Lomax all gained useful experience when competing in the County Championships which should provide them with greater confidence next year.

Although the season was significantly disrupted through bad weather, there were many pleasing performances. With a little luck and commitment to training, the team should be able to challenge for regional honours in next year's English Schools' Cup.

PW

U14 Boys

The Under 14s had an enjoyable and reasonably successful season. The term began with two Track League fixtures, and Manchester Grammar School and ourselves recorded one victory each. The third match was cancelled, so the League ended inconclusively. We had a good win in a triangular match against All Hallows and Audenshaw, and then came second in a Field Events match against four other schools. We did well enough in the first round of the English Schools' Cup to qualify for the regional stage of the competition, but unfortunately the next round was scheduled in our exam week and we were unable to take part.

The best day of the season was undoubtedly the IAPS Championships at Bebington Oval. All independent schools in the north-west are invited, and the standard was high, as always. We had a highly successful day, with a record number of medallists. On the track, Bush won the Hurdles (12.4) and Egerton won both the 800 (2:18.7) and the 1500 (4:48). We also had wins in two of the field events with Barker in the High Jump (1.45) and Sear in the Shot (11.05). The final event of the day saw the 4 x 100 relay team of Stewart, Barker, Rodgers and Cumberbirch win an exciting race in a new school record time of 51.4. In addition, there were silver medals for Stewart in the 100 (13.3) and Warburton in the Discus (27.42), and a bronze for Cumberbirch in the Triple Jump (10.06).

This is an age group with some outstanding athletes and several boys of club standard. Cumberbirch is a top class sprinter, and Egerton had an excellent season over both 800 and 1500, remaining unbeaten and setting a new school record in the longer event. With a little more strength in depth in certain events, this could yet be an extremely strong team.

The following boys represented the

school: A S Armstead; S J Bacon; M R Barker; J R G Beaumont (U13); A T Boston; M W Bush; T Cumberbirch; T R M Egerton; J M Gartside; S M Hinchliffe; T M Isherwood; P B Kennedy; J R Powell; C S Rodgers; I C Sear; P F Stewart; and T Warburton.

MGH

U13 Boys

The introduction of First Years to the complex world of team Athletics is always hectic, since the sport is, in reality, a kaleidoscope of different skills. To learn all the variety of events and to then field competitive teams is initially a fraught process, but ultimately a satisfying achievement.

The Inter-Form League is the stage on which skills learned in lessons can be honed and paraded. Duel team matches are contested in rotating events twice weekly and in the closely fought league, 1GT emerged the eventual winners. Equally important, however, was the involvement of a very large number of boys who were able to compete in the whole range of events before the Inter School matches in 1997 were contemplated.

Weather disrupted the school matches in 1997 quite dramatically. The traditional Track League fell victim to the inclement conditions. Having placed third at home, and second at Stockport GS, the third Track League match at Manchester GS was twice postponed before finally being abandoned. The triangular fixture with Cheadle Hulme and Stockport GS was the victim of the June rains, as was the Cheshire Championships at Warrington.

The season had, however, started encouragingly with the Internal League, Track League and a three-sided match with Audenshaw HS and local rivals, All Hallows HS. Though third of three, valuable experience was gained and in the Field Events Trophy hosted by King's, the home team took much satisfaction in placing second to West Hill HS, but well ahead of both All Hallows and Audenshaw with Fallibroome some way adrift of the competitive field. Sadly, however, All Hallows again turned the tables to win the Macclesfield District Championships at Ryles Park, although individually King's competed with distinction achieving four wins (Jonathan Bowyer in the 200 metres; Jonathan Gartside, javelin; Sean Cordwell, hurdles and the 4 x 100 metres Relay Team) and a further four runners up (Simon Birch in the 400 metres; Nick Kershaw, triple jump; Royce Corden, discus; and Jonathan Gartside in the 1500 metres) who, with Edward Barker (triple jump), should have competed at the

subsequently cancelled County Championships.

In retrospect the North West Independent Schools' Championships at Kirby were the season's highlight with King's achieving two golds (Jon Gartside in the javelin and Jon Bowyer in the 100 metres); a bronze medal (Simon Birch in the 400 metres) and two narrow 'misses' - Sean Cordwell and Royce Corden were respectively fourth in the hurdles and discus.

The final event of the 1997 season saw 1COD (last in the early season Inter-Form League) emphatically win the Sports Day Trophy - appropriately conducted in the cold and the showers so typical of the term.

The following First Year boys represented the Athletics team in 1997: J Beaumont (captain); S Cordwell; J Bowyer; S Birch; N Kershaw; E Barker; R Corden; J Gartside; M T Cooke; N Mills; C Williamson; A Triggs; A Golebiewski; O Smallman; J Kay; G M Laughton; A Harper; C J Hinchcliffe; R Agro; A Dale; O D Kenyon; H Orford; D Love; C S Westwood; I L Lomax.

KLP/GT

Girls' Division Athletics

Macclesfield District Athletics: Intermediates and Juniors

This event should have been held at Woodbank Park Stadium on Monday 28th June but torrential rain caused the meeting to be postponed to Thursday 1st May. With no stadium available, the meeting was held at Fallibroome on an uneven grass track in scorching sunshine. Despite these conditions, the Junior team achieved seven school records and ten personal bests. Winning performances came from Kate Ritchie (200 metres and HJ), Jo Adams (1J) and the Relay Squad of J Adams, J Barker, R Tunwell and K Ritchie. Overall the team were placed second out of ten schools with seven girls selected for County Finals. Our first ever Intermediate team of six girls competing against older athletes achieved a magnificent third place out of ten schools and all competitors were selected for County Finals - quality not quantity!

Junior Team: J Adams; J Barker; A Broomhead; K Byrom; L Capper; G Garton; R Kirk; L Lomax; H Pemberton; A Percival; C Riseley; K Ritchie; R Tunwell; B Wills.

Intermediate Team: G Bullivent; C Charles; K Coveney; F Jackson; F Nichols; M Tinker.

TSB Wrexham 19th May 1997

In the Intermediate Competition a combined Third and Fourth Year team gained fifth place out of eighteen schools. Once

again, Jo Adams increased her school record in the LJ and J Barker broke the three minute barrier in the 800 metres. Not to be outdone, B Wills broke the six minute barrier in the 1500 metres. Thirteen personal bests were achieved.

Team: K Ritchie HJ 200 metres 38 points; J Adams LJ 200 metres 32 points; K Coveney Discus 100 metres 31 points; G Bullivent Shot Hurdles 27 points; J Barker LJ 800 metres 27 points; L Lomax Shot Hurdles 26 points; C Charles HJ 100 metres 25 points; B Wills 1500 Relay 18 points; C Riseley Discus Relay 12 points; M Tinker Javelin Relay 9 points; R Tunwell 800 metres Relay 9 points; J Kirby/C Docker Javelin 1500 metres 12 points.

The Junior/Second Year team gained seventh place out of twenty-one schools with Abi Broomhead breaking her own school record in the Long Jump. Eleven personal bests were achieved.

Team: A Broomhead LJ 1500 metres 30 points; R Rosing HJ 200 metres 28 points; K Byrom LJ Hurdles 25 points; H Hardhill Discus 100 metres 23 points; A Percival HJ 100 metres 22 points; F Heap Shot Hurdles 21 points; H Pemberton Discus Relay 16 points; R Kirk Javelin Relay 16 points; A Thompson Shot 800 metres 15 points; C Taylor Javelin 800 metres 13 points; S Cornes 1500 metres Relay 10 points; H Whitworth 200 metres Relay 7 Points.

Macclesfield District Athletics - Minors

These were held at Ryles Park School on Tuesday 3rd June 1997. Our track competitors found the uneven terrain difficult to handle and performed below their personal bests. Kirsten Henry achieved the best result with fifth place in the 1500 metres. In the field events there was more success, with Francesca Mortimer taking third place in the Javelin and being selected for the County Minors Competition. Rachael Stubbs narrowly missed selection with an equal third place in the High Jump, and Gemma Lane came fourth in the Shot. Overall, King's girls were seventh out of twelve schools. Sadly, the County Finals were rained off but Francesca improved her distance in the School Sports and will have to wait for next season to have another stab at selection!

Cheshire Schools AA Track and Field Championships

These were held at the Cumberland Stadium on Saturday 14th June 1997. The six Fourth Year girls were all competing in the Intermediates against older athletes, and their performances showed potential for next year. Katherine Coveney reached the final of the 100 metres and gained sixth place - one better than her

previous year's Junior placing.

In the Junior section the four Second Years showed potential with Abi Broomhead gaining eighth place in the Long Jump. For the Third Years Jackie Barker managed a personal best in the 200 metres showing she can sprint as well as middle distance run. Claire Riseley rose to the occasion off her sick bed to run over the hurdles rather than let the team down. Jo Adams took sixth place in the Long Jump and once again improved the School Record. Kate Ritchie became the first Girls' Division County Champion winning the High Jump with a new School Record and gaining selection for Cheshire at the English Schools' Competition.

Fourth Years: G Bullivent; C Charles; K Coveney; F Jackson; F Nichols; M Tinker. Third Years: J Adams; J Barker; C Riseley; K Ritchie. Second Years: A Broomhead; K Byrom; R Kirk; H Pemberton.

Cross Country

Once again, the season consisted of just a handful of fixtures contested by the younger age groups. The star performer was Tim Egerton who, despite competing against older boys in most races, produced some excellent performances. The highlight of the season was undoubtedly his fifth place in the UK Inter-County Championships, held at Luton in February. Throughout the season Tim received good support from Robert Hart and Michael Bamber. All three should run with distinction on the track this summer, while Bamber should continue to improve as a national class orienteer.

The intermediate boys' races were supported well, with Chris Watts, Oliver Barber, Daniel Capper and Nick Battersby very much to the fore. The First Year boys achieved some solid team results, with Nick Kershaw leading the way in almost all events. He was closely followed by Simon Birch, Andy Triggs, Adam Golebiewski, Chris Bull and Eddie Barker, although none actually made the county team.

With Dominic Taylor, Damian Brooks and current captain Nick Rendell leaving King's this year, we must now look to the likes of Tim Egerton to fly the flag and maintain the tradition in the years ahead.

PW

Football (Junior Division)

U11 XI

This was a season of mixed fortunes but, ultimately, perhaps the best way to describe it was 'promising', since half of the A team squad consisted of U10 players. Nicholas Barker's leadership qualities were recognised by the award of Captain, perhaps unique for a J3 boy. His tireless running from midfield was always inspirational to the rest of his team and he could always be relied upon to score goals. Jack Pennington displayed exceptional touch and vision - he strikes a ball as well as any I have seen at his age. Although his perceptive passes were not always read by some of his teammates, he was a delight to watch and scored some memorable goals. Jordan Griffiths proved himself to be a dependable goal-keeper producing many memorably acrobatic saves. Nicholas Hopping, Sandy Macharen and Jonathan Lee took various defensive positions during the season with all of them developing sufficient strength, technique and team play to suggest that next year's defence will take some beating. Two other J3s, Matthew Walsh and Matthew Horton, also played occasional games for the A team giving them valuable experience against bigger and stronger boys.

There were important contributions also from several J4 boys. Chris Miller was a prolific centre forward, his power and pace being respected by opposition defences throughout the season (his shooting accuracy was confirmed when he won the Macclesfield Primary Schools Penalty Competition which took place at the Ciba 7s Tournament in May). Christian Walsh offered support to Chris "up front" with a skilful touch and darting runs. He, too, scored a commendable quota of goals. Debajcer Choudhin was, perhaps, the season's most improved player. His passing and control developed throughout the season by learning from more skilful players around him, and he became a very important member of the midfield. Charles Richards was a dependable centre back. His calm and uncomplicated approach was deceptively effective. He was ably supported by Alex Davenport, Andrew Ellis and Alasdair Breed, all strong and committed players who were reliable defenders or, in the case of the latter two, effective midfield players.

In terms of results, the only 11-a-side defeats came against King's Chester with a side shorn of U10 players, a very strong Birkenhead team, the AJIS Cup defeat being a particularly chastening experience (lightened only by Jack's version of

Other Sport

Harry Enfield's 'The Scouser' - ey, ey?!). However, pleasing wins were gained against Bolton, Stockport, Arnold, St Edward's and the touring team from St Joseph's, Ipswich, though matches against local 7-a-side teams proved to be less successful with, perhaps, a lack of physical size and strength proving crucial.

Throughout the season, the A team were kept on their toes by a very keen B team squad who also performed creditably. There was also one C team game, the team including the first girl to represent the Junior Division at football, Samantha Waite. The first of many?

Team squad: Paul Smith; Ben Langsteth; Andrew Rhind; William Newham; Edward Thorley; Joseph Webb; Alex Doncon; Oliver McConnell; Michael Topahan; Matthew Scott; Oliver Jones; Justin Perring; Osman Hussain; Daniel Howe; Rory McDonnell; Alex Basford.

U10 XI

The U10 football season was an undoubted success. The A Team completed an unbeaten season, scoring thirty-two goals and conceding just five in seven games. Their success was based on a vast amount of talent, hard work and the willingness to listen to advice.

The A Team's season began with a convincing 4-1 win over King's Chester. The goal of the season was scored in this first game with a sparkling move and cross down the right hand side. It involved five players and was finished in fine style with a headed goal. The next game saw a victory over a traditionally strong Bolton School side by 3-1. This was followed by the local "derby" against Stockport Grammar. We took a 6-0 lead, only to fall asleep in the last ten minutes and so conceded three goals. We eventually ran out 6-3 winners.

The first fixture of the New Year was the return match with King's Chester. The team again dominated proceedings winning by a comfortable 5-0 margin. 5-0 proved to be a popular scoreline as the boys defeated Bolton by the same score the following week. The season was rounded off with two more clean sheets and an impressive spree of goalscoring. We beat Stockport again by 3-0 and then outplayed St Ambrose to win 6-0.

To pick out individuals in this very successful season would be unfair to the whole team effort. They all worked hard for the good of the team from defence through to attack. I only hope they can build on their successes next year as the Under 11s.

The B Team did not have quite such a successful season. However, they improved greatly as the season developed and should be commended for their

endeavour. They played a total of six games, winning and drawing one and losing four. In these games, they scored seven goals with the most memorable one being Ben Taylor's direct strike from a corner to give them victory over Stockport Grammar!

It is perhaps appropriate at this point to mention two matches at the end of the season which involved our younger members of the school. The Under 9s and Under 8s played their first fixture against Cheadle Hulme School. The Under 8s unfortunately came away 5-1 losers, whilst the Under 9s played out a very exciting 4-4 draw. Well done to all the boys who represented the school at football this year.

SJ

Golf

The school has been blessed with a number of fine golfers in recent years who have performed with success in the annual HMC Schools Competition reaching the National Finals frequently. The team in the past year continued this pattern by becoming Northern Champions and representing the region once more at the Finals.

After a bye in the first round, Merchant Taylors, Crosby were entertained at Prestbury Golf Club and comfortably defeated 3-0. We were also drawn at home in our next match and again enjoyed the kind hospitality at Prestbury as the team displayed their impressive skills destroying Rossall by the same margin. The Northern Final against the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle was played at a neutral course, Driffild GC, but with the same results with the side in commanding form. Newcastle were handicapped by having to concede one match, but the other two were won to see King's crowned Northern Champions without losing a single match in any of the ties.

This success saw the team joining seven other schools at Pocklington School for the National Finals on 7th and 8th July with the golf being played at the prestigious Ganton Golf Club, which hosted the Ryder Cup in 1949. By their own admission the boys did not play their best golf in the qualifying round on the first morning which meant we were placed in the second group competing for the Tankard.

Matches were then played against KCS Wimbledon, Brentwood and Monmouth. The first two schools were narrowly overcome 2 and 1, but by losing by the same tight margin to Monmouth, the Tankard went to the Welsh school on a complicated countback system. However, this did not detract

from an excellent two days of friendly competition at a well organised event in superb surroundings.

DMH

Netball

1996/97 has proved to be a successful season for King's netball teams. Performances in Area and County Tournaments have been good and the final league tables reflect the ability and commitment shown by the team players. In each age group, King's have achieved an improved position on the previous year's standing in the Macclesfield District Netball League.

U15

P	W	D	L	F	A
21	12	1	8	168	187

The most improved team this season. As the 'leading edge' of netball in the Girls' Division (they only won two matches in their first year), the squad have proved that hard work and dedication gain results. Newly promoted to the A Division, they achieved a creditable third place in the MDNL. In the County Tournament at Sandbach, however, they found morning matches difficult losing three games before they found form. By the afternoon they were unstoppable winning all three matches to win the third section.

Players: G Bullivent; C Charles; M Constantine; H Hallam; V Henshall; G Kennerley; J Mair; N Moroney; K Newsome; V Owens; L Quinn; E Rigby; C Tattersall; M Tinker.

U14

P	W	D	L	F	A
21	14	1	6	196	150

The most successful team this season. The Third Year team won all their MDNL matches in the B Division and received the B Trophy (won by last year's Third Year team) and promotion to the A Division. Their best success came in the County Tournament held at Fallibroome where they gained sixth place out of twenty-four schools from across the county. Kate Ritchie was selected to represent Cheshire at U14 level.

Players: J Adams; J Allen; K Allen; J Barker; N Edwards; L Ellis; J Kirby; R Kirk; L Lomax; K Mountford; N Pagano; K Ritchie; B Smalley; R Tunwell; also S Cornes, H Gledhill, A Percival (Second Year).

U13

P	W	D	L	F	A
14	8	2	4	143	129

The Second Year team achieved third position in the A league and were Plate Runners Up in the Ciba Tournament played at Fallibroome School.

Players: A Broomhead; K Byrom; S Cornes; H Gledhill; H Hardhill; D Heap; F Heap; G Leutton; J Orme; H Pemberton; A Percival; R Rosing; C Taylor; E Wood.

U12

	P	W	D	L	F	A
A team	19	10	1	8	99	108
B team	12	3	3	6	44	78

The First Year A team achieved fifth place out of eleven schools in the MDNL, ensuring an A league position next season. The B team achieved equal fourth position in their league demonstrating the depth and strength of the first year squad of players. At the end of the season First Year Tournament held at Poynton School, the A team were Plate Runners Up. Sadly, the B squad were missing players and lost all their games.

Players: V Bostock; A Bradbrook; H Briggs; R Childs; J Cliff; J Crossley; K Darling; C Duncalf; E Fitzgerald; C Flynn; J Gladman; C Green; M Guirey; K Henry; C Higham; P Johnson; G Lane; K Montgomery; V Moran; F Mortimer; K Owens; H Partington; A Quas-Cohen; K Riddell; A Slade; F Stamp; K Steele; R Stubbs; L Woods.

Holland Netball Tour '96

Tourists: G Bullivent; C Charles; H Constantine; H Hallam; G Kennerley (Fourth Year); L Ellis; K Gray; L Lomax; C Rhodes (Third Year).

Ex-England player, Trudie Papafio, and assistant coaches put the players through two days of skills and tactics coaching, the results of which were evident in improved play in our league matches. On the final morning the girls were organised into mixed age and ability teams for a tournament. Gold medal winners were Hannah Hallam and Michelle Constantine. Silver medals Laura Ellis and Clare Charles.

At the evening presentation, trophies were awarded to: C Charles (Most Improved Player); C Rhodes (Hardest Player).

Evening entertainments consisted of bowling, swimming and a pancake party with a presentation and disco on the final night. A shopping expedition to the Hague and a visit to the Omnisum (360° sight and sound experience) completed a very busy, successful tour.

Rounders

	P	W	D	L	F	A
U12	4	4	0	0	46	16.5
U13	3	1	0	2	26	29
U14	2	1	0	1	11	15
U15	4	3	0	1	26.5	25

The weather and several other factors (out of our control) caused the cancellation of quite a few matches during the summer. Some teams were affected more than others. Particularly hit was the U14 squad and with twenty one girls keen and able to play, it would have taken at least three matches to give everyone a fair chance. Unfortunately, only two matches were played.

Our other teams were more fortunate and were very successful in some instances, particularly the First and Fourth Years.

Representatives: U12; Gemma Lane, Catherine Flynn, Sarah Spicer, Jenny Gladman, Jessie Thalrose, Francesca Mortimer, Kate Owens, Katie Riddell, Vicky Bostock, Charlotte Duncalf, Grace Powell, Kate Montgomery, Siobhan Wesley, Charlotte Baskeyfield, Philippa Johnson, Eleanor Bishop, U13; Hannah Hardill, Amy Percival, Abbie Broomhead, Kate Livesly, Amanda Barber, Charlotte Taylor, Kay Seden, Kim Byrom, Hannah Roberts, Kirsty Cauldwell, Sarah Mitchell, Helen Whitworth, Deborah Heap, Fiona Heap, Elaine Wood, Hannah Gledhill, U14; Natalie Pagano, Laura Ellis, Gina McAllister, Liz Thorpe, Jo Kirby, Nicola Edwards, Lucy Irlam, Louise Barber, Vicky Kelsey, Kate Ritchie, Claire Riseley, Jo Adams, Gemma Garton, Lyndsay Lomax, Ruth Tunwell, Jackie Barker, Nicola Smith, Toni Harding, U15; Gemma Bullivent, Katherine Coveney, Georgia Kennerley, Kathryn Blower, Clare Charles, Kate Newsome, Kira Williams, Vicki Owens, Issy Hewitt, Emma Stanton, Hannah Hallam, Catherine Rigby.

DMB

Squash

For the first time for a number of years, the school has been able to enter a team in the National Schools Squash Championships. Drawn in a group with Manchester Grammar School, Stonyhurst College, Hulme Grammar School, Oldham, and High Storrs School, Sheffield, we won two and lost two of our fixtures - a creditable performance from an inexperienced team.

Throughout, the boys showed determination and improved with nearly every match, and most will be available for next year's competition.

The players were: Matthew Kirby, Matthew Williams, Andrew Partington, Ross Pellatt, Chris Heap and James Horrocks (from 4DJJ).

The school has continued to be represented at County level squash. James Horrocks at U16 and Matthew Batchelor at U14 and later U16 were regular members of the Cheshire teams throughout the season. At both age-groups, Cheshire has maintained its place in the Premier Division.

LAB

Swimming

In September, English Schools' Division 2 held their Annual Championships at Speke. Pupils from both the Girls' and Boys' Divisions competed and Peter Anderson was again selected to represent Division 2 in the English Schools' Championships. These championships were held in Luton in late October and Peter swam in the Intermediate Boys' 100 metres Freestyle and in the 4 x 50 metres Medley and Freestyle relays.

The English Schools' Division 2 School Team Championships had been held in June and as a result of the times swum in that gala, our Junior Boys' Team and Junior Girls' Team were invited to swim in the National Finals in Hull at the start of October as one of the fastest twelve teams in the country. The Boys' Team of James Ellis, James Hutter, Tim Davis and Jay Rathi swam in the 4 x 50 metres Medley Relay and finished in eighth place. The Girls' Team of Jackie Barker, Emma Johnstone, Chloe Greenwood and Claire Riseley competed in both the 4 x 50 metres Freestyle and Medley Relays in which they finished in seventh and ninth places respectively - all very creditable performances.

We were unable to send competitors to the English Schools' Biathlon this year as the date had been changed and unfortunately coincided with our half-term break.

School swimmers again competed together with Junior School swimmers in the annual Pentangular match at Bolton School, where they finished in third place and the Eyam Trophy Gala at Rydal School. In this later gala, the senior team finished in first place, so retaining the trophy for the third year in a row.

Our final competition of the year was the Division 2 School Team Championships in June. This is the last time that this competition will be held at the end of the school year. In future, both the Divisional rounds and the National Finals will be held within one school year. This year we entered teams in four age groups,

the Junior Boys' and Girls' and the Intermediate Boys' and Girls'. All teams were swimming a year out of age and so their performances did not produce any wins this year. However, the Intermediate Girls' Team of Jackie Barker, Joanne Pilkington, Emma Johnstone and Claire Riseley are to be congratulated on their fine second place in the Freestyle Relay.

AMC

Tennis

Senior Teams

After waiting many years, the first team finally beat MGS in a one-sided fixture on the first Saturday of the season. Prospects for the remainder of the season seemed very good, but unfortunately the weather was poor, especially at weekends, and the incessant rain caused many schools to cancel fixtures rather than risk travelling a long way to play in pouring rain. King's Chester were the exception when on 21st June, the middle of the summer, they arrived with half a team and by the time the remainder had turned up, the match had been abandoned due to torrential rain.

With the majority of the team doing examinations, it was clear that the players did not have sufficient time to practise. Nevertheless, they only lost three matches during the season against some strong opposition. In the final of the Cheshire Senior Cup, they were beaten 1-5 by Rensby High School and in the semi-final of zone 4 of the Glanvill Cup (national knockout competition) they lost 2-4 away to Calday Grange on the Wirral. The other defeat was to a very strong Bradford Grammar School side in our first ever fixture at first team level. Chris Hill and Richard Shelmerdine, our most senior pair, had a good season and Patrick Sztukowski, once more, contributed a great deal to the success of the team. The most enthusiastic players were Nick Taylor and Dave Millington who played every week and eventually earned a permanent position in the first team.

The U16 team consisting of Martin Edwards, Dan Worthington, Adam Higgins and James Westcott did extremely well in progressing to the semi-final of the U16 Cheshire Cup, but were beaten by Calday Grange, the eventual winners, in a hard fought contest.

Players: Richard Shelmerdine, Chris Hill, Gordon Payne, John Tsalikis, Dave Millington, Nick Taylor, James Robinson, David Wildey, David Beech, John Schofield, Chris Greenham, Andrew Partington, Antony Wiatr, Michael Hordley, Ross Pellatt, Jonathan Wilson,

Patrick Sztukowski, Martin Edwards, James Westcott, Adam Higgins, Dan Worthington.

CEK

U15

The U15 team has enjoyed a successful season. All the friendly school matches were won easily. Against Bolton School, James Horrocks and Aidan Tarran-Jones as first pair played an excellent doubles match against their opposite first pair. The match was drawn 5-7, 7-6, after some incredibly hard hitting and accurate placing by both pairs. We reached the dizzy heights early in the season, but did not manage to emulate that standard of play in the Midland Bank or the Cheshire Cup. The team reached the Cheshire Regional Final of the Midland Bank and were shown the corners of the court by a talented and sound Lymm HS team in the early days of September. However, the U15 B team, captained by Philip Tsalikis, won the Midland Bank B Final convincingly.

After beating All Hallows, Tarporley, St Nicholas Hartford, the U15 A team met Calday Grange in the final of the Cheshire Cup. Calday Grange were stronger across the board and our only match was won by Oliver Jones who fought for every point and for whom no rally ever seemed to be too long.

The icing on the cake for the first two pairs was the Public Schools' Championship at Eton College. In the Boys' U15 tournament James Horrocks and Aidan Tarran-Jones lost to Charterhouse II (2-6, 5-7) in the Thomas Bowl and to Radley I (6-4, 2-6, 1-6) in the Plate. David Leech and Oliver Jones beat Warwick School I (3-6, 7-6, 6-1) and then surprisingly lost to Cheltenham I (3-6, 6-2, 2-6). However, the experience of Eton is always worthwhile as it sharpens our perspective in the tennis world. We are suddenly aware of the abundance of talent beyond Cheshire.

The following represented the school at U15 level: J Horrocks (Captain); A Tarran-Jones; D Leech; O Jones; P Tsalikis; T Vaughan-Jones; W Roberts; E Coxson; and M Greaves.

U14

The U14 team had a reasonably successful season. Three matches were won convincingly against Bolton, Stockport GS and Bradford GS. The match against the Grange was not completed and the result was adjudicated on the progress of the final set. The two matches which were drawn against MGS and Marple Hall School were where we played our best tennis. The highlight of the season was a hard fought match against MGS

where the second pair of Robert Worsley and Ian Spencer were able to level the score by defeating the opposing first pair. In the Cheshire Cup we met a good Wilmslow HS team who had two very experienced players and although we won one of the singles matches, we were unable to win both the doubles.

It was an enjoyable season and the lessons for the future are clear. It is important to play as a pair, to learn to complement each other and to remember at this level that most points are won because of unforced errors. Consistent serving, controlled groundstrokes and confident volleys are the hallmarks of a successful tennis team and this must be the aim for next year.

The following boys represented the school at U14 level: Nick Parnell (Captain); Tom Hawkwood; Robert Worsley; Ian Spencer; James Halle; Dominic Sztukowski; Jordan Leigh and Tom Byers.

U13

Overall the results this year have been mixed. In the early part of the season the team suffered three defeats in the first four matches, but managed to recover some form to win two and draw two of the remaining four. However, in the Midland Bank Cup there was more success. The A team reached the county final before losing to the Grange School and the B team went one better winning their county competition, albeit very narrowly in the final.

Unfortunately, three school matches were cancelled either because of the weather or by opposition withdrawal and others were restricted to just four players. As a result, fewer players were involved, although the B team cup competition was some compensation. The weather also conspired to make many matches rather miserable affairs with much tennis played in the rain.

The first pair of Adam Burr and Alastair McVeigh played some good tennis, but lacked real consistency. However, they played some good singles matches in the various cup competitions. Jonathan Gartside, Jonathan Levitt and Liam Owen also played regularly and contributed well to the team performances.

The following played in the teams: A Burr; A McVeigh; J Gartside; J Levitt; L Owen; B Jones; T Woodland; P Stewart; J Watts; B Clifford; N Griffiths.

ICW

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M Aiers, BSc Hons, University of Leeds, CPhys, MInstP, Certificate of Education, Manchester

L A Batchelor, BA Hons, University of Dublin, French/Russian, Higher Diploma of Education, Dublin

J Mellor, Diploma, Hons, Loughborough College, Certificate of Distinction, University of Nottingham, Arts and Crafts, Certificate of Education, Nottingham

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A J Hallatt, BA Hons, University of Wales (Swansea), English, Certificate of Education, Southampton

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P Jackson, Senior Science Technician

Mrs C Hadden, General Science Technician

P Dobson, ATI, ARTCS, Physics Technician

Mrs A Major, HNC, Technician, Girls' Division

Mrs A Woods, BSc Hons, Technician, Girls' Division

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Appendix 2 Examination Results

A Level Results 1997

Cambridge, Oxford, NEAB, Oxford & Cambridge, and AEB Examinations

Key: A&D: Art & Design; B: Biology; BStd: Business Studies; C: Chemistry; Comp: Computing; CompIT: Computing, Information Technology; D&T: Design & Technology; Ec: Economics; E: English; ELang: English Language; F: French; FM: Further Mathematics; GStd: General Studies; G: Geography; Geol: Geology; Ger: German; H: History; L: Law; M: Mathematics; Mus: Music; Phil: Philosophy; P: Physics; RStd: Religious Studies; TStd: Theatre Studies.

(AS): Advanced Supplementary Subject

Abbotts M C FM, GStd, Ger, M, P
Bailey M R C, M, P
Ballon B R B, C, G, GStd
Barnes L E G BStd, C, G
Bell R J BStd, G, H
Beswick L J A&D, BStd, G
Billington C J BStd, E, G
Bromley G P S Comp, D&T, P
Brooks D S S E, F, GStd, H
Brown B J J C, M, P, L (AS)
Brown S L BStd, Ec, E, GStd
Browne J A E, TStd, CompIT (AS), ELang (AS)
Buckley C J BStd, Comp, GStd, G
Buttery D G H E, FM, GStd, H, M
Campbell J D BStd, GStd, G
Chruszcz E C BStd, E, H
Chung E Y T Comp, FM, GStd, G, M
Close A E Comp, Ec, M
Cook A A A&D, Comp, M
Cooke N S B, M, C (AS)
Cripps S B, E, G
Cummings R C BStd, G, Ger
Davies R B, Geol, C (AS)
Denton J C BStd, TStd, CompIT (AS), ELang (AS)
Distefano M G A&D, E, H
Drabble M BStd, F, GStd, G, Ec (AS)
Dunning A J GStd, G, Ger, H
Egerton K J Ec, G, M
Emmett G A Ec, E, GStd, H
Emslie A D BStd, E, TStd
Farrar J S C, FM, M, P
Farrar R M A&D, E, Mus
Flinn R D J A&D, BStd, G
Freear M R E, H, P, Phil (AS)
Fryer A J G, RStd, CompIT (AS), ELang (AS), L (AS)
Garner E BStd, E, GStd
Giles S R A&D, GStd, H, ELang (AS)
Haboubi H H C, FM, GStd, M, P
Hadfield T C BStd, GStd, G, Ger
Hagan L Ec, E, G

Hammond A C D GStd, G, Ger, H
Harle R K BStd, E, GStd, M
Heap C A C, G, Geol
Hepplestone A J C, Ec, GStd, M
Hibbert R G C, FM, GStd, M, P
Hill C J B, G, C (AS)
Hirst J P B, C, M
Hoare N A BStd, Comp, G
Hobbs S M B, C, GStd, G
Hopkins E C E, G, Ger
Hopkins P A B, C, GStd, P, M (AS)
Hudson N J BStd, GStd, G, Ger, M (AS)
Hussain A A B, C, GStd, M, Phil (AS)
Huxley J L E, GStd, H, Mus
Jackson M S C, M, P
Jenkins T A BStd, GStd, G, Ger
Johnson S R B, C, G
Jones S O B, BStd, C
Keep J A BStd, Comp, GStd, G
Khan O B, C, M, L (AS)
Kinsey A F BStd, F, GStd, H
Mabelis J F, Ger, RStd
Maddocks M J BStd, E, H, Phil (AS)
Maher A G R C, GStd, Ger, M
Maher B B B, C, E, Phil (AS)
Malkin C J R B, C, GStd, P, M (AS)
McLeod A D J Ger, C (AS), CompIT (AS), ELang (AS)
Mellor M J C, M, P, L (AS)
Millington D J BStd, F, GStd, Ger
Morgan A J C, FM, GStd, M, P
Morgan M C BStd, GStd, G, Ger
Morley N S B, BStd, Comp
Morris N B, C, Comp, Law (AS)
Nicholson S P H A&D, Comp, G
Osborn E M C, GStd, M, P
Oxley N J C, GStd, M, P
Pavey A R Ec, E, GStd, H
Payne G B BStd, H, M
Phillips J M B, C, G
Pike T A A&D, GStd, H
Ravenscroft S A A&D, E, GStd, RStd, Phil (AS)
Reeves T M E, Ger, H
Rendell N W E, Ger, H
Riley A N E, GStd, G, Ger
Robinson J P E, GStd, H, M, Phil (AS)
Rowe C N BStd, E, GStd, G
Sanderson R B BStd, G, H
Sareen A Ec, H, CompIT (AS), ELang (AS), Law (AS)
Seidl E J Ger
Sellars M J B, C, FM, M
Serafi J GStd, Mus, TStd
Shelmerdine R D B, C, G

Skinner A M	BStd, E, CompIT (AS), ELang (AS)
Slater L A	A&D, E, F, GStd
Slater S J	BStd, G, A&D (AS), Ec (AS)
Smart D J	BStd, E, GStd, G
Smethurst M S	E, F, Ger
Smith J E	C, M, CompIT (AS), ELang (AS)
Swain K T	BStd, F, GStd, M
Taylor D R G	B, C, M, Phil (AS)
Taylor N J	BStd, GStd, M, P
Towns J N	C, Geol, TStd
Tsalikis J A	C, M, P, Phil (AS)
Ward S P	BStd, Comp, GStd, M
Whatmough A C	E, GStd, H, TStd, Phil (AS)
Wickramaratne C	B, C (AS), CompIT (AS), ELang (AS)
Wilkinson H J	BStd, G, Geol
Williams C M N	BStd, E, GStd, G
Wood P S	D&T, G
Yates A J	BStd, G, Geol

London University Examinations & Assessment Council

Chung K A Level Chinese:

GCSE Results 1997

MEG and NEAB

Key: A&D: Art & Design; B: Biology; C: Chemistry; CDT: CDT Design & Communication; CDT(T): CDT Design & Technology; D: Drama; E: English; EL: English Literature; F: French; G: Geography; Ger: German; H: History; I: Italian; L: Latin; M: Mathematics; Mu: Music; P: Physics; Po: Polish; RE: Religious Education; S: Spanish; Sc: Science Dual Award; U: Ukranian.

The following candidates gained grades A-C:

5NCJR

Adams P B	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(T)
Allcock A J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, CDT(T)
Anderson P J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, D, CDT
Barringer C	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, A&D
Bush S E	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Crawford T M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, G, I
Dafforn R J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
Flynn A T	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Goodsell R J P	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, H
Greenwood R	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT
Hart P M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, Mu
Hirst C R	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
McAulay D C	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, D
Mitchell J P	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, Mu
Petty T C J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H, Mu, I
Ritchie J P	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Seaborn M D	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Wills E W	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D

5RGD

Allen J M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, RE
Bromley N D A	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
Byrom D E	E, EL, M, B, C, P, G, D
Haboubi S H	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Ham A A	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
Johnson T M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, D
Ketley M A R	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, CDT
Mason S A	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, H
McVitie D J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(T)
Mellor D A S	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, A&D
Ostrowski M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
Reid A S	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, G
Shea R J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Sleeman T D	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, RE
Swain	M, C
Wilkinson R R	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, CDT
Woodcock S F	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G

5PRMM

Anderton M P N	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
Ashton B V	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(T)
Bissett J M M	E, EL, M, B, F, G
Bond A J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(T)
Clarke J A	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, CDT(T)
Cross A I	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, CDT
Dicken S J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, RE
George W M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Grimes T E	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, CDT
Heap R J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Johnson G J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, A&D
Smith J B	E, EL, M, B, C, P, H, G
Spencer A D	E, EL, M, B, C, P, H, CDT(T)
Stewart D M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, D
Tongue T E	E, EL, M, B, C, P, CDT
Westwood M J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G
Whiteley B J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Yarwood J F	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(T)

5PI

Barber J M	E, EL, M, B, C, G
Bithell	E, B, C
Constantinis Z M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
Dinham R	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Edwards M P J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Emslie R J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Farrar D R	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, D
Friday A C	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
Halman M R	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
Kalthoeber J	E, EL, M, C, G, Mu
Lees R R O	E, EL, M, B, C, P, G
Mashedier T J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(T)
McGaul P E	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G

Appendix 2 Examination Results

Park C I	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Priestnall A J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, A&D
Savage O T	E, EL, M, B, C, P, H, G
Spicer J E	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Turner	E, M, C, P, F, Ger, H, CDT
Ward D A	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, Mu

5CPH

Ainsworth S	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, Mu
Aldcroft A R	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, G, Mu
Basnett G T	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
Blagg R T	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, CDT
Brocklehurst D W	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, CDT(T)
Brooks J M Q	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, RE
Challiner S M	E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, RE
Daniels R J A	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, CDT
Harrison D R	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G
Kane A I O	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
Livesley J	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, Mu
Robinson A D	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
Selbie I J	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
Senn M E	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, A&D
Smith O D	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, CDT
Tunwell M R	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, CDT
Ward N A	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, D
Westcott M J	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, G, I
Yates M S	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, Mu, I

5SHS

Beech A D	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, CDT
Bradley J A	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, RE
Eden-Green O B	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, D
Irwin R T	E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, CDT, S
Livesley S M J	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, A&D
Mairs G J	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, RE
McKenzie J S	E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G
McNamara M M	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, RE
Orme J A J	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, RE
Perring N A J	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, D
Renshaw C J E	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, CDT(T)
Richbell M J	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
Sahni K	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, D
Smith T A N	E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, RE
Sumner A G T	E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, D
Sweetzer J W	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, D
Tibbles O J	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, RE, A&D
Unterhalter A J D	E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, D
Waring C L	E, EL, M, Sc, RE
Webster R M	E, EL, M, Sc, H, G, D

5TJA

Allday C E	E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, D
Dale D W	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, D
Fidler T S	E, EL, M, Sc, H, D
Grant T A	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, A&D
Higgins A S	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, RE
Jackson B T	M, Sc, F, H, G
McGlashan J P C	E, EL, M, Sc, G
Montaldo M A	E, EL, M, Sc, H, G, D
Oliver J G	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, D
Pilkington A J	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, RE
Roberts M G	EL, M, Sc, Ger
Scott A R	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
Scott D H	E, EL, M, Ger, H, G
South J D	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, CDT(T)
Spencer J P	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, RE
Sztukowski P J	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, RE, Po
Worthington M D	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G

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Ashworth H	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, A&D, CDT
Axon R	E, EL, M, B, Ger, H, A&D
Bagshaw K	E, EL, M, Sc, G, A&D, D
Ballarini L	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Bradbrook E	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, Mu
Clarke L	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H, D
Cox Z	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, A&D
Davies E	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, D
Davies L	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, D
Dobson E	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, A&D
Farquhar K	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, D
Grattan M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, CDT
Harle V	E, EL, M, Ger, D
Jamison J	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger
Lee J	B, C, P
Leeson J	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
Price N	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, A&D
Smith A	E, EL, M, B, C, P, G, D
Solomon N	E, EL, M, Sc, H, G, A&D
Spencer V	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, A&D, D
Watkinson E	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, A&D
Wilson H	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, A&D, Mu
Wilson R	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H

Others

Dodd J P	U
Gibson S R M	Mu
Hughes E	Mu
Hughes R	Mu
Karaoghlanian N	Mu
Morris S	Mu
Spenda E	Mu
Chung K	E

Appendix 4 Higher Education

Pupils admitted to Higher Education 1997

Name	Destination	Subject
Abbotts M C	Southampton University	M Eng in Aerospace Systems Eng
Bailey M R	Deferred (98)	Medicine
Ballon B R	Leeds University (98)	Geography
Barnes L E G	Sheffield Hallam University	Business Studies
Bell R J	Keele University	Bus Admin & Human Resource Management
Beswick L J	Stockport College	Art Foundation
Billington C J	Deferred (98)	
Bromley G P S	Sheffield Hallam University	Computing
Brooks D S S	London, Q Mary & Westfield College	History
Brown B J J	BUWE	Business Studies & General Science
Browne J A	University of Northumbria	History of Modern Art, Design & Film
Brown S L	University of Central England (98)	English
Buckley C J	Sheffield Hallam University (98)	Business Information Systems
Buttery D G H	Oxford, Balliol College	History
Campbell J D	Sheffield Hallam University	Business Studies (HND)
Chruszcz E C	Birmingham University (98)	Ancient History & Archaeology
Chung E	Bristol University	Economics & Accountancy
Close A E	Sheffield University	Economics
Cook A A	UMIST	Computing
Cripps S M	Deferred (98)	
Cummings R C	Sheffield Hallam University	Business Studies
Denton J C	Salford University	Media and Performance
Distefano M G	Stockport College	Art Foundation
Drabble M	Sheffield University	Business Studies & Info Management
Dunning A J	Leicester University	Law
Egerton K J	Bangor University	Economics
Emmett G A	Durham University (Stockton)	European Studies
Emslie A D	Manchester University	Accountancy & Law
Farrar J S	London, Imperial College	Chemistry
Farrar R M	Royal Academy of Music	B Music Performance
Flinn R D J	Manchester Metropolitan University	Art Foundation
Freear M R	London, University College	Law
Fryer A J	Cardiff University (98)	Sociology
Garner E	Crewe & Alsager College (MMU)	Business Studies & English
Giles S R	Manchester Metropolitan University	Art Foundation
Haboubi H H	Cambridge, Emmanuel College	Engineering
Hadfield T C	Leeds Metropolitan University	Business Information Technology (HND)
Hagan L	Salford University	Quality Management
Hammond A C D	Leeds University	Geography
Harle R K	Leeds Metropolitan University	Business Decision Analysis
Heap C A	Sheffield Hallam University	Building Surveying
Hepplestone A J	Derby University	Business Studies
Hibbert R G	Oxford, Brasenose College	Chemistry
Hill C J	Deferred (98)	
Hoare N A	Loughborough University	Geography
Hobbs S M	Twickenham, St Mary's (98)	Sports Science & Geography
Hopkins E C	Manchester University	English & German
Hopkins P A	Nottingham University	Biochemistry & Genetics
Hudson N J	Huddersfield University	Business Studies
Hussain A A	Manchester University	Medicine

Huxley J L	Birmingham University	History
Jackson M S	York University	Economics & Finance
Jenkins T A	University of Central England	Business Administration with German
Johnson S R	Leeds University	Applied Biology & Management Studies
Jones S O	Derby University	Music Technology & Audio Systems Design
Keep J A	Sheffield Hallam University	Business Information Systems
Kinsey A F	University College Chester	Primary Education
Mabelis J	Edinburgh University (98)	French/German
Maddocks M J	York University	PPE
Maher A G R	Liverpool University	Law
Maher B B	Southampton University (98)	Medicine
Malkin C J R	Durham University (98)	Chemistry
Mellor M J	Teesside University	Information Technology
McLeod A D J	UMIST	Chemistry
Millington D J	Loughborough University	European Business Studies
Morgan A J	Durham University	Computer Science & Maths
Morgan M C	University of the West of England	Valuation and Estate Management
Morley N S	London Royal Holloway	Biology for Management
Morris N	Salford University	Computer Science
Nicholson S P H	Edge Hill University College (98)	Sports Studies
Osborn E M	Deferred (98)	
Oxley N J	Manchester University	Engineering and Business
Pavey A R	St Andrews University	English
Payne G B	Bath University	Business Administration
Phillips J M	Bath University	Applied Biology
Pike T A	Stockport College	Art Foundation
Ravenscroft S A	Manchester University	Philosophy
Reeves T M	Sheffield University	History
Rendell N W	Reading University	History
Riley A N	Leeds University	Geography
Robinson J P	Warwick University	Philosophy & Psychology
Rowe C N	BUWE	Business Studies
Sanderson R B	Keele University	Bus Admin & Human Resource Management
Sareen A	South Bank University	Business Studies with Languages
Sellars M J	Nottingham University	Microbiology
Serafi J	Liverpool University (98)	Music & Popular Music
Shelmerdine R D	Leeds University	Biological Sciences
Skinner A M	University of Toronto	
Slater L A	Stockport College	Art Foundation
Slater S-J	Leeds Metropolitan University (98)	Accountancy & Finance
Smart D J	Hull University	Accounting
Smethurst M S	Birmingham University	French & German
Smith J E	Salford University	Information Technology
Swain K T	Sheffield University	Business Studies & Japanese Studies
Taylor D R G	Oxford, New College	PPP
Taylor N J	Leeds University	Management Studies
Towns J N	Leicester University	Geology
Tsalikis J A	Deferred (98)	
Ward S P	Sheffield University	Software Engineering
Whatmough A C	Exeter University	Politics and Society
Wilkinson H J	Southampton University	Geography
Williams C M N	Aberystwyth University	Business Studies & Economics
Wood P S	Deferred (98)	

Appendix 5 Awards & Prizes

King's School Awards

T U Brocklehurst Awards	D G H Buttery H Haboubi R G Hibbert
W D Brocklehurst Awards	J M Phillips A C Whatmough
F D Brocklehurst Awards	M C Abbotts M J Sellars
William Barnett Award	N Morris
Pearson Award	M S Smethurst
Goodlad Dobson Award	J A Browne

Special Prizes

Headmaster's Prize	A C Whatmough
Former Pupils' Association Awards	M G Distefano N J Hudson

Development Trust Scholarships

Major Scholarships

	<i>Project title</i>
R J Coxson	Purcell's <i>Dido & Aeneas</i> and Britten's <i>Peter Grimes</i> : a comparison
D Farshchi	Trouble in the stratosphere
M J Ford	In Shakespeare's four great tragedies to what extent are the heroes responsible for their own downfall?
A K E Hawley	'For the rain it raineth every day': a study in love's transience
M R W Hordley	How can endothermic reactions occur when they appear to run against the laws of Physics?
G E Jones	Is popular opinion right in recording Nero as an evil man?
S L Priestnall	The principles and future of medical and veterinary virology
S A Rowell	Drag: is it really such a drag?
M R Tinker	How have advances in technology aided the medical world?

Scholarships

S M Barber	How effective is the Criminal Division in dealing with the modern-day range of offences?
N N Bhatti	Parkinson's Disease and its management
A C Cotton	The physics of flight
E A Hopkinson	Igor Stravinsky: the first three ballets.
N Jaber	Are experiments on animals right or wrong?
M H Kirby	The feasibility of manufacturing ammonia and fertilisers in a developing country
L Mahmood	Why should you take care of your heart?
M B M Mills	The 2002 Commonwealth Games: the economic impact on Manchester and the North West
M M Rahman	Cloning: what is so wrong?
S J Slack	John Cage: musician or madman?
V Vaganov	What is light?
R J Walker	The male contraceptive pill: a viable alternative?
D W Wildey	Pollution of the environment: are tougher laws needed?

Commended

K Chung	How HIV defeats the immune system and how to prevent it
T M Thornber	Buckminsterfullerene
M G Williams	Emotions: what are they and how does arousal affect our emotions?

School Prizes (all age groups)

Maimi Wright (Computing)	N Morris
Ben Davies (Poetry)	A Howarth
Selwyn Russell Jones Sports	T A Jenkins

Upper School Prizes

Art (Selwyn Russell Jones)	T A Pike M G Distefano
Biology	M J Sellars
Business Studies	N J Hudson
Chemistry	P A Hopkins
Classics (Wilmot)	M J Ford
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	J Mabelis
Economics (Canon F W Paul)	A R Pavey
English	D G H Buttery
French (William Broster)	J Mabelis
General Studies (T B Cartwright)	D S Lee
Geography	E Hopkins
Geology	A D Flegg
German (J O Nicholson)	J Mabelis
History (C A Bradley)	D G H Buttery
Mathematics: Mechanics	J A Tsalikis
Mathematics Double	H H Haboubi
Music	R M Farrar
Philosophy	A A Hussain
Physics	H H Haboubi
Senior Choral	P M Hart
Senior Orchestral	R J Coxson
Simon Schuler Trophy	J J Laurence
Theatre Arts	J C Denton

Music Scholarships

Major Scholarship	T C J Petty
Organ Scholarship	T C J Petty
Scholarship	A R Aldcroft J Livesley J P Mitchell

Middle School Prizes (Boys' Division)

Biology	J P Mitchell
Chemistry	A T Flynn M D Goodsell
CDT (Design & Communication)	M R Tunwell
CDT (Technology)	J D South
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	J M Q Brooks
Dual Science	J M Q Brooks
English	J Livesley
French	J Livesley
German	M E Senn
Geography	R J Dafforn
History	J Livesley
Latin	N A Ward

Appendix 5 Awards & Prizes

Mathematics	R J Dafforn
Music	J P Mitchell
Physics	A T Flynn M D Goodsell

Middle School Prizes (Girls' Division)

MHS 'Best All-Rounder' Cup	E Dobson
Art & Design	K E Bagshaw
Biology	E Dobson
Chemistry	R J R Wilson
CDT (Design & Communication)	M J N Grattan
Dual Award Science	K E Bagshaw
English	E Dobson
French	M J N Grattan
Geography	K E Bagshaw
German	M J N Grattan
History	K Farquhar
Music	E F Bradbrook
Physics	R J R Wilson
Theatre Arts	L Ballarini
Middle School Reading	H K Wilson

Form Prizes (Boys' Division)

4DTB	J N Brown
4PME	R G Owen
4PFH	O R Jones
4DMH	J Despontin
4DJJ	J W Robertson
4JRP	R J Tighe
4PJP	N J Battersby
4KLP	D P Tredwen
3JAD	S D Hart
3BJE	D C Lewis
3ALv	P J Alexander
3JDN	A A Robson
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	E J A Gladman
2BE	R P Burns
2RG	R Cartmel
2JR	C Lawrence-Waterhouse
2MH	A P Wilson
2RS	M W Bush
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	R P Burns
1COD	Y D A Malins
1MJN	L D G Simpson
1GT	D J Laird
1PW	A J Harper
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	A J Harper

Form Prizes (Girls' Division)

4LB	R Z Sully
4VCo	A L Kail
4GG	L J Quinn
4CH	M L Williams
4SM	H Skidmore
3CHB	M G E Bradbrook
3CEK	R H Tunwell
3LFW	E A Thorp
3APW	L L Lomax
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	R Hughes

2JE/PR	R V Sewart
2SG/DG	M J Day
2MP-F	A R Percival
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	A R Percival
1RSH	F E Howe
1TGN	L E McEwen
1AMS	M E Hocknell
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	S M Lennox-Kerr

Fourth Year Research Projects (Boys' Division)

Major Awards

	<i>Project title</i>
N J Battersby	Autism
D C Botham	The ethics of animal research
S C Brady	Japan's involvement in the war in the Pacific
M P Frederick	Nuclear weapons 1945 - 21st century
C P Gartside	The effects of climate and relief on Scottish agriculture
T A Lloyd	Life in the Roman Army: weapons and tactics
R Montgomery	The Hillsborough disaster
K W Mosedale	Aspects of the solar system and its observation

Awards

J M Aitken	Did the Weimar Republic lead to the Second World War?
O R Barber	A look at cricket
R I Caswell	Electronic music
J Coates	The future of space travel
A S Dawson	Alderley Edge: archaeology and mineralogy
J Despontin	Airpower in the 1990s
T J Ferguson	Formula One circuits in the 90s
T S W Fox	Roman Religion
C D Holden	Advances in car design
D J Kendrick	The world of tropical aquarium fish
M T C Lloyd	The Third World and the Dominican Republic
T P Millican	Artificial Intelligence
C J Orford	Cryogenics
I J Pardo	UFOs and aliens
G K Raja Ratnam	Archaeology: is this just digging in the mud?
J M Thompson	Sound equipment and stage applications
R J Tighe	UFOs: fact or fiction?
D P Tredwen	American War of Independence
M White	Nostradamus and his prophecies
G E Williams	The solar system

Highly commended

N A Cameron	Scuba diving
D A Carr	Abortion
R J Higham	Powering into the Millennium
B J Rosamond	Development of ice hockey in Britain
H D M Young	Photography and the moving image

Fourth Year Research Projects (Girls' Division)

Major Awards

	<i>Project Title</i>
C E Butterworth	A consideration of the rights of women
V F Kazmierski	Speaking with beads
E A E Patey-Ford	Still harping on my daughter
H Skidmore	Wade - it's not just whimsical!
L L B Southern	Terrorists or freedom fighters?

Appendix 5 Awards & Prizes

Awards

A K Beveridge	Ice hockey in Manchester
K J Coveney	Tennis: how the game has changed and has it improved?
S E Fullaway	Son of Norway
I F Hewitt	No foot - no horse?
F R Jackson	History of jewellery
C E Jones	The role of women in the 20th century.
	Equality achieved?
A L Kail	Can prophecy and telepathy be dismissed as mere coincidences?
A E McKeating	Are you a man or a monkey?
G P McKenzie	What major discoveries have led us to today's knowledge and understanding of the human anatomy and physiology
	Fashion through the ages
L Mitchell	Hinduism: rites of passage
A M Quartermaine	From fungi to rabbits: Beatrix Potter's life
W L Syddall	Should we unlock the labs?
C R Tattersall	What is music therapy and how does it help people with special needs?
M L Tinker	

Highly commended

R Z Sully	Manchester United Football Club
C Warburton	A brief history of the King's Girls' Division building

Other Prizes

Robert Batchelor Prizes	K Y D Min
	R H Child
	A Knight

Junior Division Prizes

Subject Prizes (J4 only)

English	D M Illingworth
Mathematics	D Choudhuri
Science	A B Tutton
Geography	S Comfort
History	N Mortimer
French	N Roper
Art	A R Davenport
Music	R Lea
Technology	A McDow
Information Technology	O P McConnell
Religious Education	S Taylor
Personal & Social Science	J Seddon
Physical Education	A Boston
Swimming	A Crawley
Games: Boys	C M Walsh
Games: Girls	C Rice

Form Prizes

First Form Prize

J4K	S Brooks
J4S	S Haynes
J4M	D M Illingworth
J3K	R Alston
J3S	D R Johnson
J3M	H V L Shaw
J2K	N E P Petty
J2S	D T Kennerley

J1K

J1S

Second Form Prize

J3K

J3S

J3M

J2K

J2S

J1K

J1S

Endeavour Prize

J4K

J4S

J4M

J3K

J3S

J3M

J2K

J2S

J1K

J1S

M D Jackson

A L Cotterill

N Khan

M A J O Robertson

T A Keys

K E B Doncom

M S Dunne

B W Parton

T C Bamford

H V Hughes

R Gathercole*

S Bennett*

C Rice*

H J Wood

K E Ayres

S L Painton

A Howick

A J Rosson

J S King

J J Painton

*Broome Endeavour Prize

Ridings Best All-Rounder Prize

R Lea

Junior Division Scholarships

Alexandra Porter and David Illingworth were awarded scholarships to enter the Senior School.

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Autumn Term 1996

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form and Boys' Division

Name	Form	Instrument	Grade
Simon Ainsworth	5CPH	Flute	7 Pass
Jonathan Aitken	4PJP	Clarinet	4 Pass
Andrew Aldcroft	5CPH	Clarinet	6 Pass
Andrew Aldcroft	5CPH	Piano	4 Merit
David Baskeyfield	3ALv	Organ	6 Distinction
James Beaumont	1PW	Clarinet	1 Merit
John Beech	3JAD	Cornet	4 Pass
David Botham	4JRP	Flute	6 Merit
Richard Caswell	4PJP	Tuba	5 Merit
Tim Egerton	2RG	Trombone	3 Distinction
Jonathan Gartside	2BE	Clarinet	2 Merit
Edward Gladman	3BJE	Saxophone	3 Pass
Mark Greaves	4PFH	Piano	5 Pass
Robert Greer	3JAD	Cello	4 Pass
Tom Healey	2MTH	Clarinet	2 Merit
Colin Hinchliffe	1PW	Clarinet	2 Distinction
Oliver Jones	4PFH	Piano	7 Pass
Adam Maher	U6ICW	Clarinet	8 Pass
Jonathan Mitchell	5NCJR	Flute	6 Merit
John Redfern	3ALv	Cornet	4 Pass
William Roberts	4JRP	Clarinet	7 Merit
William Roberts	4JRP	Percussion	4 Merit
Jamie Serafi	U6HEL	Clarinet	6 Pass
Jay Watson	2MTH	Cornet	3 Pass

Girls' Division

Amanda Barber	2SG	Saxophone	2 Pass
Anna Betts	3CEK	Clarinet	4 Pass
Emma Bowers	2MP-F	Clarinet	1 Merit
Hannah Gray	2JE	Flute	2 Merit
Lauren Hindle	2MP-F	Trombone	2 Pass
Anna McKeating	4VCo	Flute	8 Merit
Jenny Mayo	3LFW	Flute	2 Pass
Rebecca Morris	3CEK	Clarinet	3 Merit
Esme Patey-Ford	4LB	Cello	5 Merit
Abigail Reeder	2SG	Flute	1 Distinction
Harriet Shaw	4VCo	Cornet	3 Pass
Beth Swindlehurst	4GG	Clarinet	3 Pass
Michelle Tinker	4SM	Flute	5 Pass
Caroline Walters	1AMS	Piano	1 Pass
Victoria Weaver	2MP-F	Clarinet	3 Pass
Victoria Williams	2SG	Saxophone	2 Pass

Junior Division

Claire Betts	J4	Cello	1 Pass
Rebecca Hilton	J4	Clarinet	1 Merit
David Illingworth	J4	Guitar	2 Distinction
Matthew Scott	J4	Piano	1 Pass
Helen Wood	J3	Flute	1 Merit

Spring Term 1997

Sixth Form and Boys' Division

Associated Board

Name	Form	Instrument	Grade
Edward Coxson	4PJP	Flute	7 Pass
Richard Coxson	L6FW	Piano	8 Pass
Charles Davenport	2RG	Saxophone	2 Pass
Tim Davies	3ALv	Guitar	1 Merit
Elizabeth Hopkinson	L6THA	Flute	7 Distinction
Ben Jones	2BE	Guitar	1 Distinction
Daniel Laird	1GT	Guitar	2 Distinction
Jonathan Lane	4KLP	Guitar	1 Merit
Tristan Millican	4DJJ	Guitar	4 Pass
James Ollier	1CO'D	Piano	1 Pass
Thom Petty	5NCJR	Saxophone	8 Distinction
Philip Reynolds	4JRP	Piano	1 Merit
Jamie Serafi	U6HEL	Piano	8 Pass
Leigh Simpson	1MN	Piano	2 Pass

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Oliver Barber	4PFH	Violin	4 Pass
Jonathan Kendon	L6DCH	Violin	7 Distinction
Sean Owens	1CO'D	Violin	3 Pass

Girls' Division

Associated Board

Heather Brunt	1AMS	Flute	2 Pass
Kimberley Byrom	2MP-F	Flute	2 Pass
Rosie Childs	1RSH	Piano	3 Pass
Jenna Crossley	1TGN	Flute	1 Pass
Melanie Day	2SG	Piano	1 Pass
Katie Farrimond	4GG	Flute	5 Pass
Alex Hibbert	4VCo	Piano	7 Merit
Lyndsay Lomax	3APW	Trombone	2 Merit
Diana West	4GG	Clarinet	2 Pass
Tori Wheeldon	3APW	Flute	3 Pass
Jessica Williams	4SM	Guitar	2 Pass
Michelle Williams	4SM	Flute	4 Pass

Appendix 6 Music Examinations

Junior Division

Jayne Armstrong	J4S	Piano	1 Pass
Alex Basford	J4K	Flute	2 Pass
Alex Crawley	J4S	Piano	1 Pass
Sarah Levitt	J4M	Piano	3 Pass
Alex MacLaren	J3K	Singing	2 Merit
Eve Marchant	J2S	Singing	1 Merit
Chloe Mather	J3M	Piano	1 Merit
Naomi Mortimer	J4K	Flute	2 Merit
Lorna Powell	J4M	Cello	2 Merit
Jessica Seddon	J4M	Piano	3 Distinction

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Lisa Walker	J3M	Violin	1 Merit
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Summer Term 1997

Sixth Form and Boys' Division

Associated Board

<i>Name</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>
John Rees	1GT	Guitar	1 Distinction
Jonathan Mitchell	5NCJP	Piano	6 Merit
Richard Caswell	4PJP	Euphonium	7 Pass
George Laughton	1CO'D	F Horn	5 Merit
Alex Wilson	2MH	A Saxophone	3 Merit
Nick Rice	2RG	A Saxophone	1 Pass
Michael Holden	1CO'D	A Saxophone	2 Pass
Andrew Rees	2RG	Oboe	4 Pass
Richard Dooley	2BE	A Saxophone	3 Pass
Anthony Murphy	2RS	Trumpet	4 Pass
Matthew Barker	2BE	A Saxophone	3 Pass
Chris Gartside	4PJP	Trumpet	5 Pass
Jayne Brooke	L6JMr	A Saxophone	5 Merit
David Emm	1MN	Flute	3 Pass
Keith Mosedale	4KLP	A Saxophone	4 Merit
Philip Reynolds	4JRP	Trumpet	7 Merit
Gareth Steele	1GT	Tuba	3 Merit
Rupert Kendal	2MH	Percussion	4 Merit
Matthew Beattie	3JAD	Trumpet	4 Pass

Girls' Division

Anna Steele	3CHB	Flute	6 Pass
Amy Broom	1RSH	A Saxophone	3 Pass
Jenny Mayo	3LFW	Flute	3 Pass
Anna Beveridge	4LB	T Saxophone	5 Merit
Lauren Hindle	2MP-F	Flute	3 Pass
Dwynwen Burston	3LFW	Flute	3 Pass

Kimberley Darling	1AMS	A Saxophone	2 Merit
Natasha Lyons	4CH	Flute	3 Pass
Alex Coates	2JE	Flute	1 Pass
Abigail Wilson	2SG	Flute	3 Pass
Joanne Adams	3CHB	A Saxophone	4 Pass
Sara Christmas	1RSH	Flute	2 Merit
Sarah Spicer	1TGN	T Saxophone	4 Merit
Alison Harber	4LB	Flute	6 Pass
Philippa Lennox	1TGN	A Saxophone	3 Pass
Hannah Gray	2JE	Flute	3 Merit
Juliet McLeod	4SM	Flute	5 Pass
Becky-Kate Smalley	3APW	Flute	5 Pass
Stephanie Ledigo	1TGN	Euphonium	2 Pass
Kimberley Osborne	4CH	Guitar	3 Pass
Sophie Murphy	2JE	Guitar	1 Pass
Margaret Spence	4VCo	Guitar	3 Pass
Kate Owens	1RSH	Flute	2 Pass
Katy Mills	3CHB	Piano	7 Pass
Fiona Howe	1RSH	Flute	2 Merit
Sian Fullaway	4LB	Trumpet	7 Pass

Junior Division

Aimee Rosson	J2S	Piano	1 Pass
Matthew Scott	J4S	Flute	2 Merit
Tom Starkie	J2S	Piano	1 Pass
Naomi Mortimer	J4K	Flute	3 Pass
William Laughton	J3S	A Saxophone	1 Merit
Roxanne Odd	J4M	Flute	1 Pass
Roslyn Gathercole	J4	Piano	2 Pass
Samantha Waite	J4K	Clarinet	1 Merit
Becky Stanford	J2K	Flute	1 Distinction
Jessica Seddon	J4	Flute	4 Merit

Distinction 2

Merit 18

Pass 35

Rugby Results

1st XV

Opponent	Result	For	Against
RGS Lancaster	Lost	19	29
KES Aston	Lost	14	29
QEGS Wakefield	Lost	9	29
Manchester GS	Won	23	10
Woodhouse Grove	Won	18	8
St Ambrose College	Won	48	14
Newcastle HS	Won	22	10
Wirral GS	Won	24	10
Birkenhead School	Won	50	10
Arnold School	Won	23	0
KES Lytham	Won	53	8
Bradford GS	Won	20	10
St Edward's College	Won	22	3
Merchant Taylor's	Won	21	12

2nd XV

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Mackay College, Chile	Lost	0	5
Lancaster RGS	Lost	7	16
King Edward VI GS, Aston	Won	17	13
Queen Elizabeth's GS	Lost	17	19
Manchester GS	Won	25	22
Woodhouse Grove School	Won	20	0
St Ambrose College	Won	58	0
Newcastle-under-Lyme School	Won	29	11
Wirral GS	Won	21	15
Birkenhead School	Won	25	5
Arnold School	Won	45	0
Kirkham GS	Cancelled		
Cheadle Hulme School	Cancelled		
Adams GS	Cancelled		
King Edward VII School	Won	36	22
Bradford GS	Won	24	14
St Edward's College	Won	57	0
Merchant Taylor's	Won	20	15
Stockport GS	Lost	17	26
Wirral GS	Won	24	7
Cheadle Hulme School 1st XV	Lost	22	31

3rd XV

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Lancaster RGS	Lost	12	27
KES Aston	Won	43	27
QEGS Wakefield	Lost	7	50
Woodhouse Grove School	Won	75	3
Newcastle HS	Won	12	7
Wirral GS	Drawn	10	10
Birkenhead School	Won	32	14
Bradford GS	Lost	22	51
Merchant Taylor's	Lost	0	22
Weaverham HS	Won	44	10

U16 XV

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Bishop Heber HS	Won	30	12
Stockport	Won	29	27
Ormskirk GS*	Won	32	0
Merchant Taylor's**	Lost	10	32

* 1st round Floodlit Cup

** Quarter final Floodlit Cup

U15 A XV

Opponent	Result	For	Against
RGS, Lancaster	Lost	10	29
KES, Aston	Won	55	14
Leftwich HS*	Won	70	5
QEGS, Wakefield	Lost	0	13
Manchester GS	Won	26	7
Bishop Heber's*	Won	20	3
Woodhouse Grove	Won	15	8
St Ambrose	Won	27	17
Newcastle-u-Lyme	Won	12	5
Bramhall HS*	Won	50	0
Caldy Grange HS*	Drawn	22	22
Wirral GS	Lost	15	21
Birkenhead	Won	29	12
Arnold	Won	34	0
KES, Lytham	Won	57	7
Bradford GS	Won	41	7
St Edward's	Won	58	0
Merchant Taylors	Won	33	5
Stockport GS	Won	15	0

* Daily Mail Cup (Cheshire U15s)

U15 B XV

Opponent	Result	For	Against
RGS, Lancaster	Lost	12	50
KES, Aston	Won	29	7
Wirral GS	Lost	22	43
Marple Hall A	Won	67	7
Cheadle Hulme A	Won	37	15

U14 A XV

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Lancaster RGS	Won	35	21
KES, Aston	Lost	20	22
QEGS, Wakefield	Lost	20	38
Manchester GS	Won	42	24
Woodhouse Grove	Lost	12	41
St Ambrose	Lost	10	31
The Hague, Amsterdam	Won	57	33
Castricum Select	Won	66	5
Newcastle-u-Lyme	Won	38	29
Wirral GS	Lost	5	46
Kirkham GS	Cancelled		
Birkenhead	Won	27	5
Arnold	Lost	19	31
Adams GS	Cancelled		
KES, Lytham	Won	29	0
Bradford GS	Lost	0	14
St Edward's, Liverpool	Won	63	5
Merchant Taylors	Won	39	5
Weaverham HS	Won	66	5
Stockport GS	Won	56	0

U14 B XV

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Lancaster RGS	Lost	10	27
KES, Aston	Won	37	29
St Ambrose	Won	43	31
Newcastle-u-Lyme	Won	72	0
Wirral GS	Lost	5	22
Tarporley A XV	Lost	19	31
Arnold	Won	22	14
Marple Hall A XV	Lost	14	55
Bradford GS	Cancelled		
Merchant Taylors	Cancelled		
Cheadle Hulme A XV	Lost	22	33

Appendix 7 Sports Results

U12 XV A

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Stockport GS	Lost	5	27
St Ambrose	Lost	0	40
King's, Worcester	Lost	0	5
Wirral	Lost	0	32
Birkenhead	Lost	0	45
Arnold	Lost	5	17
KES, Lytham	Lost	5	24
Bradford	Lost	5	27
St Edward's	Drawn	5	5
Merchant Taylors	Lost	0	5
Weaverham	Drawn	10	10
Stockport GS	Lost	15	24
Cheadle Hulme	Won	38	0
Manchester GS	Lost	5	48

U12 XV B

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Stockport GS	Lost	10	17
St Ambrose	Lost	10	35
Newcastle	Won	32	22
Wirral	Won	17	12
Birkenhead	Lost	7	12
Arnold	Lost	12	17
KES, Lytham	Won	50	0
Bradford	Won	27	10
Stockport GS	Lost	0	39
Manchester GS	Won	43	21

Junior Festival

Group	Result	For	Against
King Henry VIII Coventry	Won	15	0
Newcastle	Won	5	0
Liverpool College	Won	5	0
Semi final			
Loughborough GS	Lost	0	5 aet
Play off			
Newcastle	Won	20	5

Hockey Results

1st XI

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Knutsford HS	Won	2	1
Sandbach School	Drawn	3	3
Merchant Taylors' School	Lost	0	4
Hall Cross School	Won	5	4
Calday Grange GS	Lost	2	5
Birkenhead School	Lost	3	5
Warwick School	Lost	0	1
Newcastle-under-Lyme School	Won	10	2
Kobblers	Won	6	2
Liverpool College	Won	7	2
King Edward's School	Lost	0	2
Newcastle-under-Lyme School	Lost	3	4
Knutsford HS	Won	4	3
Repton School	Lost	0	3
Rossall School	Won	4	1
King Williams College	Won	6	1
Merchant Taylors' School	Lost	2	3
Birkenhead School	Lost	2	3

Hockey Association National Youth Cup

Cheshire County Finals

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Stockport YHC (Semi-final)	Won	2	0
Birkenhead School (Final)	Lost	1	4

Taunton Biennial Tournament

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Calday Grange GS	Drawn	2	2
Taunton School	Won	3	1
Royal Belfast Acad Inst	Drawn	2	2
Warwick School	Won	5	0
Elizabeth College	Lost	0	1

1st XI Goalscorers

23 L Barnes; 15 G Emmett; 14 J Fielding; 11 S Hobbs; 4 B Ballon; 2 J Blower, M Tunwell; 1 L Murray, M Shephard, J Robinson.

Representative Honours: Cheshire U17 M Yates

School Colours

C Billington, L Barnes, J Robinson, B Ballon, S Hobbs, G Emmett

School Honours

KSM Team of the Year (Matchmaker Cup): 1st XI

Jonathan Sheard Memorial Shield for Outstanding Player:

L Barnes and C Billington

Kemp Cup: B Ballon

Indoor Team: Hockey Association National Youth Cup (Indoor)

North Finals

Opponent	Result	For	Against
York Trojans HC	Won	2	1
Birkenhead School	Lost	1	2
Swallowwell HC	Won	3	2
Stockport YHC	Won	4	3
Hull HC	Lost	3	4
Yarm School	Lost	1	2

Taunton Tournament (Indoor)

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Elizabeth College	Won	2	0
Warwick School	Lost	3	4
Taunton School	Won	6	4

Indoor Goalscorers

13 L Barnes; 8 S Hobbs; 3 G Emmett; 1 B Ballon.

2nd XI

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Wirral GS (1st XI)	Won	2	0
Cheadle Hulme (1st XI)	Won	7	0
Sir John Deane's (1st XI)	Won	4	3

2nd XI Goalscorers

3 M Shephard, J Blower, J Fielding; 1 A Morgan, G Emmett, L Sharman, L Barnes.

U16 XI

Opponent	Result	For
Against		
Knutsford HS	Won	5
Hall Cross School	Won	3
Merchant Taylors' School	Won	5
Birkenhead School	Lost	1

Sandbach School	Won	9	0
Hazel Grove School	Drawn	0	0
Newcastle-under-Lyme School ...	Won	3	1
Calday Grange GS	Won	6	4
Birkenhead School	Lost	0	3
Newcastle-under-Lyme School ...	Won	6	1
King Edward's School	Lost	0	2
Repton School	Lost	0	2
Rossall School	Lost	3	5
King William's College	Won	3	1
Merchant Taylors' School	Won	5	2
Liverpool College	Won	7	0
Trent College	Lost	0	5

Hockey Association National Youth Cup Cheshire County Finals

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Weaverham HS	Won	9	0
Stockport YHC (Semi-final)	Won	5	1
Bowdon HC (Final)	Lost	0	10

U16 XI Goalscorers

22 M Tunwell; 10 T Grant; 8 C Allday, T Crawford, M Edwards;
5 G Basnett; 3 M Yates; 2 J Westcott, A Flynn; 1 M McNamara.

Indoor Team: Hockey Association National Youth Cup (Indoor) North Finals

Opponent	Result	For	Against
York Trojans HC	Drawn	3	3
Hull HC	Lost	1	3
Stockport YHC	Lost	0	1
Birkenhead School	Lost	0	4
Yarm School	Won	3	1

Indoor Goalscorers

2 B Westcott; 1 J Westcott, M Yates, T Grant, C Allday, A Kane.

U15 XI

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Doncaster Hall Cross	Won	5	1
Merchant Taylors' School	Won	5	0
Birkenhead School	Drawn	4	4
Knutsford HS	Won	8	1
Bablake School	Won	5	0
Newcastle-under-Lyme School ...	Lost	2	3
Merchant Taylors' School	Won	4	1
Birkenhead School	Won	1	0
Newcastle-under-Lyme School ...	Won	8	0
Knutsford HS	Drawn	2	2
Repton School	Lost	1	3
Rossall School	Won	4	0
Liverpool College	Won	9	0
Trent College	Lost	1	7

U15 XI Goalscorers

16 Gregory; 7 Stevens, Westcott B, Westcott M; 6 Owen,
Taylor; 3 Jay; 2 Battersby, Walker; 1 Thompson.

Representative Honours

Cheshire U15

J Gregory, B Westcott,
..... M Westcott

North West U15

B Westcott, R Taylor

U12 Girls

Seven-a-side A team

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Cransley School	Won	1	0
St Edward's	Drawn	0	0
All Hallows	Won	6	0
Newcastle HS	Lost	0	2
St Edward's	Lost	2	3

Seven-a-side B team

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Cransley School	Won	1	0
St Edward's	Lost	0	2
Newcastle HS	Drawn	1	1
St Edward's	Drawn	1	1

Eleven-a-side A team

Opponent	Result	For	Against
William Hulme's GS	Drawn	0	0
Stockport GS	Lost	0	3
Tytherington HS	Won	1	0 (J Gladman)
Mount Carmel	Drawn	0	0
Newcastle HS	Drawn	0	0

Cricket Results

1st XI

Opponent	Result
King's Chester (90 overs)	Won by 9 wkts Chester 117-7 (48 overs) (G Emmett 3-34, S Jones 3-36) King's 121-1 (32 overs) (D Isherwood 54*, L Barnes 43)
William Hulme's GS	Won by 8 wkts William Hulme's 129 (R Lees 4-16) King's 130-2 (C Buckley 65*)
Cheadle Hulme (85 overs)	Won by 73 runs King's 188-6 (35 overs) (T Smith 55*, C Buckley 48, G Emmett 33) Cheadle Hulme 115 (38.3 overs) (R Lees 3-20)
Arnold School	Drawn King's 149-9 dec (D Isherwood 56) Arnold 75-9 (M Smethurst 6-27)
Bolton School	Drawn (RSP) Bolton 26-1
Stockport GS (90 overs)	Drawn Stockport 133 (44.1 overs) (R Lees 4-25) King's 116-7 (45 overs) (R Emslie 30*)
Denstone College (80 overs)	Drawn Denstone 151-9 (43 overs) (S Jones 4-48, M Smethurst 3-53) King's 110-8 (37 overs)
Newcastle-u-Lyme (86 overs)	Drawn Newcastle 114 (46 overs) (S Jones 5-33, G Emmett 3-35) King's 96-9 (40 overs)
Nottingham HS	Won by 40 runs King's 117 (G Emmett 40) Nottingham 77 (R Lees 5-27, S Jones 3-41)

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RGS Lancaster	Drawn Lancaster 165-7 dec (R Lees 3-64) King's 111-9 (T Jenkins 46)
Kelvinside Academy	Won by 150 runs King's 222-5 dec (C Buckley 153*) Kelvinside 72 (S Jones 15.2-9-8-6, R Lees 3-28)
MCC	Drawn MCC 195-3 dec King's 129-7 (T Jenkins 36)
Bangor GS	Lost by 7 wkts King's 202-4 dec (G Emmett 66, C Buckley 62) Bangor 204-3
KES Lytham	Won by 4 wkts Lytham 225-9 dec (S Jones 6-71) King's 229-6 (T Jenkins 97, L Barnes 55, G Emmett 30)
Brighton (Australia)	Won by 3 runs King's 128 (L Barnes 35, R Lees 31) Brighton 125 (G Emmett 4-43, S Jones 3-52)
Hulme GS	Drawn (RSP) Hulme 32-2
Old Boys' XI	Drawn Old Boys' 253-7 (G Emmett 3-75) King's 251-6 (T Smith 77, G Emmett 45)
Ipswich (Cricket Festival)	Lost by 1 wkt King's 164 (G Emmett 60, D Isherwood 37) Ipswich 165-9
Edinburgh Academy (Cricket Festival)	Won by 104 runs King's 231-9 (D Isherwood 79, T Jenkins 50) Edinburgh 127 (T Jenkins 4-10)
Brighton College (Cricket Festival)	Won by 158 runs King's 231-6 (T Jenkins 64, L Barnes 44, G Emmett 42, D Isherwood 32) Brighton 73 (G Emmett 5-18)

* *Cricket Festival at Brighton College: matches 50 overs per side.*

Batting Averages

	<i>M</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>HS</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Avg</i>
C Buckley	19	17	3	153*	473	33.78
T Jenkins	19	16	2	97	454	32.42
G Emmett	18	14	0	66	384	27.42
D Isherwood	19	17	1	79	363	22.68
T Smith	16	11	1	77	222	22.20
L Barnes	18	16	0	55	285	17.81
R Lees	18	13	6	31	106	15.14
R Emslie	19	13	5	30*	101	12.62

Also batted: D Harbord 10 m, 7 inn, 92 runs; M Rice 8 m, 7 inn, 67 runs; S Jones 20 m, 8 inn, 29 runs, J Clay 7 m, 5 inn, 23 runs; A Sharp 4 m, 3 inn, 18 runs; N Jones 1 m, 1 inn, 15 runs; M Smethurst 19 m, 6 inn, 8 runs; O Rushton 1 m, 1 inn, 13 runs; N Hudson 1 m, 1 inn, 9 runs; J Keep 1 m, 1 inn, 0 runs; T Lloyd 1 m; M Jackson 2 m; S Barber 1 m; M Tunwell 1 m.

Bowling Averages

	<i>O</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Avge</i>
A Sharp	32.0	8	51	6	8.50
L Barnes	42.0	6	157	10	15.70
G Emmett	187.4	50	492	30	16.40
S Jones	259.3	79	706	42	16.80
R Lees	129.0	18	476	27	17.62
M Smethurst	118.0	16	386	18	21.44

Also bowled: C Buckley 11-3-40-4; T Jenkins 5-0-10-4; M Tunwell 7-2-15-0; J Keep 3-1-18-1; M Jackson 8-1-25-1; S Barber 3-1-2-0; O Rushton 3-0-9-0; D Isherwood 2-0-13-1; N Hudson 5-2-17-2; T Smith 3-0-22-0.

Fielding (Catches): R Emslie 18 (+ 4 St); L Barnes 13; S Jones 8; T Smith 8; C Buckley 7; D Isherwood 7; T Jenkins 5; G Emmett 5; R Lees 3; M Smethurst 3; M Rice 2; D Harbord 1; J Keep 1.

2nd XI

Opponent

King's Chester	Won by 75 runs King's 200-5 (M Rice 66, R Lees 60) Chester 125 (M Shephard 3-34)
Cheadle Hulme	Won by 109 runs King's 164-6 (A Emslie 43, M Rice 35) Cheadle Hulme 55 (M Shephard 6-10)
Ormskirk 1st XI	Won by 16 runs King's 130 (C Robinson 60) Ormskirk 114 (N Hudson 4-29, M Shephard 4-21)
Stockport	Won by 63 runs King's 159-5 (M Rice 35, D Harbord 44*) Stockport 96 (M Drabble 4-28)
Denstone	Won by 3 wkts Denstone 116 (M Jackson 4-15, M Shephard 4-39) King's 118-7 (C Robinson 60*)
Newcastle	Won by 108 runs King's 166 (C Allday 48, N Jones 32) Newcastle 58 (M Drabble 3-20)
Nottingham	Won by 7 wkts Nottingham 132 (M Drabble 5-34) King's 133-3 (C Allday 59*, D Harbord 30)
Lancaster	Won by 7 wkts Lancaster 157 King's 160-3 (J Clay 39*, T Butcher 37, D Harbord 32, N Jones 33)
St Ambrose	Won by 8 wkts St Ambrose 105 (M Shephard 5-34) King's 106-2 (C Allday 45*)

* Not out.

Athletics Results

Girls' Division

District Championships: Juniors

1st	All Hallows	54 points
2nd	King's	46 points
3rd	Henbury	35 points
4th	Poynton	31 points
10 schools		

Intermediates

1st	All Hallows	88.5 points
2nd	Tytherington	39 points
3rd	King's	34 points
4th	Fallibroome	33.5 points
9 schools		

Minors

King's	7th out of 12 schools
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TSB Competition: Juniors

King's	7th out of 21 schools
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Intermediates

All Hallows	343 points
Weaverham	285 points
Queens	283 points
Sandbach	283 points
King's	270 points
Leftwich	266 points
King's 5th out of 18 schools	

Golf

v Merchant Taylors, Crosby	Won 3-0
Smart & Nicholson	Won 3 & 2
Willey & Mansfield	Won 5 & 4
Oxley & Rathi	Won 2 & 1

v Rossall	Won 3-0
Smart & Nicholson	Won 7 & 5
Willey & Mansfield	Won 4 & 3
Oxley & Rathi	Won 7 & 6

v RGS Newcastle	Won 3-0
Smart & Nicholson	Won 5 & 3
Mansfield & Rathi	Won 4 & 3
Willey & Oxley	WO

National Finals: Willey and Oxley were unavailable due to prior engagements and were replaced ably by McVitie and Dafforn.

Qualifying Score: 272 (7th)

Match Results

v KCS Wimbledon	Won 2 & 1
v Monmouth	Lost 2 & 1
v Brentwood	Won 2 & 1

Netball

U15

MDNL: 3rd in A Division

Ryles Park	Won	13-8
Henbury	Lost	3-17
Mount Carmel	Lost	8-13
Knutsford	Won	18-9
Poynton	Won	25-3
Tytherington	Won	8-5
Wilmslow	Won	WO
All Hallows	Lost	5-21
Fallibroome	Lost	12-16
St Hilary's	Won	WO

Friendlies

Cheadle Hulme A	Lost	6-28
Cheadle Hulme B	Won	11-10
Fallibroome Seniors	Draw	10-10
St Hilary's Seniors	Won	8-3
<i>County Tournament: Section 3 winners</i>		
Grange Hartford	Lost	0-7
St Nicholas	Lost	4-7
Bishop Heber	Lost	3-5
Bankfield	Won	8-6
Helsby	Won	9-6
The Heath	Won	10-6
Rudheath	Won	7-6

U14

MDNL: B Division winners

Ryles Park	Won	9-5
Henbury	Won	21-9
Mount Carmel	Lost	4-14
Knutsford	Won	19-5
Poynton	Won	17-6
Tytherington	Won	18-2
Wilmslow	Won	9-4
All Hallows	Won	WO
Fallibroome	Lost	10-25
St Hilary's	Won	13-5

Friendlies

Cheadle Hulme A	Lost	7-20
Cheadle Hulme B	Won	11-6

County Tournament: 6th out of 24

Dane Valley	Won	6-3
Bishop Heber	Won	6-2
Stanney	Won	9-4
Knutsford	Won	9-4
Alsager	Won	6-2
Bishops	Draw	7-7
EPCH	Lost	4-9
Tarporley	Won	7-4
Fallibroome	Lost	2-7
Helsby	Lost	2-7

U13

MDNL: 3rd in A Division

Ryles Park	Won	12-6
Henbury	Won	13-8
Mount Carmel	Draw	13-13
Knutsford	Lost	7-17
Poynton	Won	20-14
Tytherington	Lost	5-8
Wilmslow	Won	10-9
All Hallows	Won	15-9
Fallibroome	Lost	10-23
St Hilary's	Won	11-1

Ciba Tournament: Plate Runners Up

Knutsford	Lost	6-7
All Hallows	Won	8-4
Mount Carmel	Draw	6-6
Ryles Park	Won	7-4

U12 A

MDNL: 5th place out of 11

Ryles Park	Won	13-1
Henbury	Lost	4-7
Mount Carmel	Lost	2-12
Knutsford	Lost	1-13
Poynton	Won	8-7

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Tytherington	Won	3-1
Wilmslow	Draw	2-2
All Hallows	Won	7-6
Fallibroome	Lost	5-10
St Hilary's	Won	8-6

Friendlylies

Cheadle Hulme A	Lost	3-5
Cheadle Hulme B	Won	7-6
Lady Manners	Won	11-8

MDNL A Tournament: Plate Runners Up

Tytherington	Lost	1-4
Mount Carmel	Won	2-0
Henbury	Lost	1-2
Ryles Park	Won	12-0
St Hilary's	Won	4-3

U12 B

MDNL: 4th equal out of 10 teams

Ryles Park	Won	7-1
Henbury	Won	8-4
Mount Carmel	Won	8-7
Knutsford	Lost	5-8
Poynton	Draw	3-3
Tytherington	Draw	1-1
Wilmslow	Draw	3-3
All Hallows	Lost	1-19
Fallibroome	Lost	3-17

Friendlylies

Cheadle Hulme C	Lost	5-11
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MDNL B Tournament

Poynton	Lost	5-8
Fallibroome	Lost	0-4
Knutsford	Lost	0-3

Tennis

Senior Boys 1st Team

Opponent	Result		
Manchester GS	Won	9	3
Ellesmere College	Won	7	2
Denstone College	Won	7	2
Bolton School	Drawn	4	4
Bradford GS	Lost	3	8
King's Chester	Abandoned		

Senior Boys 2nd Team

Manchester GS	Won	11	1
Ellesmere College	Won	6	3
Bolton School	Lost	3	6

Cheshire Cup (2nd Team)

Heathfield HS	Lost	2	4
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Glanvill Cup

Calday Grange HS	Lost	2	4
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Cheshire Cup (Senior)

Sale GS	Won	6	0
Grange, Hartford	Won	4	0
Heathfield HS	Won	5	1
Pensby HS	Lost	1	5

Cheshire Cup (U16)

Tytherington HS	Won	5	1
Alsager HS	Won	3	3
Westlands HS	Won	6	0
Calday Grange HS	Lost	0	4

U15

MGS	Won	5.5	3.5
Bolton	Won	6.5	2.5
The Grange	Won	3	0
Stockport GS	Won	4	0
Bradford GS	Won	4	0
King's Chester	Won	6	0
Marple Hall HS	Won	8	1

Midland Bank (U15)

Wilmslow & Poynton semi-final	Won	4	2
Lymm HS final	Lost	0	4

Cheshire Cup (U15)

All Hallows	Won	6	0
Tarporley	Won	5	0
St Nicholas Hartford	Won	4	1
Calday Grange final	Lost	1	5

U14

MGS	Drawn	4.5	4.5
Wilmslow HS	Lost	2	4
Bolton	Won	3	1
The Grange	Won	5	4
Stockport GS	Won	3	0
Bradford GS	Won	3.5	0.5
Marple Hall School	Drawn	4.5	4.5

U13

Manchester GS	Lost	2	7
Beech Hall	Won	4	0
Bolton School	Lost	3	5
Grange School	Lost	1	5
Stockport GS	Won	4	0
Bradford GS	Drawn	3	3
King's Chester	Won	5	0
Marple Hall HS	Drawn	3	3

A team

Holmes Chapel	Won	3	1
Wilmslow	Won	4	0
Fallibroome B	Won	4	
Ryleys	Won	3	2
Grange	Lost	1	5

B team

Shavington	Won	4	0
Ryles Park	Won	4	0
Blacon	Won	3	3

Cheshire Cup Singles (U13)

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Tytherington	Won 6-0, 6-3	1st Round
Fallibroome	Won 7-6, 6-0	2nd Round
Alsager	Won 3-6, 7-5, 6-13rd	Round
Fallibroome	Lost 1-6, 2-6	Semi-final

A McVeigh

Tytherington	Won 7-5, 7-6	1st Round
Fallibroome	Lost 2-6, 3-6	2nd Round